



THE BELL CHIMES

GP14 POOLE YACHT CLUB
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Pre season
SKITTLES

Friday 31st MARCH
Book Now !

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GP ANNUAL DINNER

3rd December 2005



DAVE'S DIATRIBE

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS GONE TOO FAR ?

Nelson at Trafalgar in 2006-02-12

"Order the signal to be sent Hardy"

"Aye Aye sir"

"Hold on that's not what I dictated to the signals officer. What's the meaning of this?"

"Sorry sir". England expects every person to do his or her duty, regardless of race, gender, sexual orientation, religious persuasion or disability.

"What gobbledygook is this?"

"Admiralty policy, I'm afraid sir, we're an equal opportunities employer now. We have the devils own job getting England past the censors, lest it be seen as racist."

"Gadzooks Hardy pass me my pipe and tobacco."

"Sorry sir all naval vessels have been declared smoke free working environments."

"In that case break out the rum ration, let us cheer the men before battle commences."

"Sir the rum ration has been abolished, it is part of the governments drive on binge drinking."

"Good heavens Hardy, I suppose we had better get on with the battle then. Full speed ahead!"

"I think you'll find a four knot speed limit in this stretch of water, it's designated as a quiet area."

"Damn it man we're on the eve of the greatest sea battle in history. We must advance with all speed, a report from the crows nest if you please."

"That won't be possible sir!"

"What!?"

"Health and Safety have closed the crows nest. No harness, and they think the rope ladder doesn't meet the latest regulations, so until we have scaffolding erected we cannot send anyone aloft."

"Get me the ship's carpenter without delay."

"Sorry sir he is knocking up a wheelchair ramp for the focsle."

"Wheelchair access, it's absurd."

"Health and safety again sir, we have to have a barrier free working environment for the differently abled!"

"Differently abled, I have only one arm and one eye and I refuse to even hear mention of

that word. I didn't rise to the rank of Admiral by playing the disability card!"

"Actually you did sir. The Royal Navy is under represented in the areas of visual impairment and limb deficiency."

"Whatever next? Give me full sail the salt spray beckons."

"Ah, a few problems here too sir, Health and Safety will not allow the crew into the rigging without helmets, and they don't want them breathing in too much salt either – haven't you seen the adverts?"

"I've never heard such infamy. Breakout the canons and tell the men to stand by to engage the enemy."

"The men are a bit worried about shooting anyone sir."

"This is mutiny."

"No sir, it's just that they are worried about being charged with murder if they actually kill anyone. There are a couple of legal aid lawyers onboard watching everyone like hawks."

"Then how are we to sink the Spanish and Damn Frenchies?"

"Actually we're not"

"NOT?"

"No sir. The French and Spanish are now our European partners now. According to the Common Fisheries Policy, we shouldn't even be in this bit of water. We could get hit with a compensation claim!"

"But you hate the Frenchies as you hate the devil?"

"I wouldn't let the ship's diversity and equal opportunities officer hear you say that!"

"You must consider every man your enemy who speaks ill of the King."

"Not any more sir. We must be inclusive in this multicultural age. Now put on your Kevlar vest, it's the rules."

"Don't tell me – Health and Safety again. Whatever happened to Rum, Sodomy and the Lash?"

"As I explained sir, Rum is off the menu, there is a ban on corporal punishment and bullying."

"What about Sodomy?"

"I believe it is to be actively encouraged sir!"

"In that case, Kiss me Hardy!"

GP 14 Social Calendar 2006

So the AGM came and went, I sat there quietly thinking there will be a big queue for the post of social secretary no need to worry or so Martin assured me, shows you should never believe what a retiring social officer wishes you to hear!!!!!!.

Events planned so far for the coming year.

1) Pre season get together Skittles Friday 31st March



Coach & Horses, Wimborne. £5.95 per head including Hot Buffet

Start time 7:30pm (They can accommodate approx 28 people so first come first serve in the booking race) and don't forget there bound to be a prize for the best and worst on the night!!!!!!!!!!!! numbers to Nigel or Issy 01258 455591 or email nigellerselby@hotmail.com by Friday 24th March.

2) An afternoon at the races Saturday 14th April, (Easter Weekend) a family day out.



Point to Point @ Badbury Rings bring a picnic and bottle or if its cold a thermos and a chair, Issy and I will get there early to get a spot near the front by the winning post, meet up and eat around the car. Entry is per car so why not arrange car share (GP's are even getting environmentally friendly) if you want more information contact Nigel or Issy, 01258 455591 or email :nigellerselby@hotmail.com

3) The GP BBQ July / August date time and place to be confirmed

4) End of season dinner Friday 13th October the RNLI College, 7:30 for 8:00.

5) GP Annual Dinner Poole Yacht Club 9th December.

Nigel Selby

Our GP14 Open Week-end August 12 -13

Sat. Team Races Round the Islands

Sun. 3 x Race Open Meeting

Saturday evening Dinner in the
Clubhouse

Enter just One x Day or Both

Don't forget !

Stay tuned to our web site

www.poolegp14.co.uk

Also, we need *your* input - contact Den if you have any ideas. 01202 602038

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CLASS CAPTAIN'S RAMBLINGS

As a new season starts with even more "Plastic Boats" in the fleet we can all look forward to an exciting summer. Nothing can eclipse last year with the Nationals, and the exceptional weather Barry organised for it. Once again Thanks to Barry and the team. So what have we this year? There will be an active sail training programme put together by Martin Murphy, starting with a day of weighing, measuring and rig setup on Sunday 2nd April, and the following Sunday a basic "learn to sail day" where those who are slightly more proficient at the art of steering to the wind will be giving some coaching to those less able (ME!!). The hopes are that this will progress through the year with the aim of getting some coaching from the GP14 Association arranged (this is free, however we will be expected to fund the safety boat fuel throughout – probably a couple of pounds each per session.)

The out of harbour races, these I am assured by the sailing committee will have full safety boat cover, and for the Studland race where it is intended to "raft up" and go to the pub, there will be a safety

boat remaining with the dinghies for the race back (unlike last year for those who participated). Enjoy the sailing, and the social life use the club to the max and most of all "Sail as if every race is your last".

Finally please give thought to the future Class Captain list (and other key posts, The duties are not onerous and we need these people to ensure the class continues to flourish and be the TOP DINGHY FLEET in Poole Yacht Club, we have a reputation of spirited racing and friendly socialites.

Remember "In your allotted time on this earth, God does not take into account the time spent sailing!"

Dave Thompson



For all your boating needs

Following the very successful GP14 Nationals and Cruising Week held

HOATH'S HOGWASH

at our Club last year, what does 2006 have to offer? Having sailed at such a prestigious event, have you, like me, now got "the bug" and want more? The Worlds at Sligo and cruising in Guernsey are just two options I for one am seriously considering. Whatever I do I have made up my mind that this year I will get afloat as often as possible. I now refer to the GP14 Handbook, Rule 5.6, and pose the question, dose size matter? Some will say no, "it's all down to technique." Denis Brain, the famous french horn player would certainly have agreed with this. (He was tragically killed in a car accident while on tour.) Jack Brymer, in his autobiography, wrote that they were invited to visit a Brass Instrument Manufacturing Factory for Denis to try their french horns. He



made a marvellous sound and Jack commented that they were very fine instruments. The reply was that they were all rubbish, which goes to show what a master can do with good technique. But I digress, the point being, what about us mere mortals, is there an optimum tiller and tiller extension length? I always seem to catch the tiller in my ribs but on the other hand anything shorter and what do you do when you want to sit out. (Don't laugh Jeff, I do try to get my bum over the side.) Obviously an optimist could not change tillers with a contender. Lots of questions. So, does size matter? Well that's all the Hogwash, see you on the water when my boat is up to size.

Philip Hoath
Hoath Robinson 13081

BALDRICKS BANTER

National Championship 2005

By David Bracey

It suddenly hit me, who was going to keep me company in the over 60's wimps corner next season ? First Peter Carswell advertises his boat for sale, then I hear Alan Guy is selling his. But is there a glimmer of light on the horizon. The conversation went like this ;

Den – It's a shame nobody mentioned the Nationals in the November "Chimes".

Baldrick – Sorry ?

Den – It was fairly important, seems impolite not to thank one or two people.

Baldrick – Den, I sent you an article and since I didn't receive the mandatory bribe, I thought myself pretty heroic, and you didn't print the bit about Martin 'Quiz Rage' Murphy.

Den – No you didn't, you know I print all the rubbish you write.

Baldrick – Yes I did, and why didn't you turn left at the lights, I thought we were going to the Hichachol.

This senile ping-pong went on far too long to be concluded later by Den's apologetic phone call admitting possession of the following succinct and lucid tribute to those concerned.

Ha! See you in wimps corner soon Den !



It is difficult to over estimate the contribution made by our fleet captain Barry Southam in making the National Championship 2005 a complete success and put the Poole Y.C./GP14 fleet on the national GP14 map.

From the outset when one or two of us (alright, just me) doubted the wisdom of this adventure, Barry deliberately ensured his fleet captaincy coincided with this event. It was obviously reassuring that everyone voted for this enterprise but inevitably the load falls heavily on a very small number of people.

The team of David Brann, Martin Murphy and his helpers (cheers Izzy) and Philip Hoath executed their particular responsibilities admirably.

Mrs Hilary Davies's (GP14 Association Hon Secretary) letter to our commodore Colin Rainback sums it up perfectly ; "In particular we thank Barry Southam for his tireless energy in organising this event, ensuring every detail in the planning was carried out to perfection" Thanks again Barry, but before holding the next Nationals at Poole please brush up on your pagan druid ceremonial weather rituals, the early week winds were far too light and variable.

RACING

USEFUL INFO

RACE TRAINING & BOAT TUNING

New Starting Sequence and Times.

The GPs now start before the Dayboats.
The new order is :

MONDAYS

D,F,G,Y,E,T

We start on the first White light at 6.33

THURSDAYS -

D,O,L,G,Y,H,7,R

We start on the first Green light at 6.33

AGM - January 31st 2006

Your GP14 Committee
for this season is :-

Class Captain	David Thompson
Vice Captain	Barry Southam
Next Captain	Mike Williams
Results Sec.	Ian Wall
Social Sec.	Nigel Selby
Treasurer	David Bracey.

The minutes are on the notice board

Martin Murphy is organising some Adult

Training, Boat Tuning, and Weigh ins etc.

Dates to be advised keep your eye on the Notice Board.

WINTER SERIES WINNER

The Winner of the 2005 GP14 Winter Series is Mike Arrow & Ian Aitken in White Knuckles II

GP14 SAILING CALENDAR 2006

MARCH

Mar 31 Fri GP14 SKITTLES & Get Together

APRIL

Apr 14 Fri Good Friday - A Day at the Races

Apr 16 Sun Griffen Trophy - Handicap
plus the start of the Sunday Spring series of 6

Apr 17 Mon Start of Monday Evening Racing GP14 start time 6.33

Apr 20 Thur Start of Thursday Evening Racing GP14 start time 6.33

Apr 30 Sun Bar Buoy Race - GP14 Start Time 10.48

MAY

May 14 Sun Round the Islands Race - GP14 Start 10.48

May 21 Sun Bournemouth Pier Race - GP14 Start Time 11.00

JUNE

June 11 Sun Swanage Race - GP14 Start time - 11.00

June 17/18 Sat/Sun The Dayboat Open Meeting All hands on deck please !!
GP Fleet officiating on the water.

June 25 Sun Studland Race - GP14 Start time - 11.00

JULY

July 15/16 Sat/ **The POOLE YACHT CLUB REGATTA** + More !
Sun Saturday - 3 x Races (Class Starts) details to follow
Sunday - The Russell Cup - Big Pursuit Race

AUGUST

AUG 12/13 Sat / **OUR GP14 OPEN WEEK-END** More details to follow
Sun Saturday - Racing in Teams Round the Islands
Sunday - 3 x Race Open Meeting
GP14 Dinner in the Clubhouse on Saturday
Enter just one day or Both

SEPTEMBER

Sept 2/3 Sat/Sun Lilliput S.C. - GP14 Open Meeting / Regatta L.S.C Tues/Thurs am
01202 740319

Sept 11 Mon Last Monday Evening Race

Sept 14 Thur Last Thursday Evening Race

Sept 24 Sun Start of the Autumn Series of 6 races - not 15th
Oct
+ The Lake Shore Cup - 1 race (2 events)

OCTOBER

Oct 1 Sun Autumn Series points
+ The Wareham Race - 1 race (2 events)

Oct 13 Fri End of Season Dinner at The R.N.L.I. COLLEGE 7.30 for 8.00

NOVEMBER

Nov 5 Sun Last Race of The Autumn Series

Nov 12 Sun Winter series of 6 consecutive Sundays -

DECEMBER

Dec 9 Sat GP14 Annual Dinner & Prizegiving

Dec 17 Sun Last Race of The Winter Series