



COMMODORE'S REPORT

The end of 2004 sees the club in excellent shape and able to look to the future and enables me to take on the job of commodore without feeling too daunted by the task.

The recent AGM has seen a number of changes to the committee. Peter Pope stood down after a second stretch in the commodore's role and I am sure everyone will wish to thank him (and Jen!) for all the work over the last two years. Paul Jenkin has also relinquished the role of Secretary to the committee so many thanks also to him for his years of service in that role. Kay Ecclestone has taken over from Paul and I am delighted to say will carry on as Social Secretary as well. Pete Barnes and Paul Beacon remain in post as Vice and Rear Commodores respectively. My old job of Sailing Secretary has been taken up by Gary Lewis. Mike Voyzey will continue for another year as Treasurer.

The remainder of the committee is as follows

Fleet Captain Gold Fleet – Lionel Rigby

Fleet Captain Silver Fleet – Chris Hazell

Tim Baily, Tony Dunn, Nick Haskins, John Hill, Dave Mackrell, Peter Phillips, Colin Wainwright and Janet White.

2005 promises to be another busy and rewarding year for the club. It may seem a little daunting at first sight that we are running three national championships, but all three are short events. The Contender class will be coming for a four day championships from 21st to 24th May. The club has a long standing connection with this class and I was delighted when they approached us to run the event. In June the Supernovas will be coming for three days from the 17th to the 19th another class with strong links to the club. Finally in August for four days from the 6th to the 9th we will be hosting the Hobie 405 championships. This is a youth class and we are expecting 15 – 20 boats to attend, which should mean that we can still run club racing on the Sunday of the event. None of the above events runs over a Wednesday so we should only lose two Sundays racing.

I wish you all a merry Christmas, a happy new year and an excellent sailing season for 2005.

Ken Fobbester

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Wednesday evening socials (including the Pool and Darts Leagues) will re start on the first Wednesday of the new year (the 5th of January)

The next social 'event' will be a fish & chip supper & quiz on Saturday 29th January.

The fitting out supper will be Saturday 19th March and the new season will start on the 20th.