



THE BELL CHIMES

GP14 POOLE YACHT CLUB
JANUARY 2007

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Our GP14

A.G.M.

TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY '07

In the dining room

We need you there - Please try to come !

GP14 ANNUAL DINNER

3rd FEBRUARY 2007

Menu below

Contact Nigel with your choices
and numbers please

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GP14 ANNUAL DINNER - 3rd FEBRUARY 2007



STARTERS

Cream of Pea & Ham Soup
Smoked Duck on a bed of Waldorf Salad
Cod & Pancetta Fishcakes on a bed of Leaves with Mustard Vinaigrette

MAIN COURSE

Beef Wellington on a bed of Port Wine Jus
Pan-fried Venison Steak with a Rich Forest Fruits Sauce
Grilled Salmon Steak with Garlic Butter
Spinach & Goats Cheese Tart with Tomato Coulis

DESSERT

Bread & Butter Pudding
Baked White Chocolate & Raspberry Cheesecake
Cheese & Biscuits

Coffee & Mints

£17.50 per person



Out Going Ditty

Well, we all say this every year, but hasn't it gone quickly? Once again the sailing season has drawn to a close with for me many happy memories of evenings spent out on our glorious harbour. I often think at this time of year if all those who had their holidays in Poole wonder what it must be like to live there all year round! FANTASTIC is the word I would use!

This year was a season of fickle winds, who can forget the Monday of the great wind? The sky had "EVIL" written in it and the wind came as a draught and blew for about 5 minutes, survival sailing to the extreme. Our predominant Sou' westerlies were unreliable and unusually light for most of the year, but as a class I think we only had one or two 99 courses. While on that subject, Mike Williams went to a meeting in December to try and produce some more courses and discuss the repositioning (or extra) race marks to try and eliminate completely the need for a 99 (it does make the life of the OOD in the hut a lot easier if we sail recognised courses, those who help in the hut will bear this out!). Also for next season there will be a new course book to take into account the renumbering of the main channel buoys, but I expect we will here the occasional shout of "is WH1 the old 71?", so start your homework



early to ensure you know where you are going!

This year seems to have had more prangs than the previous few, some down to driver error and some down to the "I think I can just squeeze in that gap", remember if you have to think about the size of the gap it is usually too small! Luckily most of the damage sustained did not prevent you from continuing the seasons sailing. I do urge both helm and crew to keep a weather eye open at all times and assume nothing when out on the water!

We are considering some extra silver wear to encourage more trophy race participation, several ideas are being aired, and also new ways of dissecting the fleet into gold and silver. These items will be placed before you all at the AGM on February 6th, so if you want to help contribute to these ideas or have any of your own please attend!

Well as I close I would like to thank all of you who helped both me in course setting, and the great team who put together our open weekend and of course Nigel for providing a constant supply of social events running (not an easy job at the best of times), so THANK YOU. Finally good luck to Mike Williams as the new Class Captain, ably steered and guided by Mags, I am sure he will welcome all the support and encouragement I received.

See you all at the Dinner.

Dave Thompson
Vice Captain. (to be)

Looking at the 2007 sailing programme, so far the following trophy races have been allocated:

Sunday 10th June	Swanage Race
Sunday 17th June	Studland Race
Sunday 24th June	Round Harbour Islands Race
Sunday 1st July	Bournemouth Pier Race
Sat/Sun 14/15th July	Poole Yacht Club Regatta
Sat/Sun 4/5th August	Poole Yacht Club GP14 Open meeting
Sunday 23rd September	Bar Buoy Race

Start of Dinghy Sunday Spring Series	Sunday April 8th
Monday Spring series	April 9th to May 28th
Monday Summer series	June 4th to July 23rd
Monday Late Summer series	July 30th to September 10th
Thursday Spring Series	April 12th to May 31st
Thursday Summer series	June 7th to July 26th
Thursday Late Summer series	August 2nd to September 13th
Sunday Autumn Dinghy series	September 2nd to October 28th (excluding Sept 16th)
Sunday Dinghy Winter series	November 4th to December 23rd

The Piplers of Poole GP14 Open Week-end

Maybe it was P.N.T. (Post Nationals Depression) but only four Poole boats turned out to test themselves against gusting F5/6 conditions in the Round the Islands races on Saturday. Thankfully our friends from the Welsh Harp in London gave their usual great support to our week-end, B.T.Y.C. and Seahorse sailing clubs fielding 13 boats between them.

The morning course was anti-clockwise around Brownsea, Furzey and Green islands (approx. 6.5 miles) and first home was Mike Arrow and Ian Aitken of Poole Y.C. narrowly beating Richard Lord and Ben Kaplan of Seahorse S.C. The afternoons course was the reverse of the mornings with the 1st and 2nd place results reversed also. However neither boat featured in the team result which went to B.T.Y.C. 'B' which included James Stafford and Patrick Erwill (5+4), Jim Faulkner and Philip Taylor (4+3) and Martin and Nicholas Murphy (8+5).

The hopes of most of the 20 boats of the fleet for easier conditions on Sun-

day were disappointed. Force 6 winds with sharp F7 gusts meant the sailing was fast and furious and that was just getting out of the yacht haven. Luckily damages to the moored yachts was relatively minor. The competition at the front of the fleet for the 3 race Open Meeting was extremely close but Mike Williams and Martin Trim of Poole Yacht Club sealed victory with a 2nd and 1st in the final two races. The next



three boats finished with equal points but on count back Richard Lord and Ben Caplan of Seahorse S.C. were 2nd with Ian Wall and Ted Hewett of Poole Y.C. 3rd. Unluckiest boat of the week-end was surely Mike Arrow and Ian Aitken, tied on equal points on Sunday place but allocated 4th, also equal points for the overall weekend

winner which went to Richard Lord and Ben Caplan who achieved three 1st place finishes. Perhaps you can't teach an old dog new tricks, but Richard's talent in winning the 1975 GP14 National Championship is still in pretty good shape.

The fleet were unanimous in their praise for the safety RIBs and Launch manned by the Yachting World Dayboat Fleet at Poole Y.C. and for the Race Officer Peter Lewin. Continuously in action, two broken rudders, one broken centre-board, innumerable cap-sizes, a lost burgee and mud spattered mainsail almost became a badge of honour.

So many thanks to them, many thanks to our friends from the Welsh Harp, hope to see you again next year.



GP14 TROPHY WINNERS 2006

The Archaeopteryx Cup Monday Spring Series	Moby	Andy Welch & Sue Southam	The Bournemouth Pier Race	White Knuckles II	Mike Arrow Ian Aitken
Joint Venture Trophy Monday Summer Series	White Knuckles II	Mike Arrow Ian Aitken	The Chanterelle Trophy The Bar Buoy Race	Moby	Andy Welch & Taras Palamar- cuk
The Redstone Trophy Monday Late Summer Series	White Knuckles II	Mike Arrow Ian Aitken	The Wareham Race	Not Sailed	
Keith Wells Cup Thursday Spring Series	The Big Floater	Colin Rainback & Andy Burge	The Silver Pot Monday Silver Fleet Winner	Snowy	Dave & Hannah Thompson
Jack's Summer Cup Thursday Summer Series	The Big Floater	Colin Rainback & Andy Burge	The Broadstone Bowl Thursday Silver Fleet Winner	Snowy	Dave Thompson & Alison Knowles
Oyster Trophy Thursday Late Summer Series	White Knuckles II	Mike Arrow Ian Aitken	The Ching Chalice Monday Bronze Fleet Winner	Moondust	Martin Trim & Kate Thomson
The Autumn Shield Sunday Autumn Series	Talula	Mike & Margaret Williams	The Voodini Trophy Thursday Bronze Fleet Winner	Moondust	Martin Trim & Greg McLough- lin
The Winter Shield Sunday Winter Series	Moby	Andy Welch & Taras Palamar- cuk	Jaine Cup Best Gold Fleet Runner Up	Talula	Mike & Marga- ret Williams
The Salterns Chandlery Studland Shield	White Heat	David & Barbara Brann	GP14 Trophy Overall Gold Fleet Winner	White Knuckles II	Mike Arrow Ian Aitken
The Nautilus Trophy The Swanage Race	White Heat	David & Barbara Brann	Valentine Trophy Most improved Team	Snowy	Dave & Hannah Thompson
The Bob Hoare Round the Islands Cup	Talula	Mike & Margaret Williams	Milborne Mug	Floating Bear	Tim Edom & Dave Webster

HOATH'S HOGWASH

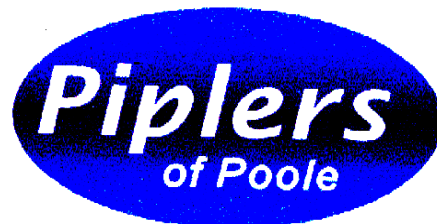
GROSSEHAFENRUNDFAHRT GROSSEHAFENRUNDFAHRT.

This is a familiar cry to me every time I visit Landungsbrücken in Hamburg. With the restoration of "Mowe" nearing completion I hope to emulate this cry, with trips to Arne and other interesting beaches." Hoath Robinson" will then have pride of place in my garage for some TLC, I may even attempt the mast step conversion. Whatever work I do to the boat, I have decided that I must, in future, be on the start line when our gun goes. Seems obvious, but not that easy to implement, more practice and time on the water needed. And more time cruising is another resolution. Bala was fantastic. I can thoroughly recommend cruising with like-minded sailors on familiar and new waters. The cruising for



this years Nationals is to be held at Neyland, one week earlier, so, the chance to do both weeks! Weir Quay is also a popular weekend, sailing the Tamar River and Plymouth Sound. Cruising or racing great to be on the water, see you out there.

Philip Hoath GP14 13081



For all your boating needs

BALA OR BUST

By PHILIP HOATH

I think the title says it all, but first a question. Would you hitch the boat to the car and drive for six hours to sail on a puddle?

(A pause for thought/gasps of disbelief.)

Well, to be fair, Bala is rather more than a puddle. It is four miles long, it has a campsite and launching slip at one end, a restaurant and picnic area at the other, several sailing clubhouses, fantastic mountain views and to crown it all, a steam railway running alongside it. All in all a puddle worth visiting, which is exactly what I did last July. How did this come about? The idea was instigated by Ivan Washington, the GP14 association cruising rep. Several boats from his club, Todbrook, visited us at the 2005 Nationals. Every year they organise a cruising/camping weekend at different locations around the country. This year was the turn of Bala.

Having never been camping before, I did pause for thought. The offer of a tent, and everything else I might need, from Greg, was good enough for me to say, "yes I'm going." I now had to persuade John, my cruising crew of many years, that this was a good idea. He needed no second bidding. The sailing at Chew, his puddle, had been very spasmodic and the chance of a few days away from chores at home was not to be missed.

So on Thursday 6th July I de-rigged "Hoath Robinson" and packed the car for the first leg of the journey, an overnight stay at John's in Radstock. After an omelette supper I had the unenviable task of cleaning the portable stove and sorting out all we might need of the camping gear. John in the meantime was giving a yoga class to a group of ladies, lying on their backs, breathing deeply and sniffing joss sticks....where did I go wrong?

The following day, the car loaded to the roof, we headed north,

M5/M6...Bala here we come.

Six hours later, (not much to say about the journey,) we had our first view of Bala, stunning, well worth the time on the road. We now had to find the campsite and the Todbrook flag. Flag and campsite found, greetings from fellow GP sailors, and the rush to pitch the tents before it started to rain. Tents up, rain, time to eat. No BBQ so off to Bala. July 2006 world cup fever everywhere very busy and every TV screen showing football. Found pub and had leek soup, welsh lamb shank and a suitable amount of the local beverage, excellent. Back to camp and a chat before my first night under canvas. It was a

very wild night, high winds and lashing rain. Daylight and the rain had abated but the wind was still very strong. I had slept very well and Greg's tent had kept out all the weather. John however had had a very eventful time off it. Unable to sleep, the campsite was too noisy for him, he had re-pitched his tent away from the sleeping masses. It must have been quite a job in all that weather. He proved he was a real trooper however by producing a first class breakfast on our portable stove, well done John. Meal over and all cleared away it was now time to test the water. By now the wind was a good force five, gusting. I was glad I had packed the small jib and sorry not to have the reefed main. Once launched and away from the shore we hit the full force of the wind, it was going to be four miles dead downwind. Fortunately, Bala is wide enough for long reaches so that was going to be the order of the day, reach and gybe, reach and gybe. I had read Andy Welch's Heavy Weather Gybing but was still rather apprehensive before the first one, but nearly laughing by the time we reached the end of the lake, a very exhilarating sail. Four other Geeps had sailed so there were many hands to lift all the boats into the reed bank and secure them before walking to the restaurant for lunch. Lunch over, the sail back was going to be hard work, a beat all the way, the first problem, getting off a lee shore in what was now a good force six. Safely afloat again, but what a time for the mainsheet bridle to come untied. Hove-to, the Lake seemed wild, but aboard the bobbing "Hoath Robinson," it was fairly peaceful. Bridle re-tied, (not easy,) we had a great sail back to the campsite. All boats safely back it was time for tea and cake with our host, Ivan, who had just arrived. He was a day late, due to a clash of dates, and had been attending Charlie and Dorret's wedding, two of the 2005 National's Cruisers. After tea, it was time to erect "Ivan's Folly," an enormous marquee, for the evening BBQ and singsong. As John is not a BBQ fan, we once again drove into Bala, more leek soup and TV football. Back at camp, the BBQ in full swing, (it was raining,) we joined the singsong in the marquee and sampled the local beverage, a very jolly evening. The next day it was blowing a full gale so no thoughts of sailing. Instead, a group of us, drove to the National Whitewater Centre at nearby Frongoch. One of the longest and steepest whitewater runs in the UK it is a dam-controlled river that offers spectacular rafting experiences all year round. Having viewed the run we then did a circular walk, enjoying our sandwiches, in the now sunny day, returned to the cars, and so back to base. More leek soup and football before returning to camp and the evening task, dismantling the marquee, and then the thrilling penalty shoot out, the climax to the world cup, watched on a portable TV. The following morning we had all intended to strike camp and be away by lunchtime. However, the wind having eased to a manageable force four, we decided on another sail. Ivan had not unpacked his GP so I invited him to guest in mine. Three up, we hoisted the spinnaker and had exiting reaches. But the wind did pick up so we were glad of the extra weight, for the beat back. All good things come to an end. All packed and boat hitched to the car we said goodbye to new friends, fellow sailors I hope to see again.

A most enjoyable weekend, one I would certainly repeat.

GP14 CALENDAR 2007

JANUARY

Jan 27 Sat Chinese New Year at the Clubhouse

FEBRUARY

Feb 3 Sat GP14 Annual Dinner - Contact Nigel with your Menu and Names
Feb 6 Tues Our GP14 A.G.M. in the Dining Room - 8.00 p.m.
Feb 14 Wed Valentine's Day - Dinner Dance at the Clubhouse
Feb 24 Sat POOLE YACHT CLUB A.G.M.

MARCH

Mar 17 Sat St. Patrick's Day Dinner at the Clubhouse

APRIL

Apr 8 Sun Start of Sunday Spring Series
Apr 9 Mon Start of Monday Evening Racing
Apr 12 Thur Start of Thursday Evening Racing

JUNE

June 10 Sun Swanage Race - GP14 Start time - 11.00
June 17 Sun Studland Race
June 24 Sun Round the Islands Race

JULY

July 1 Sun Bournemouth Pier Race

July 14/15 Sat/Sun The POOLE YACHT CLUB REGATTA

AUGUST

AUG 4/5 Sat / Sun

OUR GP14 OPEN WEEK-END

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 Sun Start of the Sunday Autumn Series- not 16th Oct
Sept 10 Mon Last Monday Evening Race
Sept 13 Thur Last Thursday Evening Race
Sept 23 Sun The Bar Buoy Race

OCTOBER

Oct 28 Sun Last Race of the Autumn Series

NOVEMBER

Nov 4 Sun Start of the Winter Series

DECEMBER

Dec 23 Sun Last Race of The Winter Series

*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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SAILING RESULTS

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

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