

# Porthpean Sailing Club

## Newsletter

October 1997

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## Commodores Report

*Lionel Rigby*

It's that sad time of the year again when the season is drawing to a close and we take our boats home one more time. It also heralds the Prizegiving night followed by the AGM and It is with the AGM in mind that I write this report and review the season just gone by.

1997 started well for the Club, with the annual football match against Pentewan Sands SC. and boy was it cold! For the first time in many years we actually won the match. I can see us carrying on with that success for quite a few years to come as we have an excellent crop of good young footballers.

The sailing season started as usual at the end of March with the Easter Cup. Now I know that we always moan about the weather, but this year's weather must have been the strangest for many years. We seem to have alternated month by month with dry and wet spells. The winds have been very fickle too. The majority of our races have been held in lighter than normal north westerlies which certainly belies our usual claim of a south westerly air flow. Looking back at my records, May seemed to be the only consistent month for regular sailing. June, July, August and September were heavily interrupted with Open Meetings, Nationals, Regattas and periods of very light winds or strong South Easterlies. August was particularly bad, we even lost the Polkerris day sail and almost lost the Regatta due to the light winds. The almost total calm kept the Pentewan fleet at home and so all the prizes stayed within the Club. The social, on Regatta night, saw a bulging Clubhouse, combining Karaoke, Dennis's birthday party, with extra entertainment!! plus a bracing swim for some brave souls afterwards. Nigel excelled again, ably helped by Tim and managed to wear the

Karaoke machine out. The amplifier overheated and died on us.

The sailing programme was so disrupted that the summer Sunday series which was scheduled for 14 races was actually decided on 5 races. Even now as we are entering October we are again bedevilled with strange conditions. Some of us even sailed in tee shirts and shorts on the first Sunday in October, though as I write this the rain and winds have swept back.

The Contender and RS Open meeting was a very windy affair and proved testing for all those who sailed, launching into a south easterly and the many capsizes, gave good viewing for the spectators. The Enterprise and Laser Open was very well attended by visitors, but shame to all our Laser sailors who declined to enter. These events are put on to promote the Classes and it does enable people to test their skills against different opposition. The Tasar Open meeting saw all the Club boats competing with a healthy entry of visitors coming from as far away as Wales and London.

The big event of the year was the Scorpion Nationals. I must congratulate you the members for putting on a really fantastic week. We were blessed with what turned out to be the best week's weather for sailing over the entire season, and this helped to make the Nationals a huge success. The Club pulled together magnificently. This was reflected by the numerous compliments that came back to me time after time from our visitors. The only poor thing about the week was the low turnout from the Scorpions, only 43 boats, which is a far cry from the first Scorpion Nationals here when the entry was over 100. Anyway we still managed to make a good profit for the Club funds, somewhere in the region of £3000. A full report on that will be presented at the AGM. One thing that we will be spending some money on soon is to replace the balcony which is in a very poor state of repair.

Membership has grown this year, by the appearance of the sea cadets, RAF St. Mawgan and Penrice school. It is pleasing to see quite a few younger people sailing. A strong youth section is essential for future growth and to help some of us older members pull our boats up the slipway. It is also encouraging to gain other new members especially those who buy boats and join in the racing. Cornwall is not one of the more prosperous areas in the Country and we don't have that many active people moving into the area, so our growth potential is not too good. However by bringing friends along we do have the opportunity to introduce potential members to our sport.

A few congratulations to some of our sailors. Firstly to Rob Barnes who helmed at the Bosun Nationals in Plymouth and was sailing well until the strong winds came along and ruined his chances. The cadets who sailed well at the schools Championships at Grafam Water. Congratulations to Paul & John Jenkin who managed a creditable 4th on the blowy day in the Scorpion Championships. Congratulations to Stacey Bray who came 2nd in the Dutch Nationals and sailed well in the British Nationals, leading the fleet on more than one occasion. Congratulations to Jeremy & Nic who attended the RS400 Nationals and well placed even though the winds were much stronger than they would have liked, and congratulations to Neil and myself who managed to win a race at this years Tasar Nationals.

Word of our successful Scorpion Nationals has prompted the Tasar Committee to ask Porthpean to host their Nationals again next year. This was brought up at a recent committee meeting and enthusiastically accepted. So beware we will be doing it all again next year at the same time which will be July 25th to July 31st. The Largest fleet that the Tasars have had at a Nationals was 40 boats when we held the Nationals here in 1991. I expect that we will equal that and hopefully beat it by at least 5. Should we make another £3000 then we will be in a strong financial position.

The Prizegiving dinner will be held on the 14th of November at the Cliff Head Hotel. Full details elsewhere in this newsletter. This is always a very popular event and I would like to see as many people as possible attending.

Peter Phillips is kindly organising it again this year. Now I appeal to you, please let Peter know as soon as possible should you be attending. He shouldn't have to go around ringing people up to find out if they are coming.

Enclosed with this newsletter is notice of the AGM. This event is not always that well attended. Cold, dark winter evenings are not the most conducive to good attendance's, but it is an important meeting as the Officers and Committee for the forthcoming year will be chosen. Fortunately the Club is in a strong financial position. This has been achieved by hard work and good housekeeping. Membership is healthy at the moment, morale is good and race attendance's have been slightly better than last year. It is important that this continues if the Club is to remain prosperous. We have had a good influx of new members, and it would be beneficial to try and encourage one or two new faces onto the Committee.

I have been very proud to have been Commodore for the last three years, and have enjoyed the experience immensely. I have been blessed with a very good team to help run the Club. There is no set time limit for holding this Office, however I feel it is in the best interests of the Club if I stand down at this AGM and hand over to someone else. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to the Officers and Committee and other ex Commodores from whom I have relied on for advice and thank you all for the support that I have experienced over my three years. I think Sue will be very relieved that I stand down as she won't have to present all those prizes after Open Meetings etc. Still she will miss all those kisses she has enjoyed.!!

Thankyou everybody.

## Sailing Secretary's Report

*Nigel Dowrick*

There you have it, 1997 is all but over as we go to press & what a strange season it has been.

It started out with so much promise, within 3 weeks of the start we were in shorties & as Wednesday evenings started in late April, fleet numbers had reached 20. Sounds great so far doesn't it, but then disaster strikes, EL.NINO !!

As I understand it from my American friends, who write about such things on the Internet, this years EL.Nino has been the most prominent this Century. Apparently this weather effect is a rise in sea temperature in the Pacific Ocean which causes a drop in the strength on the predominantly Westerly winds that flow across the USA. This effect can cause droughts in some parts of the world & floods in others. I could not find any information on the NET to support my theory that this is to blame for the constant run of Easterly's & poor strength winds that have decimated most of our year' but it sounds better than blaming it on the sailing sec.

What racing we have managed to get in has been closely contested between the clubs regular sailors, but as the racing still continues you will have to wait until the prize giving at the Laying Up to hear the final results.

It's not all been doom & gloom for '97 however, winds for the open meetings & the Scorpion Nationals were excellent, providing great sailing & good fleet numbers.

The season has been relatively trouble free as far as the rescue boats, engines & general club equipment are concerned; anything that did break seemed to get fixed overnight by our very own tooth fairy, Brian Phillips, many thanks Brian. Thanks also go out to our regular helpers without whom we could not do, Peter Powell & Jenny March in the O.O.D. box & John Clark & Chris Hazel on rescue boat on Wednesday evenings. Many thanks also go out to Dangerous Ken Higman for processing the race results. I hope you will all join in wishing Ken a speedy recovery from his latest injury & wish

# Porthpean Sailing Club Commodore's past 'n' present.

Peter Miln

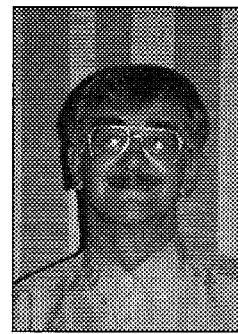
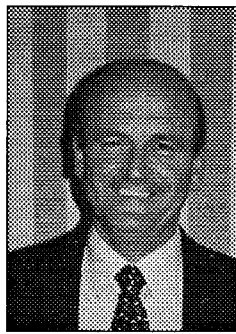
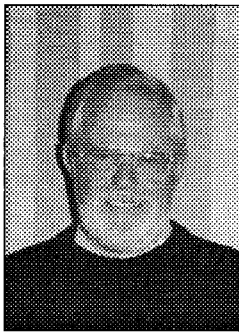
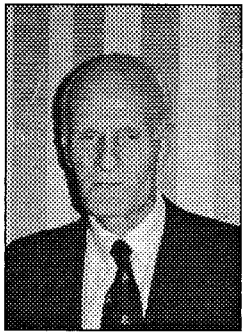
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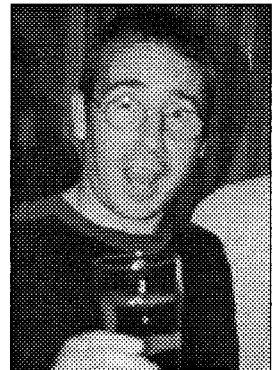
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Lionel Rigby



## The Club's Party

If anyone knows what Lionel is saying answers or a postcard please.

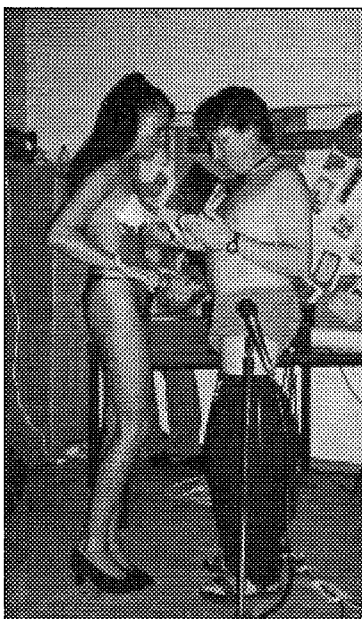


↖ The girl's night out !

The photographer



## The Regatta Evening

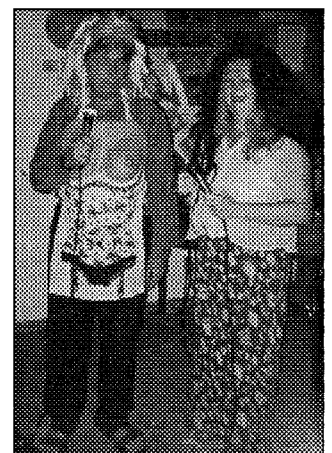


Dirty Den caught with his pants down



The Karaoke kings.

Dream dream dream .....



## PORTHPEAN SAILING CLUB

### MINUTES OF THE 46TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 1996 AT 8.00 P.M.

#### Present:

Paul Beacon, Chris Bilkey, Dennis Bray, Nigel Dowrick, Elaine Edmond, Roger & Rosy Ford, Ian Grant, Nick Haskins, Chris Hazell, Ken Higman, Jenny March, Peter Phillips, Peter Pope, Peter Powell, Brian Reeves, Lionel Rigby, Clive Stephens, Colin Truscott, Colin Wainwright, Les & Ruby Wightman

#### Apologies:

Dr. Mackrell, Chris Millard, Jenny Pope

#### Commodore's Report

It was proposed by P. Beacon, seconded by J. March and agreed that the Commodore's report (previously circulated) be adopted.

#### Minutes

It was proposed by P. Phillips, seconded by P. Beacon and agreed that the Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting (previously circulated) be accepted as a true record.

#### Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer circulated the balance sheet as at 31 October 1996 (attached). There were significant increases in the number of subscriptions and the bar takings, resulting in an overall surplus of £1,534 compared to last year's deficit. The Treasurer was congratulated on his achievement.

P. Powell proposed and K. Higman seconded the Treasurer's report and it was carried.

#### Sailing Secretary

N. Haskins proposed and D. Bray seconded the report and it was carried.

#### 5. Elections

The following members were elected to serve on the Committee for the 1996/7 year.

Commodore	Lionel Rigby	(re-elected)
Vice-Commodore	M. Trise	(one more year to serve)
Rear Commodore	Paul Beacon	
Sailing Secretary	Nigel Dowrick	
Secretary	Jenny March	
Treasurer	Colin Wainwright	(re-elected)
Social Secretary	Jeremy Hawkins	(re-elected)

#### *Class Captains*

It was agreed that these would be decided by members of the fleets in conjunction with the Sailing Secretary.

#### *Ordinary Members*

Ian Grant was elected to stand for one year (replacing Jenny March following her election as Hon. Secretary)

The following were elected as Ordinary Members to serve for 2 years: Brian Reeves, Chris Bilkey, Ken Higman, Dennis Bray.

### Item 6 - Auditor

C. Truscott was re-elected to serve as Club Auditor.

### Item 7 - Measurer

P. Beacon was re-elected to serve as Club Measurer.

### Item 8 - Subscriptions

C. Wainwright proposed to increase subscriptions as set out below and to drop the 100 Club and race entry fees.

D. Bray proposed and P. Pope seconded an amendment to increase the subscriptions as set out but to retain the 100 Club and entry fees. The amended proposal was carried.

It was further proposed by D. Bray, seconded by P. Pope and agreed that the revised fees be payable from 1 January 1997 and that an additional late payment fee of £5.00 be payable after 31 March 1997.

	<i>1996</i>	<i>From 1 January 1997</i>
Family members	£50	£53
Single	£42	£45
Cadet	£10	£10 (no increase)
Associate	£22	£22 (no increase)
Boat	£25	£30
Cadet boat	£14	£15
Windsurfer	£10	£10 (no increase)
Temporary	£20	£20 (no increase)

In addition, an entry fee per race of 10 pence per person was proposed by D. Bray, seconded by M. Royle and adopted.

### Item 9 - Any Other Business

There was none.

### Item 10 - Future Development of the Club

#### *Club Extension*

Jeremy Hawkins reported that M. Barlow would possibly be willing to help with progressing the plans for the Club extension which had been "on hold" for the last year.

Chris Hazell offered to look into possible sources of grant funding and it was agreed that he would be invited to a future meeting of the Committee to discuss this further.

#### *1997 Sailing Season*

Nigel Dowrick reported that he would be keen to forge better links with schools to attract more younger members.


Classes would be decided by the Sailing Sub-Committee but there would probably be fast and slow handicap fleets.

#### *Rescue Boat Maintenance*

Lionel Rigby would contact Stuart Page to find out if he would be willing to continue to maintain the rescue boat engines.

#### *Reminders*

Christmas Party - Wednesday, 18 December from 8 p.m. in the Clubhouse.



Dear Member

The 47th A.G.M. of the Club will be held on **Wednesday 10th December 1997** at 7.30 for 8.00 p.m.

It is hoped that all members will be able to attend. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a new Committee, to discuss and organise the activities and administration of the Club. The bar will be open!

### AGENDA

*Item 1* To read and approve the minutes of the 46th A.G.M. (enclosed).

*Item 2* To read and adopt the Commodore's report, (enclosed).

*Item 3* To receive and adopt the Treasurer's report

*Item 4* To receive and adopt the Sailing Secretary's report, (enclosed).

*Item 5* To elect the Officers and Committee for the 1998 Season.

**Rule 7b** The Commodore, Hon. Sec., Hon. Sailing Sec., Hon. Treasurer, Hon. Social Sec., Class Captains and Cadet Member shall all be elected annually at the A.G.M. but shall be eligible for re-election.

Nominations are required for all these offices. the Cadet Member is to be elected by the votes of Cadets and Family Members aged 12 - 18 years.

Present holders of the offices are:

Commodore	Lionel Rigby
Rear Commodore	Paul Beacon
Vice Commodore	Mike Trise
Hon. Sailing Sec.	Nigel Dowrick
Hon. Sec.	Jenny March
Hon. Treasurer	Colin Wainwright
Hon. Social Sec.	Jeremy Hawkins

**Rule 7c** The Vice Commodore and the Rear Commodore shall be elected at the A.G.M. to hold office for a period of 2 years and shall retire at the second A.G.M. following that at which he/she is elected. An officer so retiring shall be eligible for re-election. This year the post of Vice Commodore is for election, the present holder is Mike Trise.

**Rule 7d** The remaining 8 members of the Committee shall be elected at the A.G.M.  
Four members shall retire annually by rota and shall be eligible for re-election.

Those members retiring this year are:  
Peter Powell, Peter Phillips, Ian Grant and Nick Haskins.

Those with one more year to stand are:  
Brian Reeves, Chris Bilkey, Ken Higman, Dennis Bray.

Nominations please in writing before the A.G.M.

*Item 6* Election of Club Auditor The present holder is Colin Truscott

*Item 7* Election of Club Measurer. The present holder is Paul Beacon.

*Item 8* The Hon. Treasurer's proposals on subscriptions.

*Item 9* A.O.B. of which 24 hours notice in writing has been given.

*Item 10* Discussion on the future of the Club.

**Rule 9** 10% of Members form a quorum.

**Rule 12a** Each Full, Family, Associate and Life Member over 18 years shall have a vote.

**Rule 12b** Associate Members shall have a vote except on sailing matters.

**Rule 12c** Cadet Members shall have a vote on matters affecting the Cadet section.

**Rule 12d** The Commodore shall have the casting vote.

**Rule 12e** Family Members under 12 years shall have no vote.