



Newsletter July 2010

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Forthcoming events

Thursday 8th July:

Westaway Sails Thursday Series
Race 2

Sunday 11th July:

Pedros Coastal Series
Skerries Race

Thursday 15th July:

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Torbay Lifeboat Week

The RNLI will be holding a "Boat Jumble and Car Boot Sale on Saturday 24 July in aid of Torbay Lifeboat Week. BYC will also be holding our annual Junior Race on Monday 19th July, where all participating yachts must have a junior member of crew onboard (under 16). If you are looking for a junior member of crew, please ask Brixham Junior Sailing. There will be a BBQ at the yacht club afterwards. More information can be found [here](#).

Balcony Update

MTA Architects Ltd have completed the measured survey of the building and drawn up parts of the building that relate to the proposed balcony. They are now in the process of preparing the drawings for the planning application. We hope to be able to confirm that the planning application has been submitted soon.

Heritage Week

The last bank holiday weekend in May saw 23 traditional or replica working boats and yachts assembling around the town pontoon, with perfect sailing conditions, even for the heaviest. Friends of Vigilance brought their very impressive 'Le Grand Lejun' from Brittany, and an American sounding Dutchman came too in a smaller vessel. Divided into five classes, Vigilance avenged the previous years result on the water and was the only entrant eligible for the King George V Cup for Brixham trawlers. Classes 2 and 4 are

Westaway Sails Thursday Series
Race 3

Saturday 17th July:
Brixham Rotary Regatta
and BBQ

Saturday 17th July:
Dartmouth Cruise

Sunday 18th July:
Weekend Series 2 Race 2

Monday 19th July:
RNLI / BJSC Fun Race

Wednesday 21st July:
Fun Quiz starts at 20:00

Thursday 22nd July:
Westaway Sails Thursday Series
Race 4

Thursday 29th July:
Westaway Sails Thursday Series
Race 5

Saturday 31st July:
Plymouth Cruise via Salcombe

Sunday 1st August:
Weekend Series 2 Race 3

Thursday 5th August:
Ladies Race

Sunday 8th August:
Spex Opticians Weekend Series 1
Race 4

Thursday 12th August:
Westaway Sails Thursday Series
Race 6

Thursday 12th August:
Glorious 12th 19:30 for 20:00

the areas where the fleet increased the most. This was mainly down to the Dartmouth contingent who enjoyed a great feeder race on the Friday. Luggers and Pilot cutters, five in total being over a hundred years old vied for attention with the magnificent Saunterer, once Captain Oates' yacht, and 106 years old. BYC had a good throng on the Friday and Saturday, with appropriate breakfasts and briefings before the race and musical fish pie with prize giving after. To see photos from the event, please visit Gareth's website [here](#).

Future Events

Sail For Heroes Friday 9th July in the BYC Marquee - Reception and BBQ from 12:00 to 15:00. To welcome the three sponsored crew, including an injured serviceman, on their voyage from Plymouth to HMS Belfast on the River Thames. Fund Raising BBQ £5.00 per person.

Surf & Turf BBQ Saturday 10th July from 19:00 - BYC Surf and Turf BBQ (with waitress service) see the notice board or website for the menu - not at burger or hotdog in sight!! £12.50 per person.

Fun Quiz Wednesday 21st July at 20:00 - Teams of up to 6. £2.00 entrance fee per person in aid of "Help the Aged". Food in the bar 19:00 until 20:00. A la carte in the restaurant for those not doing the quiz.

Rotary Regatta

The Rotary Regatta on July 17th is being organised by Bob Horobin and Chris Coote to a slightly novel format. There will be 2 afternoon races back to back. The 2nd race will be controlled on VHF, so all participating boats need at least a working hand held. Starts will be off Battery Point, so spectators are most welcome to see the mayhem from that vantage point. Post race celebrations will be a monster BBQ at BYC with prizes for all sorts of things!

Dennis's Trek Across the Moors

On the 11th and 12th September 2010, volunteer police officers Meg, Keith, Dennis (the chef at BYC) and Tracy are planning to stagger 30 miles over Dartmoor carrying a very large heavy box. Yes, they will be expected to read a map; yes, they will be expected to work as a TEAM and remain on speaking terms for the entire weekend. Yes, this could be a challenge. Why are they doing this? Hopefully they will raise £1000 for the charity ShelterBox, which supplies vital life saving equipment to people displaced and made homeless in disaster areas. Each ShelterBox, containing supplies to help a family of up to ten people, costs £490. For further details, visit the [website](#). To sponsor Dennis, either [click here](#), or ask behind the bar. Many thanks for your support!

Compound Clearing

If any members can assist to help clear the compound from undergrowth etc. from 0830 on Saturday 24th July, it would be greatly appreciated. Please

Please see the website for more details and for the most up-to-date calendar of events.

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bring gloves and own equipment.

Lost Wedding Ring

Can anybody help? A few weeks ago a gold man's wedding type ring was found in the restaurant. There is an inscription which we think is: "June the 10th 1706". There are also some initials but they are very worn. If anyone recognises the description please get in touch with one of the staff.

Rear Commodore Sailing: Robin Meads

Robin started sailing in 1987 with a Greek flotilla holiday and progressed through RYA courses to become a Yachtmaster Offshore in 2000 and Yachtmaster Ocean in 2004. His main experience has been as a cruising sailor, with a period as 2nd mate on Clark 70ft ketches operating out of Ipswich and other parts of UK. He obtained commercial endorsements for sail & power and has taught for local sailing schools, as well as making deliveries. In addition, he is an RYA Instructor for navigation, SRC(VHF) and Radar. From 2003, he has helped at dinghy championships and regattas at BYC and became involved with race management. He qualified as an RYA Regional Race Officer in 2006 and also gained experience at dinghy championships at Poole & Portland. He was the co-ordinating Race Officer for Torbay Week 2008 and has run one of the course areas for this event since 2008, as well as BYC club racing. Robin was elected to BYC Management Committee in 2007 and was Sailing Secretary for 2 years, before becoming Rear Commodore Sailing in 2010. In 2009, he was appointed Racing Manager for BYC, which is a separate post reporting to the Sailing Committee, a post established to try to ensure continuity and development of race management skills for BYC members. Since becoming R/C Sailing, Robin has established "working task areas" within the sailing function, where the leaders of the task areas are not necessarily committee members, but report to the committee. In 2009, Robin qualified as an RYA National Judge, having been a Regional Judge since 2006. During 2010, Robin will continue to be a Judge for Dartmouth Week, as well as for the dinghy classes during Torbay Week. He has been invited to be the chairman of the protest committees for Babbacombe & Teignmouth events. During July, he is attending the F18 Worlds at Erquy in France, also Cowes Week as a Judge. During his tenure as R/C Sailing, Robin would like to ensure that BYC encourages members (whether sailors or not), to become skilled in the various aspects of Race Management, from mark laying, rib driving and helping organise and run racing and protest meetings. This will enable BYC to more actively promote BYC as a venue for dinghy and yacht racing events.

For the most up to date information about what on at the club and when, please see the BYC website:

www.brixhamyachtclub.com

