

ARUN YACHT CLUB
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COMMODORE'S REPORT

It doesn't seem possible that there are only a few weeks left of the 2009 sailing season. Yet again a summer full of changeable conditions have challenged us, at times causing us to stay at home and yet at other times providing us with days of absolutely fantastic sailing. It seems you can't tell these days what the weather will have in store for us.

Since the last Scuttlebutt an enormous amount of activity has taken place both at the Club and from our sailors cruising the wonders of the English Channel and beyond. It was good to see John and Sue (on their Jeanneau, Peggy) back last week after their summer cruise to the West Country, Scilly Isles and Northern France, and David Mayne who has also been cruising in his Vancouver 32 around the Brittany Coast, and Channel Islands. I am sure they have many stories to tell about their respective travels. Phil Bush and his crew David Mead also visited The Channel Islands, where they took part in the Carey Olsen Guernsey to Alderney Pursuit Race and won the trophy for the first non Channel Island boat to finish. I understand that this race was held in particularly heavy weather and driving rain so Phil and David deserve our congratulations for doing so well. Other members have also been out and about, down to the Solent and further afield. Do tell us of your adventures as I am sure our members would love to hear of your escapades and learn from your experiences; perhaps you might like to write an article for the website.

Various sailing events have been taking place during the last few months and I am sure you will read other articles in this issue of Scuttlebutt which will tell you of them in depth. However, it is worth mentioning here that we have had some absolutely great events in the last few months, and those who have taken part and those who have helped in the organisation and running have really enjoyed being part of a lively sailing scene. Events such as the Up/Down River race, the Owers Race, the Dinghy Regatta, and the long distance Cruiser races and the annual Round the Island Race. In addition to these, the RS500 National Meeting and the West Sussex Schools Regatta have both been events to remember and are bringing our small Club on the Arun to the notice of the sailing world. My

thanks must go out to all who have made this season such a good one despite the sometimes questionable weather. However, it is noticeable that quite often it seems that the same members are turning up at each event and some members we rarely see. It is a shame that more do not take part in the club's activities, the more you take part in the Club's events the more you will get out of it.

The Summer Cadet Week went well and I was very pleased to get reports from both parents and cadets to let me know how much they value and enjoy this week. Our instructors and helpers really put themselves out this summer and made it a week that the cadets will remember. A number of cadets are moving up the sailing ladder, getting the necessary skills and earning their certificates. Let's hope we will shortly be seeing them taking part in our dinghy racing series.

As you are probably aware our neighbour, the Littlehampton Sailing and Motor Club, had financial difficulties earlier in the year and was placed into administration. We understand that a sale of the Club's land assets has now been agreed and we look forward to working closely with the new owner once the deal has been finalised.

Our own development to the north is making progress. Our previous Planning Application has been renewed and approved by Arun District Council so all that remains is for us to resubmit plans to Littlehampton Harbour Board for their approval. Ken Whitmore has had discussions with the Harbour Master and our plan has been revised in such a way that the Harbour Master will not raise any objections. This plan is to go before the Harbour Board for approval on the 21st September. If this approval is given then we shall, of course, prepare a proposal to be put before and agreed by the Club's members before proceeding further.

You will recall that a few weeks ago Design & Do's students gave four presentations of possible designs for redecorating the Clubhouse interior. I have asked for people to give me their views about which design they prefer so that we can consider how we can improve the Clubhouse. So far I have only had two replies. I would still like to go ahead with this but desperately need your views. It is no good redecorating the Clubhouse unless the majority of the members like what we are doing. In view of this, you will find a form in this issue which you can complete, tear out and put in the office. When we have received your views we shall have a basis from which we can proceed. If you haven't seen the designs copies are in the Clubhouse or can be found on my website at <http://www.clare.org.uk/aycdesign/>

Thanks to our very successful Training Department and Open Day we have had many new members join the Club since the last Scuttlebutt; Sue has printed a list in this issue. I would like to welcome you all and hope you have a really

rewarding experience being a member of our Club. To all existing members please make these new faces welcome and involve them in Club activities. This might mean inviting them to a social event or offering to take them out sailing. All our new members are very keen and eager to take part some might be a little shy in putting themselves forward.

You will have noticed that new gates have been installed to the entrance to the Club. Quotes are being sought for these to being motorised, but those received have been very varied so a decision will be made in the near future.

The AGM will soon be upon us and you will shortly receive your notification that it is taking place plus a pile of other documents. If you would like to make your voice heard, or offer yourself up for a place on the Management Committee or other office, now is the time to put your views and names forward.

One last word. Last weekend, and the West Sussex Schools Regatta was a cracking event. Not only that but on the Saturday evening we had three cruiser rallies visiting the Club. This meant that in one day we had about 400 people using the Club and enjoying its facilities. I would therefore like to offer a big THANK YOU to all those who helped in making these events successful, especially Richard Dobson, all the members of the Safety Teams, Barry, Tony Peterson, Tony Sutcliffe, Angela, and all the other helpers to numerous to mention by name.

Nick Clare
Commodore

NATIONAL DINGHY **CHAMPIONSHIP AT ARUN YACHT CLUB**

If you look round the Clubroom you will find several mementos of past dinghy championships that the Club has hosted: Lasers in the '80's, Albacores in the '70's etc. AYC was a well known and respected sailing venue in those days and, as well as hosting championships the Club featured as an important fixture on many an Open Meeting circuit for the likes of the Merlin Rocket or Enterprise dinghies.

Well, we're back! After last year's very successful RS400 Open Meeting, for this year we were able to secure the high-performance RS500 Nationals and they took place over four days at the end of August. Although the entry was a little lower than we hoped (due to a run of events, including the European Championship just prior to the Nationals) with 18 boats taking part, it was still a big event, and it all went off very well indeed. It is very impressive that at AYC

we have the venue, the facilities, the equipments and above all the expertise to carry off an event like this. The competitors loved the enthusiastic welcome that they received, and appreciated the attention to detail that ensured a trouble-free and enjoyable Championship. Sometimes we take our large car park, our three RIBs, our riverside Clubhouse and our wonderful sailing area for granted, and it takes visitors to make us appreciate what a terrific Club we have. And we have a substantial team of capable, trained and enthusiastic people who can assist. Many people were involved in planning the event, and freely gave of their time to help to make it happen, but a special thank you must go to David Robinson for the excellent shore-side organisation and to Richard Dobson as the Race Officer for the brilliant on the water organisation. A great bonus was that the RS Association was kind enough to lend two boats to the Club, and Jack Munnelly and Jack Holden (both cadet members) raced their socks off to seventh place having never been in an RS500 dinghy before the Championship.

I think it is great that the Club is once again a centre of racing activity and sailing excellence. Of course, it is not only Open Events that are important to the Club. Every weekend this summer there has been something going on, from the "Swallows and Amazons" adventure of the Up & Down River dinghy races, to the long haul cruiser races like the Owers. We have had evening races, two-handed races, pursuit races, Round the Island races, Cadet races – you name it and we've raced it! Those that participate have a wonderful time, and even those taking a turn at assisting to run the events by providing safety cover have enjoyed the experience. There are those in the Club who relentlessly oppose all forms of competitive sailing on the basis that it is somehow an unfair burden on the non-racing membership, or on the basis that the Club can never compete as a racing venue, or on the basis of 1001 other reasons why it can't be done. These are the people who don't get involved in the game, but choose to sit on the touch-line and complain. It is very nice to demonstrate that they are wrong. To me, racing and active cruising is what the Club is all about, both historically and philosophically – after all, if you just want cheap moorings you don't need a Club at all. I urge everyone to get involved, and to those that resent the active members I can only say that next year's programme is already well developed, and we are looking to do more, not less.

Dick Holden

Rear Commodore Sailing

TRAINING REPORT

As I write this the evenings are beginning to draw in and we're in the last week of scheduled evening training. So, although training events will continue into the autumn, it's a good time to review what has been achieved this year and where

we're going as we plan the 2010 calendar.

The Year So Far...

Looking at sail training, our adult Tuesday evening trainings, run by Paul Hughes, have been busier than ever, increasing our adult club membership. With so much emphasis in recent years on promoting youth sailing, we forget that there are adults who want to sail too – perhaps missed the chance when they were younger, or see their children sailing and want to join in. We've had a lively bunch of adult students, some of whom have already made the transition to racing. I look forward to seeing them participate in the winter racing programme.

Thursday evening cadet training, marshalled by Richard Renson, has been steady and has dove-tailed nicely with two very successful cadet weeks. Again, through these activities we have picked up new members, parent helpers and instructors. With an ever increasing pool of competent cadet sailors we are well on the way to re-establishing a cadet wing to the Club and its sailing activities. Our challenge remains to keep these sailors engaged and motivated particularly during the winter months. I would like to see as many of the Stage 3-4 cadets as possible crewing for adult sailors in our winter series, or making use of Club dinghies to start to race.

Speaking of which, we have made significant progress in building the Club dinghy fleet. Partly assisted by a grant from Arun District Council, we have added two RS Teras, two Lasers, three Laser radial/4.7 rigs and one 420 to the fleet, whilst also making repairs to existing boats. This means we now have a better selection of boats to support race training.

On Wednesday evenings, Richard Dobson has been putting the more promising new sailors through race training, with a view to securing participants in Club race series for years to come. You will know that, through Round the Island Race, we have something of a cruiser racing reputation. This year, the performance of our dinghy sailors at Open Regattas has started to build a dinghy sailing reputation. Martin and Emma Keen's success at the Vago nationals and Jack Holden's Laser success at Youth Week are founded on the training that Richard has been providing on Wednesday evenings. Such successes bring credit to the Club and to the sailing environment that it provides.

We also initiated an Onboard sailing programme on Saturday mornings, which was successful in giving local school groups a taste of sailing. As hoped, some participants subsequently transitioned into our regular cadet programme, so these Onboard sessions can really function as feeder sessions. We hope to build upon this programme next year.

None of the training this year would have been possible without the hard work of an embattled few, most notably Paul Hughes, Richard Renson, Emma and Martin Keen, Jon Norris, Steve Rugg, James Millett, Cheryl Skinner among others. My grateful thanks to all.

The Rest of This Year...

The following courses are left. In all cases, please contact the Office to enquire/express interest/book!

AYC Navigation Primer - Friday evenings, starting 25 September and continuing until 30 October, possibly later. No charge to members who can commit to attend a minimum of six evenings sessions. This is an informal, highly practical course, given by Tony Sutcliffe, intended to 'de-mystify' navigation and pilotage, and encourage every boat owner to use and enjoy their boat with confidence and knowledge.

RYA Powerboat Level 2 Course - 10-11 October: £160 (free to members who commit to serving on a race duty team – approximately five Sundays - next year)

RNLI Sea Safety Evening – 16 October (start 7.45pm). A safety talk/discussion hosted by the local RNLI team under the leadership of Nick White. If you have any questions or any safety concern, now is the time to ask and share the learning with other Club members.

Safety Boat Refresher (Practical) – 17 October. Aimed at Race Duty safety teams, this will focus on low-water boat handling, beach work, and towing.

RYA Safety Boat Course - 7-8 November: £160 (free to members who commit to serving on a race duty team next year)

RYA First Aid- 14 November: £50

RYA Marine Radio Short Range Certificate - 5-6 Dec: £75

Man Overboard Practical Session (Cruisers) – 8 November. A practical session for those cruiser crews wishing to practice their man overboard drills (one last trip out before crane out?), giving you the long winter to make any boat modifications that may suggest themselves. Likely to start around 1100 (exact time tbc). Cost per boat (TBC) will be minimal, dependent on number of boats taking part, to cover fuel costs and provide an RNLI donation. Skippers - please contact the Office to express interest, so that we can refine the programme accordingly.

Laying the Foundations for Next Year...

To retain the momentum gained this year, we need to operate with a large pool of Club and parent volunteers who can support a wider range of activities. Yes, we use RYA-trained Instructors to run the sailing sessions. But we also need volunteers to co-ordinate cadet activities and provide shore-based support, to help maintain the Club boats and dinghy pen and to run races. If you are interested in supporting cadet development or training within the Club in anyway, please contact me (07962 813919).

My aim is to go into January 2010 with personnel assigned to all courses, so that everyone can manage their diaries and no one is overburdened. I would also like to see a return to an active cadet section. Let's share the workload more widely and capitalize on the great potential within the Club.

The Training Programme for 2010 is currently under review and will be advertised well before the end of the year. As always, if you think of a course that you'd like to do that we do not currently offer, please let me know and the Training Committee will endeavour to meet your need.

Nick Rusbridge
Training Principal

ARUN YACHT CLUB AUGUST 2009 WEEK

Who says you cannot have fun on the water in August? This year's Arun Yacht Club Cadet Week proved that you CAN!

We had thirty two keen cadets wanting to get onto the water in a collection of dinghies. Some had never sailed before, and some had been sailing with us and other clubs for a number of years. Young people from the age of eight through to seventeen, taught by a great and enthusiastic team of dinghy instructors, assistant instructors, safety crews, and a merry band of helpers.

I was ably supported by James Millet, Hannah Thompson, Safety Steve (Rugg), Jess, Holly, Jack, Jordon, Cheryl, Amy, Claire, Vicki, Zara, and the oh so hard working Tom. The last two were Assistant Instructors under tuition. They more than made the grade to receive their certificates at the end of week barbeque.

A big thanks is defiantly due to our lead training people Paul Hughes and Nick Rusbridge who generated the initial energy and planning that became the event. Thanks also to Barry Partridge work keeping things moving and afloat.

The weather, for a change, was on our side. A tad windy at times, but we went sailing every day before and after lunch, a record in my experience.

Holly and Jess took two groups of beginners, creating a safe and fun learning experience for the cadets, and had them sailing with confidence by the end of the week. Most of the children seemed to want to capsizе the moment they arrived. Some did, by choice, and some did anyway!

Jordan and Cheryl took the intermediate cadets, who had some varied experience in sailing with us and elsewhere, and honed their skills to a higher level. All had a great time and Cheryl reported that her group were the "BEST" she had ever worked with!

Jack took his able team of racers off to do exciting things with trapeze, spinnaker, and making their boats go as fast as possible, often through the fleet of beginners!

We had a fleet of Toppers out both in the river, and, when the tide and wind prevailed, out to sea off Climping Beach. We also had the use of our two new RS Teras, the slightly used RS Fevas, the three even more used Lasers, two 420's, one borrowed, and our trusty old Wayfarers that we all so enjoyed slogging up the beach at low tide!

Every day the team gathered at 8.30 with plans to present to the gathered cadets. Steve vetted the plans for safety and appropriate cover on the water. The cadets were greeted by Kie and her team of helpers, fed by Angela and her kitchen team, watered by Tony at the bar, and cared for by the instructors, and the water team John, Sue, Martin, Marlene, Frances, Lorraine, Jenny, Amanda, Veronica, Gill, Anna, and Nigel. Stages in the RYA training syllabus were ticked off in the cadets' log books and we moved towards giving out certificates out to most on the Friday closing celebrations.

And so with minimal incidents, some at a higher level than necessary may be (!) we closed the week with a meal, celebration of teams winning the Friday's regatta, and the collective having a safe, enjoyable time.

My hope is that a greater number of the cadets will continue to sail with AYC, sail training, racing, or just for fun and the social aspect of the club. We have thirty two young people mostly well motivated to enjoy more days on the water. We can keep the motivation going through the year with more of the same at weekends and holidays.

Richard Renson
RYA Senior Instructor.

SOCIAL REPORT

As reported elsewhere, the Club Open Day, which was held on 25th July was a success, with many visitors and much activity both off and on the water. Thanks are due to all those who helped to make the day go so well.

With the sailing season in full swing the social side of the Club has been relatively quiet. Throughout the summer we have had numerous visitors from other Clubs to the Arun Yacht Club on planned Rallies, and many compliments have been paid by the visitors to our Steward, Tony, and our Caterer, Angela and her staff, who have worked hard to maintain and promote the Club and its facilities.

The Club Barbecue with the Georgia Jazz Band held on 22nd August proved popular and was enjoyed by all.

Looking towards the end of the year we have our Annual Dinner Dance on 21st November, the Commodore's Reception on 20th December and the New Year's Eve Party. Make a note of these now!

We are already considering what social activities should be included in 2010. If there is something you would like included in the programme please let me or any other member of the Social Committee know.

In addition, if you have contacts with someone who could give a sailing related talk one evening on one of the 'Sailors' Evenings' please let us know.

David Lindsay

Chairman—Social Committee

OPEN DAY 2009

'Open Day' was held on Saturday 25th July, which coincided with a very busy weekend for the Club. The Art Group held their exhibition of work starting with a dinner on the Friday evening, and the Phoenix Club Barbecue followed on the Saturday evening.

Thanks to the Herculean efforts of Tony and Angela, all our members and guests were very well fed and watered throughout this period.

Preparations for Open Day involved banner making, hauling up bunting, poster design, placement of advertising and the cajoling of members to turn up and host the day with outings on dinghies and cruisers etc.

Fortunately the day dawned bright and sunny, if a little windy which in the end actually became a benefit because it kept the activities focused in the river which led to a buzz on the pontoons.

The welcoming committee of Carole Clapham, Hilary Walker, Faye Hamson, Ginny Munn, Elinor Sorrell and I, turned up early to prepare for an unknown quantity of visitors, with estimates ranging from none to fifty. With an advertised start time of noon we were a bit surprised to find our first visitor strolling in at 1030. Fortunately more people began to arrive an hour or so later at the right time.

Thanks to Barry Partridge, assisted by John Harman, an efficient ferry service was running all afternoon for the many visitors who came to the Club by this route.

In our advertisements it was suggested that people should come and see what the Club had to offer. This was achieved by dinghy sailing experiences in a Wayfarer, courtesy of Paul Hughes, and exciting RIB rides up and down the river thanks to Nigel Townsend and Jon Norris, ably assisted by Kie Norris manning the clipboard and organising life jackets. Alan Campion also obliged by taking visitors out in his cruiser. Other cruiser owners kindly opened their boats up for inspection. Emma Keen made herself available to answer queries concerning dinghy sailing and racing as did our worthy President.

By the end of the afternoon, some 57 names had signed in, and bearing in mind that most were couples and families, we estimate that well over a hundred visitors had come and enjoyed our facilities.

On behalf of the Social Committee, I would like to thank all those members who gave their time and expertise in hosting this successful event and we look forward to repeating it next year!.

Fay Harman
Social Committee

ARUN YACHT CLUB AND THE ROUND THE ISLAND RACE

Saturday 20th of June dawned grey, wet and windless as a group of ladies of Arun Yacht Club climbed out of bed at 06.00 to start preparing breakfast for some of the 48 members sailing ten boats in the rapidly approaching Round the Island Race.

Bernie Still (***Flying Light*** - First 42), Steve Verney (***Juliet Sierra*** - Sun Odyssey 40.3), Dick Holden (***Port Kerné*** - First Class 8) and Terry Hortin (***Split Decision*** - Oceanis 311) were first away from East Cowes Marina for the early starts for the larger and potentially faster boats. With the French manufactured boats out of the way, the remaining six AYC boats exchanged good wishes and one by one left the marina for the start area. Youth and Cadet members on John

Kerr's *Cadenza* (Trapper 500), and Richard Dobson's *Sooper Trooper* (Seawolf 26) could not believe the sight that greeted them as they passed the chain ferry. No RTIR first timer can appreciate that there really is space for any more boats on the start line.

As the Group 8 boats motored down river into the Solent the grey skies started to lift and the previous drizzle stopped. Smoke billowed from the RYS guns followed, several seconds later, by the bang as the earlier starts got under way.

In this race, more than any other, going on the "B" of the bang is vital in order to secure clean air. However, as the start for Group 8 approached, the wind died and those heading for a pole-position start had to dive back the way they had come to avoid being carried over the line by the increasing ebb tide. The 45°+ windshift also changed the favoured outer end of the line into an Island side advantage and Richard Dobson and David Robinson in *Dedicated Dancer* (Limbo 6.6) both got poor starts by their standards. However, they rapidly got into their stride to continue the close competition and camaraderie that has existed between those two for so many years; (sworn enemies on the race course but the best of friends off it). *Dedicated Dancer* and *Sooper Trooper* traded places all the way to Hurst Narrows where *Sooper Trooper's* extra weight and longer waterline gave her the advantage all the way to the Needles where both boats took the passage inside the wreck of the *Varvassi*, a course fraught with danger but one which gains something in the order of 400 metres on those going round the outside.

Spinnakers were smartly hoisted as the Club boats tucked in under the cliffs to avoid the now foul tide on the long leg along the south side of the Island. Despite this, a fast passage to the southern-most point of the Island (St Catherine's Point) was much enjoyed by all the Club boats, especially *Sooper Trooper* which now carries a selection of reaching spinnakers and uses them to great advantage.

Much ground can be gained by going close inshore at St Cats, and this is what the more experienced AYC skippers did to great advantage, gaining about 100 places on those that chose the safer, but much longer, outer route. St Catherine's Point is also the habitual lunch stop for the ladies who, having finished feeding the crews, travel around the island in a selection of cars, stopping at frequent intervals for coffee, lunch, cream teas, and lord knows what else. It is from just to the east of the lighthouse that they wave as the Club's competitors go past. Thank God that this year we waved at the correct group of ladies; two years ago someone was seen to wave at the wrong girls and that misdemeanour is only now being forgiven!!

From St Catherine's to Dunnose the wind was almost dead astern which caused

some fun and games amongst the AYC fleet. ***Dedicated Dancer*** was forced to gybe a number of times to keep clean air. ***Sooper Trooper*** managed a successful gybe up to the point where the new slim-line Martin Keen on foredeck was lifted off the deck by the spinnaker guy as he tried to reattach the pole, and managed to let go in the nick of time to land on the correct side of the guard rails. ***Scampi*** (Andrew Walker's Four 21 and one of the smallest boats in the fleet) pulled the spinnaker halyard block out of the mast and, if that was not enough of a problem, then had the forestay come detached with only the pressure on the rig from the wind astern holding everything up. As a dentist, Andy is used to carrying out difficult jobs in confined spaces, and managed to re-attach the errant forestay before any real damage was done and proceeded under poled out Genoa.

As the fleet rounded Dunnose for the reach to Bembridge Ledge Buoy the breeze puffed up to a good F5 finding both ***Sooper Trooper*** and ***Dedicated Dancer*** amongst potentially much faster boats, some of which had started an hour earlier. ***Sooper Trooper*** recorded a burst of 9.1 knots down this leg and ***Dedicated Dancer***, which is not fitted with a log, was recorded as going "bloody fast". A lovely story from this leg concerns a young lady on the J24 ***Sooper Trooper*** was dicing with who enquired, in a strong South African accent, "have you guys heard the rugby results?". The boys were unable to help her and she responded in kind by having no knowledge of the qualifying times from Silverstone.

Bembridge Ledge can make or break the race. Dick Holden's First Class 8, ***Port Kerné***, rafted up with several hundred boats at this point and lost considerable time while a similar but less drastic fate overtook ***Sooper Trooper***, who got boxed in by a number of larger boats and was unable to get in to take advantage of the stronger wind and lesser tide along the shore. However, ***Dedicated Dancer*** immediately hardened up to take the Island shore route which allowed her back in front for the first time since the Solent some hours earlier.

With No Man's Fort no longer a mark of the Course, the very brave (and some very stupid) got in as close as possible to Debigno and Ryde Sands in an effort to cut the corner and save considerable distance, whilst also cheating the strong foul tide. ***Port Kerné*** and ***Dedicated Dancer*** used their lifting keels to great effect as both sent a crew member below to winch the keel up every time it bumped. This tactic put paid to the dice between ***Sooper Trooper*** and ***Dedicated Dancer***, as the larger boat had to go the pretty way and lost considerable time battling with much larger boats out in the main channel. It was here that ***Cadenza*** spent some time when they discovered that Ryde Sands is (a) pretty solid, an (b) difficult to get off under sail. Nevertheless they achieved it and battled on to the finish.

Dedicated Dancer eventually finished at 17.02 and ***Sooper Trooper*** at 17.22 and, as they pulled into a virtually deserted marina to find Dick Holden still packing up ***Port Kerné***, it dawned on the two skippers that things had gone pretty well for their boats.

All eyes then turned to Castle Point to watch out for ***Scampi***, the third member of the Arun Yacht Club team. She eventually finished just after 21.00, so starting the nerve-wracking wait for the corrected times to be published.

When the screens in the marina office started to flash up the results there was initially disbelief followed by elation in the Arun ranks as ***Dedicated Dancer*** was shown as 1st in class 8B and 3rd overall in the 825 boat ISCRS fleet, ***Sooper Trooper*** 3rd in 8C and 8th overall, and ***Scampi***, despite all her troubles, in 13th in 8D and 28th overall. The good news didn't even stop there! Obviously ***Port Kerné*** had extracted herself from her raft at Bembridge Ledge more efficiently than most as she achieved a very creditable 2nd in class 4B.

Arun Yacht Club has a very nice 1960s timber riverside Clubhouse and operates out of the second fastest flowing river in the country. So, as it was generously put by a member of another club, "the Club from the wooden shed up a muddy ditch in Sussex had stuffed all the snooties from the Solent". As a result, Arun Yacht Club became the first Club to regain the Team Trophy, having previously won it in 2005 and 2008, this time by a considerable margin.

A number of Arun's members took part in the race for the first time and to John, Phil, Sue, Clare, Cheryl, Arthur, Richard, Nick and James, just reflect that never again will you be known as "VECTIS VIRGINS"

At the Prize-giving on Sunday David Robinson took away the Geisco Trophy for his 3rd overall and 1st in class, as well as his share of the spoils for winning the Arun Yacht Club Team Challenge Trophy, which the Club had donated to the Island Sailing Club back in 2004. All together a magnificent day for a small Club determined to punch above its weight. David, Richard Dobson and Andy were all privileged to collect their silverware from Ben Ainslie in the Island Sailing Club before sailing home to Littlehampton for a celebration supper and, for some, the pleasure of being greeted by their kids, to round off a wonderful weekend with a Father's Day meeting.

In the intervening period, the results of the Club's Bannister Trophy had been calculated utilising the Club's PY Numbers which extended the weekend's success even wider, with Phil Bush's ***Sea Gypsy*** (Westerly Pageant) emerging the winner, with Andy Walker's ***Scampi*** second and John Kerr's ***Cadenza*** third. This just shows how the slower boats can really achieve some excellent results on the Club yardsticks if the conditions are right, so no more excuses that there's

no point in turning out for Club cruiser races as the faster boats always win!!!

Further information from:-

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Richard Dobson 07812 543845

FROM THE HON. CRUISING SECRETARY

This is my last contribution to Scuttlebutt as Hon. Cruising Secretary. I am resigning this year, and as yet I am unable to find anybody who will put themselves up for election at the AGM.

How about it, guys? Come on, just think you could organise a cruise to where you wish to go, and have the pleasure of the company of other Club Members. This role does not take up much time, just the Sailing Committee Meeting every six weeks or so, and you may even be able to influence Club Policy!

Over the four years that I have been Cruising Secretary many cruises have been organised, with some cancelled because of the weather, some with a minimum AYC contribution, and some where many boats have joined us and had a great time. Notable successes are the East Head barbecue, Sparkes Marina and Ryde-Isle of Wight.

Our last cruise to Ryde for the August Bank Holiday embraced the Scooter Rally and a lot of contact with the mud in the harbour. (Who invented neap tides? There is just no point in having them! If I was Prime Minister ...).

So—barbecue on the beach one night, fish and chips the next, plus some 3,500 scooters makes for a brilliant weekend and we look forward to next year.

I would like to thank everybody who has joined us at various destinations, and it is always a pleasure to see other members out and about, even if they are not part of the Cruise. We enjoy cruising on our own as much as with company, but what about the other boats in our Marina? Why have we not seen you anywhere?!

May I wish the next Hon. Cruising Secretary the best of luck, and if you came on a Cruise, thank you for your company.

David Gates
Hon. Cruising Secretary

PLEASE NOTE

**REVISED DATE FOR
CRANE OUT
IS**

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

START TIME TO BE ADVISED
NEARER THE DATE

A LIST FOR CRANE OUT WILL BE
PUT ON THE NOTICE BOARD
WELL IN ADVANCE OF THE DATE.

PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR THIS TO
AVOID
DISAPPOINTMENT

LOST PROPERTY

A great deal of members' and visitors' property is left at the Club each week, particularly after major events.

Please can you make sure that your belongings are named or marked (preferably with waterproof material) so that items can be easily identified, and if you realise you have something missing please telephone (or e-mail) the Office as soon as possible—

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**COPY DATE FOR
NEXT EDITION OF**

SCUTTLEBUTT

1ST DECEMBER 2009

CLUB LOGO GOODS

Please order the club's logo goods that you
require for

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

by 10th November.

Popular items are kept in stock but others have to be special orders.

REVERSIBLE JACKET	36.00
FLEECE JACKET	25.00
RUGBY SHIRT	25.00
NATO STYLE JERSEY	25.00
SWEATSHIRT	17.00
SPORTS SHIRT	8.50

Available in various colours

Sizes S / M / L / XL / XXL & Children's

BURGEE	8.50
TIE	8.00
CAP / FLEECE HAT	5.00
BLAZER BADGE	5.00
METAL BADGE	2.00
MUG	2.60
PEN	1.00

Available from the Secretary, Steward or Carole Clapham

SUE'S SECRETARIAL BIT

In the weeks since our last edition of Scuttlebutt we have welcomed an amazing number of new members, some of whom are boat owners—cruisers and dinghies—to add to our fleets. So, here we go ...

Daniel Barton, who has purchased Seascope
Emmanuelle Moreau
Gemma van der Wee
Tony Kettley and Christine Ennis, who own a Hurley 22
Dr. Keith Beach
Ann Hammond
Edward and Barbara Dent, with a Janneau Sun Odyssey
Ron Wood, with a Legend 27
Richard Bowden and Kristine Lock
Carol Cooper
Sian Hoskins
Kristine Shepherd
Peter Underwood and Alison Sweeney
Jervis Bryan
Susan Fuller

The following new members have joined through Adult and Cadet Evening sailing and Cadets weeks :

Thalia and Elisa Wylie	
Tamsin Wylie-Mellikof	
Nicole Bailey	
Michelle Hay with cadets Shannon and Jemma Hay	
Shaun Kerrigan	Cadet
Jake Aldis-Hobbs	Cadet
Emily Prosser	Cadet
Patrick Poynter	Cadet
Elfie de Temple	Cadet
Christopher and Benjamin Carr-Jones	Cadets
Sam and Peggy Hughes	Cadets

We wish you a long and happy association with the Club.

Sue Jenkins
Club Secretary

Tony's Navigation Primers

Tony Sutcliffe's Navigation Primers on Friday evenings are now fully subscribed up to Christmas. If there is sufficient interest Tony will start these again in the New Year. Watch out for a poster or leave a message behind the Bar.

Arun Yacht Club - Interior Designs

Please indicate which design you prefer:

Design 1- Seagull Seats

Design 2 - In Line

Design 3 - Current Scenes

Design 4 - Distinction

None

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