



THE BELL CHIMES

GP14 POOLE YACHT CLUB OCTOBER 2000

A.G.M. - TUESDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2000

IT'S SAFE TO ATTEND !!

**NEXT NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2001**
We need your input.
Baldrick is standing by.

A.G.M.

November 21st 2000 - 8pm

Thanks to our current class captains subtle use of ambush, blackmail and outright bullying, the introduction of the six person politburo has generally mapped out who does what next year. The outstanding success of our South West Area Championship completely validated our new approach.

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Agenda

- 1 Minutes of the 1999 AGM
- 2 Financial Report
- 3 Class Captains Report
- 4 Social Secretary's Report
- 5 Racing
- 6 Volunteers
- 7 Events
- 8 Election of Officers
- 9 Any Other Business

Results

Thanks once again to Richard Lane for producing another comprehensive set of seasons results. Our turnouts were high and competition continues to improve. Eleven different helms have come first in the 2000 Monday and Thursday series and a further three have achieved second place. No wonder the start line is crowded these days with at one time 18 boats trying to cross.

TRAVELLERS SERIES 2000

(Sponsored by Brown Fintube)

It's good fun travelling to other clubs especially when there are a few of you. The host club always make you welcome and sailing on strange water is certainly different. If you happen to end up sailing on one of those pond things then I would have to substitute the word "different" !!



The Poole lot at Whitefriars

To qualify for this years South West Area Travellers Series, it was made extra easy for us Poole boats. We only needed to compete in 9 races with at least one event involving hitching the boat. A record number of PYC travellers took to the road with 4 of our GPs attending the Whitefriars open and 5 making it to Spinnaker SC.

Sadly our local heroes Pete Harlow and Barry Southam were beaten in to 2nd spot narrowly missing out by just one point to the Lymptone team of Tony and Caroline Blackmore.

Anyway well done to those who had a go and maybe we can improve the numbers next year and dare we even think of it - Bring the trophy to Poole.

Final Results

1st	Tony & Caroline Blackmore (Lymptone)	13 pts
2nd	Pete Harlow & Barry Southam (Poole YC)	14 pts
3rd	Den Valentine (Poole YC)	17 pts
4th	Matt Valentine & Sarah Saunders (Poole YC)	27 pts
5th	David & Barbara Brann (Poole YC)	35 pts

CLASS CAPTAINS WAFFLE

Well that's it almost another sailing year over which I feel has been a most successful one. Our turnouts for club racing has been the best ever reaching the magic 18 again with a number of 17s and numerous 16s. Congratulations to Tony Moore who up to this year had never won a series. Unfortunately he showed his true colours, got greedy and grabbed two. Pete Harlow found his form after a slow start to take three and a well done to Andy Welch for winning the Monday Spring Series.

My position as Class Captain has been a doddle this year due to the introduction of the new system where basically the duties are shared out. For those not familiar with what happens, the class is run by a six person team.

Next Captain (Class Captain in training with a list of duties)
Class Captain (only 1 year in office)
Vice Captain (previous Class Captain and the deputy with duties)
Social Secretary (elected annually)
Results Secretary (elected annually)
Press & PR Secretary (elected annually)

The three captains are in each position for one year and the whole thing is a team effort.

We are very lucky that in addition to the above, David Bracey offered his services as Treasurer and Graham Chase has been taking on special tasks such as organising this years successful GP Training Day. Pete Harlow also joined the team and played his part in the brilliant organisation of the South West Area Championship which we hosted in May.

Getting back to the Class Captain business, part of the new system is to plan ahead so the position at the moment is :-

	<u>Next Captain</u>	<u>Class Captain</u>	<u>Vice Captain</u>
2000	Barry Southam	Den Valentine	Tony Moore
2001	David Bracey	Barry Southam	Den Valentine
2002		David Bracey	Barry Southam
2003			David Bracey
2004			

As you can see we have some gaps, so come on, throw you name into the ring.

Our WebSite www.poolegp14.co.uk has been running since January and already is a mine of information on our group and what we get up to. Nevertheless we are always looking to add more information to the site so your articles and ideas please, let us have it and we'll get it on.

Well that's enough waffle from me but before I sign off can we wish the best of luck to Anne Sweetzer who is leaving the area and unfortunately the club. Anne has been an active member of our class and her lovely smiling face will be missed. Some congratulation are also in order, first to Greg and Jane who eventually tied the knot last month (and made it legal) and best wishes also to Peter Carswell and Linda Compton on their recent engagement.

That's it. Bye for now, see you at the AGM ???

Den

The B.B.Q.



Baldrick is not in the habit of congratulating Mr Peter Harlow and so finds the next few lines quite difficult. It was with mild surprise we accepted the invitation from Peter to host this years B.B.Q. Of course now in hindsight (good name for a boat that!) if I had known Christine a little better there would be no surprise. Well organised, great eats and sweets, and a choice of 5 or 6 individual B.B.Q. grills!

So I will say this only once, thanks very much Peter for a really great evening,

(I mean Christine really).



Captain Nemo Award

The last sentence in the last newsletter went "we can't always rely on the Branns playing submarines in the main shipping channel." How wrong can you be. Having done so well in this contest last season, David has now progressed to celebrity ditching. Clearly bored with pitching long suffering wife Barbara into the drink, the latest casualty was the ex-commodore Jim McGregor ! Even with ex-commodore, still only counting 1, David amassed a grand total of 7, so being head and shoulders 'below' not even close contenders Mike Williams, Tony Moore, Matt Valentine and Greg McLoughlin all on 3.

SERIES RESULTS 2000

The Archaeopteryx Cup Monday Spring Series	Tin Tin	Andy Welch
The Joint Venture Trophy Monday Summer Series	Kylikki	Tony Moore Richard Lane
The Redstone Trophy Monday Late Summer Series	Kylikki	Tony Moore Richard Lane
Keith Wells Cup Thursday Spring Series	Joint Venture	Pete Harlow Barry Southam
Jack's Summer Cup Thursday Summer Series	Joint Venture	Pete Harlow Barry Southam
Oyster Trophy Thursday Late Summer	Joint Venture	Pete Harlow Barry Southam
The Salterns Chandlery Studland Shield	Gateaux Paradise	Andy Cake Andy Renton
The Bob Hoare Round the Islands	Gateaux Paradise	Andy Cake Andy Renton
The Bournemouth Pier Race	Chuckie	Den Valentine Tony Moore
The Silver Pot Monday Silver Fleet Wnr.	Mange Tout	Barry Southam Sue Southam
The Broadstone Bowl Thursday Silver Fleet Winner	Flying Fish 2	David Bracey Celia Bracey
The Jaine Cup Best Runner Up	Beez Neez	Richard Lane Anne Short
The GP14 Trophy Overall Gold Fleet Winner	Joint Venture	Pete Harlow

TRAINING DAY 22 July

It came as no surprise that Neil Thompson, who came 2nd in our South West Area Championship (a touch unlucky not to win), provided a very informative and enjoyable day.

Two sessions in the dinghy park sandwiched very lively practical exercises on the water. Unfortunately when Soc. Sec. And Baldrick met the gusty F5 we adopted our customary panic paralysis mode and hurtled to Arne and back duly ignoring our prestigious guest. The thought of practising close quarter starting techniques in those conditions has no relevance to our sailing. Thankfully the efforts of our more spirited GP14 ers limited our embarrassment and found it very worthwhile. Sadly one lesson learnt did disappoint. I always understood that when beating upwind it was my duty to ensure the shroud impressed a groove at least 10mm deep into Soc. Secs side. Not so, current thinking has is to sit slightly back at an angle to encourage the bow over the waves.

We send our thanks to Graham Chase who organised the event, the Class Association who funded it and to Mark Sweetzer for the safety cover.

The Piplers SOUTH WEST AREA CHAMPIONSHIP

To gauge the success of this event we only need to quote Graham Flynn, one of our visitors.

"If you ever wanted a model for how to run a sailing event, then look no further than the South West Area Championships organised by the GP14 fleet at Poole Yacht Club. Everything was right from start to finish."



There were two key factors to this success, first was the very generous sponsorship we received from our main sponsor, Piplers of Poole. This gave us the confidence to invest substantially in all of the elements which made it so enjoyable, beer festival, prizes, and disco. The second was the solid contribution of each member of the GP14 committee.

The event was blessed with good wind both days and while the conditions were very lively on the Sunday, westerly F4 veering NW F6 with strong gusts, it was no problem for the visitors and most local expertise.

One highlight was Rob Davies and Nancy Gedge who have the only GP14 at Ripon S.C. in Yorkshire and thought it would be nice to sail against some other GP14's. Despite being blown away by the conditions on Sunday, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Full results are on the notice board and detailed reports are on our Poole GP14 web site. However, a special mention must be made of Mark Reynell and Lucy Newnham (pictured above) who finished a very credible 12th.

HELP ! - BOAT STORAGE - NEEDED

As we are being asked to remove our boats from the dinghy park by November 6th this year, a number from our fleet are in trouble.

If anyone knows of some storage could they contact Den Valentine.

Soc. Sec. Section

- Fri 13th October - Ten Pin Bowling & Dinner
Sat 2nd December - GP14 Dinner
Every Thursday 8pm - Quiz night until 7th Dec (not 26th Oct)
Sat 3rd March 2001 - Club Prizegiving
Sat 31st March 2001 - GP14 Skittles

For our GP dinner, volunteers are required to help put up Xmas decorations on Friday evening 1st December. This has been brought forward to give our dinner a festive atmosphere because we're normally so subdued.

The Poole Y.C. Review is on 23/24 March 2001, ideas to Barry Southam by 1st November.

Without the regular contact with everybody through sailing, the confirmation of bookings and menus takes considerable time. While Soc. Sec has had years of practise living with someone who doesn't listen half the time and takes everything for granted, it would be of great benefit (particularly to our telephone bill) if you guys and gals responded as promptly as possible, if only to say no thank you.

Your help would be much appreciated.

Celia

This annual jolly is getting more popular each year and the word must be getting out. Would you believe it, we're now getting visitors !!

Philip Hoath turned up from Chew Valley (Bristol) and joined in. Something else, it's also getting hi-jacked !!, not only did we have our 9 GPs and the folk in the club launch invade the quiet secluded beach, but from the club, two Toppers, a Phantom, a Wayfarer and a Mirror got to hear about it.

Stewart and Gemma even borrowed a GP and what's more they brought a tent !! Anyway we picked another gorgeous day, sailed to our favourite spot and did the usual Boule and Tug o War stuff with the Wooden boats versus the Plastics. The Woodies won the Tug o War thanks to their anchor man, the visitor from Bristol.

(we made some use out of him).

THE PICNIC

5/8/00

The smell from the bar-b got a stream of takers as endless burgers, hot-dogs and onions were churned out on one of those disposable jobs and we even fed the gate crashers bless 'em.



Talking of gate crashers, we got more use out of them as we noticed that John in the Wayfarer had brought his outboard, so the ferrying of the non sailors from the

King of the Slipway

Award

This year the jury was clearly bored with John Ballinger's paddling and Tony Knill's attempts to sail out of the haven with his centre board up - So who is this!

Steaming towards the slipway under full sail on a good beam reach. Crew goes forward to the bow and neatly lassos his foot in the cleated genoa sheet. He turns to wind at speed, neatly dodges two stationary boats only to come face to face with the slipway wall. Only option is to tack fast, crew falls over, now on fast run to the yachting berths. An out of control gybe (when was there any control) and heading for disaster on the rocks. Unfortunately the dire consequences and the writers entertainment were brought to a halt by some do-gooder clambering down the rocks (sorry Den) and grabbing the boat off, yes, you know who this winner is, it's Greg McLoughlin !!

sands to our anchored club launch was a much more sophisticated affair this year and six up wasn't a problem. After a nice easy going afternoon messing around in boats and stuff, it was time for home. The getting back to the club business was easy this time as a stiff sea breeze had set in from a favourable direction allowing us to sail round Brownsea Island, port tack all the way. We had a load of gear and five in my boat and the good 'ole GP handled it well but having to tack may have changed all that.

The anchor's now been put away, the wife tells me she's done her one bit of sailing for the year and I should be grateful, so lets wish that next years picnic is as good and hope that the nice man in his Wayfarer hasn't bought a GP !!

Den Valentine