

KESSINGLAND SEA SAILING CLUB

NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2016

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

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At last we appear to be in the midst of some spring-like weather, as we should be in early May. As I write my 'comments' things are moving apace on both Club yachts.

Ploes has been lifted-out at Fethiye in preparation for her annual refit, scrub & paint. We've no major jobs to do on *Ploes* this year but with relatively new sails, new bimini last year, new sprayhood this year and new interior curtains throughout, we'll try to get the hull topsides and underwater section in a condition befitting of her smart new overall appearance. Thanks to Peter G. & Paul N. for their sterling work on site.

Explorer is set to move to Suffolk Yacht Harbour at Levington during the 2nd week of May after extensive repairs on her keel. The photo's show the before-and-after look



of the keel which had some 20 laminations of 2oz GRP matting applied as filler and strengthening with a couple of layers of Gel Coat to give a smooth, watertight finish. In the immortal words of Dave Saunders of 'Wavetrade' who undertook the repair, 'The new reinforced GRP keel shoe should outlast the yacht...'

It's a credit to the maintenance team led by Arthur and Ian (Winters) that *Explorer* had reached the final stage of readiness with two coats of topside white and two coats of anti-foul applied all in the last couple of weeks before the delayed lift-in on Friday 29th April, despite one of the coldest and dampest April's on record...

We've spent several thousand pounds this winter on mainly cosmetic creature-comforts including newly reupholstered saloon cushions, seat backs and bunks in a rather fetching Silververtex Delf Blue which looks good and should provide crews with a guaranteed restful nights sleep (sounds like an advert for Premier Inn), always weather permitting of course!

Much essential maintenance has been done by Arthur, Ian (Winters) and a handful of willing volunteers over the late winter which has put *Explorer* in excellent condition ready for the 2016 sailing season. As you will read in James's column, she remains on the market 'For Sale' but until we get an offer which we on the Committee agree as acceptable, we intend to continue to make good use of her throughout the next four months whilst based at Suffolk Yacht Harbour on the River Orwell.

I look forward to seeing many of you *afloat and ashore* this year and wish all our Members and their families 'safe and exhilarating sailing in the coming season'.

John J Bird - Commodore KSSC



SALE OF EXPLORER

James Parnell

Despite having a couple of enquiries, no firm offers have been received so far. The brokerage market continues to favour buyers rather than sellers and this is not likely to change in the near future.

The Committee are agreed that whilst we should continue to be open to offers, there is no reason to reduce the asking price further nor is there any need to incur expenditure marketing her professionally, though this will continue to be reviewed by the Management Committee. *Explorer* has sailed the East Coast successfully with the Club for many years and with the very considerable maintenance and improvement programme in recent years – she is in fine condition. Modest sums will be spent over the next few years improving her level of comfort and her appearance, but this is as more about improving her for the benefit of members as it is enhancing her chances of finding a buyer.

PLOES AT FETHIYE

CRUISE IN COMPANY WITH 'ZIGZAG'

This letter appeared on the KSSC Website which might be of interest to some of our Members although the Club takes no responsibility for bookings which should be done directly with Patrick through his own Website given at the bottom of the page...

Dear Kessingland Sea Sailing Club Members,

My name is Patrick Truscott and I am acquainted with Commodore John Bird when he was in Fethiye for the 2014/15 winter refit of your club yacht.

My wife and I run our own 14m Fountaine Pajot charter yacht out of Fethiye, up and down the Turkish coast and out to the Greek islands.

Should any of your members want to sail with us out here, perhaps in flotilla with your club yacht, we can offer 4 double en suite cabins, two pilot berths and separate cabin for me as skipper - plus a large cockpit and large deck space for lounging.

Our cat "Zigzag" always comes with me as skipper (free of charge) but I am more than happy for guests to go "hands on" with the sailing. One ways up and down the coast, or out into the Greek islands are easily accommodated. My wife is available as crew or stewardess (breakfast and light lunches) if 100% relaxation is the aim of a cruise. I have lived in Turkey for 12 years and my wife is Turkish, so a cruise on "Zigzag" really gives an inside experience of the local culture, history and stunning natural beauty of where we live and sail.

The world media is painting a much darker picture than is true about Turkey as a holiday destination - but because of your yacht being here in Fethiye, you probably already know this. The whole run of coast from Marmaris down past Fethiye, Kalkan, Kas and Kekova towards Antalya has always been out of the refugee crossing zone between Turkey and Greece, plus we are too rural and low profile here to be a likely target for terrorist attacks.

So, your members can take advantage of our prices for the 2016 season being reduced 30%. Plus, because the season has been so badly affected, it has never been a better time to enjoy some fantastically quiet cruising waters!

<http://www.sailingzigzag.com/>

EXPLORER 2016

James Parnell

Arthur Riley assisted by Ian Winters and a team of volunteers have made great progress on the winter maintenance schedule. A full list is too long to repeat here but the list of items to be looked at each year is long, for example: sail valeting and repair, engine servicing, seacock inspection and overhaul, life raft and lifejacket servicing and flares replaced.

In addition to the above list, the cockpit woodwork, coachroof handrails and topsides have been stripped and painted or oiled. The cabin has been washed, any mould treated and any worn varnish rubbed down and re-coated. The heads have been checked and the tap repaired. The freshwater tank has been cleaned and disinfected. The parts of the standing rigging (lower shroud anchor points) are being strengthened. Overall Explorer will be in fine condition when she is launched.

The winter maintenance volunteers have been assisted this year by the staff of the Leila Trust. They have offered some of their time to do some maintenance work. They hope to use Explorer for sail training in the early part of the season.

The committee have agreed to spend a modest amount on improving the interior of Explorer and this year the cushions will be recovered. At the time of writing new blue covers are being made.

The keel repair is in hand and work is due to commence in mid-April subject to the weather. A full account will have to wait until the next edition of the newsletter. This will mean that the launch date will be later than the RNSYC and will be done after the keel repair. She will be moved to Suffolk Yacht Harbour in May until October. We will have the same agreement with Adastral Park sailing club as previous years.

I am seeing if there is any demand for skipper accreditation. Please let me know if you are interested....

I am still taking soundings to see if there is a possible back-to-back cruise later in the year, so if you have any ideas or suggestions, let me know.

We have received our first bookings for Explorer, if you would like to reserve dates please let me know as soon as possible.

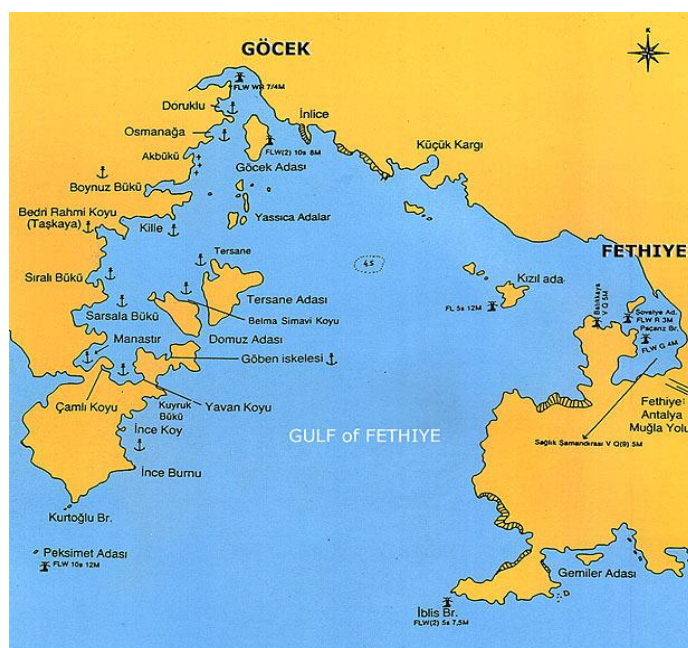
James Parnell
Vice Commodore

FETHIYE SAILING

Peter Girven

As I write this in late February 2016 we have 7 weeks sailing booked this year by members but there are still weeks available to book during this year's season.

It is also worth mentioning that Turkey and in particular Fethiye are still very safe. There are no refugees to be seen anywhere in the main towns of Caz, Kekova or Fethiye. We were curious last autumn if there would be refugees around but I think that they must bypass the tourist areas and head for areas near Bodrum and Lesbos to make the journeys across to other Greek Islands.



I will be back in Fethiye in May this year for the Ploes commissioning trip and also in June this year for two weeks sailing and will keep an eye out and make sure that it is still very safe and that nothing has changed.

We have been very lucky to have sailed for four weeks in 2015, two weeks booked in mid-June and then two weeks in mid-September and tend to prefer early June sailing as the wind is normally slightly stronger for sailing.

September is normally better for warm water swimming and has lighter winds. However this year in September we also had our first experience in 5 years of rain and cloudy weather; previously it has never rained on us before in 5 years.

On our June 2015 trip I sailed with Andy Seal and his cousin Geoff Thompson. Geoff unfortunately lost his wife earlier this year so it was designed to be a relaxing and gentle time for his first sailing trip. We spent a few days around the Gocek/Limani area visiting the Boyuz, Boku and Tersani restaurants for the first time, both we rate very highly. We also went to 'My Amigo's' in Camli Koyu – (Forty Fathom bay) and were amazed to see that it was a very interesting and relaxing place. Peter a sailing instructor from Gocek recommended us to go there and we met him at Sarsala and said that it was his wife's favourite place but was run a bit like a Gypsy family which we agreed with but is now our favourite place.

During our June trip we also met quite a few English people and had many interesting conversation; Fethiye never ceases to amaze us and after 5 years we always find new places to see.

We went to Cold Water Bay for the first time and anchored in a quiet cove opposite it, ably assisted by George the ice cream salesman who helped us with the shore lines. He also organised us to be collected by George the 'Cold Water Bay' boatman, who took us across to the restaurant and back.

From Cold Water Bay we furthered along eastwards to Caz staying there in the new Marina for two day; carrying on eastwards to Kekova and moored up in Ucagiz Marina to visit the Sarogphi additionally enjoying the unspoilt town of Ucagiz. Finally, returning to Caz Marina and then back to our favourite restaurant near the post office. On the subsequent day we motored back to Cold Water Bay, each day gave us nice short hops for relaxing sailing.

On our September 2015 trip Andy Seal and I returned for another two weeks sailing, we sailed with Jim Westwood a colleague we used to work with and with whom we sailed with last year.

We took Jim to the new same places that we went to in July with Geoff. This time however at Kekova we stayed at the Kalekoy Castle on the restaurant pontoon and then explored the castle the next day before spending the second night at Ucagiz Marina. The weather was then forecast to turn stormy; 30 knots from the south west and then to the south east with heavy rain so we decided to return towards Fethiye and stopped for the night in Karacaoren; this was listed in the Turkish Guide as being sheltered in a south westerly. There were 8 Sunsail boats moored on the pontoon on lazy lines and about 12 yachts on swinging moorings and they moored us on a large swinging mooring.



Bad weather was due at about 0600 the next morning so after a good meal we retired before midnight and then by 0230 in the middle of the night a severe lightning storm started and the wind increased to 30 or 40 knots. We then spent the next two hours dressed and ready for action as we were swung around on the mooring like on a roller coaster before the violent turbulent winds and rain started to reduce. We had two bow lines on but we were only tied to one mooring buoy and were worried if that mooring let go we would be in trouble. I think if we had known better what was coming we would have headed into Fethiye Marina for the night; that would have been exciting enough. A swinging mooring is not much fun in a storm.

In the morning we saw that the 20 foot tender for the restaurant had sunk during the night, that shows how wild and windy it was, an expensive night for the restaurant with a damaged tender to get repaired.

The following morning it was quite calm so we motored across to Tersane which is protected in most weathers and as we were early they put us close in on the inside berth as they were expecting to be busy.

That night the wind switched to the south east and we had more wind, lightning, thunder and heavy rain but we were perfectly safe and happy. The new Bimini is a treat and no water came through it, it is very impressive. It will be good to have the new sprayhood this year, the old one is adequate but the windows are fogged and a zip out window for better visibility while sailing as mentioned by Claire will be a big asset. By that second morning the bad weather had gone and we had rain showers and broken cloud plus sunshine, more like our normal weather in Fethiye.



The following night we spent back at Tomb Bay and observed the damaged right hand end of the Tomb Bay jetty. The jetty had been partly dragged over on the first stormy night and on the next day they said that they had sent yachts away, across to Tersane for safety and better shelter. Interestingly we again saw Peter the instructor and he said that 'My Amigo's' is sheltered in a south westerly blow, however I would not be keen to be close to their wall in bad weather. (They normally moor yachts bow to the wall there as it is shallow near to the wall). Bill Brown has also previously mentioned that Kapi Creek tucked in on the right hand side back to the hill is very sheltered in a south westerly.

Because of the bad weather we lost our spare days with which had planned to go to the other side of Marmaris, we had another recommended relaxed place to investigate but we had run out of time to do so on this trip.

All in all during 2015 we had another excellent two sailing trips, we find that two weeks gives us a relaxing time and good scope to venture outside the further afield than the ideal Fethiye Bay area.

Peter Girven

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Jill Turner – Hon. Secretary

The Fitting-Out Supper was a great success - 25 Members attended. There followed a quiz set by John Humphries which was fiendish even by his standards. The winner was a partnership of Paul Noton, Barry Sladen and Harry King-Gardener. John Davie was declared winner of the crossword in the Winter Newsletter and presented with a bottle of wine. The Commodore John Bird was presented with the *Sea Bird* Trophy for his services to the Club for many years, which included being responsible for our overseas yacht and for the last 5 years as Club Commodore.

KSSC will have a table at the RN&SYC Sea Week BBQ, which is usually held on the Wednesday of Sea Week (10th August 2016) but yet to be confirmed?

This year's AGM and Laying-Up Supper will be held on Saturday 12th November 2016. More details will follow in due course...

KSSC membership 2016 - Memberships are due on the 1st January annually and a high proportion have been paid in good time this year. So far 6 memberships have not been renewed. If you've forgotten, may I remind you to do so please. Yacht Bookings cannot be confirmed until the Skipper's membership has been received.

It is also in the Club rules to let me or the Commodore John Bird know if you are not renewing Club membership.

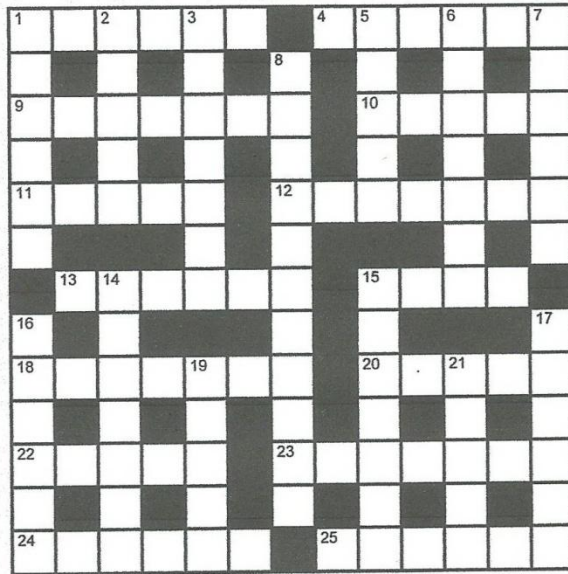
Our 2016 Year Book suffered a printing error and could not be available at the Fitting-Out Supper. It will now be posted in early May.

Our latest Spring *Nautical-Themed* Crossword is printed below – again, bottle of wine for the first correct entry and the Secretary's word is final...

Good Luck and Happy Sailing in 2016 -

Jill Turner
Hon. Secretary

How will you fare in our nautical-themed crossword?



ACROSS

- 1 The Corinthian -----, RCYC cadets in Essex (6)
- 4 Uninhabited island, home to Fingal's Cave (6)
- 9 Salt lake – the lowest place on Earth (4,3)
- 10 Boat or ship converted as waterside accommodation (5)
- 11 Island whose main port is Marina Grande (5)
- 12 Barbed dart or spear used by whalers (7)
- 13 Cruise port on the French Riviera (6)
- 15 Swedish ship – sank in 1628, salvaged in 1961 (4)
- 18 Haven port, home town of Mayflower captain Christopher Jones (7)
- 20 County hosting the annual Gibraltar Cup (5)
- 22 Winners of the 2014 Gibraltar Cup (5)
- 23 Non-commissioned sailors in the Navy (7)
- 24 Another name for a jellyfish (6)
- 25 British flag officer whose last words are often said to be "Kiss me, Hardy" (6)

DOWN

- 1 "All hands -- ----", a 1961 film musical starring Pat Boone as a naval officer (2,4)
- 2 Cargo-carrying merchant vessel with no set schedule or route (5)
- 3 ----- gold was salvaged from HMS Edinburgh in the 1980s (7)
- 5 River flowing into the sea at Ostia (5)
- 6 The deepest lake, Lake Baikal, reaches a depth of almost 900 ----- (7)
- 7 In poor health but out on the yacht, topless? (Hey, that's a bit cryptic) (6)
- 8 Deep-sea submersible descending to a record 3,028ft in 1934 (11)
- 14 One place you don't want a ship to go! (7)
- 15 HMS ----- (D48), a V class destroyer, served in both World Wars (7)
- 16 A rowing team need to establish a good ----- (6)
- 17 and need to work in ----- to achieve it (6)
- 19 Stopped head-to-wind, a sailboat is said to be "in -----" (5)
- 21 Guy ropes used to steady the gaff (5)