



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Only a month to the start of the new season and much is already happening. Work has been going on Sundays since Christmas to spruce up the clubhouse, a new cooker has been fitted to the galley and maintenance has been carried out on vital equipment such as the safety boats. Improvements to the changing rooms are in the pipeline which should bring these closer in standard to the rest of the club accommodation.

We are able to make these improvements due to the successful championships we have been running in recent years, so we can look forward to the events we are running this year as an opportunity to make our facilities better than ever. The first event is the Contender Nationals in May and then the Supernovas are coming for their Nationals in June. Both of these events will see Porthpean members in competition, good luck to all of you. The Hobie 405 youth class are coming in August, all of the events are over long weekends so the loss of our own sailing will be no worse than if we were running a week long event as last year.

Wednesday socials have been continuing throughout the winter and the Fish & Chip Supper / Quiz evening in January was superbly attended, despite the depredations of the flu bug which laid several people low. If we get a similar response for the fitting out supper we may have to be imaginative if we are to seat everyone for dinner.

It only remains for me to wish you an enjoyable sailing season on and off the water.
Ken Fobbester

Sailing

In this mailshot, you will find the sailing programme for 2005 and a booklet on "Your Race Officer/Safety Boat Duty" which I hope you will find useful. You will note that we are trying out average lap races in the Spring Series which is why there are two people in the race box for that series. Another innovation discussed at the AGM is the "Devised on the Day" format. The intention is that the Race Officer and Safety Boat crew can be imaginative and use the day's weather to dictate whether we cruise somewhere, try a long distance race, sail a different course from usual etc; the list is as endless as our imaginations! If anyone has any queries about the sailing, please see me in the bar on a Wednesday night. If not, I look forward to seeing you on the water soon!

Gary Lewis

Wish List Update

This list was created by members following the Fireball Nationals last year and the committee thought everyone would like to see the progress made.

Completed (or in progress):

- Sharp Knife & Wire Cutters for RIB
- Working handheld radios; *The Club has 4 handhelds. 1 of those inoperable at last Nationals has now been replaced. The oldest (which worked continuously at the last Nationals) may be replaced after the Contender Nationals. The base set should not be used at 25w (which it defaults to) and this is being disabled. We have also traced a company who will hire handhelds if we need them for future events.*

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- New Cooker & Hob
- Air conditioning in Galley (extractor fan)
- Can Crusher & recycling bins
- New internal rubbish bins
- Burgees for each RIB
- Beach Marks: One will be a permanent marker as usual but the other will be an inflatable mark.
- 2 more inflatable marks plus tackle
- Sort out Bar sink so that you can get to it!
- Changing Room upgrade – heaters required, tiling, new flooring (men's showers?)
- New Pool Cues
- Rubbish enclosure on concrete base

Items deferred:

- Re-cloth pool table
- Anemometer (hand-held if club based one not possible): *It was agreed that a club based anemometer was not feasible (as it could not be positioned where it would show an accurate reading). Tim Baily has volunteered that the RIB crew could use his own hand-held so that it could be decided how useful this was prior to the Club purchasing one.*
- Bar Dishwasher (although current one is useable, it isn't user-friendly): *The current bar manager is satisfied with current dishwasher so no replacement required*
- Decking: *This was deferred to later in the year due to cost and practicality considerations.*
- Tarmac boatyard: *It was suggested that this be undertaken in parts later in the year as a long-term project. Concrete would be used not tarmac.*
- Quad Bike for towing RIB etc up slip: *It was decided that the costs and legal implications of this suggestion made it unviable*

For more details on any of the decisions, please see me or any committee member.
Kay Ecclestone

Dates for the Diary

Fitting Out Supper - <i>"Things that go bump in the night"</i>	19th March
Shakedown Race	20th March
Easter Cup	26th & 27th March
Spring Series starts	10th April
Spring Wednesdays starts	20th April
Contender Nationals	21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th May
Supernova Nationals	17th, 18th & 19th June
Pentewan Sands SC & Porthpean SC Combined Regatta	16th & 17th July
Charlestown Regatta	30th July
Hobie 405 Nationals	6th, 7th, 8th & 9th August
Pentewan Challenge	10th September