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The Commodore's thoughts

The end of another great year for Milton Keynes sailing club is fast approaching. For those of you who have not yet seen it we had a nice bit in December's 'Yachts and Yachting' about sailing clubs in cities. Well worth getting a copy of to show friends what a great club we have – and perhaps they would like to join us! There is a copy in the clubhouse and a cutting on the website too.

It is now that time of year when the committee turn their thoughts to club development for next year 2008/9. We have made two important decisions that will affect members next year. These are changes to membership renewals/applications, and restating club rules about duties.

Turning first to membership. We want to make it easier for the club to function in the first few months of each financial year. Because of the nature of membership renewals, there is a one or two month hiatus before we know who has rejoined, and who has left us. We plan to alleviate this problem, to some extent, in this year's membership strategy, by introducing a simple three-tier renewal process. First the carrot – to help the club with duties etc. we are going to let members rejoin the club early - before April 1st, at this year's rate! Alternatively, members can rejoin in April as usual – although you will be paying an 'in-line with inflation' increase. Finally, the stick. To ensure no stragglers, there will be the rejoining fee/fine (£25) for anyone not willing to return their paperwork in April.

Secondly, club duties. This has been a bit of a thorny subject. To be clear, all members agree to do duties when they sign their membership forms each year. There is a section you fill in letting you tell us the best way you can help the club. Without all members doing their share, the club is not really a club. When you get your rotas, the club assumes you will turn up, and if for any reason you are unavailable, it is your responsibility to exchange a duty with someone else off the rota. What we are aware of is some members with partners and families would like to do duties on the same day, some prefer to share their parenting responsibilities, so we giving you the choice for partners to be allocated a duty on the same day, or if you prefer, on a different day.

Finally, in an effort at doing our green bit – and simplifying our membership's forms - we have combined the membership and compound forms into a single A4 form with all details on it. This will also be available for download on our website www.mksc.org.uk/downloads.htm, if you want to take advantage of re-joining early at the cheapest possible rate! Please if you have email addresses you use please put them on the form. It is much cheaper for the club to send out some information via email than letters.

**Mark
Tuffnell**

Prizegiving Supper

15th March,

7.30 at

**The Crown, 9 Market Square,
Stony Stratford**

£22.50 per head

There will be a board up in the clubhouse for people to sign up and make their choices.

Alternatively, people can e-mail me direct with numbers and their choices at: chris.morrissey@bt.com.

MENU

Starter

Chicken Liver Parfait
Smoked Salmon & Gravavlax
Garlic King Prawn Salad

Main

Slow Roasted Pork Belly
Stuffed Chicken Wrapped in Bacon
Salmon Fillet with Herb Crust
Wild Mushroom Strudel

Desert

Chocolate Espresso Parfait
Poached Pears in Red Wine
Sticky Toffee Pudding
Cheeseboard

I need to know finals by the 8th March

Briefly . . .

■ Compound

Will you please ensure that your boats are secure, and that you have not left any objects lying around in the grass. Thank you.

■ Prizegiving Supper

Our very popular evening of eating, drinking and reminiscing over the last season's sailing is being held at the Crown, Stony Stratford on the 15th March. Sign up in the clubhouse or email: chris.morrissey@bt.com

■ Buying/selling a boat?

Then why not put it on the MKSC web site? This way you will have the widest possible exposure. Contact: commodore@mksc.org.uk

Membership renewals

It is approaching that time of year again. To recap on the changes this year. To re-join either:

1. Re-join **before** 1st April to re-join at current season rates.
2. Re-join **during** April at 'in-line with inflation' increase.
3. Re-join **after** April and pay the £25 joining fee as well as your membership fees.

BOAT COMPOUND

You will have noticed that we have had some strong winds recently. Those of you that have boats in the compound, can you please check that the boats are tied down firmly as we do not want boats shifting and damaging boats in the adjacent berths.

Can you also please ensure that there are no pieces of debris on the ground around your boats. Your co-operation will help immensely when cutting the grass as the mowers' blades are getting damaged by objects laying in the grass.

Thank you.

Dates for your diary

March

- 1 Dinghy Show, Alexandra Palace
- 2 Series racing;
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- 8 MK Canoe Club, 11.00 - 3.00
- 9 Series racing
- 15 Champion Clubs (at MKSC);
Prizegiving Supper
7.30pm, The Crown,
Stony Stratford
- 16 Series racing
- 23 Series racing
- 29 Powerboat L1/2 course
- 30 Series racing;
Powerboat L1/2 course

April

- 12 **RS300 Open**
- 13 **RS300 Open**;
Series racing

Duty Rota

• Sunday March 2

• Comm	Chris Morrissey	07764 905142
• RO	Barney Proud	01234 766070
• ARO	Seamus Campbell	01908 312844
• Res1	George Donaldson	01582 667255
• Res2	Howard Astley-Jones	01908 270441
• Galley 1	Sami Campbell	01908 312844
• Galley 2	Peter Ingram	01525 372396

• Sunday March 9

• Comm	Mark Tuffnell	01908 235242
• RO	Mark Tuffnell	01908 235242
• ARO	Henry Robinson	01525 370447
• Res1	Peter Haughey	01908 366869
• Res2	Daniel Howkins	01908 366869
• Galley 1	Martin Mead	01582 535761
• Galley 2	Dave Lander	01908 583433

• Sunday March 16

• Comm	Alan Swaby	01908 505863
• RO	Dave Cordner	01296 714484
• ARO	Paul Canon	01525 376344

• Res1	Richard Kirkwood	01582 461589
• Res2	Lucinda Neal	01525 220846
• Galley 1	Monica Merino	01582 461589
• Galley 2	Ian Ford	01525 261752

• Sunday March 23

• Comm	Ian Butterworth	01525 261289
• RO	Peter Preston	01296 720144
• ARO	John O'Connor	01582 757679
• Res1	Ian Butterworth	01525 261289
• Res2	Mark Mitchell	01234 825321
• Galley 1	Clare Mitchell	01234 825321
• Galley 2	Michael Legge	01908 560785

• Sunday March 30

• Comm	Dick Luff	01908 216596
• RO	Dick Luff	01908 216596
• ARO	Jenifer Stewart	01908 521792
• Res1	David Cooper	01908 667352
• Res2	Keith King	01525 602853
• Galley 1	Nicki Purdue	01908 234834
• Galley 2	Murie Ronald	01582 757679

If you cannot make your duty, please arrange a swap and inform the committee member for the day.

MKSC 2008 Icicle Open Pursuit

There were 17 entries. From Harvey Grant in his Topper to those lightning quick MRX's from Wembley SC. Well yes it was windy. As you can see from the pictures, most people spent some time inspecting the bottoms of their boats! Howard and Barney got off to a flying start, and by the end of the second lap had first position, the only question was could the MRX's catch them? After managing to stay relatively dry for the remainder of the race, despite valiant efforts from Geoff and Martin in their MRX, MKSC held the lead.

Final Results:

1st:	Howard Astley-Jones/Barnet Proud	MKSC, (pictured below)
2nd:	Geoff O'Neil/Martin Thompson	Wembley SC
3rd:	Rob O'Neil/Chris O'Neil	Wembley SC

