

# KESSINGLAND SEA SAILING CLUB

## Newsletter



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### Commodore's Notes

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Spring has sprung.

We have sold DA.

Ploes seems set for a busy year.

There is more interest in using Explorer.

Come on summer!

That's a good start for these notes I think.

The "Sail with us" evening in March was very well attended and many sails in Explorer were arranged. Some have now happened and several names added to the Skippers list. All in all it was a worthwhile event and I expect it will be repeated next year. Unfortunately there was no meaningful discussion about Ploes as John Bird was in Sardinia doing an excellent job of selling DA.

As you all know we had an EGM about becoming a CASC. This was also well attended and the minutes are attached. The membership voted overwhelmingly to approve the rule amendments allowing us to apply, which we will do in due course.

The Fish & Chip Quiz and Fitting Out Supper evenings were both very enjoyable with a good attendances of members together with some friends.

If you have not yet made any of our "do's" there are two more this year, so please note the dates and await the details nearer the times. All members really should be able

to fit in at least one evening a year to meet the rest of us.

Lastly, I just want to say that with Ploes having so many consecutive bookings, it is imperative that the boat is left completely ready for the next crew to enjoy. So *please, please* make sure you have enough time to do everything and not risk your fellow members starting their holiday with a list of grumbles.

Have a good and safe sailing summer.

Paul

Late news:

Unexpectedly Ploes has become available for 2 weeks in June see page 2

#### New Members

Welcome to 2008 new members:

Andy Royall

Malcolm Tucker

# EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EGM

## Kessingland Sea Sailing Club

E.G.M. held on 19/04/08 at the R.N.S.Y.C.

Chair: Paul Noton (Commodore)

### Purpose of the E.G.M.

The E.G.M. had been called to discuss the change to a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC). Prior to the meeting all members had been circulated with a letter about the meeting identifying the necessary changes to the constitution (sections 1, 3, 4 and 7) and a proxy voting form, should they be unable to attend.

The chair introduced the proposals, outlining the benefits, primarily financial through tax arrangements. Questions were then taken from those present. The chair, treasurer and Nick Fischl clarified the implications and benefits for the club of changing to a CASC. The chair reported that the committee had not found any significant argument against changing to a CASC. The treasurer outlined the background which had led to the current thinking and future benefits.

Questions raised included:

- What might happen in the event of dissolution of the club?
- The arrangements following dissolution of any CASC were reported to the meeting.
- Auditing costs once a CASC.
- It was identified that auditing costs would be minimal and the potential benefits outweighed any potential costs.
- Restrictions on autonomy.
- There would be no restriction on autonomy
- Potential increase in membership leading to an inability to meet members' expectations.
- It was felt that this was unlikely to happen.
- Could subs become donations to help improve the club's finances?

The committee would be looking at all possible ways, within the remit of a CASC to boost funds.

The chair identified that the club needed to ensure funds were ploughed back into the system to ensure boat purchases in the future. The committee had identified that becoming a CASC would support that endeavour. The vote needed, therefore, to be taken on all the relevant changes to the constitution. These were:

Section 1 – Names and Objects

Section 3 – Membership

Section 4 – Management and Committee Constitution and Procedure

Section 7 – Dissolution of the Club

Votes were cast as follows:

For the Rule Changes: 15 present plus 26 proxy votes = 41

Against the Rule Changes: 0 present plus 1 proxy vote = 1

Abstentions: 1 present plus 0 proxy votes = 1

**Result: The changes to the rules were approved by a majority of 40 members**

## Late Availability for Ploes

Due to unforeseen circumstances Ploes has become available for 2 weeks in the summer

June 21st - July 5th

Anyone wanting to snap up the opportunity should contact John Bird.

The K.S.S.C. "Seabird Trophy" is awarded annually by the Management Committee to the Member or Members who in the preceding year have shown most resource, sound seamanship and / or dedication to further the AIMS of the Club as defined in the Club Rules.

Following in the illustrious steps of James & Rosie Parnell, Clive Rowe and last year our Commodore for his "Decade" of sound leadership (some would say 10 years penal service), this year we agreed the recipient is a very worthy successor who has provided invaluable professional help and guidance throughout 2007 / 8 in a year that has seen many changes. We are sure they will be of long term benefit and secure the foundation of the Club for the foreseeable future.

It also seems to be a bit of a tradition now that if you volunteer or are pressed!!! into

Flag rank with the Club then you can expect to be called upon to provide services above and beyond the call of duty which has certainly been the case with this particular Member.

And finally don't believe it when they say in legal jargon that a "Good lawyer is a contradiction of terms" This one certainly isn't a contradiction

It gives me great pleasure to award the "Seabird Trophy" for 2007/8 to Nicolas Fischl - Rear Commodore. A round of applause please, and Nick please come forward to accept the award from the Boss.

*\* Read out & Presented at the Fitting-Out Supper – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April  
2008 by JJ Bird V. Commodore.*

## COMPETITION



### "Who Gives Way???"

Here is a photo which is "Ploes" arriving at Lavrion (Lavrion) last December and the impending situation could be quite serious, but what actually happened? There could be a prize (bottle of wine) for someone with the correct answer.

Answers to John Bird by end of June.



the KSSC website is at  
[www.ksscsuffolk.tripod.com](http://www.ksscsuffolk.tripod.com)

### Sailing plans for this year

We would like to hear about you sailing plans for the coming year or indeed any good stories from last season to feature in the next edition of the Newsletter . Photos especially welcome. Email or call James or Rose – contact details below. Thanks

### Notes from newsletter editors James and Rose Parnell

We hope you like the new format. Microsoft publisher allows us to do quite a lot of interesting things if you have any suggestions or comments please let us know at [james.parnell@ntlworld.com](mailto:james.parnell@ntlworld.com) or [rose.parnell@ntlworld.com](mailto:rose.parnell@ntlworld.com)

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Fish and Chip supper in February was a great success see above

## Web watch

[athensguide.com/lavrion/](http://athensguide.com/lavrion/) which gives lots of background info. ref "Ploes" base port for 2008. It might be a good idea to inform members of the site for their own perusal. Great pictures and links see opposite.

[www.volvooceanrace.org](http://www.volvooceanrace.org)

The Volvo round the world race ( I still think Whitbread) due to set off in Nov—follow the build up. Good footage of previous races too.

[www.yachtingtv.co.uk](http://www.yachtingtv.co.uk)

Dee Caffari interview as she sets off on the Artemis Transat

[www.cruising.org.uk](http://www.cruising.org.uk)

Home page of the Cruising Association. Much information in the public domain

## Social Calendar

Barbeque—no decision yet.

RNSYC Caribbean Eve Aug 13th (Weds) to be held during their Sea Week.

AGM 14th November

Laying up supper 15th November

## Explorer

Sid reports that the meeting to discuss the use of Explorer was very well attended.

There has been an increase in use and she has been out 4 weekends so far this season. And with 4 “whole week” bookings use is increasing. There is some availability left, especially in September. All requests and information to Sid Pretty.