



The Nickey

Autumn 2009

The newsletter of the Peel Sailing and Cruising Club

Wow where has this last year gone, I note I did my first Nicky at this time, and here we go as this may well be my last!! (Thank God I hear some of you say!!)

Sad that summer is almost over (What summer I know?!?!?) But we are enjoying a bit of an Indian one now!! Well I'm still out sailing, why aren't you?!?!)

Before you pack away your sun-hats and shorts for another year, I am to bring you news of our next season, to keep you out and about!

Reminiscing on 2008/9....

I hope you agree we have had a few good things on over the last year, to name a few. We ended 2008 with a great Christmas party - complete with miniature Santa George, and overgrown Elf Gosden to ably assist!!

On a cold and frosty eve we welcomed in 2009 at New Years Eve with over 80 people enjoying the party. This was followed with the traditional New Years Day dip; with the club packed to the gunnels.

Easter saw the club host to the Bishops grand Baptism on the Beach, and refreshments in the club afterwards.

The Pontoon Commissioning Celebration BBQ was on Fenella Beach 20th June; when the Donaghdee Ribh Raiders arrived en masse! Too bad the weather wasn't up to much but we did get visitors from each of the various sailing clubs, to support the event enjoying the hospitality of Peel!!

Sand-racing on the beach for TT and MGP the club was open, for welcome refreshments then it was the Traditional Boat weekend, where we were favoured by great weather by day, if not by night! Think there were 42 boats visiting for it, all went away tired and happy!!

The Viking longboat races, used the club as its HQ, with prize-presentation outside it, and of

course refreshments; that was a very busy afternoon bar being manned by a lovely bar-maid!!!..... blonde, bubbly, brash you know the one!!

There has been Christenings, Birthdays, after events such as sponsored walks, charity events, School Re-unions, works meetings, to name but a few!!

A late summer BBQ on Friday 18th September was a fitting end to the 2008/9 season using our 'new' BBQ in the backyard with chef Owens and his able-bodied commi chef Audrey Owens!

The PSCC AGM

We welcome these events, as it makes good use of the club and brings in welcome revenue, to which we all benefit.

I do hope you have taken a look at the newly fitted ladies toilet and shower, the second one is about to be refitted also. I know you miss out on the 'heated debates' that goes on at the Hallowed Committee meetings!!! However for those of you that think you may be missing out, have the chance to join this Hallowed Circle as the AGM is coming up and you can join this elite band of people!! It's free!! You can get that warm glowing feeling that comes after one of those meetings (sometimes it's just from the abuse that comes your way from fellow members!! As they 'pull your leg' leastwise I think they are!!

The AGM is on Thursday November 12th at 8pm.

Please checkout the notice board in the Rocket House, to propose and second your new Committee, for the elected positions, before the AGM.

Of course you have to be a paid up member to actually vote, those on email will know that we are inline with inflation putting up our subs to £37 for a single membership and £60 for a family, we still remain the cheapest club on the Island!



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Goodbyes

This time we are trying the AGM in a different format, by having a Faith Supper, to make more of a night of it; and it is a special night this year as our fantastic Commodore of the last 15 years Harry Owens is stepping down from this post. Which I for one think he has done a fantastic job, over the many years, I know I am not alone in thinking this! Harry has given many years great service to the Club, from leading it in an Inspirational way, but also in a very practical way too very hands on. He does the bar, cleans the place, fixes things, BBQs! Always with a ready smile, and cheerful way, his enthusiasm and tenacity will be greatly missed there's no doubt about that!! He is a fountain of all knowledge with a very extensive network, and busy 'Blackberry'!!!

So please do come along and say your "Thank You's" and "Goodbyes" to Harry for all he has done. We know he will continue to be an active, valued member of PSCC, and of course how thanks go to Audrey too for all her help over the years too to the club.

Another valuable asset is being lost to the club; our President William Cain is also standing down. He has been the President of PSCC since its inception and he feels it is time to stand down, again a big loss for the club.

We feel a fitting President to follow on would be.....

Yes, you've guessed it..... Harry Owens!!

This of course will be put forward at the AGM, now who could possibly consider staying at home that night! The Rocket House is obviously the place to be not even 'Strictly Come Dancing' would keep me away that night! Or more importantly you!! Write it down now - Thursday 12th November!

.....and Hello's

We have a new family member now to the cluba piano generously donated by Stuart Blackley and Heather, to the club, so we are looking forward to a sing-song around the piano possibly with pie and pea supper!! Anyone who can actually play please let yourself be known!!

Catherine and Mike Everton-Jones were in touch, and are still having a marvellous sailing adventure up the East Coast of the United States, they invite you to take a look at their blog at <http://blog.mailasail.com/falbala>



They will be back in November for a couple of months and are looking forward to seeing us all for a drink, hopefully we can make an evening of hearing of their latest adventures, The photo is of them arriving in the Caribbean at 5am last year with Scutch and Co!



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Events – Dates for your Diaries

Dinner and Dancing

The next date for your diary is the Annual Dinner-dance and Prize giving, which is to be held on **Friday 30th October** in the Masonic Hall, on Stanley Road. Time is 7pm for 8pm where we are again trying something new; a Carvery style meal or Cruise style buffet (got all the terminology these days! Of course being blonde not sure what they all mean!).

Tickets are sponsored by HMS Chandlery & are available from the shop and the Club house for £25.

Dancing will be to Harry Dene, who does sing and play a wide selection of music catering to all tastes, and most importantly you can get up and dance to it!!



Of course there will be those Silver shiny things being handed out for that illustrious bunch of race winners! (course it is a vastly over-rated event!) So come on chaps polish those shoes, iron that shirt, look the part!! As a very smart, lovely person, like at last years event, may present you with something for your efforts!!

Bonfire Night



Bonfire Night is on a Thursday this year; if there is sufficient interest we can maybe have a faith supper that night too, as we all know that the balcony is a great place to watch the fireworks and bonfire from.

Again we will need volunteers for the bar, we have had a few new faces behind the bar, which is great, please don't just expect the Committee to man the bar, we do give up a lot of our time for the Club, and further offers of help wouldn't go amiss.



Darts Anyone?

Mark Gosden organised the inter-club darts competition this season which was a lot of fun and PSCC finished 2nd overall!!! Hopefully he's checking out his diary for this next series so watch out for the dates - even if you can't throw a dart (I think it's those metal pointy things with feathers or plastic bits on them!) you can come along and join in the fun and support your club.

I have to boast that Peel put on the best spread for supper, this was the feedback received from all of the clubs!! So we have set a bench-mark (This is an in-phrase you know!!) so lets endeavour to keep it up!!



Please voice your ideas for the Christmas party and New Year at the AGM too - Thursday November 12th at 8pm - so that it could be placed on the Agenda, or pass onto a Committee member. Any other social events you have in mind will always be welcome!!

That's it for now; look forward to seeing you shortly!! Anything to add; please contact me on 675083 or 462347 or email at valquayle2@manx.net

Bye for now Val