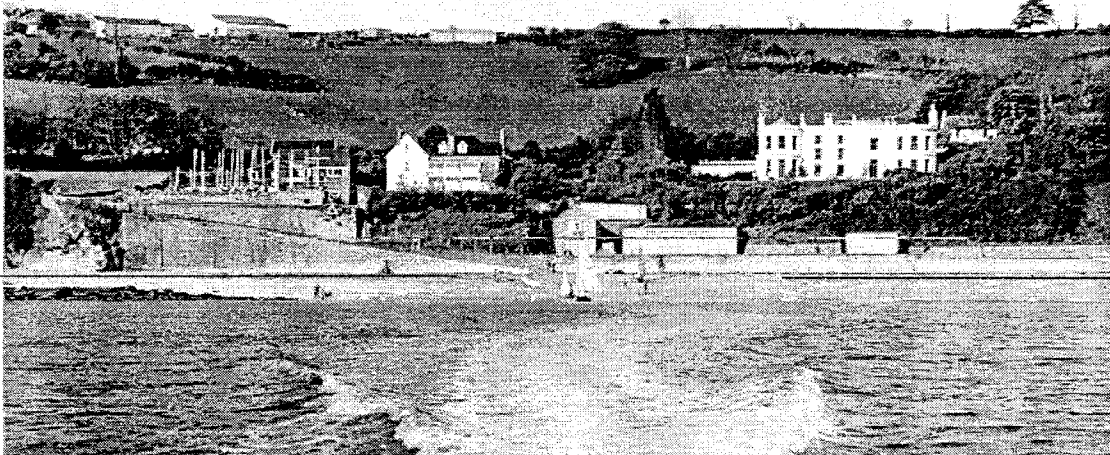


# Porthpean Sailing Club

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# *Newsletter*



*October 1998*

## COMMODORE'S REPORT

Dear Members

How quickly this season has gone, how unkind the weather has been to us! In spite of this there has been some good racing and some of the final results will be very close.

The Tasar Nationals went very smoothly, many thanks to all of you who helped there and those who took part. The overall profit was just under £4000 which is excellent. This and a donation of £1000 from Restormel Borough Council and perhaps a few more donations and offers of help have made it possible to tell the architect and builder to go ahead with the changing room and balcony extension. This project has been talked about for at least seven years so it is about time it got off the ground.

There are essential repairs needed to the corner of the building over the rescue boat shed, (garage?) so our final bill will be higher than the first estimates but we will have to find the money.

Some optimistic member is suggesting new plastic windows as next years project!?

The photographs are good, if you missed that Sunday then polish your boat, have a new hair style and try to get your picture taken next spring when Rob will come again.

We are going to work on odd jobs, marks, ground tackle, boats and engines, eventually decorating etc. on Sunday mornings, 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. so do save a few Sundays for these work parties if possible

The next main event is the Laying Up Supper at the Porth Avallen Hotel in Carlyon Bay on 28th November so we look forward to seeing you there, followed swiftly by the A.G.M. on Tuesday 8th December, please put these dates in your diary. It is your Club so come and have your say in decisions which affect you. We must sort out how best to staff the galley and share the rescue boat and O.O.D. duties at the moment a few members do a lot of the work.

See you all soon

**Jenny**

### Attention all Perennial Trophy Holders

**Please return all trophies clean and highly polished to the Sailing Secretary (Nigel Dowrick - telephone St. Austell 65499) before the Laying-Up Supper on 28th November.**

## Treasurer's Report

As at 24th September 1998, the account balances were:

Bar A/c	229.03
Main A/c	319.65
Galley A/c	459.72
100 Club	165.64
Savings A/c	10,060.12
Tasar A/c	2,349.44

Profits from the Tasar Nationals including Bar and Galley takings totalled £3,768.45 thanks to the hard work and commitment of those club members who helped during the week. This amount will be added to the building fund (Savings A/c) to help towards the repairs and improvements being carried out to the club house.

Together with the contribution of £1,000 from Restormel BC and the many donations received from members, the club is on track to achieve the necessary funds for the building work to which we are now committed. However, additional work will be required after the main building project is completed in order to refurbish the club's facilities. So the option of Life Membership is still open to anyone willing to pay 10 years subscriptions at 1998 rates. Also, the subscriptions for 1999 are due in November, but the AGM is not until December 8th. - when the rates may well be increased - so pay early for next year while 1998 rates still apply!

Congratulations to the latest 100 Club Winners!

1st. Prize £20 - Colin Wainwright

2nd. Prize £15 - Peter Phillips

3rd. Prize £10 - Jenny March

As the June Draw did not take place, there will be an extra special Grand 100 Club Draw at the Laying-up Supper in November with prizes of £60, £40 and £26. Any members not presently contributing to the 100 Club can join the scheme from December and it can cost you as little as £1 per month (or multiples thereof). Half of the money received is paid out in cash prizes while the remainder provides a useful little addition to Club funds each year. Standing Order mandates can be obtained from myself.

**Lynne Carter** (Club Treasurer)

## Sailing Secretary's Report

The end of the 1998 season is fast approaching as I am being asked to prepare this report for the newsletter & AGM. The season has not been a classic but weather has not been half as poor as last year, possibly because we had no summer. The races have been fairly well attended with the Tasars coming out on top this time over the 400s & the Ents proving wood is not dead yet. Once again consistent turning out has proved to be the fortay of those desiring pots on the side board.

The open meetings & area championships were fairly well attended although the visitors always seemed to be taking away the silverware. This years R gatta was a bit disappointing, we had a fantastic blow & some interesting courses set by Mike Trise, ( many thanks Mike ). If any one was a bit baffled, it was Stacey that come up with the idea of a Trapezoid ( a funny shaped square to the rest of us ). It was a shame however that so many people were away. I must apologise for picking a date that clashed with Fowey week, I didn't think so many would be interested in beer from plastic glasses, naff fireworks & sailing for super tankers, not dinghies.

The Tassar Nationals however was a great success, a good turn out, great weather & nearly all the club boats took part. Thanks need to go out to all the nationals committee, Jers Old man for the use of his yacht as committee boat, John Morrice & all the RAF safety boat team & all other helpers. I havn't seen any figures yet but I expect the club also made a tidy sum to put towards the winter works program.

Our safety boat kit, marks, etc. have seen us through another year but I believe after the balcony has been taken care of, our attentions will need to be directed towards our safety kit. A newer rib, engine, more marks perhaps, possibly an area for debate at the AGM !

In summary, not a bad season, but lets pray for a belter next year. As many of you are aware I have only been able to attend a few races this season due to extreme pressures of work & family commitments. This is looking likely to continue into 1999 unless this recession hurries up & gets here. So I will not be standing for re- election at the AGM. I would like to thank all those who have helped me through the last two years as sailing sec, especially Mr Beacon who has done more than his fair share of standing in.

Many thanks to you all.

Nigel

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## *A Tale of Two Nationals*

Last August, 1997, Neil & I attended the Tassar Nationals at Babbacombe. There was an entry of 35. Upon arrival we found that there was no reserved boat parking spaces, we just had to berth the boats wherever we could find a space on the sea front. The weather was dismal to say the least. Babbacombe like Porthpean faces East and therefore suffers just like we do when Easterlies blow. Sure enough on the Sunday we had a force 3 easterly with drizzle. Some of the fleet ventured out for the practice race which was held close inshore. Sailing out wasn't too difficult but coming ashore was the usual heart in the mouth stuff. Will I broach or sail straight up the beach sort of thing that we have all experienced at Porthpean from time to time. We didn't bother going out because we knew what the return would be like. Monday dawned even worse with stronger winds and large waves crashing on the beach, add a few gallons of rain plus the wind and all racing was cancelled. Tuesday was just as bad and racing was cancelled again. One Tassar, a brand new one, did go out for a

sail, however he got into difficulties coming in, resulting in the bow of the boat being torn off, the mast bent like a banana and the crew being taken to hospital with a broken leg. The boat had nose dived when coming ashore on the front of a large wave. you could tell that people were beginning to get rather frustrated. On the Wednesday the wind had died off and though the sea was still lumpy we did manage to sail 2 races in very light conditions. Thursday, in even lighter conditions, we only managed one race. Friday proved to be a nice day, sunny with a nice force 2-3 and we were all set to get two races in when a thick sea mist descended on us. No racing until after lunch when the mist finally lifted and took the wind with it. We did manage to sail two races on the worst courses that I have ever had to sail, though we did win one of them. We were out no further than our beach marks and came in almost to the shore line. The competitors were not a very happy bunch, so you can imagine I wasn't feeling too optimistic when they asked me if Porthpean would host the 1998 Nationals, I wasn't feeling too confident of how successful it would be if we should suffer similar conditions as Babbacombe. Well you all saw the result of our Nationals and the rest as they say is history.

Thankyou all for helping to put on what was the best Tasar Nationals that I have ever been involved in. The Competitors were impressed with everything about our Club. The organisation worked well, the atmosphere was great, people were happy and we did have some sunny weather at the start and end of the week. The races were held in a most efficient way. Yes we did have rather strong winds at times, but that was compensated by some of the most breathtaking and thrilling reaches that most people had ever experienced. Fortunately the winds blew from the North West which allowed easy launching and recovery. I was told many times during the week, by various competitors, how much they were enjoying the Championship. So may I take this opportunity as not only a competitor but also as a Club member to thank all Porthpean Members who gave up their time and helped in even the smallest way to make a very happy and successful Championship.

I was a little perturbed as to how many people would want to help as we had asked a lot of Club members the previous year with the Scorpions. Now it would be wrong of me to mention names, when doing a thankyou, because with the best will in the world I would be bound to forget somebody and I do not wish to upset anyone. However I would like to mention the RAF who gave us superb rescue cover in what proved to be quite difficult conditions during mid week and allowed racing to proceed, that may otherwise have been cancelled if we were only relying on our own rescue boats. Paul Beacon and Peter Pope came through the ordeal of Race Officers with flying colours. The fact that they were able to operate from the superb Committee boat that was loaned to us by John and Wendy Hawkins helped them no end, and I am sure that they will be quite happy to tackle another Championship fleet in the future. Something tells me that the Tasar fleet want to come back again, so be prepared.

Once again thank you all.

**Lionel Rigby** (Championship Chairman)

***Editors Comment:***

Tributes should be paid to the plucky (or was it foolhardy) club member who single-handedly took on the full might of a Royal Navy Frigate in nothing more than a Dory during the Championships in a bid to protect the fleet who were on a converging course to the wing mark. The Captain of the vessel acknowledged the heroism with appropriate sound signals before adjusting his course. I am sure the offer of free drinks at the bar will encourage the club member concerned to relate this incredible encounter from first-hand experience for many years to come. If only someone had been there to take a photograph!

# *Forthcoming Club Events*

**28th November 98 - Laying-Up Supper**

*Porth Avallen Hotel - 7:30pm*

*See page opposite for details*

**8th December - Annual General Meeting**

*Clubhouse - 7:30pm*

*Last year's minutes enclosed*

*Bar open from 7:00pm*

**19th December - Club Xmas Party**

*Clubhouse - 7:30pm*

*Bring a plate of food and a friend*

**26th December - Boxing Day Open House**

*Clubhouse - Mid-day*

*For festive drinks and mince-pies*

**1st January - Football Match vs Pentewan**

*Venue and time to be advised*

*Bar open for drinks after the game*

**30th January - Quiz Night**

*Clubhouse - 7:30pm*

*Fun evening with friends from the Gig and Canoe Clubs*

*Team event with questions on sport, trivia and music*



# Laying Up Supper



To be held at the  
Porth Avallen Hotel, Sea Road, Carlyon Bay  
on the 28th. November at 7.30p.m.

## Menu

Tomato & Basil Soup

No:

or

Prawn Cocktail

with Marie Rose Sauce, Brown Bread & Butter

No:



Prime Slices of Roast Topside of Beef  
with Yorkshire Pudding & Horseradish Sauce

No:

or

Crown of Roast Turkey

No:

Chipolata, Bacon Roll, Savoury Stuffing & Cranberry Sauce

or

Assorted Vegetables in a Light Herb Batter  
with Tomato & Garlic Sauce

No:



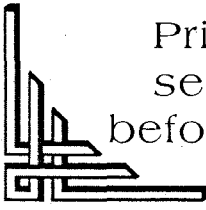
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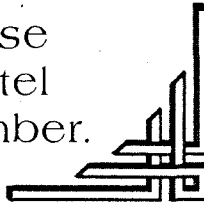
Continental Apple Torte  
with Clotted Cream



Filter Coffee  
& Mints



Price £15 ~ Please tick your starter and main course  
selection/selections. We will need to notify the Hotel  
before hand, return this form to any committee member.



## Winter Work List

Hopefully, from the reports in this newsletter, the message has got through that there will be a lot of activity going on at the club in the close season. As well as the main building work being carried out, there are several maintenance/refurbishment jobs that will need to be completed.

We desperately require the assistance of ALL club members who are able to take on any task however small. Many hands make light work so please help. The work parties will commence on Sunday 29th November between 9:30 and 12. Hangovers from the Laying-up Supper are not an excuse for staying in bed.

The following items have been identified as requiring attention but there may be others that you know of that you could draw to the committee's attention:-

- ◆ Tidy the yard, garage and field
- ◆ Tidy office cupboards and OOD
- ◆ Treat the clubhouse ceiling for wood-worm
- ◆ Repair the clubhouse corner over the garage
- ◆ Repair the fire-exit guttering
- ◆ Move the flag mast (to improve OOD visibility)
- ◆ Build a dustbin bunker
- ◆ Additional lighting in the changing rooms
- ◆ Paint the changing rooms
- ◆ Seal and paint changing room floors
- ◆ Gloss the window frames
- ◆ Overhaul radios
- ◆ Service the engines
- ◆ Overhaul the main rescue boat and trailer
- ◆ Refurbish the marks and ground tackle
- ◆ Repair seating on second rescue boat
- ◆ Clean up and tidy the 3rd rescue boat for possible sale
- ◆ Repair kitchen drawers

*It is YOUR club so please come on down and help. Your time and support will be greatly appreciated.*

# *Congratulations Vicky!*



Congratulations are due to Porthpean Sailing Club member Vicky Symmers. Vicky, a science teacher at Penrice School who also runs the school's sailing club, was a member of the British team which won the European Women's Match Racing Championship at Travemunde in Germany earlier this year.

The four girls in the British team snatched the title from the Danes with only a 0.5 point lead. Vicky's team won all their matches in the first rounds in perfect sailing conditions and maintained their points advantage through the rest of the competition to take the title. The other British team, led by Shirley Robinson, (ranked 6th in the world) were in 5th place.

No wonder Jeremy always wants you to sail his boat for him when he's busy with other commitments.

Well done Vicky, from all your friends at Porthpean.

# Notice of the 48th Annual General Meeting

The 48th AGM of Porthpean Sailing Club will be held on **Tuesday 8th December 1998 at 7:30 pm for an 8:00pm start**. It is hoped that all members will be able to attend the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a new Committee and to discuss and organise the activities and administration of the Club.

## *Agenda*

*Item 1*            *To read and approve the Minutes of the 47th AGM (enclosed).*

*Item 2*            *To receive and adopt the Commodore's Report.*

*Item 3*            *To receive and adopt the Treasurer's Report.*

*Item 4*            *To receive and adopt the Sailing Secretary's Report.*

*Item 5*            *To elect the Officers and Committee for the 1999 season.*

Rule 7b:            The Commodore, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Sailing Secretary, Hon. Treasure, Hon. Social Secretary, Class Captains and Cadet Member shall be elected annually at the AGM but shall be eligible for re-election.

Nominations are required for all these offices. The Cadet Member is to be elected by votes of Cadets and family members aged 12 to 18 years.

### Present holders of the offices are:-

Commodore	Jenny March
Rear Commodore	Paul Beacon
Vice Commodore	Dennis Bray
Hon. Sailing Secretary	Nigel Dowrick
Hon. Secretary	Paul Jenkins
Hon. Treasurer	Lynne Carter
Hon. Social Secretary	Ian Grant

### Class Captains

Fast Handicap	Ken Higman
Slow Handicap	Nick Haskins

Bar	Chris Millard (co-opted)
Galley	Colin Wainwright (co-opted)

Rule 7c:            The Vice Commodore and the Rear Commodore shall be elected at the AGM to hold office for a period of two years and shall retire at the second AGM following that at which he/she is elected. An officer so retiring shall be eligible for re-election. This year, the office of Rear Commodore is for election, the present holder being Paul Beacon.

Rule 7d: The remaining eight members of the Committee shall be elected at the AGM. Four members shall retire annually by rota and shall be eligible for re-election.

Those ordinary members retiring this year are: Ken Higman, Brian Reeves, Chris Bilkey and Brian Phillips.

Those with one more year to stand are:- Pete Barnes, Jeremy Hawkins, Peter Powell and John Morrice.

Four ordinary members are needed for two years. In addition, as Jeremy Hawkins wishes to stand down, one ordinary member is also needed for one year.

Any nominations for the officers and ordinary members should be given in writing to the Hon. Secretary (Paul Jenkin) by 30th November. The prior consent of all nominees must first be obtained. Any member can be nominated for these positions and the Committee welcome any new faces who feel they have something to contribute in any way.

*Item 6 Election of Club Auditor.*

*Item 7 Election of Club Measurer. The present holder is Paul Beacon.*

*Item 8 The Hon. Treasurer's proposals on subscriptions.*

*Item 9 Any other business of which 24 hour's notice has been given.*

*--- Short Break ---*

*Item 10 Discussion on the future development of the Club.*

Rule 9 10% of members form a quorum.

Rule 12a Each Full, Family, Associate and Life member over 18 years of age and each vote owning cadet present at the meeting shall have a vote.

Rule 12b Associate members shall have a vote except on sailing matters.

Rule 12c Cadet members shall have a vote on matters affecting the cadet section of the Club

Rule 12d The Commodore shall have the casting vote.

Rule 12e Family members under the age of 12 years shall have no vote.

**Porthpean Sailing Club**  
**Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting**  
**Held on Wednesday 10th December 1997 at 8pm**  
**in the club house**

**Present**

Paul Beacon, John Morrice, Chris Hazell, Brian Phillips, Les Wightman, Jenny March, Lynne Carter, Ken Higman, Dennis Bray, Sue Rigby, Colin Wainwright, Nick Haskins, K. Gregory, Lionel Rigby, Chris Millard, Nigel Dowrick, Brian Reeves, Peter Pope, Jenny Pope, Chris Bilkey, Paul Jenkin, Mike Barlow, Mike Trise, Jeremy Hawkins, Pete Barnes, Nikki Donaldson, Peter Phillips, Ian Grant, Steve Robinson, Peter Powell, David Mackerell, Mike Barnes.

**Apologies**

Ruby Wightman, Clive Stephens

**Item 1 - Minutes of Last Meeting**

It was proposed by Dennis Bray and seconded by Paul Beacon and agreed that the minutes of the last AGM (previously circulated) be adopted as a true record.

**Item 2 - Commodore's Report**

It was proposed by Paul Jenkin and seconded by Peter Phillips and agreed that the Commodore's report (previously circulated) be adopted.

**Item 3 - Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer circulated the balance sheet as at the 31st October 1997 (attached). Expenditure was considerably greater in 1997 than in 1996 due to extensive repairs to the club house and rescue boat. Overall, the club finances are healthy due mainly to the successful Scorpion Championship. Thanks were expressed to all involved.

Peter Powell proposed that the report was accepted. It was seconded by Chris Millard and was carried.

**Item 4 - Sailing Secretary**

Paul Beacon proposed and Paul Jenkin seconded that the Sailing Secretary's Report be accepted and it was carried.

**Item 5 - Elections**

The following members were elected to serve on the committee for the 1997/8 year

Commodore	Jenny March
Vice Commodore	Dennis Bray
Sailing Secretary	Nigel Dowrick
Secretary	Paul Jenkins
Treasurer	Lynne Carter
Social Secretary	Ian Grant

**Class Captains:**

Fast Handicap - Ken Higman; Slow Handicap - Nick Haskins.

**Ordinary Members:**

Brian Phillips was elected to serve for one year.

The following were elected to serve for two years:- Pete Barnes; Jeremy Hawkins; Peter Powell; John Morrice

Note - the following two year positions are serving for a further year

Rear Commodore	Paul Beacon
Committee	Brian Reeves; Chris Bilkey; Ken Higman

**Item 6 - Auditor**

Colin Truscott was re-elected as Auditor.

**Item 7 - Measurer**

Paul Beacon was re-elected as Club Measurer.

**Item 8 - Subscriptions**

Colin Wainwright proposed that subscriptions remain the same as last year. This was passed unanimously.

**Item 9 - Any Other Business**

A proposal was raised by Colin Wainwright to reduce the number of series to save expense with trophies. It was agreed that this proposal be passed to the Sailing Sub-Committee for consideration when preparing the programme for 1998.

**Item 10 - Further development of the club**

Chris Hazell gave a presentation on applying for grant aid for club expansion. Before applying for a grant, the club has to decide on the goals of the club to enable a development plan to be prepared. No direction was given at the meeting and it was agreed that the committee should develop the idea further. The committee was given authority to proceed further with an application if it was considered appropriate.

As there was no further business, the meeting closed at 10:15 pm.