

Paignton Sailing Club

Newsletter November 2010

Hello Everyone,

How quickly a year goes. This year's AGM will be on Wednesday 8th December at 7.30pm in the clubhouse.

The agenda and nomination forms for the AGM are enclosed. The agenda follows the usual form except that there is an additional item to approve changes to the club constitution and rules. The changes are the result of three recommendations made by your General Committee. In essence these are:-

1. To allow the post of Admiral to lapse (not filled since Harold Rumbelow died several years ago).
2. To increase the number of elected flag officers from three to four – see explanation below.
3. To assimilate all existing bye-laws into the rules section and to include one new bye-law regarding the use of trolleys.

The four flag officers will be Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore House and Rear Commodore Sailing. The intention is for the vice Commodore to run the day to day side of the club, ie act as a sort of operations director. This will leave the Commodore more time to focus on developing strategies to take the club forward, particularly with regard to income generation. The two rear commodores will oversee the two main aspects of the club, namely sailing and the shore-based/social activities. You can see the changes to the constitution by visiting the club website and looking under "Downloads" or you can find it on the club notice-board. Changes or additions are shown in bold italics. If you see any errors or problems with these changes please ring me on 01803 863864 before the AGM.

With regard to filling posts on the General Committee, nearly half this year's members including myself are standing down, so it is a great chance to bring in new blood. Apart from the position of Vice Commodore there are two posts in particular where we have no volunteers coming forward for nomination, namely Publicity Member and Bar Manager. Please come forward if you think you have the skills to take on one of these jobs – neither is particularly onerous. Speak to me or Graham if you want more information on the work involved.

On the matter of members' subscriptions for 2011, the General Committee proposes increasing them by 5% across the membership categories. This is pretty well in line with inflation.

I hope you will be able to come along to the AGM. Once the main business has been completed there will be an Open Forum where members can express their views and voice concerns informally with the new committee. And of course the bar will be open.

Other matters

Club Christmas Party Sat 11th December

This popular event will feature live music with “Sharp Practice” and include mince pies, a Xmas draw and festive fun. There will be no charge and guests will be welcome. If you have any items at home surplus to requirements and suitable for the draw please donate them to the draw via Jackie (01803 526299). Items such as a bottle of wine or stronger stuff, or a tin of shortcake or chocolates and so on would do fine.

Sailing

Supervised sailing on Saturday mornings which is followed by Saturday Splash (informal racing) in the afternoons will continue up to Christmas as long as the weather permits and people keep coming. The same applies to junior race training on Saturday mornings. Continuation after Christmas is a possibility if the demand is there.

Winter sailing is planned to continue after the winter racing programme finishes at the end of the year. So from January until the start of the 2011 season you should be able to come down on a Sunday morning and take part in informal racing with rescue cover. Keep an eye on the club website for details nearer the end of the year or talk to Dale.

This prompts me to recommend that if you have not done so already, join the members’ area on the club website. You will gain access to all sorts of helpful news and information, such as the notice board, crew availabilities, things for sale, members’ forum and much more.

See you at the AGM

John