



# The Nickey

Winter 2009

## The newsletter of the Peel Sailing and Cruising Club

The Masonic Hall was the place to be seen on Friday 30th October where we had a very enjoyable Dinner-Dance. The silverware was duly presented by Race Officer Jim Whitelegg ably assisted by Alison Curtis - last year's best Lady sailor.

It was sad to say Farewell to Harry Owens who had served us extremely well for 15 years as Commodore and also to William Cain as President since the clubs inception. William received a Nicola Dixon painting to include Countess Charlotte on it and Harry was presented with a beautiful inscribed decanter and of course something to go in it!!

The prizes were awarded as follows:

- ▶ **Wilson Cup** won by Mark Gosden on Kondor
- ▶ **Alan Swales Rose Bowl** won by Alison and James Curtis on Blow the Wind
- ▶ **HMS Chandlery Pursuit** race won by Andrew Hall on Manx Spirit
- ▶ **Manx Sailing and Cruising Club Ramsey Shield** won by Jim Whitelegg on Popstar
- ▶ **Captain Clague Trophy Series** won by Jim Whitelegg on Popstar
- ▶ **IOM Marine and Commercial Series** shield by Heather Smallwood
- ▶ **Bilge Keel Trophy** Val Quayle on Pamela Jane 2nd
- ▶ **Sunset Shield Dinghy Regatta** won by Simon Pressley in a Laser
- ▶ **Peel Regatta Cruiser Cup** won by Richard Baker on Shellan
- ▶ **Bruce Anchor Series** won by Ian Crompton on Buggane
- ▶ **Stuart Blackley Royal National Lifeboat Carnival Shield** won by Ian Crompton on Buggane
- ▶ **Winter Series Pennant** won by Ian Crompton on Buggane
- ▶ **PSCC Presidents Cup** Michael Horne for crossing the Atlantic on Falabella

- ▶ **PSCC Person of the Year Award** to Robin Rose

Next year we are going to try a different format namely at the **Peel Golf Club** with a change of musical format - the date for your Diary is Saturday 30th October 2010.



**Thursday 12th November saw the Annual General Meeting with a 'Faith' Supper, which was well received.**

The agenda was moved swiftly through, election of new officers of the club as follows:

- ▶ Commodore Andrew Hall
- ▶ Vice-Commodore Robin Rose,
- ▶ Treasurer as was Mark Gosden,
- ▶ Secretary as was Andrew Sumner
- ▶ Nickey editor, Liason Officer and Social Secretary yours truly Val Quayle
- ▶ Directors
  - Julie Marshall
  - Nigel Burden
  - Martin Birchenough
  - Ruth Warrilow
  - David Warrilow

Stuart Blackley stood down as did Val following the 3 year rotation, however not sure how but I ended right back on it!! We would all like to thank Stuart for his involvement, and contribution over the last 3 years.





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## Back to School....

Iain Dunnett attended our first Committee meeting as our Training officer. He says if anyone wishes to join him with his teaching endeavours they will be most welcome and if there are any members that are existing RYA Instructors, please make yourself known!

Iain aims to run the following courses according to demand:

- ▶ Short Range Certificate (we need 6 on the Course ideally)
- ▶ First aid course
- ▶ Diesel Maintenance course & *we could do with another engine if you happen to know of one we could use?!*

[Fee scales are based on the College of Further Education.]

Ideally the above courses to be run between January - March. You may wish to contact Iain yourself on 801335 or 467094 or via email at [iaindunnett@manx.net](mailto:iaindunnett@manx.net)

### Reminder:

Anyone who hasn't already renewed their membership, please can you ensure this is done before the year is out.

Single membership is £37 and Family is £60,  
Junior members can have their own  
Membership for £5.

You can download a form from

[www.peelsailingclub.com/membership.htm](http://www.peelsailingclub.com/membership.htm)

Christmas is fast approaching so firstly season's greetings to you all from myself and the PSCC!!

This is what the Rocket House has in store over the Festive period.



**Wednesday 23rd December** - we are having the judging of our very own 'Best Decorated Boat' Competition, where a local dignitary will (we hope) award the prize at 9pm in the Rocket House. We figure that especially those boats on the Pontoons with free Electricity, may well have an abundance of festive lights, which could be a lot of fun!! Entry forms to be obtained from the Clubhouse, or from HMS Chandlery.

**Thursday 24th December AKA Christmas Eve** is the PSCC Christmas party, hosted by our very own Treasurer, Mr. Mark Gosden. A Secret Santa raffle will take place & we will be having Christmas Carols around the piano, we are hoping Emily is going to play for us, so make sure you are in good voice!! Nibbles will be the order of the day.

At the Rocket House there will be a post-box to check for cards from other PSCC member. This year we also have a new style of card linked in with the RNLI. It's a sort of 'eco'card, to save paper and time but will benefit the RNLI.



You pay £2 to the RNLI - a cause all close to our own hearts - and a small 'card' is on the 'big' card you address to whoever, i.e. Andy Hall has done one and is addressed to all his friends wishing them All the Best for the Festive Season!! ..... I guess you will just have to pop down and see it if I've confused you!!



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New Years Eve is a Thursday and PSCC will be having a Faith supper, so please bring a plate of something!

We are a family club, so do bring along your families of all ages. We are hoping to have a bit of a disco, and if any members wish to play any instruments please bring them along, to add to the fun.



Besides the usual stock of alcohol we are trialling having bottles of Champagne for you to purchase to toast in the New Year.

This has been mentioned by several members that they would like to see something along these lines (who says we don't listen?!). These will be on a sale or return basis with our wine supplier but if all goes well we will sell them all and welcome the New Year in style.

As a note, in order for everyone to be able to participate in the 'Bells', i.e. Auld Lang Syne, and going out onto the Promenade to do this, the bar will be shutting at 11.45pm until after Midnight, when it will reopen, so please ensure you have purchased your drinks before then. Maybe we will ring the bell at 11.30pm to remind you, so if you were planning on nipping in at 11.50pm in time for the 'Bells' you will be empty handed!!

Unless of course someone gives you a glass of their 'Champagne' !! Fear not though - the bar will reopen, but advance warning will diffuse a possible heated debate!!

As ever we are always looking for volunteers to man the bar. Robin Rose is the person in charge of the bar roster so please let him know your availability. He is a very good teacher, and often opens up and assists with closing up if that's what puts you off!!

## New Years Day & the great New Years day Dip!!

Club house is the HQ for the dip, and of course the necessary 'Hair off the Dog' lunchtime drinks!! and of course for those brave souls who have dipped to raise money for charity!!

I am intending to do it this year (having missed it last year due to the fractured wrist, )so I'm looking for playmates?!?! You know the drill - be in front of the club-house to be judged at 11.30am and at noon, when the flare goes up, it's a mad dash down the beach to the briny!! *Honestly* it's the most exhilarating start to the Year!! If there are enough of us we could have a theme maybe ..... why do I get the feeling I will be on my Jack Jones!!



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## What else is new for 2010?

By Popular request we are going to have our very own 'Come dine with me'.

This is to be trialled on the 3rd Saturday of every month upstairs.



The idea being that we buy our drinks at the bar, including wine, and head upstairs to be wined and dined with different themes according to whose meal it is!! The club bar will not be manned other than for pre dinner drinks, and liquors afterwards (not open other than to dinner-guests) approx price for 3 course dinner £10, so will not burst the bank!! And before you wail on that old cooker[!!] fear not for we are going to buy a new cooker, a long standing member made us a very generous gift and he was more than happy that we should purchase a cooker for the club.

We hope to start this venture on January 16th so make use of your recipe books, use your flair to decorate the table etc, once the number of 'guests' are in the club the door will be locked, and it will be bar open just for the dinner-guests.



**Pie and Pea  
Supper on Friday  
30th January**

**Around the old  
Joanna!**

With songs from the past!! Complete with a few party games!! Please let Val Q know if you wish to participate for catering purposes.

In the New Year we will also be starting the **Inter-club darts competitions** which are a lot of fun. When the dates are available we will let you know.



## Quick Rocket House Update

As ever the club will be available for functions and events for the standard £50 donation unless it's a charity event.

We are looking to have the occasional 'work party' to carry out essential cleaning and maintenance, to share the load, if you are able to wield a duster, paint-brush, hammer etc make yourself known!!

Ideas for future events at the club will always be gratefully received.

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I would like to say a big Thank you to Ruth Eastham who kindly formats this Nickey newsletter and to Robin Rose who distributes it.

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Anything to be included for next Nickey to [valquayle2@manx.net](mailto:valquayle2@manx.net) or 675083 or 462347

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Again I'd just like to extend the Season's Greetings for a great Christmas and even better 2010, with fair winds.

Val