

## *Sully Sailing Club – Winter Newsletter 2009*

Here we go again, another season approaches – lets all hope that the weather expends all its fury in this current spell and leaves us with a beautiful warm dry summer. Well we can dream!!

I don't really have any great memories of 2008 as I spent so much time off the water with recurrent gear failure. At least now the offending parts have been upgraded, so I am looking forward to a full season in 2009.

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***As usual at this time of year the main purpose of this newsletter is to remind members of some important matters***

❖ **The Cardiff Boat Jumble – Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

This event is increasingly more important to maintain the financial safety of the club – the traders are coming under increasing pressure from Internet sales so we need to ensure that Cardiff is a venue that they like to attend. We need as many members as possible to assist with setting up on the Saturday evening and with supervising on the Sunday. You will have received an availability form with your annual subscription invoice - please fill in the reply slip and return to Charlie or Malcolm so that time can be allocated most efficiently.

❖ **Annual Subscriptions**

You should have already received your annual subs invoice – there are no increases this year.

Don't forget that you are entitled to a discount of £10 if you pay before the end of April.

Also, please update address, phone number and particularly e-mail address – the club saves a fair bit by sending information electronically rather by post

❖ **Annual General Meeting**

Will be held at the Clubhouse on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8: 00 pm.

This is your opportunity to have a say in the running of the club and the Sailing Programme for 2009.

You could even be elected onto the committee if you are interested.

### **Racing News**

As usual all the results are posted on the website. Thanks to Sam & Viv for recording the times, to Martin Wyatt for computing the results and to Eddy for maintaining them on the website

### **Winter Programme**

There was a very enjoyable quiz night held on 19<sup>th</sup> November which was settled by just a single point between the teams.

On 22nd January we enjoyed an excellent evening of carpet bowls in the Sully Bowls Centre. Thanks to Chris Parr for arranging this. If you thought it looks easy come along next year to find out for yourself!

Our next event is an evening of Safety Boat theory. Chris Parr will discuss aspects of boat handling, recovery of boats in distress, use of the radio etc. It will be held in the Club House on Wednesday 18th February. Please do attend as I think we could all do with some revision.

Lastly we have a skittles evening on April 15<sup>th</sup> – the venue for this has yet .to be confirmed

### **Future Dates**

We have not yet booked the Annual Dinner and Prize Giving but it will be in early May. Notification will be on the website and by email. Please try to come along – it is an evening of fun, food and wine (or beer) and some gentle banter aimed at certain well-known members.

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### *And Finally: -*

Congratulations to Rex on being awarded the MBE for Services to Scouting.

*and*

Best wishes to Colin Stephenson who recently underwent a quadruple bypass operation. Get well soon Colin, and we look forward to seeing you back at the waterside very soon.

***Splice the main brace!!***

***Roger Dykes***