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Slightly belated Seasons Greetings to everyone - here's hoping you've all enjoyed a relaxing break and are ready for a summer (and spring) of sailing adventures. It's great to reflect on some successful events of the past year and look forward to another Fastnet, even for those of us watching from the shore. As ever, magazine contributions are most welcome, and I'm particularly on the look-out for interesting and dramatic pictures. Do email them to civilservicesailing@yahoo.co.uk, and remember that high-resolution images work best!

Deborah Ward, Editor

■ **FRONT PAGE PICTURES:** Top shows the winning image in the CSD photo competition (see page 8) and two entrants in the Christmas Cracker Race at Jumbles Sailing Club, Bolton (page 7)

*** New CSSC cards for 2017 ***

If you are still paying your annual CSSC subscription you should receive a new CSSC card in January. Unless you joined recently, this will have a new different CSSC number starting with 30, as all current members are being reissued with these numbers. Please keep your old card with the old number as I still have those numbers recorded in your membership details at the moment. If you do not receive a new card you are probably no longer paying or have moved, and you will need to contact CSSC or let me know, as you may no longer be a member and hence not a CSSA member either. Recent CSSC joiners will have 30xxxxxx numbers already. I hope to get all your new numbers from CSSC some time during 2017.

Ken Pavitt, CSSA Membership Secretary, kenwpavitt@aol.com

Don't forget to check out the new website:

www.cs-sailing.org

.... and send in your events!



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Rectangular CSSA House Flags
Triangular CSSA burgees

Sizes	Large (30cm x 45cm approx)	£16.00
	Small (20cm x 30cm approx)	£13.00

CSSA ties (polyester) £10.00

P&P included. Please send your requests and cheques (payable to Civil Service Sailing Association) to:

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Experimental travel cost scheme set to continue

CSSC will be continuing in 2017 the 'National Travel Policy' scheme introduced experimentally in 2016. This means that participants in certain CSSC-supported events will be able to claim some of their travel expenses.

For CSSA it means that, subject to a cap of £45.60, participants in the Inter-Departmental Offshore Regatta and the Dinghy Championships will be able to claim half their travel costs, because these events fall within the 'Category 2 – Open Championships' element of the scheme. Full details including claim forms can be found on CSSC's website at cssc.co.uk

The scheme is independent of CSSA and claims should be made directly to CSSC. Unlike 2016, where claims were dealt with by CSSC Regional Offices, all claims will be handled centrally by CSSC headquarters.

Brian Grubb, Hon Treasurer, CSSA, January 2017

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- CSSA AGM, Civil Service Club, London, 25th April
- Civil Service Offshore Racing Club, JOG Nab Tower, 1st April
- Civil Service Offshore Racing Club, JOG St Vaast, 28th April
- Inter-Departmental Regatta, Sunday 18th June to Friday 23rd June 2017
- 2017 Rolex Fastnet Race, 6th August 2017

Good year and an even better one lies ahead!

by **Trevor Drew**
CSSA Vice-Commodore

Well, another year is over. I'm sure a few stalwarts among you are taking advantage of the mild weather to enjoy some "low season" sailing, which can offer some of the best there is, with empty waters and the winter light providing some spectacular vistas.

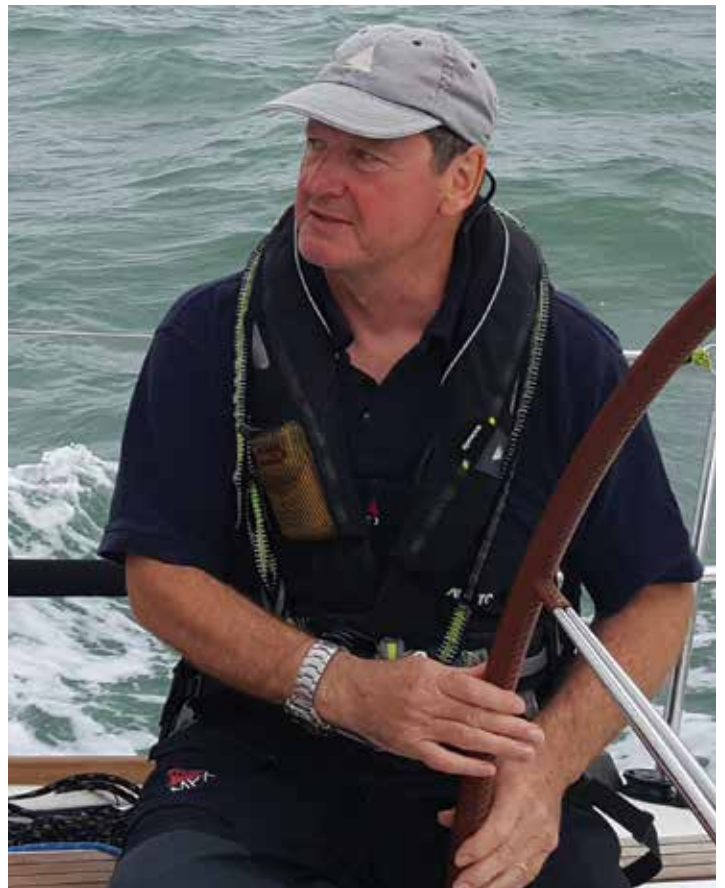
Reflecting on the past year, it has been good for the Association, with many great successes, reflecting the dedication and hard work of our volunteers. And especially since we are entirely comprised of people who give their time for free, I'd like to thank you all and wish you a very happy New Year. Whilst on the subject of CSSA, a reminder that our AGM will be held on 25th April at the Civil Service Club, London - I look forward to seeing some of you there, to be able to thank you in person.

One of the biggest changes last year has been to our online presence - the revamp of the old CSSA website is now complete and we have a really bright new look with some fantastic images and plenty to read. Many thanks to Andrew Moore and Nick Bowles who put in all the work to reach this point, and to our Publicity Officer, Deborah Ward, for co-ordinating things. Do take a look at it, and use it to promote the new season's activities at your clubs.

On the sailing side, our annual offshore regatta, the IDOR, was certainly a highlight, with a full fleet, great camaraderie and close racing, plus a boisterous Regatta Dinner that left a great impression on our CSSC colleagues! We also said farewell to Nick Rees, our outgoing Chair of the IDOR Organising Committee and welcome Tom Richardson into the role for the coming season.

For the Channel Sailing Division, based in the Hamble, their Jeanneau 409, *Sea Essay*, completed its second successful season. The yacht continues to prove reliable and a good sail. 2016 was busy, with a generally good take-up. The summer cruise to Brittany, Scilly Isles and West Country again was again a success and plans for 2017 are maturing, so watch their website for news.

Five Kingdoms Sailing Club's new Beneteau Oceanis 37' yacht, *Ynot* completed a successful season, beginning with stage passages from the Hamble to spend a period on the Clyde and then a further period based in Mallaig. *Ynot* arrived in Liverpool in August and completed the year providing taster sailing, mini-cruises and racing. CSSA Commodore Graham Dalton and his wife Fiona joined representatives from CSSA and CSSC, established 5KSC members and prospective members in Liverpool to welcome *Ynot* home.



■ **Trevor Drew, CSSA Vice-Commodore**

And on the East coast, EYCD's yacht, *Frejya*, went south and spent the summer exploring the northern coast of France, providing excellent cruising for members, along with fine cuisine and beverages – if you can believe their blog, that is! Plans for the coming year are still maturing, but a northern trip is certainly in the offing.

Our yacht racing division, CSORC, is preparing for another Fastnet year, with a beautiful race-ready Beneteau First 40' chartered and a crew identified. I'm sure we will read some great stories in CS Sailing about their adventures in the coming months.

On the small boat side, our clubs have been equally busy. On the racing front, the Dinghy Championships are proving less popular than in the past. Our Rear Commodore (Dinghy), Iain McKay, would be keen to hear why there is a current lack of support for this event and suggestions on how we might modify it to make it more popular - so please get in touch with any feedback or ideas.

Our other big event in the dinghy calendar is the Victory Trophy. This is an annual team racing competition, comprising four teams (Army, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force and Civil Service) each made up of three boats (ie, six people per team). Teams compete two at a time in a "round robin format, usually leading up to semi-final and finals in a knock-out format. We realise team racing is common in University sailing but is practically unknown among fleet racers, so if there are any dinghy sailors with relevant experience who would like to compete, do get in touch with Iain.

One of our bigger challenges in the coming year (apart from resolution of some issues concerning our sites) is the future of our RYA Sea School. We recognise the increasing financial and time burdens placed on us, through RYA requirements of the teaching roles within the School. I would therefore urge all members to provide their views to their club committees, so that any decisions we make fully reflect the desires of the membership.

So, as 2017 starts, our thoughts are on the coming season – may I wish you good fortune and happy sailing in whatever ventures you embark upon and fair winds to take you there in comfort.

Racing on the Mersey, cruising the Hebrides ... something for all tastes

YNOT's 2017 sailing programme

Five Kingdoms will start 2017 with six events on the Mersey as tides permit: three Sundays of racing with Liverpool Yacht Club; and three Saturdays of Taster Sails for prospective members mixed with Skills Honing for existing members.

Skippers who require familiarisation with *Ynot* might like to consider attending on one of these days. In mid-February, *Ynot* will be lifted out onto the hard for a six-week period to enable 5KSC to organise and carry out maintenance tasks.

There will be shakedown sails for those involved in maintenance activities on the weekend of the 1st-2nd of April. Details are on the 5KSC booking site at <http://www.5ksc.org.uk/booking.php>.

For later in the year 5KSC have opted for a repeat of last year's programme, but in reverse order. *Ynot* will set off from Liverpool for Mallaig at the end of May where she will be available to cruise the Western Isles for seven weeks.

Ynot will transfer to the Clyde towards the end of July. She will remain there for another six weeks before returning to her home port of Liverpool at the beginning of September. The dates have been posted on the 5KSC booking site at <http://www.5ksc.org.uk/booking.php>, but at the moment they are not set in stone.

The periods could be extended if the demand is available. The club needs skippers to request dates so that the programme can be fleshed out. If you want to charter *Ynot* or skipper a club cruise on *Ynot* then please email your preferred dates to David Hedley using crew_bureau@5ksc.org.uk.

The hand-over ports have been posted as Mallaig for the Hebrides and Kip or Largs for the Clyde. Another suggestion has been to use Lochboisdale on Uist for those who want to sail the Outer Hebrides. There is a ferry to Lochboisdale from Oban or Mallaig. More information about Lochboisdale marina can be found at <http://www.sailscotland.co.uk/277/Skye-and-the-North-West/Marinas-and-Boatyards/Lochboisdale-Harbour#>

There has also been a suggestion that some skippers would like longer than seven days, perhaps 10 or 11, ie, two skippers would split three weeks. Different ports on the Clyde may also be a possibility. If you would like any of these options to be included in your booking then please contact the 5KSC Crew Bureau.

Mallaig, Oban and Kip are chosen as handover ports because of good travel connections. Mallaig and Oban are easily reached by road or rail from Glasgow. Glasgow is well connected to the whole of the UK by air, rail or road. Inverkip (for Kip marina) is a few stops along the railway from Glasgow airport. Largs is a popular marina, and is easily reached by car or a short taxi ride from Largs railway station.

For the period prior to *Ynot* going to Scotland, there are the options of Taster Sails, Skills Honing and Race Days on the Mersey

over spring tide weekends and long weekends sailing in the waters off North Wales over neap tide weekends. The club is on the lookout for volunteers to skipper these as Club events. As an inducement, the Skipper and Mate sail free for these events. Alternatively *Ynot* will be available to charter for any of this time.

Please contact crew_bureau@5ksc.org.uk if you would like to charter *Ynot* for a delivery trip. The delivery trips are between Liverpool and Mallaig, between Mallaig and the Clyde and between the Clyde and Liverpool. The trip between Liverpool and Mallaig can be split into two or more sections for those who want to spend more time, say, visiting the Isle of Man or cruising among the Inner Hebrides. At the moment, the delivery trips from Liverpool to Mallaig and from Mallaig to the Clyde are available, but there are expressions of interest for both. Please be aware that the sailing programme cannot go ahead without volunteers to skipper these voyages. There are many members looking to crew delivery trips but only a very few skippers.

If you want to skipper *Ynot* in the coming season and cannot muster a full crew, then the 5KSC Crew Bureau is here to help. Since most skippers already have established crews, there are not always places for new members. The Crew Bureau can help, linking crew without a berth to spare places on skippered charters.

Finally if you want to skipper *Ynot* in the coming season, then would you please let the 5KSC Crew Bureau know your preferred sailing areas, hand over ports and dates as soon as possible.



■ Paul Brereton



■ Rob Rawlinson



■ David Hedley

Your 5KSC committee for 2017

Captain

Paul Brereton

Captain@5KSC.org.uk

Officers

Rob Rawlinson

Secretary@5KSC.org.uk

David Hedley

Crew_Bureau@5KSC.org.uk

Members

Frank Atherton, Colin Atkinson, Andy Deyes, Martin Hugo, Dave Messham, Keith Pemberton, David Smeatham and Martin Strohmaier



■ **Ynot will be heading for Scottish waters over the summer**

Clyde Muster 2017

The Clyde Muster between members of the Scottish Civil Service Cruising Club (SCSCC) and 5KSC will take place in September. The event is a cruise in company for a meal at a favourite restaurant. The Otter Ferry has been mentioned for 2017 but other options remain on the table.

It would be good to see you join us on *Ynot*, Foxfire, ScorcherV or your own or a commercial charter yacht. Mollusc has been our smallest participant in recent years but a dinghy contingent may join us in 2017. For further details or to enter a yacht (or dinghy), e-mail Captain@5KSC.org.uk.

Yacht familiarisations, Skills Honing and Race Days

To gain a full appreciation of *Ynot* and her equipment, it is best to join a Skills Honing or Race day when you can sail with people who know *Ynot* well and share ideas on how to get the best out of her. You can also complete your familiarisation as Mate during a Taster Sail – see below.

Familiarisations, Skills Honing and Race Days take place mainly in the late season though a small number of opportunities arise in the early season.

Any topic can be covered during Skills Honing. Popular topics include marina handling, flying the asymmetric spinnaker without the pressure of a race, and getting the best from the plotter. More general topics can also be discussed such as favourite spots to visit, pilotage, log keeping, following SOLASV, etc.

Races are with the Venture Fleet of Liverpool Yacht Club. This is racing for cruisers. It is friendly competition and provides opportunity to practise more manoeuvres under sail in a couple of hours than might be required during a week of cruising.

Races offer opportunities to practise manoeuvres under engine too. Book your place and you can take the helm (or other position) for manoeuvring off and onto finger berths and berth on lock pontoons or join a raft as we make our way onto and off the river.

Taster Sails

Taster Sails are for potential new members to try sailing on the River Mersey for a day. Tides allow for about four hours cruising on the river with lunch, snacks and drinks (non-alcoholic) provided by your Skipper and Mate. We meet up about an hour before the lock starts operation for briefing and getting kitted up. We are usually clear of *Ynot* within an hour of returning to her berth after we have tidied her for her next crew. Taster Sails usually take place in the late season when the air and water are relatively warm.

Inshore Skippers

As a 5KSC Inshore Skipper, you can charter *Ynot* for sailing in a defined area of the Firth of Clyde, in favourable weather (Force 4 or less) and in daylight without full CSSA Skipper Approval. The limitations keep you within the terms of the codes of practice appended to MGN280. The area limit gives you a vast range of opportunity to visit many marinas, anchorages and hotel moorings in the deep and sheltered waters among the beautiful islands and lochs of the Firth of Clyde.

To be a 5KSC Inshore Skipper, you must hold RYA shore-based course certificates for GMDSS radio, First Aid, and Day Skipper or Yachtmaster theory and hold a Day or a Coastal skipper RYA practical course completion certificate. You must be familiar with both *Ynot* and the Clyde. You will likely gain the required experience if you complete cruising or training aboard *Ynot* on the Clyde. Apply via david.hedley@hsl.gsi.gov.uk for approval to participate in the scheme.

RYA First Aid shore based course

CSSA First Aid offers RYA First Aid training for CSSA members. E-mail CSSAFirstAid@gmail.com for more details.

A long trip to Spain for the 2017 season

At the meeting in the afternoon of the AGM on 19th November, it was the general consensus that the 'long trip' would be to Spain for the 2017 season. This was firmed up at the skippers meeting on Saturday 10th December held at Littleton Sailing Club.

The general outline would entail Freyja leaving Shotley on the 15th May and sailing to the south coast where an Ocean Yachtmaster qualifying passage from 14th-24th June will take her to Spain in one leg in.

There is a skippered cruise in Spain from 14th-24th July. This is an opportunity to improve your boat handling, passage planning, navigation, and even some limited night sailing on Freyja along the northern coast of Spain. Ports of call might include Bilbao, Santander, Lueca, Corunna and many others.

This cruise is open to any level of experience. For more details contact johnfigures@hotmail.com or the Crew Bureau at cruising@ecyd.org.uk.

Freyja will return to the UK from Spain with another Ocean Yachtmaster qualifying passage from 13th-23rd August. If you're interested in either of these Ocean passages, contact Yacht Secretary David Bedborough at yacht_sec@ecyd.org.uk to book your berth.

Freyja will be back to Shotley by 22nd September when she will be available for charter, training or Tasters. It is with regret we have to say that we will not be joining the rallies in and around the Rivers Orwell and Stour in spring and the Blackwater in the autumn. This is due to a lack of interest and difficulties finding a Skipper.

Our thanks go to Philip Nixon and Richard Davison for organising these events in the past. The early season will cater for training and Taster sails full details can be found on the ECYD website www.ecyd.org.uk.

The decision has been made to refurbish Freyja rather than go for a new boat. Both options were fully explored. A Moody 41 was trial-sailed as being the most likely contender for a replacement.

However, having obtained all possible information about a new boat or a refurbishment, it was clear that a refurbishment was the best option. If it ain't broke don't fix it and Freyja serves us well.

Freyja is now at Fox's boat yard undergoing the refurbishment. The main expense is the updating of the chart plotter with eS127 which is much slimmer and can be button or touch screen operated. The cockpit plotter is being replaced with eS97 and will be permanently mounted in the cockpit.

A Quantum wireless radar is to be installed which is about a quarter of the weight of the old one and uses about a quarter of the power and will be protected by a stainless steel rail to aid the passage of the genoa when tacking. New instruments and auto pilot will replace the old ones. The AIS will be replaced as it is not compatible with the new systems.



■ Top, the chart table area, and, middle, eS97 plotter repeater which will be permanently fitted in the cockpit, and, below, eS127 chart plotter with intuitive AIS which will be at the chart table

In brief other items for refurbishment

- Keel bolts to be inspected
- Steering cables, stern gland and cutlass bearings to be replaced
- Some rubbing down and varnishing in the saloon and galley
- Probable replacement of holding tank
- Major engine service
- Upholstery renewed

We hope this refurbishment will put her in good stead for at least another five years.

JUMBLES SAILING CLUB



■ Wind?? Hmm, not so sure we'll see much of that today. The two Santas in the Feva (left), Elle Hopkins and eight-year-old Harriet Wood, were nevertheless worthy winners of the Jumbles Sailing Club Christmas Cracker race. Below, one of the sailing elves, and, bottom, the real Santa hands out gifts.

Santa and his elves enjoy a spot of festive fun on the water at Jumbles



Survey shows members favour cruising along French coast

At the time of writing, *Sea Essay* had just been lifted out for its winter scrub down, multiple coats of anti-fouling, scratch repairs, fitting of new set of sails and a myriad of general husbandry activities. The intention is for the boat to be back in the water by the end of January 2017. This year's mystery: where did the dinghy thwart go?

Annual General Meeting

CSD held its 2016 AGM on the 26th November at Water's Edge, Mercury Yacht Harbour.

Andy Smith, CSD Captain, reported on a good year with *Sea Essay* of Hamble completing 4,470 miles over 208 safe and enjoyable sailing days and, as a bonus, returning significantly reduced maintenance costs when compared with the previous boat (Dufour 405).

CSSC Taster Days, Group Day Sails, Sea Times and Charters have all been well supported although we did struggle for skippers on the summer cruise. Demand for training remained strong but there was continuing challenges in offering formal RYA courses, primarily due to uncertainties over the CSSA RYA Training Centre status and difficulty in securing approved RYA instructors. CSD is working both with the CSSA and within to try to deliver greater certainty of future training.

If any reader with the RYA Yachtmaster instructor qualification can help with overseeing the Training Centre or delivering the training programme in any way, please make contact with Andy or James Savage (contact details below).

During November, we successfully trialled the use of an external instructor to run a Yachtmaster preparation course and exam, and that may become the fallback model if in-house RYA training is unsustainable.

The meeting was reminded that the Day Member scheme is intended to allow people to be introduced to sailing and to the CSSA. Anyone who wishes to sail regularly on CSSA yachts must be a full or linked member of CSSC.

Election of CSD Committee for 2017

Despite several CSD committee members expressing a desire to step down this year, all agreed to continue through 2017 on the basis that members will be encouraged to step up to the committee to replace them. If any members feel they can spare time to help run the club, do please get in touch with the Captain or Secretary or anyone listed below. The following elections were agreed at the AGM.

Position	Name	Contact	Responsibilities
Captain	Andy Smith	csdcaptain@yahoo.co.uk	
Treasurer	Lindsay Cole	lindsay.cole@btinternet.com	Radar Instructor
Secretary	Colin Smith	csddaysails@btinternet.com	Day Sail Organiser *
Yacht Secretary	Adrian Barnes	boscombe@lineone.net	PSC Chair & HSE
Yacht Husband	Jeff Llewellyn	j.llewellyn57@ntlworld.com	Skipper Familiarisation
Crew Bureau Secretary	Susie Welch	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org	Sea Time Organiser
Committee Member	James Savage	training@channelsailing.org	Training Organiser
Committee Member	Simon Richardson	charters@channelsailing.org	Charter Organiser
Committee Member	Ken Pavitt	kenwpavitt@aol.com	Membership Secretary
Co-opted Member	David Price	df.price@btinternet.com	Skipper Representative
Committee Member	David Haward	davidhaward@btinternet.com	Yacht Husband team

* For CSSC Taster Day Sails Contact Jenny Yarrow at CSSC (jennifer.yarrow@cssc.co.uk)

Andy thanked all colleagues who had contributed to the running of the club through 2016, including the committee, the yacht husband team, instructors and skippers who have given their time to skipper day sails, sea times and training.

Charter/Training Rates

CSD rates can be viewed on the website. There will be no change for 2017.

Photo Competition

During the AGM lunch, the entries into the Sailing on *Sea Essay* photo competition were displayed and thereafter the winners selected by a show of hands. First prize went to Andrew Moore for his reflective picture of CSSC's own Shellie Rogers (see photo on front page and opposite)

2017 Programme

The full 2017 Programme can be viewed on the Sailing Opportunities page on our www.channelsailing.org website.

Or check out p10 (overleaf) for *Sea Essay* Sailing Opportunities in 2017.

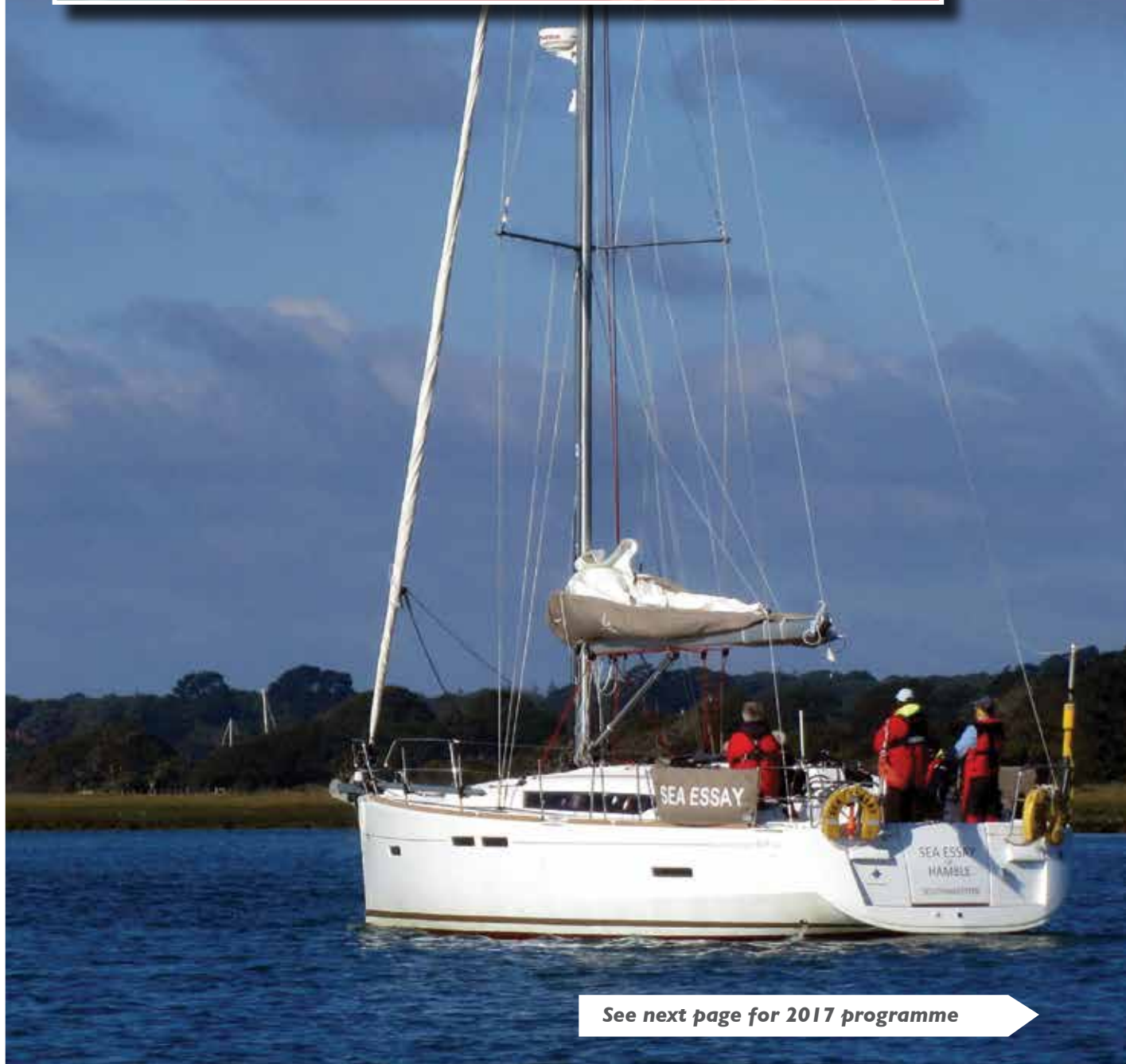
For the latest CSD news and information follow us on Facebook and Twitter (@seassay409).

2017 Summer Cruise

Results from our 2017 Summer Cruise Survey clearly favoured our usual format of weekly legs moving the boat across the channel to Normandy, North and West Brittany, The Isles of Scilly, South West Coast and return to Hamble. At the time of writing, all weeks bar the 10th-17th June Cherbourg to St Helier have been snapped up. There are, however, a number of crewing opportunities still available.



■ This photo of CSSC's Shellie Rogers earned first prize for Andrew Moore in the photo competition. Below, Sea Essay will be cruising in France this summer



See next page for 2017 programme

CHANNEL SAILING DIVISION

Opportunities for sailing on Sea Essay during 2017

Taster Day Sails (09.00 to 17.00)

Date	Area	Berths	Skipper	Contact
6 th April	Solent	6	TBA	jennifer.yarrow@cssc.co.uk
7 th April	Solent	6	TBA	
24 th April	Solent	6	TBA	
25 th April	Solent	6	TBA	
8 th May	Solent	6	TBA	
9 th May	Solent	6	TBA	
7 th September	Solent	6	TBA	
8 th September	Solent	6	TBA	
23 rd September	Solent	6	TBA	
24 th September	Solent	6	TBA	
2 nd October	Solent	6	TBA	
3 rd October	Solent	6	TBA	

Sea Times (two & three-day events run from 18.00 day one to 18.00 final day)

Date	Area	Berths	Skipper	Contact
24 th -26 th February	Solent +	4+	TBA	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
10 th -12 th March	Solent +	4+	TBA	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
24 th -26 th March	Solent +	4+	TBA	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
21 st -23 rd April th	Solent +	4+	TBA	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
20 th - 22 nd May	Solent +	4+	TBA	jennifer.yarrow@cssc.co.uk
5 th -12 th August	Brest to Isles of Scilly and Falmouth	4+	A Ramsay	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
17 th -19 th September	Solent +	4+	TBA	jennifer.yarrow@cssc.co.uk
29 th Sept-1 st October	Solent +	4+	TBA	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
8 th -11 th October	Solent +	4+	TBA	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
27 th -29 th October	Solent +	4+	TBA	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
10 th -12 th November	Solent +	4+	TBA	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org

Training (18.00 day one to 18.00 final day) (RYA courses dependent on status of CSSA School)

Date	Course	Berths	Skipper	Contact
09.00-17.00 27 th Feb-ruary	MFD Plotter	2	C Smith	csddaysails@btinternet.com
09.00-17.00 6 th March	MFD Plotter	2	C Smith	csddaysails@btinternet.com
12 th -19 th March	RYA Yachtmaster *	4	TBA	training@channelsailing.org
2 nd -5 th April	Boat Handling 1	4	TBA	training@channelsailing.org
10 th -13 th April	Boat Handling 2	4	TBA	training@channelsailing.org
25 th -28 th April	Sail Trim 1	4	TBA	training@channelsailing.org
2 nd -7 th May	RYA Comp Crew/Day Skipper	4	TBA	training@channelsailing.org
8 th -10 th September	Boat Handling 3	4	TBA	training@channelsailing.org
3 rd -6 th October	Sail Trim 2	4	TBA	training@channelsailing.org
6 th -8 th October	RYA CC/DS Pt 1	4	TBA	training@channelsailing.org
12 th -15 th October	RYA CC/DS Pt 2	4	TBA	training@channelsailing.org
24 th -27 th October	Boat Handling 4	4	TBA	training@channelsailing.org
29 th Oct-5 th November	RYA Yachtmaster	4	TBA	training@channelsailing.org
09.00-17.00 27 th Nov	Radar 1	6	L Cole	training@channelsailing.org
09.00-17.00 28 th Nov	Radar 2	6	L Cole	training@channelsailing.org

Summer Cruise (12.00 Saturday to 12.00 Saturday subject to Skippers' agreements)

Date	Course	Berths	Skipper	Contact
27 th May-3 rd June	Hamble to Le Havre	2?	M Curran	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
3 rd -10 th June	Le Havre to Cherbourg	2?	R Stephens	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
10 th -17 th June	Cherbourg to St Helier	<6	Available for Charter	boscombe@lineone.net & charters@channelsailing.org
17 th -24 th June	St Helier to Roscoff	1?	D Haward	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
1 st -8 th July	Brest to Concarneau	TBD	N Bowles	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
19 th -26 th August	Falmouth to Plymouth	2?	B Skelley	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
26 th Aug-2 nd Sept	Plymouth to Hamble	2?	B Taylor	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org



■ Merlin of Cowes, a Beneteau First 41, is booked for the Fastet Race 2017

A Fastnet year and IDOR as well!

It's a Fastnet year and we're entering the IDOR as well.

The Fastnet crew has been selected under Skipper Simon Zavad and the boat booked, a Beneteau First 40, *Merlin of Cowes*, chartered from Britannia Charters (also known as Sailing Logic).

RYA Sea Survival and ISAF Offshore Safety training will take place for all of the crew in the New Year, shortly followed by a training weekend in April.

The first of the qualifying races will probably be the Cervantes Race in late April with two other qualifiers in June and July, so that the crew and yacht have collectively completed over 300NM of practice. The Fastnet race itself will start on 6th August.

There may be crew places available on the qualifying races, so if interested, contact the CSROC Crew Bureau. All of this relies however, on the yacht and her crew being selected by RORC when applications open January (350 places with more than 1,000 applications)!

As an aside, it can be a fun day out for the family to go to Hurst Castle on the 6th with a picnic and watch all the competitors go by (all 350!!!) and to cheer the CSORC crew on their way. If you do, take a photo of Merlin as she goes by the castle and we'll put it on the club website.

The club will be entering the IDOR again in June under skipper Nick Bowles and we hope for enough volunteers for a second boat. This is a five-day racing regatta in the Solent with some socialising in the evenings. We hope also to enter a number of

JOG races. The 2017 programme is in the table below.

More details are on the website, <http://www.csorc.org.uk>

Finally, the CSORC AGM will be held at the Civil Service Club, Great Scotland Yard, London SW1A 2HJ, on 25th April, immediately after the CSSA AGM so it will start around 8pm.

We'd like to meet you if you are free and you can tell us about your racing ambitions etc. If you haven't got any yet we may be able to help.

Civil Service Offshore Racing Club 2017 programme	
Saturday 1 st April	JOG Nab Tower
Sunday 2 nd April	Warsash Spring Series
Friday 28 th April	JOG St Vaast
Saturday 13 th May	JOG Cowes to Yarmouth
Sunday 14 th May	JOG Yarmouth to Cowes
18 th -23 rd June	Inter-Departmental Offshore Regatta
Sunday 6 th August	RORC Fastnet
Friday 25 th August	JOG St Peter Port
Sat 9 th September	JOG Cowes to Poole
Sunday 10 th September	JOG Poole to Cowes

Civil Service Sailing Association Annual General Meeting 2017

Members are invited to attend the 59th Annual General Meeting of the CSSA, to be held on Monday, 10th April, starting at 18.00, in:

*The Civil Service Club
13-15 Great Scotland Yard
London SW1A 2HJ*

Please note: This is a change from the date advertised in the printed version of CS Sailing. A full Agenda will be included in the March edition of CS-Sailing. For further details on the Civil Service Club, go to: <http://www.civilserviceclub.org.uk/Home.aspx>

The Civil Service Inter-Departmental Offshore Regatta

IDOR 2017

18th-23rd June 2017
The Island Sailing Club, Cowes



Civil Service
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The Inter-departmental Offshore Regatta (IDOR) is held every year between boats and crews representing Civil Service departments and agencies..

Find out how you or your department can take part, email idor@cs-sailing.org or visit www.idor.org.uk



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