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Eternal vigilance is the price of safety and safety is a state of mind, not a list of equipment and please also remember to always wear a

■ **SMOKERS RETREAT:** After considering as many options as possible, it was decided at the February C.O.M. meeting to utilize the space on the second floor landing into a 'smoker's retreat. As it is not sufficiently large enough in its present form we have agreed to extend the floor over, but not on, the lift shaft and extend the walls up so forming a snug room with the best view across the bay.

There will be a door at the top of the staircase making it, to all intents and purposes self-contained. We will decorate it, carpet it and furnish it and hope to start work towards the end of the March. The C.O.M. agreed that once a suitable room had been provided and completed then smoking would not be permitted elsewhere in the club.

It was felt this was the best use for a little used part of the club and it can still be used to start bay races etc. We cannot please everybody all the time, but we hope all members, smokers & non-smokers alike, will find this a reasonable and realistic solution to the issue of smoking. Jonathan Crofts Davies... Rear Commodore.

Please observe the a 5 knot speed limit in the river Ely.

■ **C.B.Y.C. WEB SITE FORUM:** Have you ever visited the club forum on the website? You will be truly amazed at the topics discussed there, and it's so easy to use...

Just follow the instructions and away you go... comment on an existing thread or open up your own topic... it's wonderful... why not give it a try?

■ **ERRATA:** Some of the more eagle eyed members have brought to my attention the fact that the Club restaurant was not advertised as being open on Sundays when of course it is... many apologies for this error and any confusion caused... Tony Davies Editor.

C.B.Y.C.
Annual Dinner
Saturday 8 April
7.30 for 8.00
Guest speaker
Stan
Stennett
6 Course Gourmet
Dinner

■ **NEW FOR 2006... PASSAGE RACING & CRUISING:**

This year we are planning a number of combined weekend cruises / races which will have Friday evening starts (around high water), an overnight trip intending to arrive at a destination on Saturday afternoon for a night out and a cruise back to Cardiff on Sunday.

These will include both a racing class for those of us mad enough to do it, and a PY cruiser class for those who appreciate their sleep more!

If you would like to compete in a passage race please see (#) on the Bristol Channel Sailing Programme 2006 (on page 3).

Look after your gear and it will look after you... oh yes, that really

Bar Opening Hours October To April. **C**

Monday	17.00 to 23.00
Tuesday	17.00 to 23.00
Wednesday	17.00 to 23.00
Thursday	17.00 to 23.00
Friday	12.00 noon to 23.00
Saturday	12.00 noon to midnight.
Sunday	12.00 noon to 22.30

? Do come along and enjoy a drink or two.

There is nothing; absolutely nothing; half so much worth doing, as simply messing about in boats. In or out of 'em. it doesn't matter. . . that's the charm of it. . . Kenneth

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kindly display Bear Essentials where others
may read it.

■ CRUISER SECTION:

Spring evening series dates:

2 nd May	9 th May	16 th May	23 rd May	30 th May
6 th June	13 th June	20 st June	27 th June	

9 race series with entry fees at £15

Spring regatta:

Saturday, 1st and Sunday, 2nd April
Outside and inside races, times to be finalised. A Saturday social event and prizes.

Spring Weekend series:

Alternate weekends racing on Saturdays and Sundays apart from the first week.

Dates:

Sunday, 9th April
Saturday, 22nd & Sunday 23rd April
Saturday, 6th & Sunday, 7th May
Saturday, 20th & Sunday 21st May
Saturday, 3rd & Sunday, 4th June
Saturday, 17th & Sunday, 18th June CBYC Regatta
Saturday, 1st July: Presentation and Social event.
The race fees will be £25.

Shanghai Cup:

Sunday, 10th September - Bay race
Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th September - Channel races
Saturday, 23rd and Sunday, 24th September - Channel races
Saturday, 30th - Low water race.

Welsh games:

16th and 17th September.

Inter club events:

Penarth Yacht Club / CBYC - PINTLE race - date to be confirmed.
Round the Islands race - Saturday, 29th July. 2:00pm start.
Harbour regatta - 28th May

S.W.I.G. / S.W.O.G.

Swansea - Padstow race Friday, 28th April; Saturday night in Padstow; Fun race to
Lundy on Sunday; Leave Lundy on Monday.

Saturday, 13th May - Race to Watchet via Lynmouth - I.R.C. and P.Y. Saturday night
in Watchet; return on Sunday.

Friday, 23rd June - Race to Watermouth

Friday, 30th July - Race to Bristol; return Saturday.

■ S.W.I.G. & S.W.O.G. I can hear some of you saying; what does this mean?...
well it stands for South Wales Inshore Group and South Wales Offshore Group.
... why group? Well I suppose this means a group of yachts. Ed.

MNEMONIC RHYMES

Red Right Returning

Meeting steamers do not dread.
When you see three lights ahead,
Starboard wheel and show your red.

Green to green or red to red,
Perfect safety, go ahead.

When to starboard red is near,
'Tis your duty to keep clear;
Act as judgment says is proper,
Port or starboard back or stop her.

But when upon your port is seen
A steamer's starboard light of green,
There's not so much for you to do,
For green to port gives way to you.

■ QUIZ: Where was the Spanish
Maine? Answer on page 5.

■ ANCHORED: Keep clear. Give
anchored craft a wide berth. If you are
navigating in an area where boats are
likely to be at anchor, keep well clear
when you see the black ball, and don't
drop your own ground tackle close by.
Racing Rules! Where possible, it is
considerate to give way to people who
are racing. But this is not always
practical and racing boats are not
exempt from the Colregs. We must all
learn to tolerate other water users.
The RYA is determined to retain the
principle of education, not legislation.
Our case will be that much stronger if
we show we know how to behave.

Calendar of events in March 2006

Day	Date	Event	Time
Wed	1	Angling night.	
Thu	2	Cruiser night.	Restaurant (evening)
Fri	3		
Sat	4	(* C. in C.)	Restaurant (12 till 2 pm)
Sun	5	Restaurant	(12 till 2 pm)
Mon	6		
Tue	7		
Wed	8	Angling night.	
Thu	9	Cruiser night.	Restaurant (evening)
Fri	10		
Sat	11	(* C. in C.)	Restaurant (12 till 2 pm)
Sun	12	Angling Competition	Restaurant (12 till 2 pm)
Mon	13		
Tue	14		
Wed	15	Angling Section A.G.M.	
Thu	16	Cruiser night.	Restaurant (evening)
Fri	17		
Sat	18	(* C. in C.)	Restaurant (12 till 2 pm)
Sun	19	Restaurant	(12 till 2 pm)
Mon	20		
Tue	21		
Wed	22	Angling night.	
Thu	23	Cruiser night.	Restaurant (evening)
Fri	24		
Sat	25	(* C. in C.)	Restaurant (12 till 2 pm)
Sun	26	Restaurant	(12 till 2 pm)
Mon	27		
Tue	28		
Wed	29	Angling night.	
Thu	30	Cruiser night.	Restaurant (evening)
Fri	31		

■ **CRUISING TO FRANCE?** Tony Birchley is planning a trip to France in June 2006. If anyone is planning a similar trip he would be pleased if members would contact him on ab@birchleyproducts.co.uk, with a mind to sailing in company.

■ **PHOTO COMPETITION:** The Management Committee are running a photographic competition with a view to finding suitable material to adorn the walls of the refurbished Clubhouse, The deadline is the next A.G.M. Please E-Mail your entry to... tony@designbyrelish.co.uk

■ **FOR SALE:** 4 Man Avon life raft in valise - £350.00. Good kemp spinnaker pole 3m x 5.8 - £100.00. Arun cross cut spinnaker 10.3 x 5.8 - £100.00 olivercheetham@yahoo.com or 0034 858 023 279.

■ **BEAR ESSENTIALS:** is the newsletter of the Cardiff Bay Yacht Club, it is produced monthly and is entirely dependent on articles contributed by members, thanks go to the members who supply regular copy, it would be impossible to produce without your contributions.

The deadline is strictly the end of each month, if you have an article, anecdote, item for sale or wanted etc. please E-mail it to the editor... Tony Davies: tony@designbyrelish.co.uk don't be shy give it a try.

Calendar of events in April 2006

Day	Date	Event	Time
Sat	1	(* C. in C.)	Restaurant (12 till 2 pm)
Sun	2	Restaurant	(12 till 2 pm)
Mon	3		
Tue	4		
Wed	5	Angling night.	
Thu	6	Cruiser night.	Restaurant (evening)
Fri	7		
Sat	8	(* C. in C.)	Restaurant (12 till 2 pm)
Sun	9	Restaurant	(12 till 2 pm)
Mon	10		
Tue	11		
Wed	12	Angling night.	
Thu	13	Cruiser night.	Restaurant (evening)
Fri	14		
Sat	15	(* C. in C.)	Restaurant (12 till 2 pm)
Sun	16	Restaurant	(12 till 2 pm)
Mon	17		
Tue	18		
Wed	19	Angling night.	
Thu	20	Cruiser night.	Restaurant (evening)
Fri	21		
Sat	22	(* C. in C.)	Restaurant (12 till 2 pm)
Sun	23	Restaurant	(12 till 2 pm)
Mon	24		
Tue	25		
Wed	26	Angling night.	
Thu	27	Cruiser night.	Restaurant (evening)
Fri	28		
Sat	29		
Sun	30		

■ **ANGLING AGM:** The Section Annual General Meeting date has been fixed for Wednesday 15th March @ 20.30hrs. As I have only 37 addresses for e-mails and we have 64 members, I cannot e-mail everybody. Although a notice will go onto the notice board, if you could pass the word, we'd appreciate it, as we would like to see a full house. BGM.

■ **FOR SALE:** "Phebe" our Sadler 29 is up for sale... (take a look at Sailing Today 6 page review on her!) so if you want to write another chapter in her log, give me a call. Neil Lambden 07780 955313.

■ **FOR SALE:** Bombard 501 rib (3.1m 2 years old) £550.00 + Suzuki 4 hp, 4 stroke standard length outboard motor (brand new, unused) £450.00. Two folding bicycles (bagged) – exc condition £100.00 each.

Chart case together with 40 + Admiralty charts, ranging from the Bristol Channel - Lands End – Scilly Isles - South Coast – Ireland to Kenmare River – East Coast Ireland (Dated mostly 1997 – 2002). £100.00 the lot. Hand held Magellan GPS £60.00. Please tel. 029 2070 2704. Will haggle on all. Charles Wallcott.

■ (* C. in C.) = Cruise in company: Please call Tony for destination & details. Tel. 07816 337904.

Why not visit the Club forum at www.cbyc.co.uk you'll be amazed,

■ C.B.Y.C. CRUISER SECTION 2006-2007 :

Cruises are scheduled for most weekends; loosely in line with Bristol Channel sailing calendar. (see opposite)

Everyone is invited, Cruiser Class, Racing Class, Motor Yachts. We look forward to seeing new and old members, do come and join in.

COMMITTEE:

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OBJECTIVES:

Obviously cruising in the season is top of the agenda, but other related activities will be pursued, such as: talks, films, discussions, barbeques, etc.

If you have an idea or a suggestion to improve the section please contact a committee member. It's your Cruiser Section, so let us know what you want or expect from it.

MEETINGS:

The Cruiser Section meets on Thursday evenings... "**Member bring along a member**", this will have the effect of swelling our numbers, so why not contact a member in your locality and take turns to drive, this means that one of you will be able to enjoy a drink.

ACTIVITIES:

A calendar of events will be published and displayed on the notice board.

However It is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the skipper to decide whether to enter these events, especially with regard to prevailing weather conditions, the capability of the crew and size of the vessel, furthermore please ensure that their craft is in a sound and seaworthy condition.

No responsibility can be taken by Cardiff Bay Yacht Club or any of it's members for any occurrence arising from these events.

INFORMATION:

For conformation of the destination please call a committee member before the cruise.

Updates by e-mail... please request to be listed on... tony@designbyrelish.co.uk and you will be informed of important information and coming events.

Current information will be sent by text or e-mailed and also posted on the Club notice board. Out of season cruises of course are very dependant on weather conditions.

TRAINING:

Members requiring training in all aspects of... Cruiser passage making, locking in / out, navigation & etc... please contact Ruth Coles in the C.B.Y.C. office for availability and costs.

INTEREST:

Many thanks to: Ray Browning, Graham Hodges, James Powell, Graeme Page, Les Collins, Wayne Bowen and Stuart Roberts for expressing an interest in Cruiser Passage racing. You will receive further bulletins by e-mail.

■ BRISTOL CHANNEL SAILING PROGRAMME 2006 (Provisional)

MONTH	DATE	CLUB	EVENT
FEB	03/02/06	CBYC	REGIONAL TUNING & SAILS
	04/02/06	CBYC	OPTIMIST NATIONAL SQUAD
	11/02/06	CBYC	OPTIMIST SILVER REGIONAL
	18/02/06	CBYC	OPTIMIST SILVER REGIONAL
APRIL	01/03/06	CBYC	SPRING REGATTA
	14/03/06	PCC	CRUISE IN COMPANY TO
	15/03/06	PCC #	GLOUCESTER DOCKS
	16/03/06	PCC #	AND BACK TO PORTISHEAD
	28/03/06	CBYC #	SWANSEA PADSTOW & LUNDY
MAY	06/05/06	PENARTH YC	OPEN MEETING
	07/05/06	PENARTH YC	OPEN MEETING
	06/05/06	PORTISHEAD YSC	REGATTA & FIREBALL OPEN
	07/05/06	PORTISHEAD YSC	REGATTA & FIREBALL OPEN
	13/05/06	CBYC	CRUISE / RACE TO WATCHET
	20/05/06	NUSC #	CRUISER RALLY
	21/05/06	NUSC #	CRUISER RALLY
	28/05/06	ILFRACOMBE YC	ROUND LUNDY RACE
	28/05/06	CARDIFF H. A.	HARBOUR REGATTA
JUNE	03/06/06	CBYC	ENTERPRISE OPEN
	03/06/06	CBYC	FLYING FIFTEEN CLASSIC
	03/06/06	LYDNEY YC	DINGHY OPEN
	04/06/06	LYDNEY YC	DINGHY OPEN
	09/06/06	PCC	PORTISHEAD DOCKS RALLY
	10/06/06	CBYC	SPRINT 15 OPEN
	10/06/06	PCC #	PORTISHEAD DOCKS RALLY
	11/06/06	PCC #	PORTISHEAD DOCKS RALLY
	17/07/06	CBYC #	REGATTA
	17/06/06	BARRY YC #	REGATTA
	18/06/06	BARRY YC #	REGATTA
	17/06/06	THORNBURY SC #	REGATTA & FIREBALL OPEN
	18/06/06	THORNBURY SC #	REGATTA & FIREBALL OPEN
23/06/06	CBYC #	CRUISE / RACE TO WATERMOUTH	
JULY	01/07/06	CBYC	J80 NATIONALS
	01/07/06	BURNHAM MB&SC #	REGATTA
	02/07/06	BURNHAM MB&SC #	REGATTA
	01/07/06	CARDIFF YC #	REGATTA
	02/07/06	CARDIFF YC #	REGATTA
	08/07/06	WESTON BAY YC #	REGATTA
	09/07/06	WESTON BAY YC #	REGATTA
	08/07/06	P YC	REGATTA
	09/07/06	P YC	REGATTA
	08/07/06	PORTISHEAD YSC	PILL RACE
	09/07/06	PORTISHEAD YSC	BCYA TEAM RACE CHALLENGE
	15/07/06	CBYC	LASER 2000 OPEN
	15/07/06	LYDNEY YC #	RALLY
	16/07/06	LYDNEY YC #	RALLY
	28/07/06	CBYC #	CRUISE / RACE TO BRISTOL
	29/07/06	CBYC	ROUND THE ISLAND RACE.
29/07/06	BRISTOL HARBOUR #	FESTIVAL	
30/07/06	BRISTOL HARBOUR #	FESTIVAL	
AUGUST	11/08/06	CBYC	2 HANDED AROUND LUNDY
	25/08/06	CBYC #	CRUISE / RACE TO TENBY
SEPT	10/09/06	CBYC	SHANGHAI CUP (BAY RACE)
	16/09/06	CBYC	WELSH GAMES
	17/09/06	CBYC	WELSH GAMES
	16/09/06	CBYC	SHANGHAI CUP (CHANNEL RACE)
	17/09/06	CBYC	SHANGHAI CUP (CHANNEL RACE)
	16/09/06	NUSC #	REGATTA
	17/09/06	NUSC #	REGATTA
	23/09/06	PCC	HOLMS RACE
	23/09/06	CBYC	SHANGHAI CUP (CHANNEL RACE)
	24/09/06	CBYC	SHANGHAI CUP (CHANNEL RACE)
OCT	24/09/06	BARRY YC #	BRAINS RACE
	30/09/06	CBYC	SHANGHAI CUP (LOW WATER)
	15/10/06	PENARTH YC	CRUISER CHANNEL RACE
15/10/06	PORTISHEAD YSC	LLOYD CRYER MEMORIAL RACE	

■ **TYPES OF TIDES:** The Moon's force of attraction tends to create high tides, or tidal waves, on the points on Earth nearest to and furthest from it. (Tidal wave is also the name sometimes erroneously given to a tsunami, an often destructive wave caused by underwater earthquakes.) As the Earth rotates, so the two tidal waves move around.

The sun causes similar tidal waves but, since it is further from Earth, they are of less amplitude. The tides actually experienced are the cumulative result of both lunar and solar tidal waves, modified by the shape and size of the land masses, ocean basins and water-ways.

■ Hatch - A hole to fall into... Companionway - Another name for a

THE GOLDEN RULE: Whoever has the gold makes the

■ **RYA Safety Boat Course** Pre / requisite PBII Techniques used in powerboats escorting racing fleets, providing safety cover for training fleets and assisting in race management £95 (Booking Required) 3rd 4th 5th March (Friday 1900, Saturday & Sunday 09.30)

Performance Sail Controls An evening talk on sail shape and sail controls, for dinghy or yacht sailors and instructors who want to know a little bit more fundamentals behind the effects of the main sail controls 19.00 (Turn up) 29th March

Wind & Wind shifts An evening talk on wind patterns and types of shift which will impact on the race course. And how to make best advantage of the shifts 19.00 (Turn up) 5th April.

Contact iwan.basten@thewya.org for booking form or reserve place.

■ **BIRD FLU:** As the risk of avian flu arriving in Britain strengthens, Yachting Monthly readers have expressed concerns about the virus and boating activity, but the Department for the Environment, Fisheries and Agricultural Affairs (DEFRA) has told us: 'Carry on cruising.

Fears that scrubbing boat decks clear of seagull droppings could expose people to risk of infection have been discounted by DEFRA's Matt Conway.

He said as long as people washed their hands afterwards, there was no risk: 'As long as people aren't eating it they will be all right,' he said. With kind permission Yachting Monthly, 20 February 2006.

■ **V.A.T.** The RYA and BMF are maintaining the pressure on HM Revenue & Customs to find a satisfactory solution to the problems UK boat owners can experience when trying to establish or prove the VAT status of a vessel. Part of the problem is the difficulties that can arise when asked by foreign EU officials to prove a vessel's VAT status. HMRC appears to be taking this particular issue forward and met with the EC Standing Committee on Administrative Cooperation (SCAC) on 9 December 2005 to discuss this issue.

The meeting debated the difficulty in 'striking a balance between anti-fraud initiatives and taking a proportionate approach to legitimate sea travel between Member States'. However, HMRC made the other Member States aware that they only need to take action where a vessel that has no VAT documentation is being imported and that Member State is the first point of entry to the EU. Member States have agreed to provide the next meeting of the SCAC with information on the rules they apply locally, and HMRC will present evidence on problems encountered by UK nationals cruising abroad.

While we hope this will resolve the problems experienced when cruising overseas, it will not address the problems encountered in the UK when trying to buy or sell a second-hand vessel that has no VAT certificate. This significantly affects the second-hand boat market in the UK and negotiations are on-going with HMRC to find a solution to this particular issue.

To help find a solution to both problems the RYA has been asked by HMRC to gather evidence of VAT boat-related problems that UK boat owners have encountered either within the UK, or when visiting other Member States by sea.

Please contact Carol Paddison of the RYA Cruising Department, if you have any evidence that may help. Email: carol.paddison@rya.org.uk or write to RYA House. Reproduced with kind permission from The R.Y.A.

■ **ARE YOU AWARE ?** there is a dedicated sailing channel on Sky (channel 435) It covers mostly sailing regatta's from Europe and around the world, Interviews with yachtsmen etc and one programme called 'boat magazine' covers motor boats. From... Piero Fenu (Giovanna).

A Poem for Nigel

It's Nigel's special birthday
Of six and a half decades,
Now ready to collect his pension,
He says, on roller blades.
Not one for dozing by the fire,
Nor weekly mowing of the lawn,
It's more likely he'll be sailing
Or cavorting until dawn.

Those bright blue eyes will sparkle
And mischief and fun shine through.
It could be due to sheer joy of life,
We all know Nigel likes to imbibe
And partake of the odd glass or three,
But when it comes to his professional life
He's a model of sobriety.

This man of many talents
Has pursued a chequered career,
As a builder and computer whizz,
Surveyor and auctioneer.
He's still not ready to retire,
He has an ambitious plan
To design and build, with friend Stealth,
A fifty foot catamaran.

He's Master of the yacht Panache,
A sturdy little craft,
But don't ask me to take the helm
'Cos I can't tell my fore from my aft!
Music is his other passion,
He loves to sing and play guitar.
The words can sometimes make you blush
From his bawdy repertoire.

An enthusiastic dancer,
Nigel knows how to spin and twirl.
He quite likes dancing with the boys,
But I hope he prefers the girl.
A quickstep, salsa or rock 'n'roll,
He can't wait to strut his stuff,
And when the last dance finishes
He's still not had enough!

There are many different facets
To Nigel's personality.
Loving kindness and understanding
He gives with sincerity.
Humour and wit both contribute
To a well-honed sense of fun,
But most importantly of all,
He's a kind and caring son.

Gwyneth Speller
26th January 2006

■ **HALO:** When a halo forms around the sun after fine weather you can expect a deterioration of conditions – the larger the halo, the sooner the weather will change. A halo around the moon also indicates a change in the weather, usually for the worst.

■ **ANSWER TO QUIZ QUESTION:** The Spanish Maine was on the North coast of South America.

■ **Halyard - Something that only breaks or jams when you're**

■ Luff up - Something racers do to each other to catch the back of the

■ **A MOST UNUSUAL VESSEL:** Some 42 years ago I was assigned to make the engineering drawings for a most unusual vessel named S.P.A.R. (Sea going Platform for Acoustic Research) to be operated by the U.S.navy out of Woods Hole [no relation] in Nantucket Sound. The vessel was 354 ft long 16 ft diameter and when horizontal drew 10 ft but when erected drew 300 ft.

From the above statistics you will get the impression that we are talking about a cigar shaped vessel that was towed horizontally and could be erected at sea to look like a large buoy. The vessel was unmanned, but had its own generator and compressors, all mounted on a gimballed platform in the forward end. She also had a small electric motor and propeller for rotation in the vertical attitude. The S.P.A.R. was always tethered to her mother ship by a hawser and an umbilical chord containing power and control cables.

The main purpose of the vessel was to detect and record the signatures of various ships propellers and to do this she was fitted with hydrophones 54 ft apart at the deepest draft. To erect the vessel at sea from the horizontal position, it was necessary to free flood an erection tank at the stern of the vessel and to bring it back to the horizontal, to blow this tank using its own air supply.

Dock trials were carried out in our floating dry dock, mainly to check horizontal stability, under the direction of our Basque naval architect. I think Alberto must have been working under another agenda, for insufficient ballast had been fitted and she rolled rapidly to port under external load while myself and 3 others were taking readings. Fortunately I'd had training in log rolling and was much more agile than lam now and was able to escape without a dunking.

Sea trials were carried out 90 miles off the Florida coast without incident. The principal of the S.P.A.R. influenced our owners, an aerospace company, to consider launching the future space rockets from the sea bed. But, as it turned out, the future lay in a vertical assembly building and caterpillar transporter.

Soon after the aerospace company pulled out of shipbuilding and brought to an abrupt end to my 13 year-shipbuilding career with 4 hours notice. JOHN WOOD 01 02 06.

■ Inside Overlap -The part of a race that resembles a political

■ HOW TO RACE A SAILING BOAT:

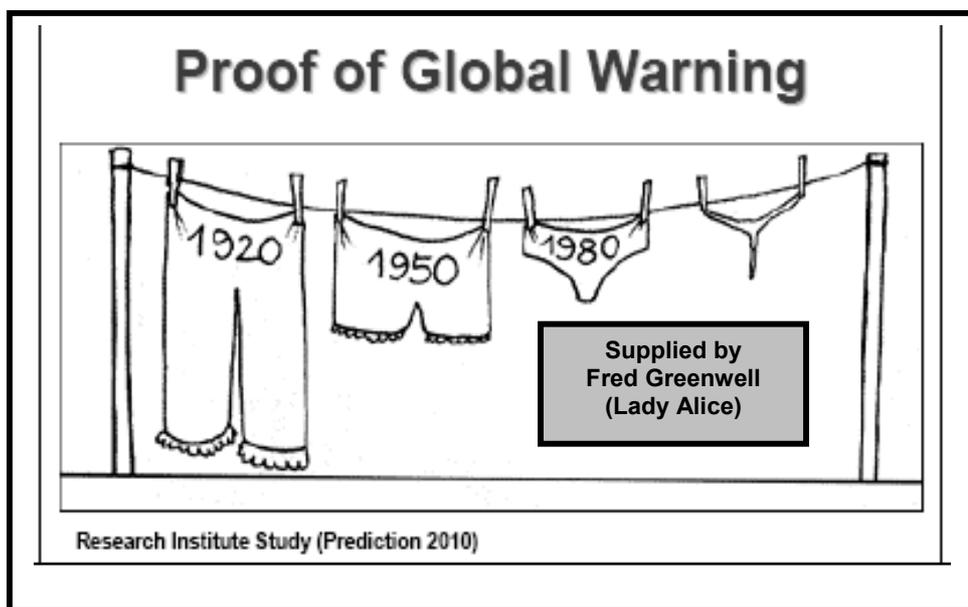
- 1) Call seven friends Friday night, all meet at your house at 7:00 am tomorrow, sharp.
- 2) Have your friends clean your house, and haul everything from the basement to the attic.
- 3) After the house is clean, everyone wraps themselves from head to toe in plastic.
- 4) All eight of you cram together in the bathtub. Point a large fan at the tub and turn the shower on cold.
- 5) While yelling and swearing at your friends at the top of your voice, tear up £50.00 notes. Do this for six hours.
- 6) At the end of the six hours, everyone gets out of the bathtub and walks around the house, dripping wet.
- 7) Invite friends to clean house again and take the stuff from the attic back to the basement, then take them to dinner.
- 8) Invite them to come back next weekend and do it again.

■ **SEA FRET:** Sea fog blown over the land.

■ **SUNDAY 5 MARCH CARDIFF.** (10AM) Jet. 33 off M4. Follow RAC signs to South Glamorgan County Hall, Cardiff Bay. On hard standing Adult Entry £3. Children Free. bob lang@bigfcM3t.com 02920531130...

■ **SUNDAY 2 APRIL GLOUCESTER** (10AM) The National Waterways Museum, Gloucester Docks, Gloucester GL1 2EH Adults £3-50. Includes Museum. Children/Parking Free On hard standing. www.nwm.org.uk (friends' page) 01452/318200...

■ **SUNDAY 23 APRIL BEAULIEU.** (10AM) The National Motor Museum. Beaulieu, Hants. Junc. 2 M27. A326, B3054. RAC Signs. Indoor/Outdoor Event. Stands: 01590 614614 Advance Tickets; 01590 612888.



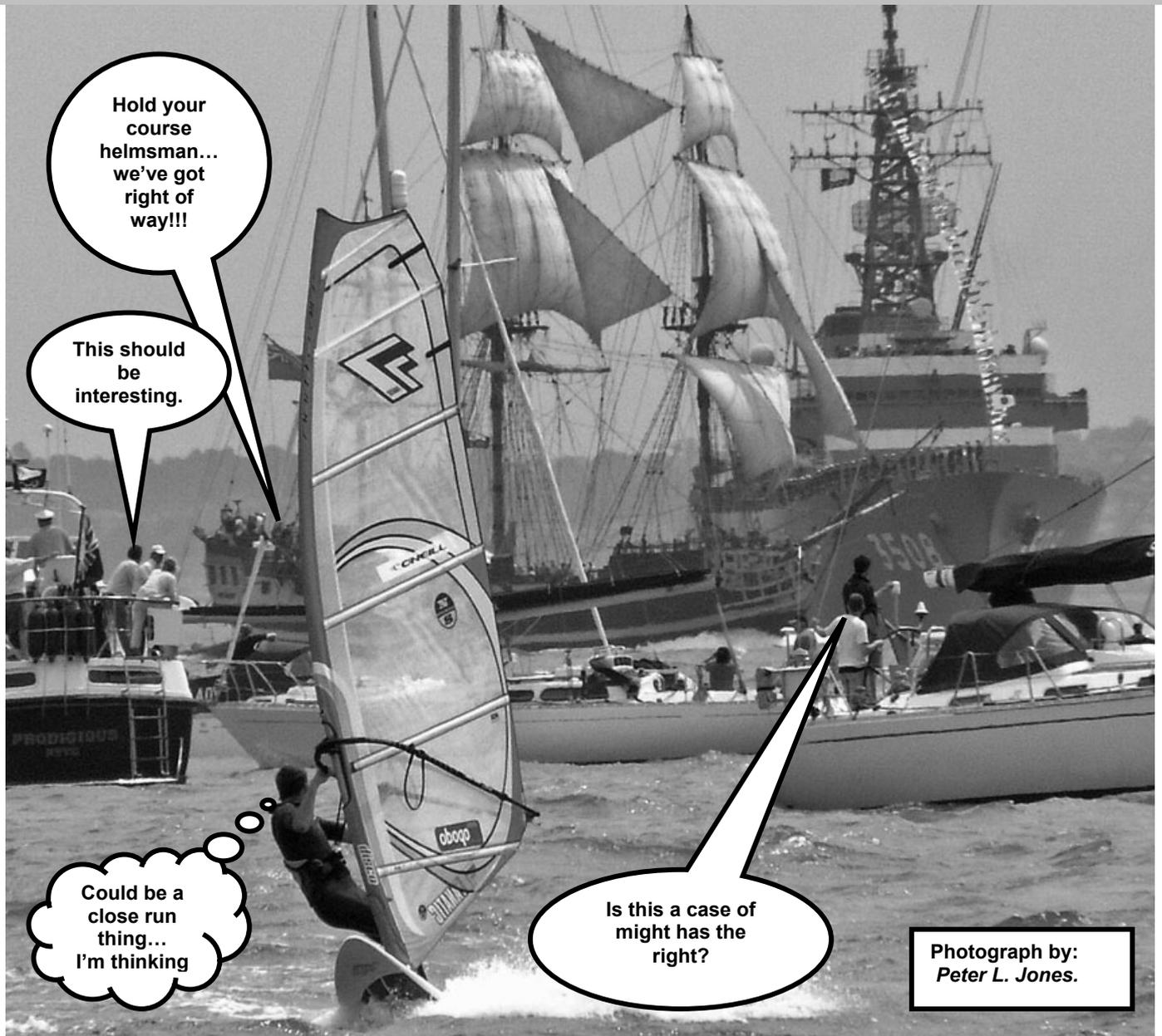
■ **CLOSE HAULED:** The general arrangement, or trim, of a ship's sails when she is trying to sail as closely as possible towards the compass point from which the wind is blowing. The greater the wind and the more turbulent the sea, the more the angle of leeway (off course and away from the wind) will increase.

The ship is said to be close-hauled because her tacks, the lower comers or the principal sails, are drawn close down to her side to windward; the sheets hauled close aft; and all the bowlines drawn to their greatest extension in order to keep the sails steady.

■ **COMMENT:** is free but facts are sacred.

■ Pop the Chute-The sound a Poly Chute makes just as it blows

■ Gybe Set - A great way to end up on Port Tack right in front of the



Hold your course helmsman... we've got right of way!!!

This should be interesting.

Could be a close run thing... I'm thinking

Is this a case of might has the right?

Photograph by:
Peter L. Jones.

■ **SPITHEAD REVIEW:** Above is a photograph I took at the Royal Fleet Review, off Spithead. It has been claimed that this is a product of photomontage. Well, it isn't. Just luck and persistence. The galleon is the *Grand Turk*. She is a replica of an 18th century man-o-war, sixth rate frigate named 'Blanford', of the type that took part in the battle of Trafalgar. She carries 22 canon. Beneath her superficial authenticity, she enjoys the benefit of two marine diesel engines and a bow thruster and she was built for the film industry and carries generators for lighting equipment.

The Warship is the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF) training vessel *JDS Kashima* (TV 3508). View from the foredeck of the ketch, 'Eos' anchored off Gosport at the International Fleet Review, Spithead, 28th June, 2005, part of the Trafalgar 200 celebrations. Eos is owned by Dr Roger Verrier Jones, an ex-member of CBYC.

■ **SKIPPER'S RULES:**

1. The *Skipper* always makes the rules.
2. The rules are subject to change at any time.
3. No crew can possibly know all the rules.
4. If the *Skipper* suspects the crew knows all the rules, the *Skipper* must immediately change some or all of the rules.
5. The *Skipper* is never wrong.
6. If the *Skipper* is wrong, it is due to a misunderstanding which was a direct result of something the crew did or said.
7. If rule 6 applies, the crew must apologize immediately for causing the misunderstanding.
8. The *Skipper* may change his mind at any time.
9. The crew must never change their mind without the expressed written consent of the *Skipper*.
10. The *Skipper* has every right to be angry or upset at any time.
11. The crew must remain calm at all times, unless the *Skipper* wants them to be angry or upset.

■ **THAMES TONNAGE:** A method of calculating the tonnage of a yacht by the formula:- $B^2 (L-B) / 188$ where b is the beam and L the length in feet.

LEADING WIND: A beam or quartering wind; free or fair.

■ **Comfort:** - Another term not used in conjunction with racing yachts.

C.B.Y.C. Cruiser Racing News Letter February 2006-02-27

Hopefully Spring is not too far around the corner and I am certainly not that envious of you hardy souls that are taking part in the Early Bird Series, which by the time you read this correspondence racing should be well underway. I am sorry that some of the starting times are rather unsociable but February has been a very difficult month with the tides. There have been a few small hiccups and the entry is understandably small, but I hope you are enjoying the sailing and thank you to those who have made the effort to take part.

Our newly formed racing committee has had just two meetings so far but we have managed to plan a complete seasons racing up until and including the "Shanghi High Cup". The "Frost Bite Series" times and dates will follow after our next meeting on the 8th of March.

This year we are trying to make our racing more appealing to a wider range of sailors and we hope there is something in the program for everyone this season. S.W.I.G. and S.W.O.G. (South Wales Inshore and Offshore Group) or affectionately known as "going somewhere racing", has been almost non existent for several seasons. There are some interesting events planned during the summer, catering for all classes of boats including the cruising section.

The "Spring Series" has been a particularly difficult event to plan because the tides are not suitable for most of the event. After a lot of soul searching during our meetings we have decided to try a pre-barrage formula of racing on Saturday and Sunday when the tides are available, every other weekend. It will avoid over doing it in the bay, as we will also be racing in the bay on Tuesday evenings during this period. It will also give some of the other events that are being planned a better chance of being supported on the weekends that we are not racing as well.

To get you in the mood this year there will be a mini "Spring Starter Regatta" on the first weekend in April.

We have been having a close look at the classes and we are continuing with IRC, Sports Boats and P.Y. this season.

IRC racing as a class is growing globally all the time and the U.S. are taking it up seriously now, which is a testament to the system as the Americans have historically always adopted the "not any good if its not invented here policy" regarding yacht racing rules in the past.

There have been a number of rule changes this year and one in particular is to specify the Mid Upper Width of your main sail on your rating certificate application. Your sail maker should be able to provide this information and we have two official measurers in the club (Roger Dunstan & Nick Sawyer) who can help.

IRC is administered by RORC and their local representative is Syd Thomas who I am sure will give you any help and advice you need particularly if you want to know if your boat is eligible for IRC class racing.

P.Y. class had a good turn out in last years "Frost Bite" and we hope we can maintain that this year. We know that P.Y. is a far from perfect rating system, however there are many cruising boats around for whom it would not be practical to obtain an IRC rating, but we would like encourage them to race. There are also a number of boats that can race in P.Y. and IRC. However without wishing to offend the owners there is a great disparity in speed over a racing course between, say a 26'-0" cruiser and a 40'-0" cruiser racer and this presents the race officer with a tremendously difficult task when trying to set a course with a time limit. P.Y. club racing does not have to be to expensive or demanding, if you fancy having a go please join in, it can be a lot of fun.

Sports boats were well represented last season, with the J80 becoming a popular class and its encouraging to see some more Cork's getting back on the water as well. We have a good fleet which also includes a Projection 762 so lets hope we can build on it. There are J80's available for charter from Cardiff Bay Racing if you would like to try your hand. Unfortunately the proposed J80 Spring Cup had to be cancelled due to the tide situation and the feeder regatta for "Cork Week" was abandoned due to lack of interest. However there is a J80 and Enterprise match racing competition planned between C.B.Y.C. and Penarth Y.C. during the summer. A Sports Boat rating certificate will not be required for this season but you will need an IRC certificate for the "Open Series" events and the "Shanghi Cup".

We have decided offer some training events in this year for those of you who may be new to sailing and racing or those who may wish to brush up on their skills. The services of our Training School Principal Nick Sawyer and Ian Basten the W.Y.A. regional development manager are available. Some provisional dates have already been laid out in the attached event calendar. However if there is something in particular you want please get in touch with either of them, as this is an area we would like to develop and we need your input.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to all the people who came forward and offered their help setting up the new committee, they are all actively involved and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Whilst its not fair to single anyone out, as it's a team effort, I would like to thank Syd Thomas for his contribution and I would like you all to give David Cairncross your continued support, as there is an awful lot for him to do this year. All the information you need concerning this seasons racing will be on the club website including event dates, start times, results, on line registration, notice of race, sailing instructions and event entry forms. Race entry fee's can be paid directly to the Club office, by credit card or cheque. Please use these facilities as it will help to make the racing administration run a lot more efficiently.

In the meantime good sailing and I hope to see you on the water soon. Steve Cooper Chairman Cruiser Racer Section.

C.B.Y.C. Cruiser Racer Events 2006

Spring Tuesday Evening Series dates:

2 nd May	6 th June
9 th May	13 th June
16 th May	20 th June
23 rd May	27 th June
30 th May	

A 8 race series with entry fees at £15

Spring Starter Regatta:

Saturday, 1st and Sunday, 2nd April.

5 races outside and inside races, times available now on web-site, £15.00. entry fee.

Saturday night social and prize-giving.

Spring Weekend series:

Alternate weekends racing on Saturdays and Sundays apart from the first week.

Dates:

Sunday, 9th April

Saturday, 22nd and Sunday 23rd April

Saturday, 6th and Sunday, 7th May

Saturday, 20th and Sunday 21st May

Saturday, 3rd and Sunday, 4th June

Saturday, 17th and Sunday, 18th June C.B.Y.C. Annual Regatta.

Saturday, 1st July: Presentation and Social evening after racing.

The race fees will be £25.

Summer Tuesday Evening Series:

July and August, start date to be confirmed and dependent on interest.

Shanghai Cup

Dates:

Sunday, 10th September - Bay race

Saturday, 16th and Sunday, 17th September - Channel races

Saturday, 23rd and Sunday, 24th September - Channel races

Saturday, 30th - Low water race.

Race organiser Kevin Rolfe

Social events organiser Colin Lyons

Welsh Sailing Games

16th and 17th September - Organiser Nick Sawyer

Inter club events

Penarth Yacht Club-v- CBYC PINTLE match race - date to be confirmed.

Round the Islands race dinghies & cruisers - Saturday, 29th July. 2:00pm start.

Cardiff Harbour Authority Regatta - 28th May

Cardiff Yacht Club Regatta - 1st and 2nd July.

Cruiser Racer & Dinghy Pursuit races - dates to be confirmed.

Penarth Yacht Club Regatta 8th & 9th July.

S.W.I.G. / S.W.O.G.

Swansea - Padstow race Friday, 28th April; Saturday night in Padstow; Fun race to Lundy on Sunday; Leave Lundy on Monday.

Saturday, 13th May - Race to Watchet via Lynmouth - I.R.C. and P.Y. Saturday night in Watchet; return on Sunday.

Friday, 23rd June - Race to Watermouth

Friday, 28th July. - Race to Bristol, return Saturday 29th July.

Around Lundy Race 11th August. 2 handed and crewed event.

Tenby Race 25th August.

Contact Kevin Rolfe kprolfe@hotmail.com or Tony Davies tony@designbyrelish.co.uk regarding these events.

Training Dates:

High performance sailing controls, understanding the basics of sail controls. Wed 29th March 19:00 hours in the club house.

More about wind and wind shifts, looking at causes of wind shifts and recognising how to take advantage of them. Wed 5th April 19:00 in the club house.

Keel boat race training. A weekend with Cardiff Bay Racing on J80's learning new and improving keel boat sailing and racing skills. 30th September and 1st October, £80 per person (max 16 people).

Club Race Officer, helping to raise the standard of club racing 14th & 15th March £10 per head.

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