

SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

10th September, 1969.

Dear Member,

Our Annual General Meeting will be due very shortly, and I hope that you will be renewing your membership before then. Our Annual General Meeting sometimes tends to extend itself timewise as this is the second time in the year that the members meet together and give their opinions and voice their grievances and I hope that the latter part will be in a minority - opinions and constructive thinking will prevail.

Your Committee have been working very hard all year on your behalf and now they are beginning to reap the benefit of all their hard work.

In my last newsletter I made comment on our R.N.L.I. Cup etc. Apparently this remark raised blood pressure in certain quarters so much so that the Honorary Secretary Dragon Fleet wrote to me and he finished off his letter to me as follows:

By making such snide remarks and inferring all sorts of other things you are merely fostering a strong feeling of ill will and unless your Club issue an apology for this appalling statement I shall be forced to advise our Class to refrain from participating in any race run in the future by your Club".

This Newsletter is not a Club Newsletter written by the Secretary, it is the Secretary's Newsletter to each individual member and as such your Club is not able to give the apology. There are quite a few members who think that whilst the comment was factual it should not have been said. I feel that if it has done nothing else it has brought out into the open something that has been unofficial all season. In the past, comments have been made about lack of communication etc., for different things happening. I sometimes wonder if what is meant is 'Don't say it its not nice'.

The Folk singing group are providing us with very good entertainment on a Saturday evening. It is very gratifying to see members enjoying themselves and it is surprising the hidden talent of some members.

I must say 'thank you' to our new Steward and his wife for the effort they are putting into providing us with lunches, teas etc. The meals are very good value for 5/-. If you have not tried one you will be surprised.

#### CLOSING CRUISE:

The Jubilee Cup race for fast handicap yachts this year is being officiated by the F.C.Y.C. We are also presenting the Wilson Cup to the slow handicap yachts to be raced for on the same day. This event is being sailed on Saturday, 13th September.

#### VANDALS IN THE HARBOUR

Mr. Hunter, the Club boatman, has on two occasions to my knowledge given these characters something of a fright. If members see acts of vandalism about to be committed, or see the act actually happening, don't stand idly by, phone the police or give a hand to apprehend them.

Dinghies lying on the pontoons under R.F.Y.C. hut: It is very nice to be able to sail in late at night and take your dingy from here - no struggling or bother. Thieves can do the same thing with the same ease. Why not remove the bungs from these dinghies that this can be done with and the others - padlock and chain them, there are plenty points to chain them to.

#### ENTERTAINMENTS

The Entertainments Committee are working very hard on a winter programme for us.

The Annual Dance will be held in the month of November. Your Entertainment  
Committee/-

Committee are waiting for one or two quotations to arrive before they can give you the date. This information should be available by the time the A.G.M. is convened.

### STAG NIGHT

It is proposed to have a STAG NIGHT on the 3rd. November using the dining room upstairs. Tickets will be available at 10/- each and this will cover the cost of a supper and a couple of beers plus the Folk Singing Group.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

When the sailing season finishes we hope to have a series of lectures on race and flag procedure. This will alternate with films on yachting, yacht construction, maintenance, etc. As yet there is no programme fixed for a Ladies night but Ladies we have not forgotten about you there will be something for you.

### SAILING IN CONFINED WATERS

Yachtsmen please remember the area we race and sail in is classed as 'confined waters' and whilst steam gives way to sail in certain cases this is not so when in confined waters. Let us not be discourteous to the professional, it is easier to get out of the way of a larger vessel and with less chance of coming to harm than it is for him to get out of our road. The bigger vessels do not have disc brakes and when you get weight moving time does elapse before you go from ahead to astern, or any other manoeuvre you like to name, approaching harbours, sailing up the main channel etc., these buoys are there for a very specific purpose other than racing marks and the latitude this gives the professional is no so very much.

In finishing this letter to you I would like to take the opportunity of saying that this is not a propaganda poster in any way. It contains gossip and other bits of information for your reading e.g. ALL guests must be signed in and no guest allowed into the Clubhouse after 10 p.m.

I believe there should be some changes in the REGISTER OF YACHTS owned by Club members which the Constitution requires me to keep. I would be obliged if any member who has acquired a yacht, or share therein, or disposed of a yacht, or share therein, would drop me a line with the required information before the Annual General Meeting if possible.

Yours sincerely,

J.C. WILSON

Honorary Secretary