

THE BELL CHIMES

GP14 POOLE YACHT CLUB
OCTOBER 2001

Our GP14

A.G.M

Tuesday November 6th
8 p.m.

Don't be named and shamed
at the Annual Dinner.

Be there !!

GP14 ANNUAL DINNER

Saturday December 1st
7.30 p.m.

*We sold out last year, return
enclosed menus with cheques
promptly to avoid disappointment*

RACING RESULTS

Thanks to Tony Moore for compiling a comprehensive set of seasons results. Our turnouts were high and competition continues to improve. (Exactly what we said last year !). Thirteen different helms have come first in the 2001 Monday and Thursday series and a further 5 have achieved a second place. Last year the figures were 11 and 3.

Gold Fleet. Tony, sailing with Richard Lane and Jon Harris, must have enjoyed some consolation for his work having won four out of the six series and in the other two he achieved a 2nd and a 3rd. With their reputations preceding them it was no surprise to see Mike Riley (one series first) and Mike Kuyzk (one series third) to be amongst the honours. Nor was it totally unexpected to see Mike and Maggie Williams continue their excellent progress to take three series 2nd's. Tipped for silver honours this year the Brann's decided to skip that section and slug it out with the goldies taking two series 3rd's, (better than two silver firsts David). Pete Harlow (with different crews) still refuses to go cruising as yesterdays man to take a very creditable one series 1st, one series 2nd and one series 3rd.

With the break up of the fleet into gold, silver and bronze sections, prizes will be awarded as follows ; 1st/2nd/3rd for each of 6 series. Silver and bronze 1st/2nd/3rd for each of the combined Monday series and the combined Thursday series.

Silver Fleet. Graham Wallen sailing with the ever improving Serina Thorley and Ian Wall dominated taking 1st in both Mondays and Thursdays although he was pushed hard in the Thursday series by Andy Welch and Andy Renton who missed 1st by 2 points to take 2nd, Andy Welch sailing with Taras Palamarcuk also took 3rd place in the Monday series. The crumbs were greedily gobbled up by Matt Valentine and Stuart Cutler (2nd Monday series) and Baldrick and Soc. Sec. (3rd Thursday series).

Bronze Fleet. Ian Wall and Ted Hewitt established themselves as the new boys to watch out for, taking 1st in the Thursday series, this included individual race results of 6th and 8th ! Colin Ching and Steve Frost continues to amaze us all taking 1st in the Monday series. Snapping at their heels were Greg McLoughlin and Mark Troman who took 2nd in the Monday series. In amongst them all was Martin Trim and Mike Richards (2nd Thursday series) and Peter Carswell and Marjorie Lander (3rd Monday series). Unlucky not to be included were Jan and Andy Hine who didn't start until the 2nd series.



Picture by Alan Guy

NEXT NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2002

We need your input. Our thanks to those who contributed this time.

On The Road with Pete & Baz.

Or how we didn't win the Southern 2001.

Last time we went to Chichester Y.C. we were impressed with the place so when we heard that this years S.W. areas were combined with the S.E. areas and held at Chichester we thought we'd go along. The club is in a lovely location and an interesting sailing area in sheltered tidal waters. Last time we did the champs. (in Paignton) we finished top SW boat and won the wonderfully named "Ed Looney Trophy". No, honestly it really is called that! It also happens to be the most unbelievable thing you have ever seen, consisting of a plastic golden angel mounted on a block of wood. Still, Pete's trophy shelf has been looking a bit bare lately so plastic angels are better than nothing. Pete doesn't like to be late so picked me up at the sort of time I hadn't seen since Guy stopped needing six hourly feeds. Needless to say there was no one else on the road apart from milkmen and customers of Richard Carr* going home, so we arrived at C.Y.C. with just a hour or three to spare. We busied our selves rigging the boat and removing the tightest under cover the world has ever seen. (Note: Pete's known to come over a bit feint when having to operate the combination lock on his wallet but buying an under cover for a thirteen foot boat because it's £2 cheaper is beyond the pail) By this time the sun was up and some C.Y.C. people had arrived and put the kettle on. Tea and bacon rolls were consumed (several in Petes case) and we eyed up the opposition. Not too bad so far, we could be in with a shout. Then we heard it, that dreaded sound, guaranteed to strike fear into the heard of all south coast sailors, yep, that was definitely a midlands accent. Dashing outside our spirits plunged, Oh no! Simon Potts, crew for (whisper it in hushed tones) Richard Estaugh. Lucky for us the great man himself was obviously fed up with winning minor championships and had dispatched Potsy to do the job on his behalf. Unfortunately several other people whose names appear with monotonous regularity in the GP Yearbook had also ventured out of the smog. Including Toby Taylor and Justin Jones who were destined to visit us later in the year for a training session. We launched in the sort of wind that requires Pete to lose 13 stone. Then it dropped. Then it started raining. The next one and a quarter hours were spent discussing what a bloody stupid idea it was to hold a championship in April and how all race officers should be strangled at birth, especially ones who couldn't predict when the wind would blow or from what direction. To fight off hypothermia we paddled across and attempted to take the p**s out of David & Barbara, but our heart wasn't in it. I seem to remember suggesting we should go home but the lure of the plastic angel was too great. Eventually someone up in heaven farted and the race officer took the bait and fired his gun. Just for a laugh we attempted to sail our combined weight of 31 stone, up wind in 2 knots of breeze against a 3 knot tide. Soon we had passed Graham Nelson and the Branns and a least half a dozen others, sadly, we were travelling backwards. Then we had a stroke of luck. The wind swung through 120 degrees. I was one of the first to notice this as we chinese jibed and the boom informed the back of my head of the new wind direction. Spinnaker up, we shot off like a scolded sloth. Then the wind showed why all hurricaners are given female names and decided it didn't like this direction after all and flounced off back to its original choice, wrapping our spinnaker round the genoa as it went. This nightmare continued until we finally scraped across the line 23rd.

Race 2 was the same as race 1 only in a different order and resulted in a 1 place improvement, we left the water with me hoping that Pete might suggest we didn't bother with the second day. No such luck. That damned plastic angel had weaved its wicked spell.

Another early start saw Pete prove that old Datsuns (Sorry Nissans) can do 90 mph. and we arrived at C.Y.C. with another one or three hours to spare and no boat to rig to pass the time. Instead we though we'd enhance our reputation as purveyors of sarcastic wit and headed off to ascertain just how bad Tim Hemsleys hang over was this time. Race 3 was going to be different , this was where we would come good. Wrong! crap start, crap beat and hoist the kite and jibe off, totally failing to notice that everyone else was going the other way despite the fact that all but a handful were in front of us. Oh well, discard number three coming up. Race 4 and at last we've got some wind, in fact it's blowing old boots. Brilliant! at last!! we arrive at the first mark in third place! Pity we're on port, Pete slam-dunks the boat who's in forth and on starboard. Putting a 14 foot boat into a 15 foot space in front of him causes him to question whether we had given him "room & opportunity" to keep clear, a loud crunch suggests not. I look up, it's Potsy, he asks us if we'd kindly remove our boat from the front of his. I'm appalled at the standard of education in the midlands as they seem to spell everything with at least two 'F's. I convince Pete we should do turns and suggest we go home but he's having none of it and off we go again. Big gusts are hitting and boats are falling over left, right and centre. Pete eventually deigns to sit out a bit and we even manage to get the boat to plane. We finish the race 12th and 20th out of 27 for the champs. David & Barbara finish 18th.o/a . They win the coveted golden angel. When they later take it to be engraved, the engraver is so disgusted he declares it "beyond redemption" having singularly failed to prevent the angel from swivelling around the moment you pick it up. My weekend is made by Justin Jones who commiserates with us but congratulates us for "going for it" and telling us not to worry about it as, " It was only Potsy ". That's easy for him to say.

1st 13427	Justin Jones / Chris Anderson	S. Staffs
2nd 13681	Mike Senior / Jon Senior	Bolton
3rd. 13617	Tim Hemsly / Stuart McManus	Frensham
18th 13671	David Brann / Barbara Brann	Poole
20th 13036	Pete Harlow / Barry Southam	Poole

* For those people from another planet (or Milborne St Andrew.) Richard Carr owns most of the night clubs in Bournemouth.

Post Script: Pete then switched to using Jamie Fear as crew and in a bizarre twist of fate, not to mention a rather dubious scoring system, went on to win this years S.W. travellers series.

Well done Pete, 2nd in 2000 now 1st. in 2001.

FOR SALE - 11431 "Tin Tin"

Wooden Series 1, Professionally built, Certificate, Series winner PYC 99/00, Super Spars mast, Speed Sails, Trailer, Launching Trolley & Cover. £995 Andy Welch (01202) 699280

SOCIAL ROUND – UP

23 / 24th March – P.Y.C. Tri-Annual Revue

Who can forget David and Barbara's polished rendition of "The Fish Finger Song", example of hidden GP14 talent. The rest of us cajoled by producer Barry, "he of the silver tongue" Southam entertained almost as successfully because of sheer talent!

John Clement (Dayboat) and John Ballinger (R19) assisted Den, Celia and Matt trying and failing to hit one right note in their song "What shall we do with this old GP". The acting skills of Tony and Baldrick were horribly exposed in the sketch "Not much wind tonight" but Tony retrieved some pride with David Brann in "Computer breakdown". Barry's extensive reservoir of jokes held the whole show together up to the finale of "The Almost Full Monty", again the two John's with Matt, Baldrick and Den performed their act of indecent exposure (fortified by lots of alcohol) to an excited audience and some baffled open mouthed youngsters. Our new crewing star Taras Palamarчук videoed the event and sales raised £30 for the commodores charity.

31st March – Skittles at St. Peters Finger

37 attended this ever popular event won by ??? (can't remember). Good fun anyway.

6th July – Andy and Judy Cakes B.B.Q

29th August – Tony Moore's B.B.Q.



Both barbecues proved to be very popular and it's no surprise considering the efforts made by our hosts. Great company, blessed with good weather. We already have volunteers to host the B.B.Q.s for 2002 !!

11th August – Picnic

With the wind rising to F6, two or three boats decided the picnic was not a leisure activity and abandoned the expedition. Baldrick and Soc. Sec. Put to sea with uncustomary confidence, driving the rescue launch which proved a very popular mode of transport. Barry and Sue with great foresight decided in favour of a RIB for extra rescue cover. Initial concerns for the kids in two Mirrors proved groundless, it was the parents who give you problems! On the final approach to Bramble beach the Knills decided capsize practice was required, and several would be ideal, (I could have sworn they had bought Remilla). The RIB and launch circled like vultures, sometimes offering advise but mostly just enjoying the Knills discomfort and taking pictures. When the mast stuck in the mud Barry quickly became bored and sorted things out. Four GP's made the trip,



plus the Mirrors and Pete Harlow sailed over from Lilliput in his Phantom. As usual we were grateful to sample the offerings from the Valentine's disposable B.B.Q. and the use of Greg's tender for ferrying bodies and bits to the beach.

After the obligatory tug-o-war the highlight of the return was seeing Greg, grinning as he screamed past Chuckie and then promptly capsized in front of them.

Darts Evenings Jan – March

The usual fun but next year we need a replacement player for Soc. Sec. She's been sacked for destroying both the extractor fan above the dartboard and the skirting board!



FOR SALE

"Mange Tout" GP14 11810

Wooden series 1 with Proctor mast and boom, Pinnell&Bax sails. All gear replaced in the last couple of years and comes with spare sails and a combi trailer. Very well maintained. For sale now at £800 or next season with new paint and varnish for £900 Please don't make me an offer as this is CHEAP!

Ring Barry Southam 01202 698092 or e-mail Barry@poolegp.freeserve.co.uk

Captains Claptrap.

Well, my years nearly up and if all goes to plan, Baldrick and his cunning plans take over at the A.G.M. (See date else where - I hope) . I've actually quite enjoyed being class captain this year and may even volunteer again sometime. Picking the courses has been interesting and helped me think about jibe angles and all things technical and even the committee meetings have not been too bad as they are held on Thursdays after racing. This means that, as we are the last class to start, I invariably arrive as they get to "any other business" thereby avoiding all the tedious bits. I have also introduced what we have called "Silver fleet training" which has been held over five Friday evenings and consisted of talks given by Tony Moore and I with a view to helping the tail end of the fleet to close the gap to the rest. We think this has been helpful and expect to run the course again next season . I am also in the process of producing a small hand book to accompany it.

Sue and I have also bought Roger Hunt's GP and so sadly "Mange Tout" is up for sale (See advert elsewhere) we



have loved this boat and lavished lots of work and money on it so I hope it may stay in the club but needs must and a series 2 boat had to be the next step. I have to say I didn't really want a Tupperware boat but it will fill the gap until the right wooden one comes along. We have also entered the GP European regatta in Carnac next August . We are going along with Tony and intend to share the crewing with the non sailing parent looking after Guy.

This looks like being the social event to end all social events with some decent sailing thrown in to boot. David & Barbara are also hoping to go, so if anyone else wants to go they better act fast as it's almost too late. The web site, so ably run by Den, is proving to be very good with all boats so far advertised, sold and several people making contact through it. At the moment I am helping a chap called Bob Stover rebuild GP 11261 via e-mail as he lives in Pennsylvania. He e-mail's me pictures of things and I identify them and suggest where they might go! As I write the quiz season is under way and we are currently leading the standings after 3 rounds so if you're at a loose end on a Thursday evening come a long, the more the merrier, it is very light hearted and lots of fun. Finally a big thank you to Celia for doing a great job as social sec. Without doubt one of the reasons our class is riding high at the moment is our superb social side, and of course, the great sailing. See you all at the GP dinner.

Barry.

Don't forget!

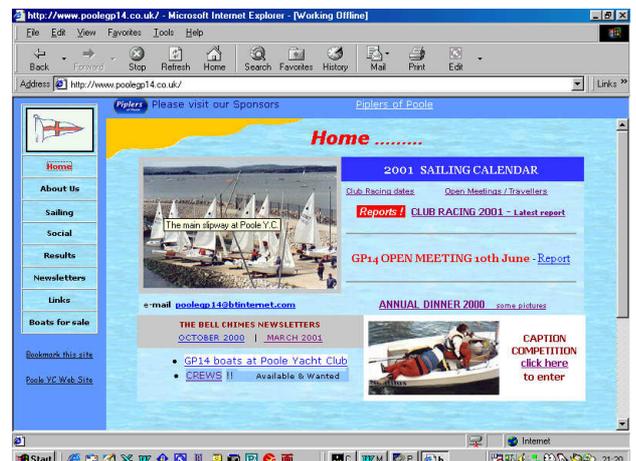
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Also, we need your input

contact Den if you have any ideas. 01202 602038

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SERIES RESULTS 2001

The Archaeopteryx Cup Monday Spring Series	Cheers II	M. Riley
Joint Venture Trophy Monday Summer Series	Kyllikki	A. Moore / R. Lane
The Redstone Trophy Monday Late Summer Series	Kyllikki	A. Moore / R. Lane
Keith Wells Cup Thursday Spring Series	Joint Venture	P. Harlow / S. Cutler
Jack's Summer Cup Thursday Summer Series	Kyllikki	A. Moore / J. Harris
Oyster Trophy Thursday Late Summer Series	Kyllikki	A. Moore / J. Harris
The Autumn Shield Sunday Autumn Series Winner		not decided
The Salterns Chandlery Studland Shield	Tin Tin	A. Welch / A. Renton
The Swanage Race	Nautilus	D & B. Brann
The Bob Hoare Round the Islands Cup	Nautilus	D & B. Brann
The Bournemouth Pier Race	Nautilus	D & B. Brann
Bar Buoy Race	Chanterelle	G. Wallen / S. Thorley
The Wareham Race	Nautilus	D & B. Brann
Muticlass Fun Race	Chanterelle	G. Wallen / S. Thorley
The Silver Pot Monday Silver Fleet Winner	Chanterelle	G. Wallen / I. Wall
The Broadstone Bowl Thursday Silver Fleet Winner	Chanterelle	G. Wallen / S. Thorley
Monday Bronze Fleet Winner Frost	No Excuse	Colin Ching / Steve
Thursday Bronze Fleet Winner	Voodini	Ian Wall / E. Hewitt
Jaine Cup Best Gold Fleet Runner Up	Gateau Passion	M & M. Williams
GP14 Trophy Overall Gold Fleet Winner	Kyllikki	A. Moore

Soc. Sec. Section

Thursday Quiz nights started on 20th September and will continue through to 6th December. We have had 2 teams, "GP A Team" and "The GP Brains". It's good fun and light hearted so do come along if you can make it. Graham & Margie are running the quiz on 1st November and Pete & Christine on 29th Nov. They would appreciate your support.

Fri 30th November 6.00 pm

To give our GP Dinner a festive atmosphere, our help is required to put up the Christmas decorations.

Please contact Den on 602038 if you are able to help.

Sat 1st December 7.30 pm

GP14 Annual Dinner at the club.

(Menus & details enclosed)

Mon 24th December 8.00 pm

P.Y.C. Christmas Carols for all the family.

Mon 31st December

P.Y.C. New Years Eve – Meal with band "Deep Red". Ticket on sale 30th Nov.

(These sell out quickly)

Fri 29th March 2002 7.00 pm

GP14 Skittles – New venue –

The Hamworthy Club, Canford Magna.

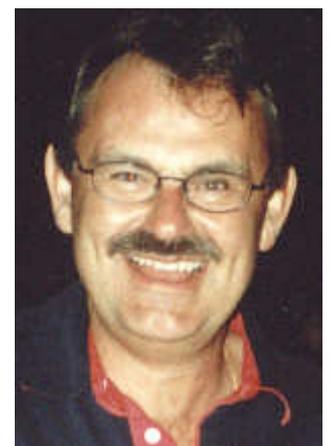
Menu and further details in the February newsletter.

SILVER FLEET TRAINING by Andy Hine

Us newer and less experienced members of the GP fleet have been getting some extra tuition this summer thanks to Barry Southam and Tony Moore (and a special guest appearance from Pete Harlow).

Over several Friday evening sessions a small group including Tony and Anne Knill, Allan and Veronica Ryder, Ian Wall, Ted Hewett, Martin Trim and Jan and Andy Hine have been shown how the race hut operates, including the starting lines, (which we now know aren't straight), the start light sequence, and startline race tactics. We also looked at tidal streams (and how to use them not fight them), tuning a GP and spinnaker handling. We finally discussed the rules of the road and how not to be bluffed or better still how to bluff others and the importance of 'Room and Opportunity' in ones defence or attack in protest trials.

All found the sessions great fun and extremely informative which unfortunately now reduces the excuses for not doing better! (though Tony and Anne will still be blaming their boat – Jan and Andy better not try! quote Tony Knill.)



Thanks again to Barry and Tony, hopefully a further session might see them confident enough to let us get on to the water more than once!

17 home boats were joined by 6 visitors for our annual GP open on 10th June. The GP association had provided a training session the day before and the Poole boats were keen to show their new found prowess in the very shifty and gusty north-westerly breeze.

An over enthusiastic start saw several boats needing to recross the line leaving Graham Chase (Who's crew Anne Sweetzer had flown in from Ireland for the event) to lead at the windward mark. However it was not long before regular travellers Neil Thompson/Steve Parker & Tim Hemsley/Becky Marriott hit the front. While former Laser sailor Gary Steele helming Roger Hunt's boat slipped through to third with Graham Chase finishing 4th. Race 2 was again a Thompson, Hemsley 1-2 but Poole's Mike Riley/Andy Barnsley improved by two places to take 3rd.

GP 14's at Poole Sunday 10th June 2001

Race 3 completed a hat-trick for Thompson but Mike Williams having drafted in the clubs rear commodore for the increasingly shifty conditions finished a strong 2nd to take the Silver fleet award.

Hemsley finished 3rd while Osprey sailors Alan Laing / Steve Brown, belying the age of their borrowed boat stormed through to 4th.



After a free tea and a short delay for a couple of protests, prizes were presented in the club lounge. The winners departed with a promise to return next year when it is hoped the club will host the GP14 Masters Championship.

1st 13709 Neil Thompson / Steve Parker Chase S.C

2nd 13617 Tim Hemsley/ Becky Marriott Frensham

3rd 13532 Mike Riley/Andy Barnsley Poole Y.C.

RESULTS - Silver Fleet:

1st 13319 (4th O/A)
Mike Williams/Colin Rainbach
Poole Y.C.

2nd 13149 (7th O/A)
Gary Steele/Roger Hunt Poole

3rd 13442 (9th O/A)
Graham Chase/Anne Sweetzer
Poole Y.C.

Baldrick's Banter

Tony's gaze gently held mine, "now" he said, "do not move until I do". As Flying Fish 2 slowly heeled to wind, Tony underestimated the moment panic would obliterate his lesson on roll-tack technique. In my mad scramble to the other side, I forgot to uncleat the mainsheet and as I took my first dip in British waters for two years a phrase came to mind - you can't teach an old dog new tricks! However I understand the Friday silver fleet training sessions run by Tony and Barry have been a lot more successful so there will be yet more up and coming boats to worry about - thanks a bunch guys!

Cue violins and have hankies at the ready, Barry will be standing down as Class Captain at the A.G.M. and god help anyone trying to follow in his footsteps. Baldrick finds it uncomfortable to wax lyrical about another guy, and won't, but I'm sure every GP14'er is aware of Barry's high reputation in our fleet and perhaps more importantly in the club generally.

This list of contributions is extensive, training sessions, open meetings, sailing committees, protest committees, race officer, frog racing, and of course writer, producer and compere for this years revue. Soc. Sec has of course reminded me he wouldn't be half the man without the lovely Sue.

