



# “Notes from the Bridge”

Burnham on Crouch Sailing Club Newsletter – September 2020



There was a fantastic turnout for the Stuart Paul Memorial race on Wednesday a couple of weeks ago, and it was absolutely brilliant to see every section of the Club represented afloat. For full reports see below. All pictures in this edition by Alan Hanna. Please submit any pics to me for inclusion in future newsletters, reports of away events and articles all very welcome. This is now a monthly (ish) publication and can continue to be so with contributions from members.

## Afloat

Whilst lockdown has eased, we need to be mindful that we are still in the middle of a pandemic. We have guidance and amendments to our Sis **are still in place**. Please ensure you read them regularly. Updates are dated. If watching our water side events PLEASE remember to socially distance, wash your hands and use hand gel regularly. Please respect others both on the decking and seawall.



We have had a flurry of racing with cruisers out at the weekends and all fleets on Wednesday for the Stuart Paul. Starting by reporting on the Stuart Paul; there was a fantastic atmosphere afloat and ashore as all sections of the club went afloat to support the event.



SUPs had their inaugural race (full report on Facebook with some fab pics! Summary below) which was hugely enjoyed ashore and I really hope we see a lot more of this. The kayakers thought racing might be too

competitive for the conditions so opted to paddle....I believe they are very tempted to race soon, so I am looking forward to that.

The keelboats all started at 6pm and there was a good fleet. The RBODS got a great start and were ahead of several Class 1 yachts for the first leg which took the



boats to Number 13, before coming back down river. However, the larger cruisers soon pulled ahead and enjoyed some very close racing themselves. Heading back up to Cliff and Canewdon after number 7.

The keelboat Stuart Paul was won by Exile, Paul Trueman, with Jackal second, and a long-armed prize giving took place on the decking with John Paul presenting the glassware.



The SUPS enjoyed racing and again had a prize giving on the deck. It was great to see new faces and I am looking forward to more SUP racing events next season. Full report by SUP lead Lucy and great pics on



Facebook.

The river fleet dinghies went on the same course as the keelboats and as the wind shut off had a long race, finishing near dark (having had their start postponed for the ship leaving). Ben Harden won in his RS 600 with Malcolm H and Chip Cole just behind.



The club fleet dinghies provided great entertainment to the spectators, going up to 13 before down to 7. Angus Beale won and his glass was collected for him as he had had to take his boat back down river.

Thank you to everyone who made the evening such a great one. In these times of limited activity and numbers, it was a super evening, reminding us of how the Club can be. And thanks to John Paul who stayed all evening watching and presenting all the prizes to each and every class. This is something we all enjoyed and will do next year for this trophy, as it just rounded off the evening nicely for all involved.

The Bank Holiday and following Saturday saw an average of 10 boats out to race and saw some great racing to fill the gap left by the cancellation of Burnham

Week. It was lovely to see such a broad range of yachts being able to race together and enjoy the river. The



first Saturday of the Bank Holiday saw only the BSC get racing in in the wind and it proved to be a weekend of extremes as on Monday the wind shut off, again being able to get our racing in where others couldn't. The series was won by Martinique, Mark Lyons.



**Jimmy Starling from the BSC.** This had had to be postponed earlier in the year, so ran last weekend. For those who don't know the story, Jimmy Starling was a young apprentice at Tucker Brown in the 50s and sadly drowned whilst racing in Burnham Week 1957. The squibs race for this trophy every year.







Tom leant RSJ for committee boat and it was absolutely ideal, with wide decks, facilities and great hospitality.



The wind and tide meant down river racing near the Roach. Three races each day were hoped for. Day 1 was Easterly so the course was straight up and down the



river. The second day saw southerly in it so a trickier lay across the river. On Saturday, Simon Griffin won the first two races in Brutus, with Ian Gray in Chequemate taking the third. Simon led overnight. On Sunday, SpooF, Mickey Wright won the first, Chequemate took race 5 and Lady Penelope, Malcolm took race 6. Overall Chequemate won, SpooF second and Brutus third.

The best start of the weekend was Ian and Ian (Chequemate) in Race 4, right up by the committee boat and dead on the line.

The weekend had two general recalls...the race team relieved that the second sub had not been eaten by moths it is so little used, one squib hanging from the pulpit of RSJ (our resident photographer too busy removing the offending boat, to capture it for posterity) and fantastic sailing and atmosphere. Thanks to Tom and Karen for their hospitality on RSJ and the race team Alan, Phillip, Tom and Karen (guest appearance on Saturday by Lucy) for running a fantastic weekend of racing. Thanks to the RCYC for hosting us to make the presentation on Sunday.

### **Membership**

There will be an announcement very soon regarding subs for next year. Please make sure you have paid up for this year in order to benefit from the discount that will be given. Please remember if you paid race fees you can carry them over to next year or ask for a refund.

### **Geeky maths warning part 2 as promised**

**A little light mathematics for people who race Portsmouth Yardstick..but please note cruisers and dinghies cannot race together unaltered as they have a different base boat.**

PY works that 1 point is a second in every thousand. The higher the number, the slower the boat. To calculate corrected time you divide the elapsed time by the decimal handicap. So if a boat rates 1046 you would divide the elapsed time by 1.046 .

1000 is the level rating as you would divide by 1, so generally they are calculated around this. The RYA listings rely on club returns to change handicaps and clubs are positively encouraged to alter them individually, as their fleets and sailing areas need. These new figures are then used by the RYA to help determine the listings. As a club, we sadly do not do returns, as our fleets are small and we have a race a week. However, we are looking to enter a season into

the system as our dinghy racing is close and competitive, although this year saw a foreshortened one!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October Autumn Series starts\* 11 am.  
Decking refreshments will not be available.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October Autumn Series 2 11am start

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October Autumn Series 3 11 am start

Further dates follow every Sunday\*

Remembrance Sunday a later start to observe the 1 minute silence.

\*subject to covid restrictions and new rules etc.

### **Puzzle Corner Answers**

You see a boat filled with people. You look again and it hasn't sunk, but now you don't see a single person on the boat. Why? **They were all married! (But some other answer people sent were much better!)**

- 1.What is the right side of a boat called? **Starboard**
- 2.In nautical terms, what is a diamond? **Knot**
- 3.What is a jib? **Foremost sail**
- 4.How fast is a knot? **1.15 miles per hour**
- 5.In nautical terms, what is a kedge? **Small anchor**
- 6.What is the left side of a boat called? **Port**
- 7.Where is the poop deck? **Aft**
- 8.In nautical terms, what do you call the kitchen?  
**Galley**
- 9.What do you call a bathroom on a boat? **Heads**
- 10.What do you call the front of a boat? **Bow**
- 11.What colour is the light on the port side of a boat?  
**Red**

### **Flag challenge**

Which flag represents L? What does an L displayed tell you has happened?

Which flag represents T?

Which flag represents Z?

Which flag represents E?

Which flag represents X? Why don't you want this to apply to you in racing?

Which flag represents B? What is it used for in racing?

Which flag represents Q? When did this used to be flown?

Which flag represents C?

Which flag represents A? What does it mean when flown with and AP?

Which flag represents I?

### **Anagrams**

NNWHAHIELCD

YLAHDR

EEHTS

GDODAERRGBA

DREDUR

PICKCOT

SLDHAIDEA

KELE

LTRLEI

DUBACONYAIY

YSJAKTCA

LAGARIDRU

LEITROA

AAIINMLS

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