



Paphos International Sailing Club

PISC Newsletter

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Ed's Bit

By the time this newsletter is published hopefully the weather will be warmer and drier so we can think about getting the boats back in the water.

The AGM will bring changes to PISC as James steps down and a new Commodore takes over the helm.

Everyone who is a member has a role to play within the Club. For some it may be scrubbing the bottom of a dinghy, for others supporting the events and turning up regularly for a meal and offering friendship to those who may be on their own. Members who live off the island can be involved through the website and supporting 'Club 100'.

This year we celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the club and its future depends upon each and every one of us.

Bye for now.



Commodore's Farewell.



It seems remarkable that my term as your Commodore is drawing to a close already but, like all good things which must end, I look forward now to handing the baton on to my successor, whoever you choose that person to be.

The Club is in good shape and has made considerable strides in the past couple of years. Such progress has been achieved thanks to the energy and dedication of the team I have been fortunate to be able to collate into the Committee, over the whole period of my tenure. Teamwork and collective decisions have been the essence of our success, which remains the single most important aspect of developing any group such as ours. All Clubs go through rough patches at times but so often it is the ability to set objectives and pull together as a team, which permits those goals to be attained.

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Commodore's Farewell Continued .../

I am sure that the future will be both an exciting and a challenging one. Soon there will be a new person at the helm, who will stamp their mark on the Club. Nonetheless, we must continue to expand and move forwards with a clear vision of what the Club can achieve. I urge as many of you as possible to get involved, with your ideas and assistance. This is your Club. A great deal will depend on the support of the membership to fulfil a future that holds considerable potential for everyone involved.

"He who dare's, wins." Now, where did I get that from?

See you all down at PISC soon!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

PISC 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 17th April starting at 10am sharp

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting. If you have not received a copy of the Agenda and 2008 AGM minutes please contact Trisha.

Proxy votes must be handed to Trisha *before* the meeting. Only fully paid up members are allowed to vote.

PISC 10th Anniversary



Paphos International Sailing Club came into being in 1999. To celebrate 10 years of the Club we are having the Anniversary Ball on 8th May. We would also like to have a display of photographs in the Clubhouse over the summer but for this we need piccies. I have been given a few so far but I am sure there must be lots of them out there.

Please can you have a look and see what you can find. They will be scanned so you can have them back. I am also looking for stories or articles. If you would like to write one please let me know. Ed

Bosun's Locker No 5

The refits are coming on. Driftwood is now ready to go, the Flying Dutchman will soon be ready and work has started on the Wayfarer. Poor old PISC 1, our Laser will be the last to receive the 'Treatment'.

The Wayfarer sails were recently checked and the Genoa was found to be beyond repair, so a new sail has been ordered from the UK and a spinnaker for the Flying Dutchman is coming from the same source, this sail has been donated to PISC.

With five dinghies to look after I would like four volunteers to help me in the coming season. I need dinghy captains, one for each dinghy. They would act as my eyes and ears to identify problems with the dinghies because it is difficult to keep a watch on them all. Remember a quick fix now will be much better than a big fix later.

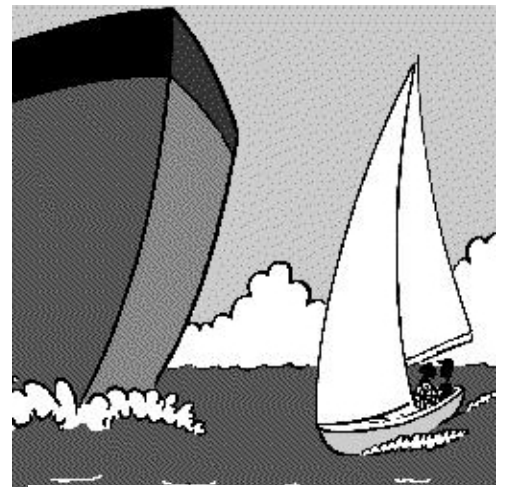
We have received an invitation to the Dhekelia Sailing Club Annual Regatta on the 29th - 31st May 2009. We potentially have two crews for the main events but are looking for a third crew for Driftwood, we are also looking for three lady crews for the ladies race. Anita and Geraldine have already volunteered. We plan to take the Flying Dutchman, Driftwood and the 'New' Laser to the event.

We hope to be invited to two more regattas and will be looking for other crews to participate so every one will have the opportunity to try their hand at racing. I know some think they are too old or not good enough to get involved in racing but I can assure you that you will learn more about your sailing by joining in than abstaining.

We have a plan to involve power boats in a bit of light hearted boating as some point in the year, so watch this space!

In the meantime, 'COME SAILING' you might even like it. I will take any of our members out in a dinghy to give them the opportunity to try their hand at crewing and helming.

Peter



Don't worry, according to the rules they have to give way to us.

Dhekelia Sailing Club Annual Regatta on the 29th - 31st May 2009.



Come along and support our teams - they are representing YOU.

See Peter for more details and also the Dinghy Sailing Notice board in the Clubhouse.

SOCIAL DIARY

14th April - Zoe's Kitchen Theme Night - Mexican. Put your name on the list in the kitchen.

28th April - Quiz night 7 for 7.30pm. Do come and join the fun.

8th May - 10th Anniversary Ball at the Aliathon Holiday Village held outdoor in the vine covered courtyard. 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets 32 euros (including drinks) for members. Please see Christina for tickets and book early. See Posters in Clubhouse or website for full details.

Socially PISC

Quiz Nights - In February the quiz night was very well attended as usual. Sue was quizmaster and ran a tight ship. There were three tie-breakers and eventually the winning teams were happy to call it a draw. As Gerald was away Anita stood in for him and held a raffle.

In March Christina was back at the helm and a sailing category which had been added caused some pencil chewing! Eventually Pat's team were the winners following a tie-breaker in spite of having the Vice Commodore on their table!

If you have not been to a quiz night do come and give it a try. You do not need a team. We will find you one and it is a good opportunity to get to know other members.

Zoe's Kitchen - The Chinese meal was a great success and the theme nights held on the second Tuesday of the month look like becoming a regular event at the Clubhouse. Brian was spotted making a BBQ so hopefully when the weather gets warmer there will be some outdoor cooking too.

10 Pin Bowling - this event was held at Cosmic Bowling in Paphos with 16 people playing and two more joining for the supper afterwards. There was a lot of hilarity and a really good atmosphere. The meze was excellent value so hopefully this will be an evening to be repeated later in the year.

As always thank you to Christina for all the hard work, time and effort that she puts into organising these events.

REFLECTING ON THE PAST

An old sea captain was sitting on a bench near the wharf when a young man walked up and sat down. The young man had spiked hair, each spike a different colour... green, red, orange, blue and yellow.

After a while the young man noticed the captain was staring at him. "What's the matter he said, never done anything daring in your life?"

The old captain replied "Got drunk once and married a parrot. I was just wondering if you were my son!"