



February 2017

In This Issue...

CySaF	1
Dinghy News	2-3
Racing News	4
Sailing Calender	4
Offshore News	5-6
Social News	7-8
Golf	8
Caption Competition	8

Paphos International Sailing Club

Tel: +357 97 723 099

Website: www.PISC.com.cy

Commodore: Paul Hutton Ashkenny

Commodore@pisc.com.cy

Vice Commodore: Tony Davenport

ViceCommodore@pisc.com.cy

RCS: John Morren

RearCommodoreSailing@pisc.com.cy

RCH: Tony Davenport (acting)

RearCommodoreHouse@pisc.com.cy

Hon. Secretary: Liz Unwin

Secretary@pisc.com.cy

Hon Treasurer: Jaqui Biggs

Treasurer@pisc.com.cy

Social Secretary: Christine Hall

SocialSecretary@pisc.com.cy

Membership: Jim Ridgway

MembershipSecretary@pisc.com.cy

Editors: Mike Robb & Richard Palmer

PISCMainsheet@gmail.com

Photographers:

Yeng Chow, Chris Scorer & Liz Unwin

Views and comments expressed in this publication are those of the individual and are not necessarily those of the committee.

CySaF Accreditation

PISC receives CySaF Accreditation as a Sail Training Centre

by Phil Mutton, Chief Instructor



The Commodore and Deputy Training Officer attended a press conference held by the Cyprus Sailing Federation in Nicosia on 8th February.

The successful accreditation by World Sailing of CySaF's National Training Programme was announced, as was the accreditation by CySaF of four Cyprus clubs as Training Centres. As one of the latter, PISC was presented with a certificate, a training centre flag and a poster.

In attendance was Totos Theodosiou, Honorary President of CySaF, and member of the World Sailing Executive Board. The occasion was overseen by Mr Yiannos Photiou Chairman of CySaF who presented the accreditation certificates.

The presentation formally acknowledges the effort of all concerned to establish a training organisation within the club that can now offer members the opportunity to undertake accredited sail training courses.



Dinghy News

by Mike Robb, Dinghy Secretary

At last the weather has improved and we have managed to get some sailing in at A.G. Despite the poor weather we have been able to carry out some maintenance and improvements to the RIB Sheds.

We are also investigating a new road trailer for the RIBs as the present ones are no longer roadworthy. One new trailer can be used for either boat giving us added flexibility. There are models available that have sealed wheel units which help protect the bearings from salt water. Once we have a new trailer in place we can then patch up the old ones to extend their life as much as possible.

Yeronisos Race June 3rd 2017

Preparations for the Paphos 2017 Yeronisos Race are well under way and the Notice of Race will be published soon. This is an open race and will consist of General Handicap classes (based on PY) for Senior and Junior entrants. We are hoping to encourage the junior sailors to take part in this and our Summer Regatta in June. The Junior race will start 5 minutes after the Senior race so that they don't get trampled at the start by the others. The races are expected to last about one hour with several roundings of Yeronisos Island.

There will be an entry limit of thirty boats so that the safety boats can deal with all possible rescues. We will of course need volunteers to help man the safety boats and registration, so if you would like to get involved please speak to me or John Morren.

It is expected that there will be interest from the general public and hopefully a few dignitaries will attend.



DSSC R2000 Workshop

The following has been received from Andy Cherry of DSSC. This would be a good opportunity for a bit of espionage to find out their secrets before the Summer Regatta! Any volunteers?

Hi Guys

a quick email from me to sound you out for a Laser 2000 workshop and training session at DSSC in April. We did discuss this at our regatta last October and there seemed to be some interest shown for it.

We will provide the boats so no need for trailing across the island!

The dates are at the moment, Saturday 29th April and possibly Sunday 30th April.

The details we can discuss later but I want to see if there might be support and that this does not clash with anything else on your respective sailing programmes.

Let me know your thoughts please.

many thanks, Andy Cherry

Yeronisos Island Race by Paphos 2017 Organisers

Also known as Holy Island, Yeronisos has been a popular destination for travellers over many centuries. Excavations completed in 2016 brought to light facts about the Ptolemaic period as well as the discovery of Ionic style architecture. As part of the Pafos 2017 European Capital of Culture Events, students, local people, archaeologists, seamen and fishermen will celebrate the completion of the excavations and host a series of activities related to Yeronisos.

In partnership with Pafos 2017, the TLC School in Pegeia and archaeologists from the University of New York, the Paphos International Sailing Club will be hosting a sailing race around Yeronisos Island on June 3rd 2017 to highlight the natural beauty of the island and the archaeological wealth of the region



Aerial view of Yeronisos Island



Dinghy News

The Sailing Fees Debate

You will no doubt be aware of the discussion that the Sailing Committee has started on the PISC Website Forum regarding the issue of Sailing Fees. There is a discussion paper in the Dinghy Sailing section of the members forum on the website.

I would ask you to take a look at this if you haven't done so already and if you have any opinions, one way or the other, to post them on the website forum for all members to see.

Comments are welcomed until March 5th, following which the Sailing Committee will discuss the issue at their meeting on March 6th and any recommendations passed to the General Committee for approval as dictated by the Club Rules.

In my own view the issue is simple. There are expenses involved in running dinghy sailing at Agios Georgios which can be put into two categories. Firstly there are capital expenditure items such as the RIBs, their trailers, the tow vehicle and club boats. These are funded by general club funds and would show as assets in the club accounts. Similar 'big ticket items' for the clubhouse are funded this way.

Then there are smaller expenditure items and the day to day cost of providing the facilities at A.G. At the moment these expenses are paid for by the dinghy sailors themselves from Sailing Fees (paid on a 'Pay Per Sail' basis of €2 per sailor per sail), the sale of bacon butties (winter months only whilst the cafe is closed), training profits and income generated by our two regattas.

Generally speaking, many of our expenses are fixed. In other words they have to be paid whether we sail or not. These are the upkeep and maintenance of the RIB sheds, the RIBs themselves, the towing vehicle, the club boats and the boat park.

The bad weather this winter has meant that we only had one sailing day in December and one in January and therefore our receipts from Sailing fees and catering sales are almost non-existent. The costs, which have to be paid for whatever happens, are then taken out of general club funds, i.e. everyone else pays.

This doesn't seem reasonable and we have to look at other ways of collecting fees which do not rely on general club funds picking up the short fall. This is what this discussion is about - how do we collect the funds needed to provide sailing at A.G.

In order to provide a consistent and reliable income to cover our costs I believe the best way is to levy a new annual Sailing Fee of €80 per boat owner (not per boat). We could then scrap the existing arrangements, make the OODs life easier and enable the Sailing Committee to plan their expenditure in an organised manner.

Club Boat Hire Charges



Club Wayfarer Green Goddess

The cost of maintaining the club dinghies is around €800 per annum and the income received is approximately €400 per annum.

With immediate effect the Sailing Committee has decided to increase club boat rental fees to €10 for the Laser 'Marooned' and €20 per two man boat. These increases are intended to cover the day to day costs of running these boats.

Club boats may be hired by approved helms on club sailing days whilst there is a safety boat on the water.

The Monthly Shield

PLEASE NOTE - The Monthly Shield races will now take place on the 1st, 3rd and 5th THURSDAYS of each month.

These races are scored on a personal handicap (TCF) basis and are designed to encourage newer sailors and novices to get involved.

By running the Monthly Shield on Thursdays we are aiming to liven up sailing on these days and get more people taking part. Experienced helms will be able to crew for newer helms without missing out on the Seasonal Series races on Saturdays.



Racing News

PISC Monthly Shield

First winners in January 2017 of this prestigious award were Bill Crawford and John Tremain.

The Monthly Shield will now be run on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Thursdays of each month. We want our newer sailors to get out there and compete with each other to improve their racing skills.

We would also like experienced helms to offer to crew or helm and pass on some useful tips! Come down to A.G. and lend a hand.



The 2nd and 4th Thursdays will concentrate on free sailing, sailing experience and organised informal practice and training sessions.

The first Monthly Shield winners sailing 'Alice' were Bill Crawford (left) and John Tremain (right) with the RCS. (N.B. That's a bar tray by the way as John Morren forgot to buy the Shield!)



David (Scottie) Fraser and John Lay receive their mugs from RCS John Morren.

The last Monthly Mug (December 2016) was won by Wayfarer 'Gazelle', helmed by David Fraser and crewed by John Lay. The presentation was delayed as David was recovering from an operation.

Sailing Calender

DATE

Thursday 23rd February

Saturday 25th February

Thursday 2nd March

Saturday 4th March

Thursday 9th March

Saturday 11th March

Thursday 16th March

Saturday 18th March

Thursday 23rd March

Saturday 25th March

Saturday 3rd June 2017

23rd - 25th June 2017

7th - 8th October 2017

PISC 2017 Seasonal Series

7th January to 25th February

4th March to 24th June

1st July to 26th August

2nd September to 16th December

EVENT

Free sailing from 1130

Winter Series 1100 briefing

Monthly Shield 1100 briefing

Spring Series 1100 briefing

Free sailing from 1130

Spring Series 1100 briefing

Monthly Shield 1100 briefing

Spring Series 1100 briefing

Free sailing from 1130

Spring Series 1100 briefing

Paphos 2017

'Yeronisos Island Race'

2017 PISC Summer Regatta

2017 PISC Autumn Regatta

Winter Series

Spring Series

Summer Series

Autumn Series

A.G. SAILING TIMES

Thursdays

Practice & Free Sailing and Monthly Shield (1st, 3rd & 5th Thursdays only)

Safety Boat Crew 1000

Beach Crew 1030

Briefing 1100

Sailing from 1130

Saturday Racing

Seasonal Series (usually 2 races back to back)

Safety Boat Crew 1000

Beach Crew 1030

Briefing 1100

Warning Signal 1155

Please not that the YST starts again in May 2017



Offshore News

THE SPRING RALLY by Chas Kimber

The Spring Rally is set for 13th to 27th May 2017. We are sailing from Kos around the Dodecanese Islands for a fortnights trip. So far, I have had interest from four yachts, though this has now reduced to three. I hope more will join as we near the date!

If anyone is hoping to charter a yacht I have several reasonably priced yachts from 34 feet to over 50 feet available details can be emailed to you to peruse. Please do let me know if you are interested. My number is 99039413.

The price for chartering obviously depends on the type and size of yacht chartered and costs per person might be from five hundred to one thousand pounds' sterling for the fortnight. Additional cost for flights to Kos must be added as do fuel and food costs. Each yacht will have a purser who will collect the funds for communal bills. This all sounds a lot but we do pay 30% deposit for the charter yacht initially and then the balance 10 weeks before we go so you do have time to phase the money in over several months. Flights are via Athens to Kos which involves a change. Airlines are Ryanair, Olympic or Aegean. Once we know who is flying we can attempt to get the same flights

This Rally starts from Kos and goes North to Kalymnos (2 stops, one a harbour and the other an anchorage) then to Leros (2 stops alongside, possibly three nights). We then go South towards Kos again and to the volcanic island of Nisyros (2 nights). You will be able to take a trip up to the huge crater. Each day we have a skippers meeting and this allows the yacht crews to discuss the next day's visit and weather conditions, thus enabling those wishing to visit other places the chance to leave the group and rejoin later in the Rally.

We then move on to Tilos where we will visit two harbours in two days. One is the main harbour and the other will be a remote anchorage in a huge crater. After this we hope to either sail to the new Marina at Rhodes or turn North again and choose another port of call on the way back to Kos. I will prepare a Navionics/Google Earth route for each yacht to put onto their chart plotters or Tablets as required. These will be emailed when completed.

It is a wonderful experience, visiting a harbour for the first time from the sea and either anchoring or berthing alongside to visit the town.

Those who have expressed an interest in going, I have your names. Should places materialise or you wish to charter your own yacht please let me know. Even a charter skipper can be provided by the Yacht charterers at a price! This means you would have less risk if you are a novice and still learning to sail offshore in your own yacht.

Let me know if you are planning to go so I have knowledge of your plan.

Happy Sailing,

Chas Kimber PISC Offshore Secretary



Kos Harbour





Offshore News

Commemorative D Day beach landing at Latsi – Tuesday 6 June 2017

To commemorate the D Day landings on 6th June 1944 the Offshore yachts brigade will plan an outing from Latsi for all boats of any type to a point North (not too far away) in Chrysochou Bay where we will anchor off the shore. We will be close in, to picnic on-board the vessels or some will board landing craft to the beach heads for their picnic.

Some ideas for this are:

Rent a boat from Latsi from Georges or Latsi Watersport's to take part

PISC Offshore yachts attend and anchor

PISC Powerboats attend and anchor

Any other boat attend to anchor or beach weather and resistance permitting

We hope to set up the Beach heads for those going ashore and this should be just North of the pier on the Argaka Road. Our Special Boat Section will recce the beaches beforehand to ascertain depths and GPS details.

There is no excuse for those without boats as they can do their assault from the Shore side by armoured vehicle, 4x4's or Nissan Micra's.

- We will need teams to set up
- Sword Beach (British)
- Juno Beach (Canadian)
- Gold Beach (British)
- Omaha Beach (American)
- Utah Beach (American)

No Gliders or parachutists will be required unless specifically tasked– thanks

Any enquiries/further ideas for this day please contact either Chas or Marylin & Steve Wilkinson Yacht Holy Smoke



Chrysochou Bay near Polis

The Normandy Landings

(codenamed Operation Neptune) were the landing operations on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 (termed D-Day) of the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. The largest seaborne invasion in history, the operation began the liberation of German-occupied northwestern Europe from Nazi control, and contributed to the Allied victory on the Western Front.

Planning for the operation began in 1943. In the months leading up to the invasion, the Allies conducted a substantial military deception, codenamed Operation Bodyguard, to mislead the Germans as to the date and location of the main Allied landings. The weather on D-Day was far from ideal, but postponing would have meant a delay of at least two weeks, as the invasion planners had requirements for the phase of the moon, the tides, and the time of day that meant only a few days in each month were deemed suitable. Adolf Hitler placed German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel in command of German forces and of developing fortifications along the Atlantic Wall in anticipation of an Allied invasion



Social News

Valentine's Night by Carol Robb, our Social Correspondent

Valentine's Night at The Club House was a great success and again Chrissie and her team in the kitchen came up trumps. Also a thank you to all the ladies who helped decorate and made it look colourful and welcoming.

The cheese and chocolate idea was greatly received and bottles of fizz were available for members who wanted to buy them.

Three couples took part in a game called Mr and Mrs with John Tremaine asking the relevant questions. Paul and Penny were eliminated after the first round, Liz and Brian did very well, but the eventual winners were Neil and Anne.

There were a lot of tears in the eyes of the audience, when Neil got down on one knee and taking Anne's hand in his he proposed to her. There was a tense few moments before she said 'Yes'. They are a lovely couple who have been together for some years and we all look forward to their forthcoming nuptials.



Neil and Anne

Six Nations Rugby

We shall once again be screening 6 nations rugby on Saturdays in February and March at the Clubhouse.

Cost will be 10 Euros per person per Saturday which includes a hearty meal and entry into the sweepstake on each game.



Please let us know, especially if you intend to have a meal so that we can adequately cater for your needs.

So come along and support your team and endure some friendly banter when they lose!

Contact Brian Parker (99015069) or Chrissie Hall for bookings.

Sat 25th Feb 4.25pm Scotland v Wales; 6.50pm Ireland v France

Sat 11 Mar 3.30pm Italy v France; 6pm England v Scotland

Sat 18th Mar 2.30pm Scotland v Italy; 4.45pm France v Wales;
7pm Ireland v England



Clubhouse Opening Times

Tuesdays

Open 1900 - 2200

Last Food Orders 2030

Last Drinks Orders 2130

Fridays

Open 1200 - 1600

Last Food Orders 1400

Last Drinks Orders 1530

Future Planned Social Events...

Monday February 27th 1030

Sunday March 5th 1000

Tuesday March 7th 1900

Tuesday March 21st 1930

Friday April 14th 2017 1000

Saturday June 3rd 1000

Green Monday Kite Flying at Agios Georgios - All welcome

Car Treasure Hunt - Clubhouse - Please Book

Club In-House Quizz - Food from 1830 - All welcome

Fitting Out Supper - Clubhouse - (Ticket Holders)

PISC AGM - Clubhouse - All Members Welcome

Paphos 2017 Yeronisos Island Race - Agios Georgios



Social News

GREEN MONDAY - February 27th



Green Monday in Cyprus (known as Clean Monday) is a bank holiday that denotes the start of Lent. Green Monday is a festival where flying a kite is the

main past time.

Come and join us at the RIB shed at Agios Georgios at 10-30 am to fly your kite or simply enjoy a tea or coffee (€1) and even a "Bacon Buttie" (€2-50) from 11am.



CAPTION COMPETITION

Seen in Latchi Harbour.

Sent in by Sharon Kimber

Entries to:

MainSheet@gmail.com

USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Rescue Coordination Centre	1441
VHF ('Cyprus Radio')	Ch 16, 70
SAR Phone Center	2464 3005
Other Phones:	2430 4723 24304737
Marine Police, Paphos	2681 1390
Police, fire, ambulance	112 or 199
Paphos Police	2680 6060
Peyia Police	2680 6350
Ambulance	2260 4031
Phoenix Private Ambulance	9555 9911

Golf

Sailing Club Golfers

The Sailing Club Golfers meet once a month for 18 holes of golf at a local golf course. This is normally followed in the evening by an informal dinner for the golfers and their spouses or partners.

We have negotiated very special rates at two Paphos courses although we tend to play mostly at Minthis Hills. As a member of our group (which is free) you can arrange your own private games as well.

The standard of golf is questionable but the friendship is excellent! If you would like to join us please contact John Morren our Secretary.

To all
Aspiring
Writers,



If you would like to write a book, poetry or short stories why not contact

PAPHOS WRITERS GROUP
at NEOS SPORTS CLUB,
PEYIA

for friendly help and advice.

Thursdays 10.0.am to
12.00.noon

contact:

Rich Palmer 99585374

www.paphoswriters-group.com