



POOLE SHRIMPERS - APRIL 'FLYER'

Dear Members,

Yesterday I spent a most entertaining morning at Poole Y.C. assisting Keith to put the lifting keel back into *Winkle* prior to launching. Well, actually I looked busy taking photos, whilst Keith and Steve Kane did the heaving and grunting. I believe Keith is putting together an item describing the whole exercise of his keel refurbishment, which will make interesting reading. I'll keep you posted.

Over the last week I've had occasion to drive through Poole a couple of times and experience the new 2 bridge system of traffic working. To be fair, the days of traffic in Poole and Hamworthy grinding to a halt owing to a bridge lift appear to have been dispatched to history, but keeping a yacht moored anywhere in Holes Bay now, with the extraordinarily long process of passing through 2 bridges, seems most unattractive.

Shrimpers for sale ! I understand that there are 2 local Shrimpers currently up for sale. Ian Carlsson has sadly decided to part with *466 Kingfisher*, whilst Karen Macey has purchased *940 Camaron* formerly owned by Robert White and therefore is offering *407 Claire* for sale. Both the boats for sale are inboards and details can be found on the Shrimper Owners Association website: <http://www.shrimperowners.org/page/87> Please note however, that the price shown on the SOA page for *466 Kingfisher* should read £15,500.

My apologies to all those that had planned to attend the Poole SOA 'Start of Season' supper on 31st March, only to be informed at short notice of its cancellation. I'm afraid events were somewhat beyond my control, as the franchise caterers at the RMYC were closing down and moving out over that weekend. However, on a brighter note, the catering is now 'in house' with a new catering manager who has gathered together some excellent staff. We're only half-way through April but the club catering is looking good already. Perhaps we might try an early summer SOA event.

Racing has already commenced on Mondays and Wednesdays at Parkstone Y.C. However, I gather the racing on Easter Monday was called off owing to high winds. Interestingly, my informants tell me that all the Shrimper crews were in attendance with the boats ready to go, but most crews for all the other classes didn't even turn up. Speaks volumes for the Shrimper class! Racing on Thursdays at the RMYC starts on 19th April. Can I just remind anyone racing, that if you have a new set of sails you will need to contact John Tanner (*347 Ebb-n-Flow*) soonest, in order to have the sails measured.

On the subject of racing, the local Technical Committee has slightly amended the Poole SOA Racing Rules. The amended rules can be found on the Parkstone Y.C. website, or on the Poole pages of the SOA website, but I have copied and pasted the details here from one of Paul Tyler's most informative Parkstone Shrimpers newsletters:

At the recent Technical Committee meeting we reviewed the wording of the paragraph in the Class Rules concerning outboard engines, as it had been pointed out that the current wording left some doubt as to whether the engine had to be actually mounted in the well at all times when racing. The Committee agreed that the wording could be improved and so have agreed some revised wording which will be incorporated into the Class Rules.

Therefore, Para 4 of the Class Rules now reads as follows;

4. Engines. The boat's principal engine must be available at all times to propel the boat. The outboard motor shall be a minimum of 3.5hp and be mounted in the outboard well at all times when racing ready for immediate use.

Inboard engines must be fitted with the standard fixed or feathering 2 or 3 bladed propeller.

Hull infill around the outboard is permitted.

Regards

Peter MacFarlane

Chairman. Technical Committee,

So, now on to some forthcoming events:

Studland Shakedown sail - Saturday 28th April

This is a very informal get together and just entails a sail across to Studland Bay and anchor close-in off South Beach, clear of Redend Rocks. If departure at Poole Entrance is made just after midday, the tide should be slack for getting out. Take a picnic for a late lunch, or go ashore to the Bankes Arms for a pint of ale brewed on the premises. If there is a lot of east in the wind we may have to do a quick circuit of the bay and sail back to an alternative of Redhorn Quay or Blood Alley. Keep a listen on VHF Channel 72 if it looks "iffy".

Figure of 8 sail & lunch at Town Quay - Tuesday 8th May

Some years it is very difficult to find a weekend when the tides are right for holding this event and 2012 is one of those years. It is for this reason that unusually we are holding this sail midweek. This event is not a race, merely a cruise in company, although there's always a bit of tweaking here and a bit of tweaking there, by the more competitive helms. It is however just an excuse to go for an amiable sail. This year we shall meet off **Pottery Pier at 1100 hrs**, and the course will be the Upper Wytch to Shipstal Point, Long and Round Islands to port, then round Green Island and Furzey Island (both to port), into Blood Alley, then continue round Furzey Island (to port) and down between Furzey (port) and Green Island (to starboard), right around Green Island and back past Pottery Pier to the Town Quay marina for lunch.

Poole Keelboat Regatta 2nd - 4th June

The Notice of Race and Entry Forms have been posted to those that normally race. However, if your forms have not arrived, do please let me know and I will send some on to you. Alternatively you can find them online at this link:

http://pooleregatta.co.uk/cms/?page_id=469

Each year we have managed to increase the size of the Shrimper class at the regatta, so do give it a try. Courses will be outside if weather permits, or inside if inclement.

Right! That's it for now.

Yours aye,

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