



Commodore's Report

Summer would finally seem to have arrived (tempting fate a bit there I know) after a frustratingly stop start first couple of months to the season.

The changing room improvements are now completed and make a great difference to their appearance. Thanks to Colin and Nigel (and anyone else who helped) for their hard work on that project. Thanks also go to Colin for building the new club mast, after the venerable old wooden one finally succumbed to rot (and clumsy handling from the Commodore) after many years of service. The wood will be keeping Nick Eggett warm this winter, heating up his wood burning stove.

Three of our Contender class fleet (and temporary member Graham Scott who was sailing with us for a month for practice) have just been to the Contender Nationals at Teignmouth. The weather was apparently very different to when we hosted the event last year, with consistency in the frustrating conditions being vital. Graham, a winner of the championships several times in the past was third, but most notably for Porthpean Alan Orton finished in sixth place overall.

On a sadder note Les Wightman, the first person to be awarded Honorary Life Membership by the club passed away on the 4th of June. Les gave many years service to the club, serving on the committee and doing much maintenance work on club premises and equipment. Our condolences go to his family.

With the season now getting into full swing and a number of events coming up I look forward to seeing many of you on the water, on the beach or at the bar soon.

Here comes summer!

The Summer Season is almost upon us and I would like to propose a few changes to perk up our racing experience. Over the past two seasons there has been increasing numbers of similar class boats on the water, so for the Summer Season I would like to try to introduce fleet and mixed handicap racing.

This would consist of three fleets on Sundays: Contenders, Tasers and Lasers, all other classes would be in a mixed handicap fleet. If there were insufficient numbers on any day of one or more fleets then those boats could revert to mixed handicap fleet racing for the day.

As you are aware Summer Sunday's format is Olympic course in the mornings and two back to back average lap races in the afternoons, I think fleet racing will suit the long series we have over the Summer and also give those in the mixed handicap fleet new challenges.

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Also on Wednesdays the number of regular sailors is such that changes need to be made to the composition of the Gold and Silver fleets in order to give a more proportioned balance to each fleet, this will mean some movement of boats across each fleet. There has also been a proposal to make them more "Cornish" in renaming them Copper & Tin (thanks Chris for the slightly tongue in cheek but interesting idea).

On Saturday 24th June we are hosting a Laser open and, as we hope that many of our Laser sailors will be racing, we need help to crew the safety boat(s), meet and greet our visitors and cater (that's help in the galley) to their needs. In order for this to be yet another successful Porthpean event I look forward to a rush of volunteers for this event. Please offer your help in any capacity if you can.

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Mid-summer Bar-B-Q

Following the Laser Open meeting on Saturday 24th June, there will be a bar-b-q from 6pm onwards. While it is hoped that some of our visitors will stay and join us, this is a Club social event so the more the merrier.

Club Boats

The Club has acquired a 2nd Laser for members to use. This means that there are two Lasers and a Wayfarer that you may borrow. These are available on a first come, first served basis when they are not being used for training. If you want to use a Club Boat please contact Pete Barnes. A word of warning (or perhaps experience!), if you are planning on using the Wayfarer you will need either a 4 wheel drive vehicle or at least 4 people to help you both up and down the slipway.

Promoting the Club

Chris Hazell has created a poster to advertise the Club and attract more new members. An example is attached if you are receiving this by e-mail. We have arranged for copies to be displayed at St Austell Public Library, at Cornwall College St Austell and at Restormel Borough Council. If you have a work notice-board and could get a poster displayed for us, please let me know as I have full-colour laminated copies available.

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Dates for the Diary

Laser Open - Saturday

24th June

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Bar-B-Q – Saturday from 6pm
Porthpean & Pentewan Regatta
National 12s Burton Week
Penpean Challenge

24th June
22nd & 23rd July
19th – 25th August
9th September