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New Club Dinghy



Kallan, the latest addition to the Wayfarer fleet

The Sailing Committee, led by RCS Bob Sheward, decided to purchase Wayfarer Plus S, sail number 9470, following approval by the membership at the AGM. 'Kallan' was offered by a club member with a very good inventory and was an excellent buy for the club. She will make a welcome addition to our Wayfarer fleet.

It is taking some time to get her added to our club insurance policy as the insurers are dragging their feet. As soon as this is achieved we will be able to offer her to club members and also use her for training.



Dinghy News

PISC Open Days

An initiative by the Sailing Committee starts this week with two Open Days planned for the public and club members alike.

Regular sailors will be at Agios Georgios on Thursday 25th May and Sunday 28th May from 10am to 3pm to offer trial sails in our dinghies.

Members of the public will be able to see how PISC works and view the RIB sheds and our sailing in action. The more adventurous will be able to take out temporary membership and have a trial sail. The clubhouse will also be open so that prospective members can view the clubhouse facility.

Congratulations to the latest PISC Level 1-3 Course!



Chris Hall, Richard Wheeler, Marc Levy-Benchetton & Madelaine Hampton with instructors John Lay, Dave Brown and Phil Mutton

PY Numbers by Mike Robb

The latest PY numbers have been published by the RYA and are as follows (2016 figures in brackets):

2017 Wayfarer	1102 (1107)
2017 Kestrel	1035 (1029)
2017 Laser	1097 (1095)

So if I have got this right, the difference in handicap between the Wayfarer and Kestrel has reduced by 15% or in other words about 23 seconds over a 40 minute race. *More details on the RYA website:*

Training

Training News by Terry Mitchell, Training Officer



Safety Sinka's Crew!

New to PISC and wanting to get on the water?

Why not get trained as a RIB Safety Boat crew person and contribute to activities at Agios Georgios? John Tremain, the Chief Powerboat Instructor, is looking for volunteers to be trained during the coming months. No previous experience is needed but you should be able to swim. If you would like to be trained, contact John and let him know your availability for training.

Deputy Training Officer sought.

Our present Deputy Training Officer will be stepping down in the coming months and a volunteer replacement is sought. The role will involve some computer work to keep training records up to date and deputising for the Training Officer at meetings, if required. A training background is desirable but not essential.

If you would like to discuss what's involved, please email me, Terry Mitchell,

TrainingOfficer@pisc.com.cy

or call me on 97 886480.



Racing Results

Spring Series

The PISC Spring Series concludes on 17th June and so far it is a close run competition for second and third place between 'Wavedancer' (Jon Hicks) and 'Yorkshire Rose' (Neil Hodkin). In the lead is 'Cora-zon' (David Brown).

Monthly Medal

As you are aware the Monthly Medal has moved back to Saturdays. Due to time pressure on the Results Officer the results for this month have yet to be calculated. They should be on the website soon!

SPECIAL EVENTS COMING UP!

The next four weeks will be very busy at Agios Georgios with Open Days, Evening Sailing, the Yeronisos Race and PISC Summer Regatta planned. Please have a look at the Sailing Calender below and make a note of the dates and times. Come along and support the participants as these events showcase PISC to the public and encourage new sailors to join us.

Open Days

Two Open days are planned running from 1000 to 1500 to demonstrate activities at A.G. and also the clubhouse. Volunteers will take temporary members for a trial sail.

Yeronisos Race and PISC Summer Regatta

These events have been well publicised, come along and support us even if you're not directly involved.

Sailing Calender

DATE

Thursday 25th May

Saturday 27th May

Sunday 28th May

Thursday 1st June

Saturday 3rd June 2017

Thursday 8th June

Saturday 10th June

Tuesday 13th June

Thursday 15th June

Saturday 17th June

Thursday 22nd June

23rd - 25th June 2017

4th March to 17th June

1st July to 26th August

2nd September to 16th December

EVENT

Open Day 1000 - 1500

YST 1300 - 1600

Series & Monthly Shield Races

Open Day 1000 - 1500

Work Party at 0900

Free Sailing from 1200

YST 1300 - 1600

Paphos 2017

'Yeronisos Island Race'

Practice & Free Sailing

YST 1300 - 1600

Series & Monthly Shield Races

Evening Sailing 1500

Practice & Free Sailing

YST 1300 - 1600

Series & Monthly Shield Races

Work Party at 0900

2017 PISC Summer Regatta

Spring Series

Summer Series

Autumn Series

A.G. SAILING TIMES

Thursdays

Practice & Free Sailing

Safety Boat Crew 1000

Beach Crew 1030

Briefing 1100

Sailing from 1130

Saturday Racing

Seasonal Series & Monthly

Shield

(usually 2 races back to back)

Safety Boat Crew 1000

Beach Crew 1030

Briefing 1100

Warning Signal 1155



The Dhekelia Regatta

Report by Andy Cherry, DSSC Sailing Secretary

We have just concluded our Annual Regatta and it turned out to be one of the strangest I can recall in twenty years of living in Cyprus! They say that sailors are pre-occupied with the weather, quite rightly so! The forecasts that we read days before, suggested strong winds from the south west. Not good news since we all know that this is going to mean big waves for small dinghies!

It proved to be so. I spent all day on Friday watching the winds build, change direction, drop a little, build again until we had a good force 5, (with lively gusts of 6) As we were aiming to get in a single race at 15.30 for the General Handicap we had to make the call to cancel. Not any easy choice but one over which we had no control. Later that evening we retired to the upstairs bar and were treated to a fantastic dinner with a couple of glasses, hoping the next day would bring a better promise of fair winds.

This year we also had a wonderful turnout of some thirty boats, a recent record, so we were very keen to get at least some sailing in! Derek, our Principal Race Officer, made the sensible choice not to bring his yacht down from Larnaca Marina, due to the adverse wind conditions.

Saturday morning saw early strong winds and rain squalls, great for the happy campers in Scout Wood! By the time we did the Welcome and Race Brief it was evident that there would be no way for our Safety Crews to give a guarantee of covering any kind of rescue situation, so, yet again we had to make the call to cancel! It was at this point that we wondered if we might be able to retrieve anything which would resemble a Sailing Regatta at all! To brighten the morning, we watched spellbound as Totis Jordanou rigged his Laser and set off for a jaunt across the bay. It has to be said that the waves were pretty enormous and winds gusting 25/30 knots. He is after all the current National champion and the heavy weather training partner for the Cypriot Olympic Silver Medallist. Not bad considering he is only 18 years of age!

The Jewel in the Crown was our Regatta Party. Not two hours before the start of this party we were treated to two mighty storms with rain/hail/lightning and loud bangs, accompanied by one amazing gust of 40 knots! However in true stoical fashion we swept the water off the patio, mopped down the chairs and tables and were all set to entertain eighty plus people for dinner and disco!

“One of the best Regatta Parties ever!” I heard from several guests. We had a ball. Brilliant food, lots of liquid refreshment and great company with an outstanding Disco. One of the best was right!

Our early start on Sunday paid off. The focus was simply the Series Racing and we aimed to get as many races as possible into the weather window that we had. Everyone was keen to go and Derek set a slightly shortened course to accommodate this. Light winds prevailed at the start but halfway up the beat the wind filled in and we had two races in bright sunshine and force 4 breezes. Perfect “Champagne sailing!”

Unfortunately, this was not such good news for our Junior Fleet. Recently qualified to RYA Stage Two they all did brilliantly to get around their first Regatta course. Not too many tears for these young kids and a few scary moments for them but they completed the race. Wonderful stuff!

In to shore for a break and then out for the final two races, back to back. The fleets were looking rather depleted by now, not surprising as the winds were a good force five and building with interesting waves! One race was completed and then into to shore for safety reasons.

All in all, we managed to fit in a mere three races over the entire weekend! It could have been worse and we at least had a great party atmosphere with sailing friends in our wonderful club!

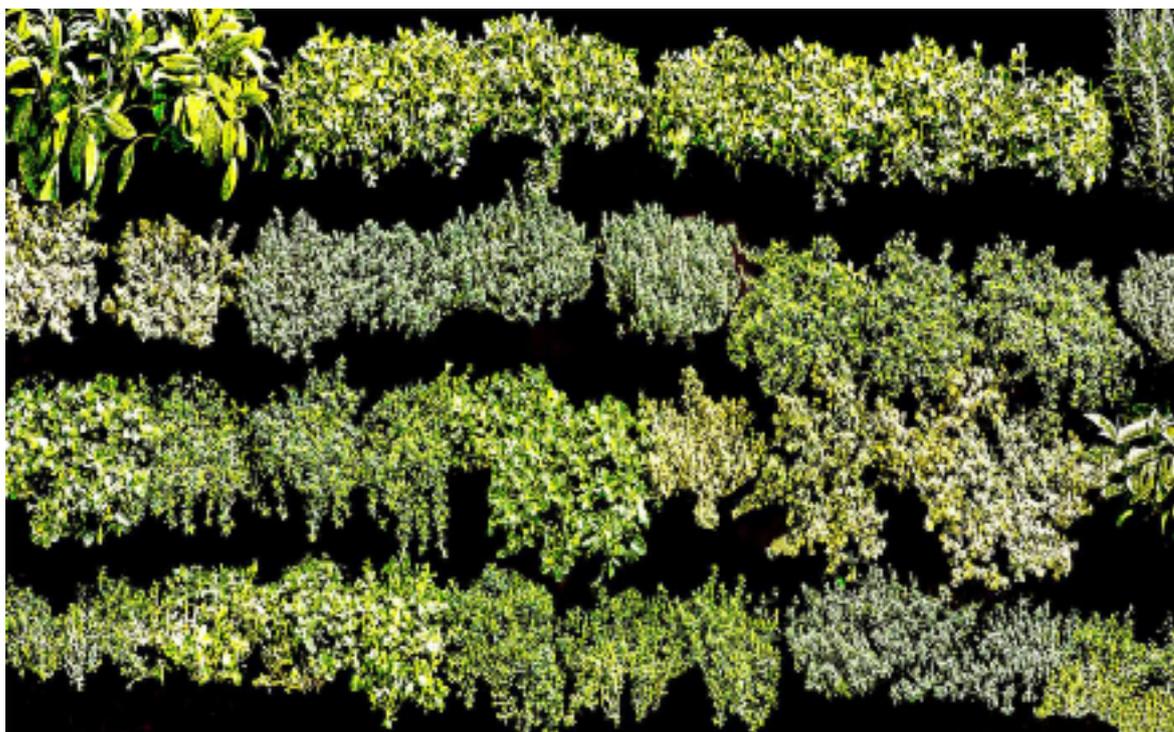
Boats packed away and it was time for the (slightly early) Prize giving. Club Commodore, Major Sarah Raitt presented the prizes and Rear Commodore, Chris Dodds thanked our members for their massive and combined efforts to make our Regatta the success that it was.

We all know that we have a fantastic sailing club and it's great to see so many people regularly sailing and using the facilities and giving the club a real buzz!



Camera Club Competition

Congratulations to our Club Secretary, Liz Unwin, and Chris Scorer on their recent successes in the UKCA's 2017 Annual Photographic Print Competition which was judged by two independent professional photographers. Liz took 1st place in the Natural World section with her 'Fifty Shades of Green' while Chris took 1st place in the Landscape section with his 'Sunset on U-Bein Bridge (Burma)' which was also awarded 'Photograph of the Year'. Well done to you both!"



Liz Unwin's winning photograph 'Fifty Shades of Green'



Chris Scorer took first place in the Landscape Section and Photograph of the Year with 'Sunset on U-Bein Bridge'



Social News

PISC Catering Arrangements

In the weeks before the AGM, the club went through a period of change following the resignation of the Catering Manageress. A number of club members volunteered to help out and their assistance was very welcome. Jackie Wells, our resident chef, was also brought in and her menu has been very well received.

Now that we have our new RCH (Dave Smith) and our new Catering Manageress (Jan Smith) in place I would like to clarify the arrangements regarding the provision of catering at the clubhouse.

All decisions regarding club catering will be made by the Catering Manageress and all queries and suggestions should be directed to her so that there is one point of contact in these matters.

Jan will produce a programme and menu on a monthly basis with names of those who have volunteered for duties in the kitchen. This may be club members or Jackie Wells. Jackie currently purchases all food supplies and Jan will be responsible for the sourcing and payment of other kitchen requirements.

In order that the kitchen and bar helpers can carry out their duties without interruption it is requested that club members comply with the club rule;

'Member Access: Members who are not assisting with the serving of food and/or drink during any particular opening session shall not enter the clubhouse service area, being defined as the kitchen, bar and utility rooms. The remainder of the clubhouse is referred to as the general area.'

Jan, David and their team have some great ideas for future events and improvements to menus for Friday lunch and also Tuesdays.

Come along and support your club!

Many Thanks, Mike Robb

Merchandise

Friday 26th May Clubhouse Lunch

Dorothy would like to mention that she is unable to attend the Friday clubhouse lunchtime session but will be at Agios Georgios on Thursday 25th and Sunday 28th May in support of the PISC Open Day initiative from 1000 to 1500.

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Future Planned Social Events...

Saturday	June 3rd	1000	Paphos 2017 Yeronisos Island Race - Agios Georgios
Tuesday	June 6th	1000	Re-enactment of D Day Landings
Tuesday	June 6th	1900	Sailing lecture - Starting Techniques by Bob Sheward
Saturday	June 10th	1900	PISC Summer Ball at Cap St George
Tuesday	June 13th	1500	Afternoon Sailing followed by Social (Beach BBQ?)
Fri - Sun	June 23-25	1000	PISC Summer Regatta



A Poem, 'An Ode To Rippin Yarn'

An experience of another "Old Lady" undertaking the Basic Dinghy Sailing Course by Chris Hall

Four new students arrive at the beach
Nervous energy but looking forward to reach
the CYSAF sailing award one, two and three
The levels of sailing from AG harbour and sea.

Student's instructors are men of great sailing skill
And the students were allocated to each one at will
Pleasing they were as introduced to their boat
When suddenly that eagerness did away float

Myself and my co student looked in dismay
At this old green and black boat of disarray
Our instructor reassured us all would be well
And Sail she would as far as could tell

Out on the water we both tried to sail
With many a tack only to fail
What is wrong with this tiller so long
When under our arms it all went so wrong

We continued to tack and try out our luck
When all of a sudden the centre board stuck
Pull it up said the instructor, use all your might
Tugging like mad to no use it wouldn't come right.

It was decided to leave it in this unsafe place
Whilst we entered a run at minimum pace
With sails all a flapping behind we did run
This was starting to look like some fun

The wind stopped so dead and out of irons we did steer
Oh no - now so choppy the sea did appear
Along came the dreaded feeling so ill
And I hadn't taken a seasickness pill

That for me was the end of an eventful day
And off I went full of dismay
The next day we arrived all in good form
Skills to achieve and ready to perform

Reef, Bowline and figure of eight
We practised our knots at fantastic rate
Reaching, gibing and taking the tiller
- undertaken inspite of said killer

By day three apprehension aflow
With capsizing and just sole helming to go
The wind blew a gale and no sailing alas
But still to perform the capsize in mass

Out in the green and black lady we saw how it was done

The boys performing first whilst we braced the hot sun
On the safety boat bobbing around
Oh no me thinks my pills not to be found

During this exercise of the boys capsize
The green and black lady became very wise
She decided to shred a pin from the shroud
To everyone's horror and we gathered around

There she lay in the sea- a full collapsed state
With everyone wondering her terrible feat
A pleasure boat came to offer help and assist
Thanks said the safety boat we just need to persist

The instructors decided to call it a day
By towing the green and black lady away
Thank goodness we thought she's surely now a fail
Alas no, after repair and some coaching she again
upped to sail



More Poetry!

Rippin Yarn continued...

Into the harbour we girls were to capsiz first
After much deliberation and quenching of thirst
But then the sad lady decided to stay fast
By loosing her halyard attached to the mast

On her side on the beach she did lay
Whilst all the sailors trying to feed with dismay
Tourists and students gathering around
Surely she now was to be put to ground

No! Up she did rise, ready to sail
And back came the panic of capsizing to fail
Well after much pulling and pushing by Phil
The girls completed the onerous drill

The ode to this old lady unstable to float
Is the need to retire her to the graveyard of boat
"Ripping Yarn" you have completed your time with en-
deavour

But this "flipping yarn" will devote again to her never

She's not fit for purpose in any way
And shouldn't be enlisted on training day
The students would achieve better in a more modern
dinghy
Instead of this lady the green and black thingy.

Success to the students was not without pain
The tutors enthusiasm never did wain
David and John are sailors with skill
Whilst top of the trainers is our brilliant Phil

We mustn't forget the team of Koula with flair
the lovely beach lady of support, our dear Claire
Thanks to the team for giving of your all
To four lively students who really did have a ball

YIALOS TAVERN BY THE SEA

by Richard Palmer

In the back of beyond alongside the sea
Is a Cypriot tavern so full of charm
The foaming white waves, there for all to see
And an atmosphere of peace and total calm
The Cypriot owners so genuine and caring
Tending to your every need
Cypriot cuisine cooked for sharing
Ensuring you have a top class feed
A special cocktail, a secret recipe
For you to sip and savour the taste
Made with love and care for you and me
To be enjoyed, but not in haste
Refreshing cold beer in the heat of the sun
No sign of a cloud in the sky
A luxury yacht, people having fun
As very slowly it passes by
We dream and wish of paradise
And think, 'are we jealous'
I'm sure it must be very nice
But to me paradise is Yialos

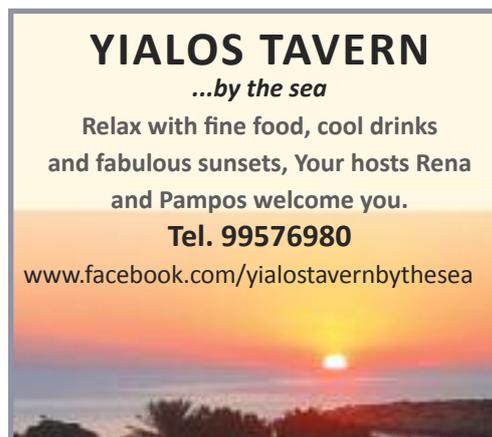
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