



THE BELL CHIMES

GP14 POOLE YACHT CLUB
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Our GP14

A.G.M.

To be arranged in Dec or Jan
See Notice Board

Please attend

We need you there !

GP14 ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday 3rd December 7.00 p.m.

Menu & Details enclosed
Orders to Martin before 25th November

CAPTAIN'S LOG

Star-date 31-10- 05
somewhere near the planet Zog.

It's now 79 days 23 hours and 14 minutes since the Nationals ended. I've cleared nearly all the backlog of tasks to be completed before the swearing in of Rear Admiral Thompson D. (R.N. retd. [nearly]) who takes command of the good ship GP14 on December 3rd. I have only the presentation of the Association plaque to perform. I'm currently building up my strength for one last push, so as not to weaken in the face of "He who must not be named". (No, not that one. The one with the scary wife.) I was reduced to a nervous wreck today, when I discovered he knows my mobile number!! It can only be a matter of time.....Still that quivering lip, I must go on,is that a light I see ahead?...no it's just the smug look on the faces of the Mutineers, who lead



the quiz league. Are we a spent force? I hear you cry, who knows, for it is told that the Brains cometh. The voices in my head tell me it's nearly over, "Don't worry" they say, but how can I not worry, when the voices speak with the accent of the little people? Fear rides rough shod through my body when the mail that is E arrives from the manager who is deputy general. It's been five long, cruel, years and I still cannot stop the social committee minutes from haunting the screen that is my only companion. Many was the time when I thought it would break me, but the rock who is my safety net, prevented me from falling, and lo, his name was Valentine, so good was he, they named a day after him. I must stop, I grow weaker and need the medicine that called Pinot Grigio. It soothes my troubled mind.

N.B. I'm sure Barry will feel better soon, it's amazing what they can do with drugs these days - Sue.

Girly Chat

By Sue Southam

Well, another year over. The boat packed away, the Lancia finally in the garage (thanks Baz), and at the end of October when the road tax runs out it will officially be winter.

It does feel a bit as if we blinked and missed the sailing season, no sooner had it started than it was over. No more crucial decisions - sunglasses or not, will I break fingernails if I wear short fingered gloves, you know the sort of thing. Mind you, I suspect that Barry is relieved it's over; Guy and myself are too. It's no fun living with a bear with a sore head and especially one who often relied on telepathy (sorry, still haven't cracked that one!). Still, only another couple of months and he can hand everything over to Dave Thompson.

I suppose the one thing I missed this year was wind. With Steve and I being a bit on the hefty side we enjoy it when it blows, so where was it? Some of the races started out looking promising but the wind dwindled as time went on. Even our race duties were lacking in it. There's nothing better on a wet and blustery evening than sitting in the nice warm, dry hut and chuckling over the misfortunes of others (horrid but true). But on a more serious note it's a great way of learning about racing, marks, tactics and those lovely pretty lights! Of course it's a bit like having hindsight as the air in the hut resounds to cries of "Why on earth did they do that?", "keep going" and "NOOOOO!". Instead, this year, there were times when we had to nudge each other to keep awake as the fleets drifted this way and that.

So what of our premier event this year - the Nationals. Well, it seems that Barry's long range weather forecast in Mainsail earlier in the year was pretty spot on; 24 degrees, sunshine and F3-4

every day (I suppose two out of three isn't bad). The whole thing seemed to run quite smoothly although I suspect that most of us got a bit fed up with having to wait for the wind. However, hats off to Laurie Thornton -Grimes for remaining totally professional throughout despite some winging, and making sure that we had a good course. The trapezoid course was new to me and was a little disorientating at first trying to work out which mark was which. Our biggest problem was spotting the last mark especially when we swapped flights and went round in a different order. There were certainly some interesting routes to the finish including ours where we were convinced we were heading in the right direction, then had one of those "Why are they over there?" moments which was swiftly followed by a large veer to get to the correct mark. What am I saying? It was fiendish tactics of course! The flight system was interesting and for those of us at the back it gave a bit of hope that we could do well, especially when the fleets were finalised. Racing separately as fleets was very much like club racing and more satisfying than continually coming at the back of a large fleet. Steve and I followed our usual fluctuating finishing position trend by going from winning to coming nearly last. Despite all this the whole week was immense fun and certainly something I'd do again. Was there a down side? Well, I could do without the trench foot from wearing horribly soggy boots day in day out.

So on to the Junior regatta. Guy had been going to junior training this year and due to other commitments I'd not managed to see him sail. I was surprised at how confident he was moving around the boat and was impressed at the

way he sailed away from me gybing to catch the wind. It also gave me the chance to recognise how much I know by watching from the wall. It was frustrating at times knowing what he needed to do but not being able to tell him. Still, he had lots of help from the instructors (including the odd tow so he could catch up) and even though he finished absolutely last in every race his first comment on arriving back at the beach was "At least I didn't retire!". He was even more pleased to find that he'd beaten some of his friends and was proud of getting his certificate at the end of the season.

Ah yes, the Quiz; the Anoraks are struggling this year. Not only has the team been depleted by not having Tony, Serena and for the next few weeks Dave Thompson, but we've been beaten for the first time in history by the GP Brains! I think it's a bit off the way they've imported new talent and think we should be submitting them to a drugs test; I'm sure they've been taking too much omega-3 fish oil! This may be the first time in 5 years that the GP's don't win the trophy, still it was starting to get a little embarrassing, and I know we thought we ought to let other teams have a chance but this could be taking it a bit far!

The next big thing to look forward to is the GP dinner and prize giving when the usual ceremonials will be observed and Baz can finally hand over the yoke of responsibility and ridicule to Dave Thompson (assuming he's back from deepest darkest Africa).

Now that Baz has got some time on his hands.....(Thinks: where's that Integrale workshop manual?)

SAILING RESULTS

A full set of the Evening Sailing results are included with this issue.

Our thanks to Ian Wall

HOATH'S HOGWASH

There can only be one topic for this issue of "Hoaths Hogwash" and that must be the very successful GP14 Nationals and Cruising Week held at our Club in August.

It was an event I will reflect on for sometime to come. Cruising being my main interest I looked after the eleven cruising boats that came to Poole to explore the many aspects of this marvellous harbour. It is always a pleasure meeting GP14 sailors from other clubs and I could not have wished for a merrier bunch, the "Camaraderie" was very evident. We had a mixture of new and old boats experienced and first time sailors. I was extremely lucky in "Hoath Robinson" to have four different crews for the week. Sue Cook crewed for three days and Margaret Williams, Ruth Forester and Martin



Trim had one spell each in the front of the boat, "Tin Tin" also cruised crewed by David and Hanah Thompson and Greg and Jane McLoughlin on the first day. Alison Knowles and Alice Rodden crewed one day each in visitors boats. Our sailing took us up to Wareham, beyond the chain ferry around the Islands and although the winds were mainly light, the weather in general, was perfect for cruising. Off the water the cruisers "Traditional night out" was a great suc-

cess, the Lifeboat College proving to be the perfect venue an evening enjoyed by all. The BBQ on Long Island was another highlight, John Withers the BBQ king, the organizer supreme. The excellent teas at the end of each days sailing were also much appreciated and thanks must go to Issey Rodden and all her helpers. And so to the final day, prizegiving, hog roast and dancing. I think Hannah is still laughing, seeing her dad gyrating around the floor. An excellent week. At the Nationals I met David Le Page from Guernsey. There is the prospect of cruising the Channel Islands and I am at present exploring this opportunity. Also Hugh from the Irish GP14 Association gave us a brief talk



about the delights of Sligo the venue for next years Worlds and Cruising Week. Well that's all for now. As yet I am not sure about sailing the Winter Series. See you on or off the water.

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*Also, we need your input
contact Den if you have any ideas.
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On the SOCIAL

WANTED Social Secretary for GP 14 fleet. - Candidate must be social and .. Well that's it really. Duties include organising social activities for the fleet with the enthusiastic help and guidance of the GP14 committee, possibly the help of the ex social sec and always the staff of the club. Very rewarding in that very occasionally the Fleet Captain remembers to mention you in one of his thank you speeches. (not often though - not bitter really). I would like to concentrate on other activities within the club to all of our benefits.

This year has been very busy with the Nationals which from a social point of view was very successful. We achieved our targets for the activities organised throughout the week and almost drank the club dry for the Final Night party.

At this point I should express my sincere thanks for those that helped me (I wouldn't like to be accused of not thanking those that put so much effort into organising something (still not bitter)). But the event was a tremendous success and for me very enjoyable as well. And the only reason for that was the efforts of a few individuals. My fellow organisers Barry and Den and the rest of the committee guided me on a path of what would be achievable and valued by the participants. Sue S, Andy W and David B took upon themselves the organisation of events which cleared my plate for the organisation of other nights. Izzy and Ali Selby who coordinated the very popular Cream Teas for the week and served on at least two days took all of the worry

for that part of the event away from me. And of course all of the wives, partners and daughters who helped out on other days. Also I would like to thank the good people of the club staff who welcomed our visitors and ourselves and treated everybody very well. I would like to thank Nigel S for finding Loose Connections who proved to be the right choice of band for the night and gave it a brilliant buzz.

As a participant I would like to thank all of those selfless people who gave up their time so that we could go out sailing. The list as always is too numerous.

Enclosed you will find the menu selections for the GP 14 2005 Christmas Dinner and prize giving. Please return your selections to me at least a week before, say 26 November 2005. With the prize giving this year it will be very busy so no 'magician'.

Keep an eye on the social notice boards for forthcoming club events and invite your friends for a great night out. I am organising a Chinese theme night to coincide with Chinese New Year (28 January 2006) - proper Chinese food and magician included. So keep an eye out.

Next year we are looking at a trip to Bath to watch the rugby and a day at the races at Bradbury Rings. Please see me if you are interested.

See Barry, Den or myself if you are interested in being next years Social Sec.

Regards
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Seadog Scribblings

Well another year of sailing is fast closing, and what a year it has been! Our thanks must go to Barry and the team for organising a very successful National Championships.

So what of the piece of wood or plastic that has faithfully carried you around the harbour, I am talking of the boat! Time to take it home and leave it in the drive until next spring, but she deserves a little more than that. Remember that squeaky trailer wheel, the stiff mast head pulley and the rip in the cover? Well now is the time to put them right, a few hours spent checking all the running and standing rigging will pay dividends next year. Have a look at all the sheaves on the mast, and I mean take it out of the housing in the mast and really look at it, apply a

little grease and refit it. Has the end been in the mud? Check it to see that you did remove all the gloopy mud, check the burgee bracket too. How do the spreaders look, and the pole uphaul pulley? A light greasing of all moving parts will ensure that they will move next year as well!

The boat, if a series I wooden then from experience I would remove the buoyancy bags, light soapy wash, dry and store in the loft partially inflated. Removing them allows the air to circulate around the boat and prevents permanent damp spots where they touch the hull. Again for all boats, lightly grease all cleats and pulleys, check that stiff bailer you have been meaning to "have a look at". How are the sails, dry and salt free should be your answer, if now pick a dry day light soapy wash and dry, carefully roll up and again if possible stow in the loft, even if you are

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buying new next year!

A soapy wash down of the boat inside and out to remove all salt residue, and allow to dry before covering. Cover, ah yes that tear you noticed back in the early season, now is a good time to fix it, either yourself or a reputable repairer, and there are a few about, (a new one up at Pamphill near Wimborne is good, cheap, reliable and quick). After all it is the cover that comes before the boat and the winter weather she is to sit through. If you have a canvass one, consider a good wash, dry and re-proof, I use Lamasill, available in 1 and 5 litre tins from camping suppliers (I got mine from the camping shop at Merley Park Caravan centre

about £30 for the 5 litre tin). You will be surprised at the difference it makes, apply it not with a brush but one of those cheap hand held misters you get at discount stores (a lot easier, again from experience).

So now she is ready for the winter, but more importantly, next spring she will be ready for another summer, without the last minute panic of the seized genoa halyard, you can also laugh at the Osprey as it squeaks and graunches its way to the slip way on the salt encrusted neglected trailer. Watch smugly as it is up ended to free the pulley that has seized, remembering the happy 2-3 hours you spent last autumn making sure your boat was ready for the winter.

Happy sailing
Dave Thompson

BALDRICKS BANTER

QUIZ EVENINGS (and the things you learn at them)



The last two years saw the 'GP Anoracks' achieve back to back season wins. It's hard to believe now that one idiot in the team suggested losing deliberately to escape the embarrassment of winning so much wine. (This was heavily rejected by the alcoholics in the team.) This season has seen a dismal start. No wins and beaten by the fast improving 'GP Brains' when they finished 3rd, attempting to prove their team is no longer a joke. On top of this the current leaders are the 'Mutineers' which includes GP14 sailors Alison Knowles and Jan & Andy Hine. We do hear that J & A have sold 'Out of Control' to Andy Macgregor because of Andy's work commitments. Hope to see them back one day to demonstrate to the Bracey's how harmoniously hubby and wife can sail together.

Back to the quiz and time to line up the excuses;

No 1. Tony Moore is missing this year. (congratulations to Polly & Tony on producing their super lightweight crew - Alec). So far, Nobody has the courage to ask Polly if Tony can come out to play again.

No.2 David Thompson has absconded to Africa on an all expenses paid luxury cruise, handily equipped with some nice big guns to ensure priority booking in all the best harbours.

No.3 Sue Southam let us down by allowing her surgeon to practice crochet on her tummy, he dropped a couple of stitches and it took ages to untangle the mess. (This is a sanitised version of Barry's graphic description considered too indecent for public exposure.)

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The Anoraks gained their first win last Thursday (3rd Nov) at probably the most entertaining quiz evening of the series, hosted by the 'GP Brains'. It can't have escaped Barry's notice how accomplished Nicky Byrne handled the microphone, nor the velvet tones of Andy Welch's karaoke performance, star revue turns of the future.

Congratulations also to Nicky & Colin Byrne on the birth of Isobel.

CRUISING MEMORANDUM

It is nearly two months since the Cruising Week took place at the Poole GP14 Nationals and as Autumn approaches, and we see an end to evening racing and cruising, it is good to reflect on what was a most successful event, both on and off the water. We achieved most of my planned programme, not going to Studland was my only real disappointment. I did see/surprise some of the cruisers/campers when I called in at Weir Quay on a return work trip from Cornwall. One major piece of news following on from the Nationals.....David Le Page from Guernsey has talked to His Club GP14 sailors who have agreed to loan their boats, should we be interested in a visit cruising around the Channel Islands. I will shortly be working in Jersey and have arranged to meet David over a weekend to discuss a possible trip.....sounds great. Well that's all for now, it only remains for me to thank all the helpers on and off the water and last but not least, all my "Hoath Robinson" crews.

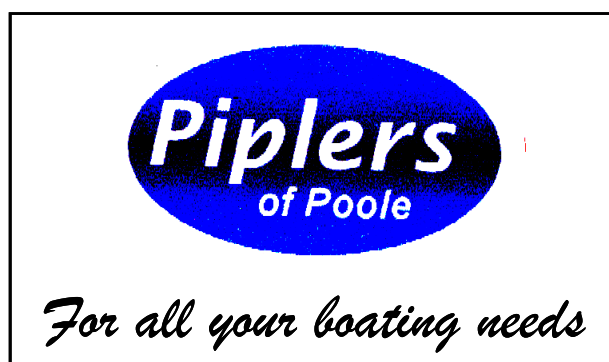
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Cruising in Guernsey 2006.

During my recent visit to Jersey I spent a day in Guernsey as a guest of David Le Page at Guernsey Yacht Club. He made me very welcome and found me a crewing berth for a Sunday morning race. After light refreshments at the Yacht Club he took out on a rib to explore the local cruising grounds. He is very keen to arrange a GP14 cruising event and has said that club members would be prepared to lend their boats. Also a local hotelier is willing to accommodate us at very low cost.

I am very keen on this possible new venture and would be interested to hear from anyone like minded.



GP14 TROPHY WINNERS 2005

The Archaeopteryx Cup Monday Spring Series	Calypso	Tony Moore & Richard Lane	The Bournemouth Pier Race	White Heat	David & Barbara Brann
Joint Venture Trophy Monday Summer Series	The Big Floater	Matt & Andy Burge	The Chanterelle Trophy The Bar Buoy Race	White Heat	David & Barbara Brann
The Redstone Trophy Monday Late Summer Series		Mike & Margaret Williams	The Wareham Race	White Knuckles II	Mike Arrow Ian Aitken
Keith Wells Cup Thursday Spring Series	The Big Floater	Andrew Clewer & Andy Burge	The Silver Pot Monday Silver Fleet Winner		To be decided
Jack's Summer Cup Thursday Summer Series	The Big Floater	Matt & Andy Burge	The Broadstone Bowl Thursday Silver Fleet Winner		To be decided
Oyster Trophy Thursday Late Summer Series	White Knuckles II	Mike Arrow Ian Aitken	The Ching Chalice Monday Bronze Fleet Winner		To be decided
The Autumn Shield Sunday Autumn Series	White Knuckles II	Mike Arrow Ian Aitken	The Voodini Trophy Thursday Bronze Fleet Winner		To be decided
The Winter Shield Sunday Winter Series		To be decided	Jaine Cup Best Gold Fleet Runner Up		To be decided
The Salterns Chandlery Studland Shield	White Heat	David & Barbara Brann	GP14 Trophy Overall Gold Fleet Winner		To be decided
The Nautilus Trophy The Swanage Race	White Heat	David & Barbara Brann	Valentine Trophy Most improved Team		To be decided
The Bob Hoare Round the Islands Cup	White Heat	David & Barbara Brann	Milborne Mug		To be decided