



The Nickey

Autumn 2010

The newsletter of the Peel Sailing & Cruising Club

Hello & Welcome to your Autumn Nickey! Where did that summer go to?!?!? I do hope you enjoyed it & that you did get out & about.

Sailing

Most yacht races were well supported, & a big 'Thank You' goes to 'Scutch' for being Race Officer of the Day for the entire season!

This last weekend was one of the best weekends for sailing, PJ2 & I were out & had a cracking time!..... Ok so it wasn't my best start to Sunday's race!! But my 3rd lap (when my race was over we flew round!) C'est la vie!!



Annual Dinner-Dance

The Sailing Prizes, cups & plaques, are being engraved, & polished as I type this newsletter, in readiness for our Annual Dinner-dance & Prize Presentation, almost upon us on Saturday 30th October. If you haven't returned last year's please do so at once!!

Tickets can be purchased for only £22 for a lovely 3 course dinner to include dancing, from over the bar, Geta wellyon or you will miss the boat!

Menu choice is as follows:

- ~ Pate & Toast or Prawn Cocktail,
- ~ Roast beef & all the trimmings or Poached Salmon
- ~ Chocolate Profiteroles or Fresh Fruit Salad
- ~ Coffee & Mints

Please could you state your choice of the above by 16th October to assist with the catering.

Also a Reminder that it's at the Golf Club (plenty of parking) don't want you turning up at the Masonic Hall waiting on the doorstep in the cold thinking you are 'Billy no Mates'!!!

Also we have 'upped' our Dress code, to 'Smart' this year, so girls bring out your 'bling', posh frocks (long or short) or smart trousers, try that new hairstyle, 'let's go to town' as it were!! Gentlemen feel free to polish up your cuff-links, sponge down that cummerbund, DJs or lounge suits (jackets & shirt & ties at the very least) it all adds to the ambience!!

Dates for your diary

The Sailing club is available to hire for any function. Contact Andy Sumner for details.

Bonfire Night

Friday 5th November - Bonfire night. The Rocket House is the place to be to watch the Fireworks off the breakwater. It's always a great display followed by complimentary 'Spuds, bangers n Beans'. We are going to combine it with Hoptunaa & have a 'Family night out' complete with 'ducking apples' (try & get one from the water & off the dangling string!) Maybe a game of conkers if you have them!

Marine Diesel Maintenance Course

Iain Dunnett is running a 4week marine diesel maintenance course starting 4th November The cost is £68 – please contact Iain on 467094 to book a space.



Where would you get a 3 course meal for £10 on a Saturday night?!

Bottles of wine can be purchased from the club for £10 of course pre & post drinks from the bar.

'Come Dine with Me' is recommencing on Saturday 23rd October with Sue Curphey as the 'Hostess with the Mostest'! Her Menu will be on the notice board at the clubhouse



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This is another fun, popular & profitable event for the club. Come & admire our magnificent new cooker, & flooring, go on you know you want to!! Don't forget to have the 'secret' voting at the end of the meal, prize for the best overall cook!!

We are looking for someone to host events for November and January if you're keen!

Not sure if there will be a Come Dine with me in December as members are usually busy with all the Christmas events & it would be a shame if it ended up being poorly attended.



Talking of Christmas which will be fast upon us! We will be having the Best Dressed boat or should I say Best Lit boat. This year there will be 2 categories, one for the best pleasure craft (sailing & motor) & one for the best commercial fishing boat. We have some very generous sponsorship of prizes from Tynies restaurant & the Peveril pub, to name few! We are having 3 judges this year & judging will take place on Friday 17th December with the prize giving in the clubhouse.

The following Friday is Christmas Eve, with our Christmas party with a lucky dip raffle, Christmas carols around the piano & dare we say it, a visit from Santa. Catering or not will be discussed at the AGM, if anyone would like to volunteer to take the food on for this let yourself be known!

You've guessed it the next Friday is New Years Eve! Last year's was a great night, word on the street was that over 80 bods were there over the evening. Lots of merriment was had with some marvellous dance movements being witnessed on the dance-floor!! The start of 2010 was made even more special by young Erika Proctor playing the bagpipes at midnight and the bottles of Champagne available at the bar.

I'm sure there will be an interim Nickey nearer the time, or at least reminder emails courtesy of Robin (our Vice Commodore) on Christmas and New Year events.

The Peel Sailing Club

Time for subs – Sailing Club subs were due 1st October so please could you give this your urgent attention. In order to avail yourself of the sailing club please pay them at the bar on club nights (Wednesday & Fridays) or send a cheque to Robin Rose our Membership Secretary, c/o the Rocket House. Prices are the same as last year - individual membership is £37 & family ones are £60

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is nigh upon us Thursday 11th November - time 8pm prompt at the Rocket House. Please ensure you are there in time to have a drink ordered before proceedings start – and remember you have to be a paid up member to be able to vote!! Please bring a 'plate' of something for the 'Faith' supper (food would be good!!) which will immediately follow the 'Business' of the night. Because 'moaning' can make a person hungry!!! as does 'whining' maketh a person thirsty!! as if!!

The Committee will be elected/re-elected at the AGM. There will be some Committee members stepping down, so if you fancy becoming a Committee member & have an opportunity to influence change in the club please put yourself forward - you will then need to be proposed & seconded.

Andy Hall will be fired up & ready to unleash what has happened over the last year & what is likely to happen over the next year to the Sailing club. In order to influence the proposed agenda you will have to be there!!

And if you don't like the Nickey & its style or format & think you would like to be its 'Editor' please feel free to relieve me of it - I was only ever the 'Relief' Editor..... pppllllleeeeeaaaasseeeee take it!!



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Moans and Groans

No point in moaning about things if you have not voiced your concerns, or put them in writing to the Committee. The Committee try to do their best for the club at all times. I don't know about our Country needs you, your Sailing club does!! Committee members give time & effort to support the club which is not always appreciated - you could say 'A Thankless Task' - however much criticism we can happily do without!

This 'Soap box' that I'm on is quite sturdy so I'll go on some more!!

I'm sure you will agree that the club looks so much better for the ladies toilets & shower being installed. It was our very own **Martin Birchenough** who tiled the walls & the floor too.....for no cost!! What a great job he did! A big Thank You must go to **Rob Karran** a new member who is doing masses of bar duties for the club. Sometimes the bar is not open because no one is able to man it so more bar volunteers needed! **Andrew Hall** our hardworking Commodore has wielded a paint brush, floor brush & mop on many occasions. He is regularly liaising with Peel Town Commissioners, the Brewery & we are about to take delivery of 2 new fridges for the bar courtesy of his dealings with the Brewery on our behalf.

Our 'Back Yard' has also had quite the revamp this year with painted walls, gazebo, erected, yes gazebo I said!! **Julie** transformed it with some lovely potted plants; it's a lovely area now which lends itself to BBQ's!!

Traditional Boat Weekend



What a wonderful sight Peel Bay was with all the Trad boats looking resplendent in the sunshine!

The Quick (6hours!) & Dirty Boat building again, proved very popular with 6 very varied & good boats all making it across the harbour in one piece..... Yes I know we wanted at least one of them to sink!! The 'Heaving' line was a welcome new addition & proved very popular (clearly it was a fix, seeing as mine nearly landed at the old swimming pool!!) but no prize did I win!!

The Committee and club members all rallied and assisted with the event and club members also played a valuable part giving of their time in various guises. I believe 53 Trad & Associate boats enjoyed the clubs hospitality, our visitors feedback was great & many have rebooked for next year already!!

Barry Hornes - 702 ways to serve queenies proved a winner again!! Deeeeeeeelish!!

One volunteer at the Trad Boat weekend, who is not a club member, commented to me that if you are involved in an event you get more out of it. - which is absolutely true. Like most things, if you take ownership & actively get involved & give off yourself you get more out of it!! Mmmmhhhhhhh could that be a subliminal message me wonders...

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Don't forget to keep your eye on the Peel Sailing Club website, which Ruth Eastham is in charge of, keeping it current with racing results on, almost before the boats have been put to bed.

*That all for now folks
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*See you at the Dinner-dance, on the
30th October (buy your
tickets now!!) and at the AGM
on Thursday 11th Nov!*