

St. Catherine's Sailing Club



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Commodore's Bit

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The Committee is now planning and preparing for the new season. This is in many ways the busiest time of year for the Committee so I am very pleased to welcome three new members to complete the team.

Kate Amy has taken on Sailing Secretary. This has had an inspirational effect on her sailing with stellar performances in the recent Winter Dinghy Series!

Angela Raimbault has taken over as Treasurer from Paul Ellison and Paul has taken on the role of Bosun, a post we have been trying to fill for a number of years.

Meriel Ellison has bravely taken on House. This is not the most popular job on the Committee so I am keen that we give Meriel as much support as we can with this role. I have suggested that she puts together a House Committee so please don't be shy to volunteer.

Gemma Rowley remains on the Committee "without portfolio" and Louise Perkins, who is not exactly new to the committee, is on board as Principal of the Tony Cavey Training Centre. Nicky Heath continues with Membership and Rhys Perkins with Training.

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David Carter

Sailing Sec's Bit

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I hope you have found your 2010 sailing programme enclosed and are looking forward to the coming season. Please check the dates for your OOD (Officer of the Day) duties and confirm or change them by going to www.scsc.org.je and click on dutyman on the main menu. Our sailing programme relies on everyone helping out with the duty rota, so thanks for your support. If you feel you would benefit from some OOD training, contact me as we will be organising a session toward the start of the season.

We realise that it can be quite challenging joining the racing programme so we are repeating our successful 'buddy racing series'. Regular club sailors will be available to buddy up with new members or novice sailors to help them rig their boats, understand the course and starting sequence. We'd love to see new faces out on the water so please contact me if you'd like to join this series and I'll make sure you have a buddy!

Here's to a great season,
 Kate Amy Sailing Secretary
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Optimist Winter Training

Training Bit

During the winter months training and racing has continued for the hardy.

Both Optimists and Lasers have UK coaches coming over during the next few months and will be putting the squads through their paces.

We will be starting the learn to sail programme the week commencing June 7th, straight after the May half term. We will once again be running level 1,2,3 and 4 course with an introduction to racing. Full details of all the courses are available on the website and bookings go live on **Feb 22nd**. www.scsc.org.je If you **do not** have Internet access please contact Louise on 855788 for information.

Details of the four day summer courses will also be available on the website. The two courses will be week commencing July 26th and week commencing 16th August. The courses will be from 10am to 4pm and will be open to all levels. After successfully completing a level, a SCSC certificate will be given to indicate the level attained. There was some confusion last year with regards to the level 3 course. This level is the biggest leap between the levels and we would not normally expect any student to complete level 3 in one six-week course, unlike with level 1 and 2. This year we will be running level 3 on both Wed and Thursday nights.

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Training Bit

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There will be an adult course, a four week course commencing 17th June 6.30-8.30pm. This will be taught in our new fleet of Pico's. Full details and the booking form again will be available on the website from **Feb 22nd**. www.scsc.org.je

Another major event this year is the annual TROPHEE DES ISLES.

This junior three-way competition is set to grow this year with Granville asking to join in along with the regular teams from St Malo and Guernsey. Isle of Wight too may well send a team. Now although last year our team of 17 youngsters, the parents and helpers had a great time in St Malo, this year it is our turn- its being held in Jersey at St Catherine's. SO please make a note of the date- August Bank holiday weekend- The last time we hosted the event we had over fifty youngsters on the water and as you can imagine that involves a lot of manpower to make it all work. As a club we are already working on putting this event on and would welcome help-from offers to host, catering, afloat, shoreside, prizes etc the list goes on. We will send out a circular for you to fill in and indicate what you can do but in the meantime please keep the weekend free and as we are the hosts we will be able to hold a regatta fleet alongside the main fleets and so would like to encourage as many of our youngsters who are in the learn to sail programme to compete. So once again the weekend is the AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY.

Powerboat 2 / Safety boat.

We are running a powerboat 2 course on April 8th/9th – course costs £75 and details are available on the website. As a club we would encourage any member who is likely to use a RIB or is on OOD duty to take the PB2 course. It is a very useful and informative course teaching basic navigation as well as essential safety driving a RIB or indeed any motor powered vessel. Further courses will be arranged so please look at the website.

Club Open Day – Sunday 18th April

St Catherine's Sailing Club is the quintessential family dinghy sailing centre. Bring your friends to visit the Club on our annual Open Day and take advantage of this opportunity to see the activity of the Sailing Club first hand. You will see sails on the water as there will be a Junior training event underway, and enjoy tea and cake in the spring sunshine.

Members of the Club will welcome all newcomers and be on hand to explain what the Club is all about, it's ethos as a family-focused sailing venue, it's popular sail training for juniors and adults and, the latest development: the Club's appointment as RYA Powerboat Training Centre. Club Officers will be on hand to enthuse about racing (and non-racing) events, regattas, other shore based and social events and to clarify the nitty-gritty of membership and training costs. A Welcome Pack will be offered to any interested visitors to reflect on what they have learnt and encourage them to decide to come along to that first event

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