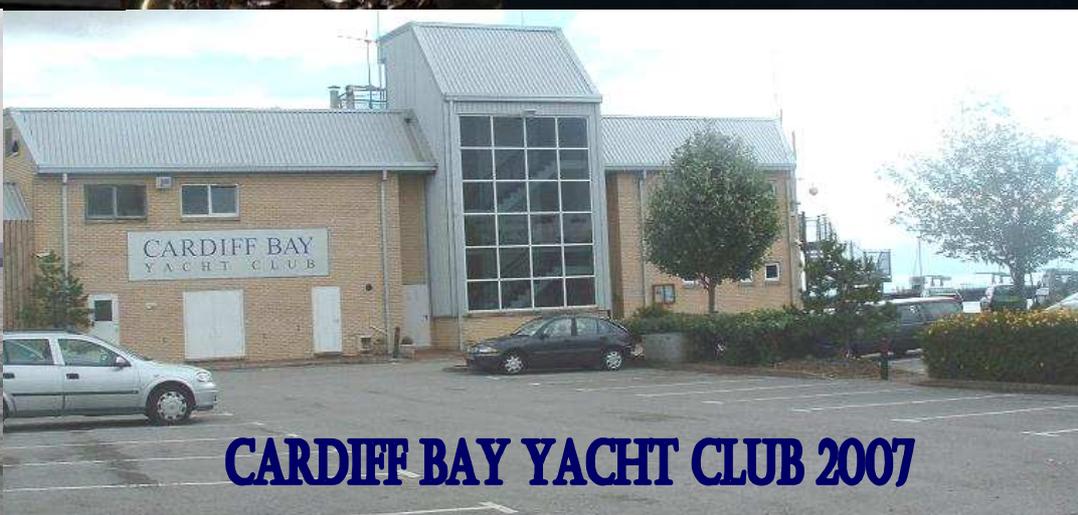
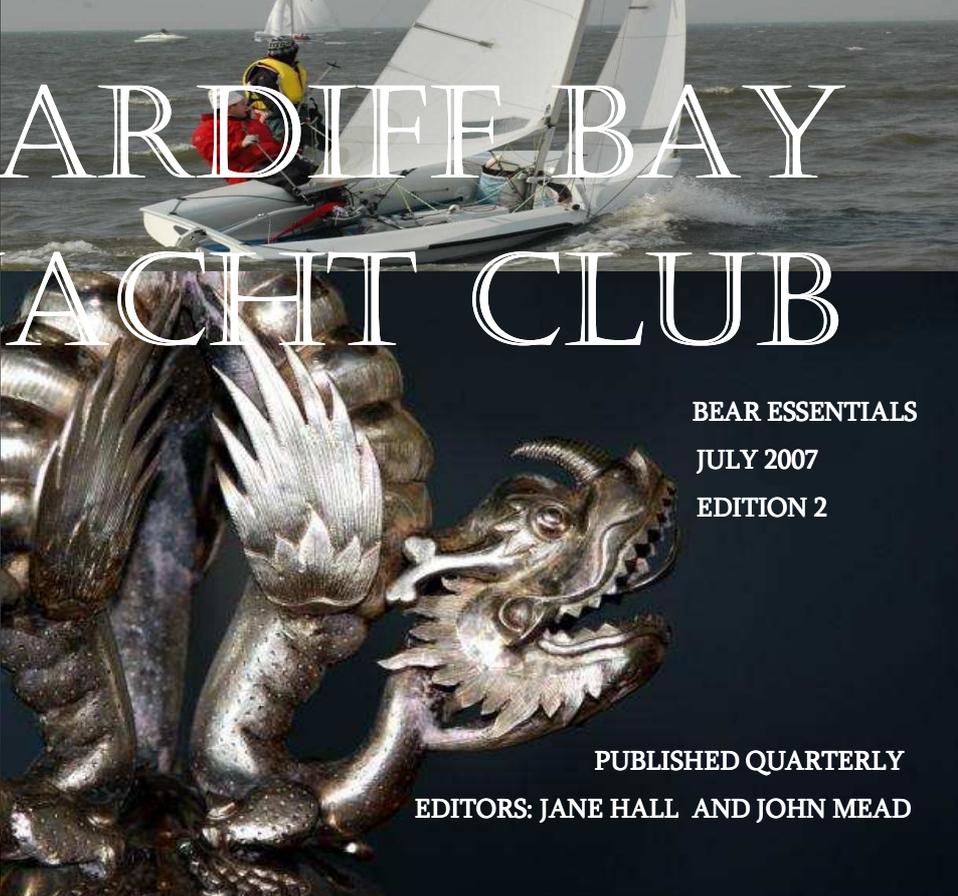


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## ONCE AGAIN CBYC HOSTS THE SHANGHAI CUP THIS SEPTEMBER !!



**THE SHANGHAI BOAT AND YACHT CLUB  
2007**





# THE SHANGHAI CUP



Neil Gould is still a member of CBYC. Prior to his departure for Shanghai, two years ago (where he is now the Manager of the multi-national shipping company Maersk Logistics), he sailed with John Mead aboard "Spirit of Tilman". A keen sailing man, Neil is not only an active sailing member of The Shanghai Boat and Yacht Club but is also that Club's Bosun! Here he tells us a little about his new Chinese club - their famous Shanghai Cup now resides in CBYC's Clubhouse.

During the 1870s, when the Shanghai Cup was made, the sport of yachting was taking off all around the world to encourage amateur sailing and racing and the study of seamanship and navigation. If the words "in China" were added, then this would be a fair description of the aims of the current Shanghai Boat and Yacht Club which was founded in an upper room of one of the many nights spots in Shanghai in November 2001 with an initial 90 members. A home was found for the club on Dianshan Lake, some 45 minutes west of the city. The lake is 70 sq kilometres but is only 2 metres deep, a bit like Cardiff Bay!

We sail 470s; Taipan(F16) and D5.8s as well



as a fast growing fleet of Oppies. Like CBYC the club has recently started sailing training.



Most of the club members are expats but there are a growing number of Chinese members who are showing a great interest in the Olympics in Beijing.

The amateur part of the Corinthian objective is not always clearly understood here and there are many who view sailing as a means of generating large amounts of cash. But matches, races and regattas are the lifeblood of the new Club. The China Club Cup is an annual match racing event, held last year in Xiamen—this was used for what some of us saw as "destructive testing" of the brand new 10m "Flying Tigers" which are built in the city. Some members take part in additional events in Hong Kong, Phuket and the Philippines as well as one record breaker this year achieved the fastest Taiwan to Hong Kong crossing!

Like the original Shanghai Yacht Club, it is very exciting for us to participate in sailing in such a new environment. We have direct contact in the city with boat builders and event organisers, which gives us an opportunity to participate in the shaping of the sport of sailing in this part of China.

The only thing missing is the connection with history — some of our members have suggested that



perhaps if your CBYC Shanghai Cup was confined to just two weekends we could come over to Wales and try and reclaim the old trophy. Well, at least a replica! In

any event, the CBYC burgee is now on our Club wall and we would like to say to any CBYC members who may find themselves in this part of China - welcome! We hope they might come and enjoy themselves at our Club during their visit to Shanghai.

[www.shanghaibyc.org](http://www.shanghaibyc.org)



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# THE SHANGHAI CUP - IN SEPTEMBER



With just over five weeks to go to the Bristol Channel's premier keel boat racing event, now in its 11th year, we are pleased to confirm the following details:

**"The Shanghai Cup"**, a team racing event for cruiser racing yachts and sports boats holding a valid IRC Certificate with TFCs of not less than 0.810 and no greater than 1.100. Three boats per team and with no more than two sports boats in each team.

**"The Nimrod Cup"** for individual cruising yachts without an IRC Certificate, to be raced under local P.Y. handicap. An explanation of this system can be found on the Club's website.

The event will be held over four weekends in September and with a full social calendar on every Saturday after racing. The entry fee is £99.00 per boat and will include mooring or berthing for visiting boats for the duration of the event. Entries can be made on line and the Notice of Race will also be available on line from the 1st August at [www.cbyc.co.uk](http://www.cbyc.co.uk)

**Dates:**

*Saturday 8th September* - Registration in the Clubhouse from 19:00 to 21:00

*Sunday 9th September* - Racing

*Saturday 15th September* - Racing, followed by "World Cup Rugby Action" live big screen viewing with food and social activities.

*Sunday 16th September* - Racing

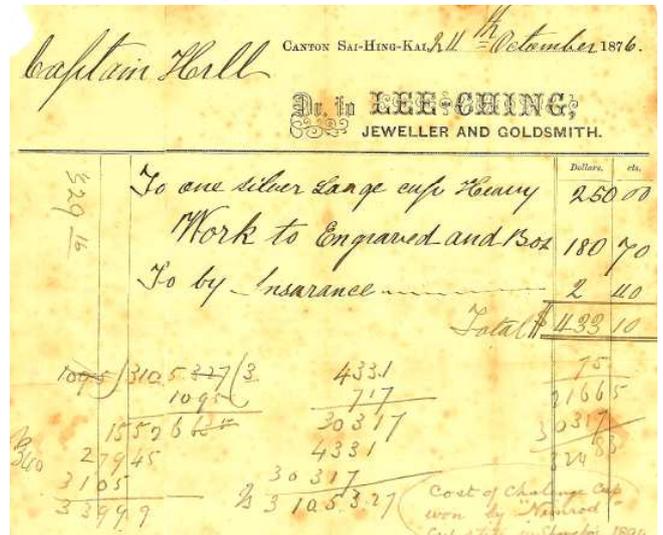
*Saturday 22nd September* - Racing followed by an "Oriental Theme Evening" with hot buffet.

*Sunday 23rd September* - Racing

*Saturday 29th September* - Racing followed by a "Black Tie Ball" and prize giving.

## DID YOU KNOW THAT .....

- The Shanghai Cup was first presented in 1873 at the Shanghai Yacht Club
- The cup itself is an impressive piece of artwork made out of solid silver and weighing 14.8oz
- In 1876, the cup was presented to Mr G B Hill, the owner of a sailing vessel called "Nimrod", based in Shanghai, and at that time the cup was said to be worth \$433! (See below)
- The cup remained in the Hill family from 1876 until 1995 and was passed down through the generations.
- In 1995, an heir of Mr G B Hill presented the cup to Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, thereby bestowing a wonderful trophy to the Club.



If you require further details about any aspect of the Shanghai Cup, please contact Steve Cooper, CBYC Sailing Secretary on 07966367538 or e mail [s.cooper364@btinternet.com](mailto:s.cooper364@btinternet.com)



## WANNA JOIN ?

Kevin Rolfe, Commodore, (seen here having a quick break during the successful J80 National Championships hosted by CBYC) has some thoughts on our Membership...

Only a short item from me for this edition, as I haven't spent much time sailing insanely small boats offshore! The Committee, and I'm sure all the members of CBYC, want us to be a friendly club which is happy to welcome visitors, whether they are taking part in one of our open competitions, training events or just stopping over to enjoy the club. However, it only takes a quick look at the accounts to see that the Club depends heavily on membership income to survive and provide all the facilities which attract people here in the first place. Many of us who are currently members started by visiting the Club occasionally and after a while decided, or were asked, to join.

I well remember Bill Turton having a quiet word with me on the subject, and look where that got me! If you're a member, and you have guests who join you in the Club or on your boat frequently, try to persuade them to join. If you're not a member, and you're visiting the club regularly, you really ought to be thinking about joining. You don't have to be a boat owner to join, about 40% of our current members are not boat owners. Membership information and application forms can be obtained from the office, the bar, the website or from our Membership Secretary, Jane Hall.

# NEXUS MARINE AND THE J80 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

The standard of racing and the overall success of this event could not be better portrayed than in the following report compiled by one of the competitors, Stephen Chiverton, who is also the J80 U.K. Class secretary.

Visiting boats arrived at Cardiff on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June to bright sunshine and the stunning panorama of Cardiff Bay and the Barrage. The Cardiff Bay Harbour Authority lifted the boats in across the bay from CBYC in an efficient and friendly manner and the presence of CBYC's Commodore, Kevin Rolfe, to ensure all was going according to plan set the scene for how the rest of the championship was run. Teams of home sailors were on hand to help the visitors erect their masts. By the briefing at 7.30 all were ready, weighed in and scrutinised. Chief Race Officer Mike Pearson set out the plans for racing and even local experts were on hand to explain the tides.

Thursday morning dawned cloudy but with more breeze than was forecast. Boats locked out in pre-booked barrage slots. Out on the race course the neap tides and racing planned



around a couple of hours either side of high tide saw tidal streams no worse than the Solent and the second of the three races was held in slack water.

Race One started without incident despite the tide pushing the fleet over the line. A North Westerly of 12 -15 knots and wind over tide gave some reasonable waves to



surf down. Jenga Trois (Paul and Marie Claude Heys) set out their intentions, leading almost from the off. Ian Atkins in Boats.com was second and Steve Cooper from CBYC was



getting rewarded for all his hard work in organizing the championships with a third place in Junior High. With the slackening tide Race Two was held in flatter water and slightly less breeze

and despite Jenga Trois having a broken outhaul just before the start they pulled through to second. Peter Henney in Nemo had a great race winning by some margin and showing the boat speed they have been building over the last year. Iwan Basten sailing Plas Menai (one of the four Cardiff Bay Racing boats) came third.

Race Three saw the tide start to ebb and the breeze drop and the ever professional Jenga team changed the rig settings and showed the benefit of changing gears by again heading the fleet almost from the off to win.

Junior High was second and another Cardiff boat, Red Sky, sailed by Nick Sawyer was third.



The end of the day saw Jenga Trois in the lead overall with the team from Junior High delighted to be in second and Boats.com third. The crew from Nemo were also looking to having a good regatta in fourth. The evening reception was hosted by Cardiff Harbour Authority at the Norwegian Church.

Friday had less wind with a foggy start but with the sun coming out in the middle of the day. Race Four started in six knots of wind and Nemo paid for an over-eager start with an OCS. Although physically able to restart they were unable to recover. The lighter weather did not affect the outcome; the

winner being Jenga Trois. Second was Simon Thomas and Scott Cole in Purple Haze, now starting to put together an impressively consistent series. Boats.com was third.



Mike Pearson decided to run Race Six despite the ebb now starting to run. The committee boat end of the line got rather crowded with the tide pushing the fleet up onto the committee boat but the fleet still got away first time. The tide produced rather one-sided beats and runs but there were still plenty of opportunities for overtaking. Red Sky won from Jenga Trios and Peter Blackler sailing Royal Castle Hotel Dartmouth was third. After the daily prizegiving with goodies again donated by Nexus Marine and J Boats, the Club hosted a barbecue in the warm evening sunshine. Locking out was to be later on the Saturday, which allowed the early morning mist to clear and bright warm sunshine to appear; unfortunately any wind disappeared with the sun. Mike Pearson was going to hold out until 1pm but the fleet voted with their engines and racing was abandoned for the day. The helpfulness of the club did not end there, with teams speeding into action to get the masts down and then the yard crew getting over half of the boats out on the club slipway when it had been planned to get everybody out on the Sunday.

## J80 NATIONALS Cont .....

*The prize giving dinner demonstrated that catering was also up to scratch with an excellent meal with Welsh produce to the fore. Jonas Magner, the European Sales Manager from Nexus Marine who had come to support the whole event produced the funniest award ceremony most of us had ever seen.*

*Paul and Marie Claude Heys won the title with a quite breathtaking display. Ian Atkins came second, showing skills taken from the 1720*



*were not amiss in the J/80, and Simon Thomas and Scott Cole held up the honours of the home club in third. North Sails took the top three positions but other sailmakers had their day with the UK sails looking good. Paul and Marie-Claude reopened the Dacron versus Kevlar jib debate again, but it was also apparent that changing gears and getting the right rig settings for the conditions were also vitally important. Many people felt that this was the most friendly and well organized national event that they had ever been to. The sponsor Nexus Marine delivered and exceeded all expectations and Cardiff Harbour Authority should be thanked for their support. Steve Cooper and the Cardiff Bay Yacht Club certainly deserve more championships. Next year the team to host the Nationals in Plymouth has a lot to live up to.*

### **Overall Results:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Jenga Trois, Warsash Sailing Club, Paul and Marie Claude Heys**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Boats.com, Hillhead Sailing Club, Ian Atkins**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Purple Haze, CBYC, Simon Thomas and Scott Cole**

The event was an outstanding success and a credit to CBYC. I have just returned from the J80 World Championships in La Trinité sur Mer in Brittany and whilst there I had the privilege of meeting Rod Johnston, the founder of J Boats in America and the designer of the J80. On introduction his first words to me were “***Congratulations to your club on running a first class U.K. National Championships this year.***”

We were very fortunate in securing “Nexus Marine” as sponsors and thank you to Jonas Magna, their European Sales Director, for the very generous prizes and for making the effort to join us for the whole event. I am sure his after-dinner speech will long be remembered.

We also extend our thanks to Becci Eplett and J-UK for their help and support, and to the retiring Class Chairman, Roger Holingsworth for having the confidence in our club to support us right from the start.

I extend my personal thanks to everyone who helped; Roger Dunstan for his continued support, Kevin Rolfe and his team of launchers and mast riggers, Andrew Cooper and Mark Watts. To Paul Simes and Scott Cole for the event planning and to Gareth Davies on the entertainment front.

A very special thank you to Nick Sawyer for getting me out of the brown stuff during the presentation evening. To David Cairncross and the race officer team and Simon Leek for providing his brand new craft as committee boat. Syd Thomas for his scrutinising efforts Ian Jones, Colin and Maris Lyons for their mark-laying assistance. The daily event administration was superb and thanks to Peter Annett, to my P.A. for the week, Amanda Tristram, and to Jane Hall for assisting with the crew weighing, involving partially dressed male crew members!

Thanks also to Ruth Cole for all her help with the competitors entries and to Barrie Metcalf and his team in the boat yard. The food during the event was excellent thanks to Sue and all her crew in the kitchen and to Roy and June and the bar staff. Thank you too Mike Bailey and H.M.S. Bailey for looking after our sponsor and competitors on the last day of the competition with his maritime channel bar!



A big thank you also to Heather Davies who gave up her time and expertise to photograph the event and for allowing us to use her images in this article. To purchase images of this event please visit Heather's site at [www.fotoboot.com](http://www.fotoboot.com)

## SOME APOLOGIES!!!

**Brian Gupwell**  
Committee  
Member



**Colin Farr**  
Vice  
President



In the April edition of BE not all of our new COM made it onto the front cover - so here they are!!

Sorry boys - it was a genuine mistake!!  
Honestly!!!

And this time it wasn't John Mead's fault!

# PROTEST ? PROTEST?

– YOU MUST BE JOKING !!



**But all too often it's not a joke!** Our Club racing is getting more and more popular and more and more competitive. This is perhaps why in the July edition of Yachting World one of our leading figures in race management - John Doerr - former world dinghy champion and the Chairman of the ISAF Race Officials Committee, who will also be on the Olympic Jury in 2008 - went into print on the subject of protests. We reproduce here his main points, together with some of his interesting new suggestions for club behaviour — here's a digest of the main points he made. If you race, it's worth reading! Thank you Yachting World for allowing us access to the original article.

## NEED TO MAKE A PROTEST?

### A STEP BY STEP GUIDE

- Make sure you have a red flag on board and readily available—Velcro it on the backstay
- Immediately after the incident shout “Protest!” and maybe the identity of the boat being protested
- Within 20 seconds display your red protest flag
- Look around for witnesses—evidence from independent witnesses decides many protests
- Decide it if is you that should take the penalty, either because you now realize you were the one that broke the rule or because the protest may go against you
- Shut up now and get on with the race
- Later check with the rule book and identify the key facts that will decide the protest
- Submit the protest within the time limit
- Other members of the crew should assess the case from the other side and question the presenter
- Do not interrupt the other party but make notes of questions to ask and points to make.



As you may know, the question of conciliation is in the air and here John Doerr also has something else to say.

## GOOD REASONS NOT TO PROTEST

Protests are time consuming and often conflict with eating, drinking and social time. They do not encourage friendships! Competitors are often more inventive with their evidence when a protest is made. Protests require volunteers, organization and facilities. The outcome of protests is uncertain - even with an experienced protest committee.

And finally John had some advice to give to a Club committee:- Install a magnetic white board in the bar area and buy a set of magnetic boats.



Take disputes to the bar instead of the protest room. Appoint a facilitator to run the process.

Ask each of the parties to show

their view of the incident. If they agree with the facts use the rule book to work out rights and wrongs.

If they disagree take each view in turn and still use the rule book to work out rights and wrongs.

Encourage the parties and others to ask questions and “what ifs”.

Make it clear that if no formal decisions are made there are no penalties.

Limit time on any one incident to 20 mins.

And may I here add a CBYC tail piece - just remember that your protest committee and your O.O.D's and mark layers are not paid officials - they just do it for the love of the sport - and I am sure sometimes some of them question just why they do just that! All of us on the water should remember what has been written above - at the end of the day, sportsmanship counts for a lot! Good Sailing!  
John Mead



## OUR MARINA MANAGER ANSWERS SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS .....

Barrie Metcalf has been our Marina Manager since the beginning of 2000. He lives in Rogerstone and by the time you read this he will be married to Sophie - we wish them both well!! Barrie acquired a degree in mechanical engineering, became besotted with sailing then turned his hand to sail making prior to joining the club in his present capacity. These are some of the questions he is often asked by members, and these are his answers!

**Q** We now have electricity on four of our pontoons A, B, C & D. How do we use these supplies? How do we pay for them? How do we get the payment cards? What denominations are they issued in?

**A** The electricity supplies in the compound and on the pontoons are metered and paid for by prepayment cards. The cards are available from the office or the bar in £1, £5 and £10 denominations. Insert the card into the meter and it will clock up the relevant amount. The sockets are lockable so buy a lockable (marina) plug. The power is charged at 11p per unit.



**Q** I have heard rumours that I can buy diesel more cheaply elsewhere. Please explain the current price and why is it the price it is?

**A** The red diesel price is variable and is set at cost with a small mark-up to cover costs and VAT. The current price is 48.1p per litre. On occasions our price will be higher than elsewhere but it is dependent on when it is bought. Currently, prices are creeping up so anyone with old fuel is likely to be cheaper. Please remember that unlike filling stations it is not self-service. You will need to ask a member of the Marina staff to fill you up — fuel is then paid for in the office during normal office hours.

**Q** I have a boat trailer and I want to leave it in the compound for the season. Can I do this and how much is it going to cost me?

**A** The Club rules do not permit trailers or cradles to be stored on the premises when not in use. The club has the right to charge an unreasonable fee for those offending. Normally I send out a letter to the owner of the trailer/cradle and give them a date from which I will start charging. After three months the club has the right to sell or destroy the trailer/cradle.

**Q** I want to bring my boat out into the compound for a refit which I estimate might take about three months. Is this alright, and how much will it cost me per month?

**A** You can spend as long as you like in the compound, although the fees go up as you go along. Month 1 will cost you £1 per foot per month; months 2 & 3 will cost £5 per foot per month; from month 4 onwards it will cost you £10 per foot. The purpose of these fees is to keep the compound clear. With nearly 500 boats - space is limited !

**Q** I have heard that people who leave trailers or boats for a long time in the compound or on pontoon berths can have their boats or trailers sold if they do not pay up in time. Is this true and on whose authority does the Club act in this matter?

**A** The Club uses the RYA recommended rules for non-payers and abandoned boats and equipment. If you don't pay or if you abandon your trailer we have in the past, and we will in the future, implement these rules.

**Q** Does the Club have any connection with other services in Cardiff Bay whereby we, as club members, can get a reduction on payment for those services?

**A** The Club does not have any connection with services in the bay where members can get discounts - but it's a good idea! Perhaps we can get the COM to look into it!

**Q** How does the Club pay for the use of the water in the Bay, including locking in and out? Why do we have to pay these fees and who levies them on the Club? Are these fees going to rise as time goes on?

**A** The Club pays an annual licence fee to Cardiff Harbour Authority which gives us the right to both moor and traverse the barrage. These fees are based on the number of boats and their size. They are currently discounted by 80% but in 2010 the level of discount will start dropping. The fees will become a significant cost and the Club is fighting their level, together with other Bay users, with the assistance of the RYA.

**Q** Some members I know have complained to me about the slippery surface at the bottom of both the dinghy and cruiser slipways. Can you please tell me what action the Club proposes to deal with this serious and perhaps dangerous situation?

**A** In the past the Club has provided non-slip mats for use on the slipway. These have always been effective, but require members to put them away after use. However, as a



further solution the Club has purchased a tractor brush, which you may have seen parked up next to the waste skip. Twice a week it is used to brush the waterline area on the slipway. The brush has a secondary use as a sweeper for the compound.

# NICK SAWYER – a glimpse into the life of our Training Centre Chief Instructor



It was just over five years ago, I had finished my stint as Commodore here at Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, and I'm sure I promised my long suffering wife I would finish all those DIY jobs you never seem to get around to. I think she knew that would never come true! But to this day, not in my wildest dreams, did I believe youth and adult training would take off as it has. Oh well! I never did like cutting the lawn!

The editing team of Jane and John asked me some time ago to conjure up an article for Bear Essentials entitled "a day in the life of". Get up, drink tea, drink more tea go to bed. If only running the CBYC Training School was as easy!

Risk Assessments - I seem to spend my whole life writing Risk Assessments. I would love to meet the bright spark who started all this as I would quite happily write the Risk Assessment to show him in very easy risk assessed stages what he can do with his computer! But seriously, we try our hardest to make the sailing exciting, challenging and fun. To this end this year has seen us running training camps in both Falmouth and Carantec, France.



Nick Sawyer demonstrates the art of tent erecting!!!

Four days training and racing against the top Oppie sailors in the West of England saw us all camping in the rain. Oh well! I am sure it won't rain in France in July.



Driving off the ferry at Roscoff we were greeted with the beautiful weather we would have all week - RAIN, RAIN and MORE RAIN. The event started with a parade of all the competing nations marching through the Port of Morlaix and I am sure that the young team from CBYC will remember this proud moment for a long time to come. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Simon Leek for his sponsorship, which helped make this trip happen .



Day One of racing came after tent erecting in the RAIN. The Welsh team had a big wake up call by the end of Day One, as the Spanish, Portuguese and French were all very strong teams. Although not, may I add, as strong as the Welsh, who now were at the bottom holding everyone up! One day fell into the next with the only constants being the RAIN, the high winds and more RAIN. However, our young team battled on and started to show some decent race results, but after five days sailing not much had changed with the Welsh finishing as the fourth team. The one positive thing was that I don't think our young Oppie sailors could have had better preparation for the Oppie Nationals in Weymouth and this time I am sure the results will make much better reading. If not, I will shoot the coach! Oh no! That's me!



CBYC Oppie sailors proudly marching through Morlaix during the opening ceremony of the Interceltic and Atlantic Watersports Festival. Left to right: Rachell Tilley, Nia Jones, Molly Frost, Hattie Morsley, David Pain and Eleni Morus.

## CRUISER RACING THIS SPRING

The weekend series racing was very well supported this year with 22 boats spread over three classes. Racing was very close right down to the last race on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June. In the IRC Sports Class, Ian Jones of Musketeer tied on 16 points



Purple Haze

with Steve and Andrew Cooper's Junior High First place went to Musketeer on count back! Scott Coles's Purple Haze was only one point behind in 3<sup>RD</sup> place.

James Dwyer sailing Essen, the smallest boat in the fleet, took the crown in IRC Classics on 14 points, followed by Graeme Page in Papillon on 18 and Mike Clarke with Syllabub on 20. Team Gatsby had a clear win in P.Y. on 7 points, followed by Peter Gamble in Forebitters on 11 and Captain Kirk and his crew in Starship on 29. It would seem that Spock needed a little more navigational practice! The eight-race Tuesday Night Series had 23 participants although entries were a little low in the P.Y. Class.

Once again this was a closely fought series in all classes, although James Dwyer had a runaway success in IRC with 6 firsts, discarding a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. James Clapham was 2<sup>nd</sup> in Rising Damp on 13 points and Graham Page 3<sup>rd</sup> in Papillon on 15 points.



Essen

Spock finally got his act together and Captain Kirk and his crew in Starship pipped Team Gatsby on count back to take first place with 7 points each. Max Woodman came home in third on 21 points sailing Billy Boy, in P.Y.

The Sports Boat fleet saw some very emotive racing, with nautical phrases such as cowboys, cheats and bullies being frequently used. However, I am pleased to say that everyone was friends in the end and at least the protest hearings got the guys off Musketeer and into the bar after racing.

Ian Jones and his crew in Musketeer were home 1<sup>st</sup> with 10 points. Joint winner of the worst helm award in the J80 Nationals, Iwan Basten, was 2<sup>nd</sup> sailing Cardiff Bay Racing's Blue Thunder. Steve and Andrew



Musketeer

Cooper, occasionally aided and abetted by Roger Dunstan, were 3<sup>rd</sup> with 14 points.

Well done to all the competitors and our race officer David Cairncross thanks for your support.

By the time you read this edition of B.E. the Westaway Sails Tuesday evening Summer Series will be underway and at the time of writing there are 21 entries, which I am sure will increase. Many

thanks to Westaway Sails for sponsoring this series.



Our new Social Secretary Gareth Davies has set up an ambitious programme this autumn. For a long time we have had a problem getting members and their guests down on a Saturday evening. But now Gareth has organized entertainment, quizzes, a casino night and lots more - often with food available - every Saturday in the Clubhouse starting on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October, running through to Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of November. And on top of that he's got a brand new 500 Club Monthly Lottery Draw which he is organizing from the 1<sup>st</sup> August.

## SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER

Everyone can take part. Tickets will be available from the Bar or better still you can set up a standing order (*form enclosed with this edition*) if you wish to participate on a regular monthly basis.

It will work on the basis that 90% of the cash generated will be paid out in 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes. It will take approximately 3/4 months to build up a handy sized pot of money! Just in time for Christmas! Please come down and exercise your brain at the quiz nights. Teams will enter as a section, e.g. angling, cruisers, dinghy parents, power boats etc, points will be awarded to the winning teams on the night, with a prize awarded to the winning section with the most points at the end of March, when a trophy will also be awarded. We will also have the services of an outside Quizmaster for the whole series.



On other nights why not enjoy some superb entertainment or a visit to the casino complete with Croupiers, decorated to compliment the theme of James Bond!! - it could really revolutionise your Saturday evenings out - come and join us!!

### A LIST OF THE SATURDAY EVENTS 2007

October 6<sup>th</sup> Fantastic funny man, Paul Levent.  
 October 13<sup>th</sup> 007 James Bond Casino night.  
 "BRAIN OF THE BAY" - QUIZ NIGHTS!  
 October 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>  
 November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>  
 November 17<sup>th</sup> Multi-talented vocalist, Alan Diamond



## INTERNATIONAL SPORTS VILLAGE

An up date from Kevin Doyle, Programme Manager I.S.V.

The last element of Phase 1 of the Sports Village, the new 50m Pool and Leisure Water is on programme to be completed at the end of this year. The main pool is tiled and the building will be completely weatherproof by the beginning of August. The two lifting booms have been installed and delivery of the lifting floor is expected soon. The leisure pool is also on programme and when complete will

have a range of attractions including a River Run, a Bubble Field, Beach Geysers, Spa Pools, Water Sprays and Water Canon. The operator intends to open to the public in early January and there will be a formal opening sometime in February. The complex will boast a Health and Fitness centre to help you lose some ballast in the run up to next year's sailing season!

Next door, the Ice Rink continues to be very successful and the management is looking into ways to improve last year's parking problems before the next ice hockey season starts in September. Most members

will be aware that BayPointe has submitted a planning application to double the number of units on the residential site and this is currently being assessed by the planning department in the Council. If permission is granted it is probable that work will start on site in spring or early summer next year.



With the prospect of Cardiff being given permission to build a Regional Casino being delayed, the Waterfront element of the ISV is being redesigned. The key elements of an Arena, Snow Box and Ice Rink are all retained, with the Arena coming first in the list of priorities. We are expecting to see the new proposals within a few weeks and as soon as they have been approved by Cardiff Council these will be submitted in support of a revised outline planning application.



Tenders for the white water rafting centre, or Olympic-standard canoe centre as it is now referred to, are due to be returned next month and the expectation now is that the centre will open in early 2009. The facility, which will be used for a range of water sports and be capable of hosting international competitions, and will include a visitor centre.



## AN IMPORTANT MOVE ACROSS THE WATER !



Our old friend Rob Freemantle has moved across Cardiff Bay to his new job as General Manager and Director of Operations at the newly named Cambrian Marina. Rob has had a very impressive career on the water over the years - Coxswain of a Bristol Channel Pilot Cutter for over 20 years - then with Cardiff Bay Sea School as an RYA Instructor in Sail and Power and RYA Examiner, both at a UK and an international level, and from 2001 Harbour Master of Cardiff Bay. He tells us that over the next 3 months he is seeking planning permission for his new Marina to increase berths to over 200, with offices, showers etc and also a crane on piles to facilitate mast lift out and repairs whilst

afloat.

He is also seeking planning permission for the new Marina village which will create over 40 jobs within the new site further up the River Ely. If all goes to plan this will include a "One Stop Service" for yachts, including a sailmaker; engine repairs; GRP/FRP Specialist; Chandlers, Brokerage; Electronics, Osmosis & Hull spraying centre; and a 20 ton boat lift! - a very exciting development for Cardiff!

CBYC wishes Rob every success in his new venture - any chance of a special deal for members of CBYC, Rob?

Well I just thought it might be worth asking!



# RYA SAILABILITY TAKES TO THE WATER IN CARDIFF BAY

A Watersports Open Day promoting sailing to the disabled was recently held in Cardiff Bay organised and funded by the lottery project Venture Out Cardiff. Over 25 novice sailors, with varying disabilities, took to the water in two



brand new Access 303s and a Laser Stratos. The event was promoted by James Dwyer, of RYA Sailability, in partnership with Cardiff Bay Harbour Authority and the Welsh Assembly. James is also a club member and sails in the IRC classic fleet in Essen, a Scamper 22



designed by Peter Norlin. James grew up on Sydney Harbour sailing International Moths, J24s and other local classes. Since 1988 he has

resided on and off in the UK. Five years ago James and his wife moved to Cardiff from London to establish a domiciliary care business. He realised how sailing was 'off the radar' when it came to people with disabilities so as a passionate sailor he thought there was an opportunity to introduce Sailability to people with disabilities in South Wales.

The Open Day was well supported by Cardiff Bay users and helped to launch RYA Sailability in the area. Organisers were blessed with a bright sunny day with light winds providing excellent conditions for the Try a Boat event. As part of the regeneration of Cardiff, a barrage has been constructed in the Bay forming a large fresh water lake perfect for sailing. Visitors with a range of disabilities came to try out boating, including the visually impaired and wheelchair users. Ben Owen Jones, the well known TV actor, himself in a wheelchair, took people out in one of the Access Dinghies. There was lots of enthusiasm all round especially from one visually impaired sailor who capsized but got straight back on board for more fun!



James, RYA's Sailability South Wales regional organiser, comments:

*'Thanks to this brilliant Open Day all users of Cardiff Bay are now working together to promote disabled sailing. This latest funding is fantastic and meant we were able to buy two new Access 303' - we plan to grow the fleet, get more people on the water and teach people to sail the boats themselves.'*

Ben Smith, Club member and Chief Sailing Officer for Cardiff County Council adds-

*'It was fantastic to see so many disabled people enjoying sailing and keen to come back for more. The staff really enjoyed themselves too and we will organise some disability awareness training for them. Overall it's looking pretty exciting here in Cardiff.'*

## A BRIEF HISTORY OF HOW THE PRESENT DINGHY SECTION STARTED

By our Vice President - Colin Farr

Some 20 years ago, a number of members decided that the children in the Club should be given the opportunity to experience sailing. The youngsters helped to collect the Mirror dinghies from all corners of the compound and, with members' help, the boats were patched up and made ready to sail. Within two years, we had 15+ cadets sailing on the tidal waters of Cardiff Bay. The demise of the J24 fleet saw some of the sailors purchasing Flying Fifteens and joining in the fun and thus the new Dinghy Section was born.



Since then, the Section has increased in size to approximately 100 members and has, over the years, raced in the confines of the Bay on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. During this time, various fleets have come and gone but currently we are promoting the Flying Fifteen Classic fleet, the Laser fleet and the Laser 2000 fleet in an attempt to encourage and improve the level of participation and expertise. In 2006, we successfully introduced a shared racing programme with Cardiff Yacht Club, which has been well received and has meant a welcome sharing of race officer/safety duties. At present, about one-third of the dinghy members sail for pleasure and we are exploring the possibilities of arranging some non-racing activities on the water for them.



## SOME FISHY NEWS

There's not a great amount to report this time around, as this seems to be the "Quiet" part of the Angling season. Nevertheless, we've had a few Comps. that were able to go ahead. Unfortunately, there's been nothing "Earth-shatteringly" caught, but Neil Peak, fishing off Paul Deans' boat, Off the Hook, did land a fine 9lbs 4oz Bass on the 17<sup>th</sup> June.



Syd Hearne, our new Angling membership secretary, is really "Pulling 'em in" and our Membership is now up to 87 Members. Considering we had 55 members last season, Syd has achieved a 58% increase. We believe he's aiming at the magical "TON"! Well done Syd. We have recruited a couple of new Committee Members, Chris Jenkins and Simon Watts and we welcome them on board. No doubt, with the Open Cod Competition coming up in November, we'll find plenty for them to do. In fact, Chris has kindly undertaken the task of looking after all the postal entries.

The Inter-Club Comp. with Cardiff Yacht Club on the 30<sup>th</sup> June was cancelled due to bad weather [surprise, surprise], but we hope to re-arrange it later on in the summer. So, keep an eye on the Section notice board.

On a sad note: we were very sorry to hear, in June, of the death of Billy Ackerman of Ely Angling and our thoughts and sympathy go out to his family. Billy always supported the Section with Open Comp. donations etc. and was always reliable for supplies of bait.

**P.S. As the Section membership is now swimming towards the 90s it has been decided that the 100th person to join us will receive their membership free of charge. So don't delay, come and join us, you may save £10.00 !!!**

## NEW FACES

The first of our New Members Welcome evenings took place on the 18th July and proved a great success



It is anticipated that this is something we will organise on an annual basis in the future.

## FOUR CURRIES FOR THE PRICE OF THREE!!

**Wednesday night is Curry Night.**

From 6pm to 9pm there will be a choice of three different curries to choose from at only £5.95 per head to include your poppadums, relishes and French fries.

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## CARDIFF BAY YACHT CLUB

### BAR AND RESTAURANT OPENING HOURS

Restaurant run by Sue Jones Catering—Tel No: 07779250517

Summer Opening hours with effect from 30th April 2007

DAY	BAR	RESTAURANT	
Monday	12noon-23.00	Closed	18.00-21.00
Tuesday	12noon-23.00	12noon-15.00	19.00-21.00
Wednesday	12noon-23.00	12noon-15.00	19.00-21.00
Thursday	12noon-23.00	12noon through to	21.00
Friday	12noon-23.00	12noon-15.00	Closed (unless there is a Function)
Saturday	12noon-Midnt	12noon-15.00	Closed (unless there is a Function)
Sunday	12noon-22.30	12noon-15.00	Closed

- The restaurant serves a Traditional Sunday Lunch of 2 or 3 courses.
- Tuesday night is usually a hot buffet to link in with our Cruiser Race Night.
- The Restaurant also provides evening Bar meals on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and the Wednesday Curry Evening.
- Thursday evening is our Restaurant night when a mouth-watering and varied 3-course menu is available and is highly recommended.
- A selection of midday Bar meals is also served.
- To avoid disappointment it is recommended that you ring Sue on 07779250517 to book a table.