

The

VARNNE

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NEWSLETTER

Boat and

Social Club

IT'S CHRISTMAS TIME AGAIN

or is it Summer??

At the time of preparing this newsletter the temperatures were higher than normal more like a chilly day in July!!!

Dear Members

The club has gone through quite a change in the last year.

At the beginning of the year we were completing an expensive series of renovations. This left the main fabric of the building in good order but many less vital tasks still to do. **It also left our financial** reserves seriously depleted and we have made a start on rebuilding them too.

A club is so much more than just a building and this year has seen real efforts and successes in reinvigorating the atmosphere and activities in the club and it's sections.

I hope that as members you have shared my feeling that there is a new "buzz" about the club, that we are more integrated in all that we do and that the Varne is a happier place to spend time.

Next year I hope we can build on this years success, to build the atmosphere and the vibe and to bring in even more active and enthusiastic members.

I hope we can continue to provide and support events for members and sections. It's the enjoyable times that we share that provide the lifeblood of our club.

We have a great committee and support team and I hope that this will continue to evolve through the coming season.

We hope to make changes to the team to reflect our changing world.

The first of these will be a health and safety co-ordinator to ensure that the property and our activities are compliant with current legislation and that we are doing everything practicable to keep our members safe from harm.

With this in mind we will also be taking further steps to ensure that club rules are adhered to – this is something that needs all your help to keep on top of.

In general we want to continue to provide great facilities and events for all members.

We have a fantastic team of people who have worked really hard through the year to make our club what it is today. I believe they will continue to evolve and improve our club in the year to come.

Furthermore we have a dynamic and active membership who seem to be enjoying and using the club with a renewed enthusiasm.

It has also come to our attention that some ex members are sneaking into the club and using our facilities this will be stopped during 2012 by actively checking membership credentials.

I hope you are all justly proud (as I am) of our wonderful club!

A happy Christmas and New Year to you all
John Ruffhead (Commodore)

SECRETARY'S SCRIBBLES

Christmas is upon us again, it seems only a few weeks ago the decorations were coming down and it was all talk in the club about the events for 2011, and what an eventful year it was, with all the water sports (**Marsh Shield**) and non competition sports that took place and not forgetting the **Land yachts Regatta**. The **Family Fun day** was just that, pure family fun and well supported. We also supported our neighbours with their **Emergency Services Day** and well done to all those members who gave up their free time working in the club to help with the fund raising for the RNLI. We obtained many new members this day and their comments on how good the club now looks compared to the previous year. Sue does a great job organising all the functions we had throughout the year which were very successful, enjoyed by all and again well supported. I am sure Sue will be making Olympic efforts for 2012 please continue supporting her and joining in all the fun.

I wish you all the best for the festive season and the New Year
Yours committed

Peter Brooke
Club Secretary.



LANDYACHTING NEWS



INTERNATIONAL MINI LANDYACHT AND B SERIES BLOKART REGATTA 19TH AND 20TH NOVEMBER

This is our second Regatta this year and again a fantastic event, we had 50 yachts entering the two events over two days and it was truly international. The majority were from the UK, but Ireland, Germany, Belgium, Holland, France attended also support from two manufacturers Plume from France (Dunkirk) and X sail (Scotland) who provided prizes.

The only disappointment was the wind, with good forecasts during the week but over the two days winds of 8mph on Saturday and 6mph on Sunday but despite this the mini landyachts ran a total of 5 races and with a lot of skill and pushing on the wheels we had some winners for which we were able to present trophies at the prize giving on the Sunday afternoon.



RESULTS

1st John Veldman B901 *Belgium* - **2nd** Bob Milton K181 *UK*
3rd Johnny Somerville B900 *Belgium*. **Well Done.**

All the competitors appreciated the warm welcome and great effort the Varne Boat Club gave to this event and this is also the reason many returned from the previous event in March.

The Sausage and Mash evening also went down well with our European visitors. The Varne is certainly on the map in terms of Landyachting and these events go towards strengthening our position in that international community.

Explanation of Mini Landyachts

A mini landyacht is a machine that fits into a circle of rope no bigger than 5.6m it is constructed of aluminium or steel frame and with 3 barrow wheels mast and sail folds down and packs away into a bag.

If you are interested to learning more please contact me.

Thank you Mark Serejko Landyacht Captain



JETSKI NEWS



Jet skiing 2012

HI EVERYONE. My name is Ben Widgery and I've just taken over from Paul Black as Jetski/PWC section captain. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Paul for all his hard work over the years of his captainship. Hopefully we can make 2012 an exciting year for our section I plan to come up with some fresh ideas for next year and will put them forward via the forum for other members to see if anyone else has any ideas they would like to put forward please post them there or get in contact with me.

I would like to draw everyone's attention to the situation regarding "v numbers". After much consideration the club has decided to make **"v numbers" 100mm in height, you will be issued with appropriate materials so that these are to be affixed to the top section of the hull or as near as is possible.**

Both craft and trailer must have "v numbers" affixed to them. From now on the club is operating a strict **"no numbers no launch policy"**

This is in view of the increasing breaches of club policy regarding non members launching and to better implement safety measures and contentious riding on our stretch of the coast after all we have a good safety record and reputation let's keep it that way. I hope to see you all at the club in the near future. Ben.

FISHING NEWS

The President, Commodore and Fishing Captain feel that the Dymchurch and District Angling Clubs recent arrogant actions have left us with no choice but to change the date of our **BRING YOUR OWN BOAT COD OPEN EVENT.**

The new dates will be SUNDAY 8th of JANUARY with the RESERVE DATE on the 22nd.

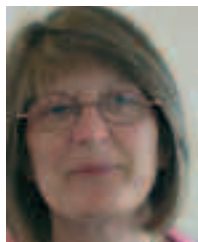
Both dates will have a time on the beach of 7.00 - 7.30 with booking in and breakfast from 6.00.

We are really sorry that you guys have been messed around over the dates but we feel that the event needs to be well separated from the DDAC event to have more appeal to non-members and members alike."

We will be fishing a Christmas Cracker on the 11th of December - if participants feel like bringing along a small prize to donate we will give the entry money to the RNLI.

Cod fishing is in full swing, if anyone wants help on where and how please contact Zalan or John Ruffhead. Eight members have booked to go to Norway next September, other ideas for "VBC on tour" type holidays are being sought!

We will also be running a few "Fishermens Evenings" in the new year for a bit of a get together and maybe the odd talk from guest speakers.



Membership News

Judith Ruffhead (Left: our Membership Secretary) will be at the clubhouse on Friday 27th January 7-9pm and Sunday 29th January 12noon - 4.00pm.

THANKS The Varne Boat Club would like to thank Hugh Bagshaw for his huge contribution to the club for some 15 years or more, in the past he has been Fishing Captain, Launch Vehicles and Ramp Officer, Commodore and Treasurer. He has now been awarded Honorary Life Membership. **Thanks again Hugh.**

Additional thanks must also go to Paul Black (retiring Jetski Captain) and Terry Carter (retiring Director).

HELLO To John Graves our new **Safety Officer.**

John is a very experienced member and is always around to give help and guidance to members. he may also ask you for proof of membership!!!

TREASURERS NEWS

Dave Flockhart our current Treasurer is currently recovering from a major illness and we are hoping that he will make a full recovery, he would however appreciate a visit from his drinking chums at the bar who he swapped beers with on many occasions. **Come boys go and cheer him up!!**

Paul Fowler has agreed to stand in for Dave.

Our reserves have been depleted after expenditure on the balcony. We are now building club funds towards our next major project which is replacement of the launch ramp. Planning permission is still current but government environmental initiatives may curtail the timescale on this. Consequently, we need to raise over £50,000 for this project. Your committee is looking at the options and will report shortly.

YOUR COMMITTEE FOR 2012

The AGM on 5th 2011 November made the following appointments: ★Directors of the Varne Boat Club Ltd.



President
Web-Newsletter
Chris Matthews ★



Commodore
John Ruffhead ★



Honorary Secretary
Peter Brooke



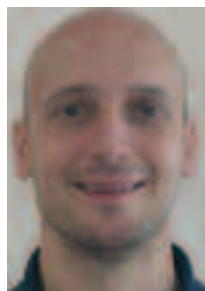
Acting Honourary
Treasurer
Paul Fowler ★



Landyacht Captain
Mark Serejko



Bo'sun, Tractors &
Vice Commodore
Colin Lockyer



Fishing Captain
Bo'sun
Zalan Paksy



Personal Water
Craft Captain
Ben Widgery



Safety Officer
John Graves



Compound
Manager
Steve Allen



Chair of House
John Langton ★



Social Chair
Sue Lockyer

Since the last newsletter we have had some brilliant events up the

club. We had the well attended and great **Quiz Night and Mexican evening plus Tequila Tasting** all done brilliantly by Chris and Lindsey Matthews thank you guys.

Then we had the **Halloween Night** and some club members really got in the mood with some amazing costumes thanks for turning up and well done to you all for making such a great effort, Sue and Barry Pulser you looked amazing.

Then to top it all we had the **International Mini Landyacht and B Series Blokart Regatta 19th/20th November** and the brilliant band **BURST** playing in the evening along with **Sausage and Mash with Onion Gravy**. I don't want to see another sausage in a long time.

Thanks to Peter Brooke who must have muscles where he didn't know he had them after mashing two sacks of spuds, and Richard Ovenden for all your help especially when you came to the rescue after I caught the tea towel alight. And of course Colin (my Hubby) who was upstairs running the bar during the afternoon and helping with the breakfast Saturday and Sunday morning. Unfortunately we didn't have enough tickets to go round so hopefully **BURST** will be back again in the new year.

COMING UP WE HAVE

Christmas Draw and FREE Christmas Eve Party ticket only so we know how many to cater for.

New Years Eve Party tickets on sale now at the bar don't be disappointed.

FOR THE NEW YEAR Saturday **28th January Burns Night with Haggis, (Optional Spicy Sausages) Neeps and Taties and Special Whisky Sauce. We have Bag Pipes live to bring in the Haggis and to top it all a Special Quiz.**

PLUS WATCHOUT FOR a horse racing night.....and the 40s girls will be back.

*I would also like to take this minute to thank all that have supported me during the year and helped out so much **THANK YOU** we couldn't have done it without you, your all amazing.*

*On the pool front we now have three pool teams running from the Varne on a Monday night which is great and I would like to welcome the new players thanks for joining us, it's great to have you, anyone fancy coming along and supporting these teams? feel free, don't forget **FREE POOL** Saturday lunch times. The Club also was presented with a special shield for raising the most money for the blind this year, well done, especially to Peter Brooke lets keep it next year.*

We have two Quiz Teams going and a Ladies Parts Team on Tuesday's all members are welcome to come along, enjoy a drink and watch and learn.

I think you all know what a great atmosphere we have around the Clubhouse with plenty going on and a brilliant social side, you really support our club so well that I really cant keep away you've probably noticed. Keep supporting us because the more you do the more we can do for you as a club

SOCIAL NEWS



BAR OPENING TIMES OVER CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Friday 23rd		5.00pm - 11.00pm
Saturday 24th	Christmas Eve	12noon - 5.00pm
	Christmas Draw	7.30pm - 12.00 FREE (Ticket only)
Sunday 25th	Christmas Day	12noon - 2.00pm 3pm onwards Christmas Dinner (Ticket only)
Monday 26th	Boxing Day	12noon - 4.00pm
Tuesday 27th	Quiz Evening	7.30pm - 11.00pm Come and pit your wits against our regulars and have a bit of fun
Friday 30th		5.00pm - 11.00pm
Saturday 31st	New Years eve	12.00 noon - 4.00pm 7-30pm-1.00am - Ticket Only
Sunday 1st	New Years Day	12noon - 5.00pm
Monday 2nd		Free Pool Evening 7 30pm -11.00pm
Tuesday 3rd		Inter-pub Quiz 7.30pm - 11.00pm

I hope these hours suit everybody and I look forward to seeing you all and if you've not been up for a while please come and visit us, the club needs your support.

Sue Lockyer

