

Albert Ross Column

Due to time constraints I am reverting to an old format for this edition of Telldales.

Well we are very close to finishing the summer series and as the days get shorter we shall soon be starting the first race at 12:00. Before that all starts on November 9th we have the second Commodores Charity Pursuit race on November 2nd. More of that later in the newsletter.

Well the credit crunch has started to hit our sport. It would appear that Evolution (formally Starboard) at Castle Donnington has shut down and the retail side of Purple Marine has also stopped trading although the liquidators are still running the sail making and corporate clothing parts of the business. It leaves us without a close chandler with a good stock of dinghy parts. Let us hope things don't get worse.

As for the club funds the unaudited accounts are on the notice board at the club which show a similar final balance as they did at the end of last year thanks to a growing membership. Let us hope that this means we will be seeing more new members sailing in the near future.

AGM

This year's AGM is being held in the clubhouse on Thursday 6th November. The official paperwork is on its way to you if you have not already received it.

Bonfire Night

Members who have been with us for some time will know we do have a bonfire, usually made up from somebody's old boat plus anything which will burn without polluting the area too much (no old car tyres for

example) and put on the fire by the members. This year is no exception. The date for your diary is Friday November 7th. Bring your own fireworks and a safe area will be set aside to let them off from.

The BBQ will be lit and anyone is free to bring their own food long to cook on it.

Laying up supper

Just an early reminder but we are holding a laying up supper on 28th November at the Wine Bar, Chilwell Road Beeston. The event will start around 7:30 p.m and there will be live music and food. As it is in walking distance for many of our members let's see if we can make this a really good and popular event.

Tickets will be available from all of the Committee members.

Commodores Charity Pursuit Race

For anyone who is intimidated by a mass start then pursuit racing is for you. Boats start in order of their handicap rating which is usually amended based on any previous racing you may have taken part in. So for example Mirrors will start well before a Phantom, but not all of that class will necessarily start together. If someone has dominated the results then their handicap will be modified slightly. The race is based on 100 minutes for the "standard" boat and whoever is at the front at the finish racing gun wins.

Racing will start with the slowest boat at about 13:45 on November 2nd. Just one race on that day.

As the name suggests we ask you to contribute £5.00 (or more if you wish)

per sailor and the money will go to the charity put forward by the Commodore. It is great fun and we have had some surprising results due to the personalisation of handicaps so who knows you may win a prize as well as having fun.

World record

It has taken a long time and I haven't seen much in the press about it but earlier this month a kite surfer broke the 50 knots milestone for the first time over a measured distance.

Kite surfing may not be true sailing but I bet it hurts when you get it wrong!

See here for the detail.

<http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/?article=143680>

It wasn't long before a boat did it , just two days;

<http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/?article=143713>

How many laps of our pond in an hour?