Sailing Programme for 2010

The programme as enclosed is a mix of familiar events and some new ones. On three of the Sailing Club Sundays there will be two races each day, back to back, from a committee boat somewhere near Big Buoy. The first start is at the earlier time of 2p.m. so please allow enough time to sail out there.

The Royal Burnham One Designs will be visiting CYC on 26th/27th Jun and have requested a burn-up with us, all in our own boats! Start time for that is 10.30 on the CYC line on Sunday 27th followed in the afternoon by the usual B.O.D. race for the Commodores Cup starting at 2.30.

Rowhedge, Wivenhoe, and the revived BSC regattas fall very neatly at two week intervals all with nice afternoon tides. The CYC Regatta and Ladies Race round off a busy season.

Although time ran out at the AGM to take your views on this my own intention on CYC Regatta day is to invite past BOD sailors aboard for whatever return in fun and mayhem this produces. You may or may not wish to do the same but in any case Marilyn Hempstead will be dropping you a line to Support the event if you possibly can and Julie Eeles is kind enough to promote the Ladies Race.

Spare Days would, I guess, be used if we were to lose an unacceptable number of races to the weather (none last year) but otherwise do feel free to organise something then or at any time if you perceive the need. (A cruise, training or tuning session, or W.H.Y.?) I have full contact lists if required. If you or your friends would like a sail please ring me on 01206 823223, and I also know that Tom has at least one Corporate Invitation day in the pipeline, which are normally on weekdays.

Dinghy Show

How very exciting to report that this year Reg's C53 "White Spirit" will be on our own B.O.D. Association stand at the RYA Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace on 6th and 7th March. Mike Hempstead with Reg and Robert, Nick and many others are working very hard indeed to put on a good show with brochures, video display etc., - and few other stands will have their own Olympic Gold medalist in attendance!

Ten free tickets are available for those helping on the stand. Ring Mike on 01206 842149 or 01707 314511 - please help if you can but in any case do visit the show, there is an enormous car park and lots to see. Pre-view and reports will appear in "Yachts and Yachting".

Park and Ride, Launching and Recovery

Imagine a line of pick-up buoys, about ten metres apart running down at right angles to the hard and just upstream of the scrubbing posts

Imagine not, following the AGM Alan and Reg have had a very positive meeting with Bernie and Ian from the Harbour Commissioners who were extremely helpful and the arrangement will be in place for the summer. I imagine that Park and Ride may become more popular than ever! Phone them on 01206 304747. Harbour office for moorings is 01206 302200.

Quiz

This is confirmed for Saturday 20th February, 7.30 at CYC. Book in your team of four to six for refreshments with the Colne Yacht Club on 01206 302594. If you have no team PLEASE JUST TURN UP and we will fix you up. (possibly well and truly!)

B.O.D. Dinner

This is confirmed for Saturday 17th April, 7.30 at the Sailing Club More information regarding the menu will be sent out nearer the time but contact numbers are Alan Hicks 01206 304020 and Jane Bond 01206 304810. The Sailing Club also have a strong reputation for catering and I am assured that we can all be accommodated, so please come along and make it a bumper do.

Mailings/Subscriptions

I am afraid its crunch time!

As you know the overall sim of the Association is to keep the class successful and expansive and to do that we seek as much help as we can muster. A good deal of what might be called "venture" mailing is employed and this will certainly continue. Many thanks indeed if you have been receiving unsolicited BOD newsletters without complaining to the mailing watchdog or whoever (perhaps you have!)

But the list has outgrown the current subscription income and we are temporarily prevented from mailing further interested parties. So if you have been receiving newsletters for some time but not paid a subscription then sorry to say that this is the last free one.

We hope that as many people as possible appreciate the wider benefits of our aims and I do assure you that the money is spent as fairly and imaginatively as we can manage. Whatever and whenever your association with the class, many thanks for your support and interest and if you wish to subscribe please do so as follows:

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Dates

Quiz 20 Feb, Dinner 17 April, Pyefleet Week 7-14 August.

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Except to say that, at the AGM, the new optional boom height rule was passed unanimously, thats it. Hope you enjoy it all.

Excess 100 copies, owners, members, friends.

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