

As the year closes a big thank you must go to all our permanent staff – all of whom were with us throughout the year – for all the hard work they put into running the Club remembering that much of it goes unseen outside the sailing season.

May I wish all Members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing many Members in the Club over the New Year period.

*Clive Hunt
Commodore*

WINTER SOCIAL FUNCTIONS



<u>Month</u>	<u>Day</u>		<u>Function</u>
December	Saturday	24	Children's Christmas Party and Carols (starting 4pm)
	Saturday	31	New Year's Eve Dinner Dance (age 16 and over, Black Tie)
January	Monday	9	Cruiser Class London Dinner
	Friday	27	RNLI Quiz Night - at RCYC
February	Thursday	2	SVOD London Drinks Party
	Friday	3	Bridge Lunch
	Saturday	4	Bufs Winter Dinner
	Saturday	25	RNLI Quiz Night
March	Friday	2	Bridge Lunch
	Wednesday	14	RNLI Quiz Night - ISC (final)
	Saturday	17	Village Community Dance
	Saturday	24	Club Social Evening
	Friday	30	IOW Clubs Ladies Lunch

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING TIMES

	<u>Bar</u>	
Friday 16 th December	1130 - 2100	
Saturday 17 th December	1130 - 1430	
Sunday 18 th December	1200 - 1430	Christmas Lunch
Friday 23 rd December	1130 - 2100	
Christmas Eve	1130 - 2100	Children's Party and Carols
Christmas Day	Club Closed	
Boxing Day	1200 - 1430	
BH Tuesday 27 th December	1200 - 1430	
Wednesday 28 th December	1200 - 1430	
Thursday 29 th December	1200 - 1430	
Friday 30 th December	1130 - 2100	
New Year's Eve	1130 - 0100*	New Year's Eve Party
Sunday 1 st January	1200 - 1430	Sunday Lunch
Monday 2 nd January	1200 - 1430	

* The bar will be closed from 1800 - 1900

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S PARTY



A 'Children's Tea Party' will take place again this year to get the children all set for when Father Christmas arrives! The fun will start with party games at about 4.00 pm (or shortly after the Seaview Christingle Service) followed by tea, including sandwiches, cakes and drinks plus a cuppa for Mum and Dad. The ticket price is £5.50 per child and an application form accompanies this Newsletter and is also available from the office. The Closing date for tickets is 23 December. Following the arrival of Father Christmas we then move into the traditional carol singing helped along with mulled wine and mince pies.

Do please make a point of joining in if you are in Seaview over Christmas! Booking form attached.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER AND DANCE



This party needs no introduction as it has been a great success in recent years. This year sees the return of the 'Tony Martin Music Show' who entertained us so well last year. There is a booking form attached. Dinner tickets cost £40 and Dancing Only (from 10.00pm) tickets £15. Remember that this is a **ticket only** occasion with no tickets available on the night. I remind all Members that if you have not paid for your tickets by 16 December they will automatically be charged to your club card (if you have one). Tickets should be collected from the office.

And two other reminders – if you plan to have a pre-dinner drink before dinner then arrive early as dinner will be served promptly from 8.00pm. Secondly this is a **strictly Black Tie party** including those who come later only for the dancing.

The Bar will be closed to Members who do not have tickets for the New Year's Eve Party from 1800 hrs on 31 December.

NEW MERMAID



The new Mermaid was recently removed from the mould (November) and can be seen above in her unpainted raw GRP colour.

We have had a tremendous response to our email requesting names for the new boat. At times the numbers of messages arriving were almost overwhelming.

By far and away the most popular name is Mimosa, with more votes than the combined results of the second, third and fourth most well-liked names. Patricia is the second most selected name with Zircon and Lily third and fourth.

The name '**Mimosa**' has been unanimously endorsed by the General Committee.

Several people asked about all the names on the list. They were mostly, but not exclusively, past names of either Mermaids or yachts with a Seaview history. There were some very moving suggestions, like Hilary and Lennie and topical ones like Olympia and Diamond and Elizabeth Regina.



Others asked what colour the hull will be. We use very special two-part paint on our Mermaids which has quite a limited colour chart. We have used all the colours bar one though not all the various shades of those colours. We have used three shades of blue, two greens, two reds, a pink, black, white & grey, purple, orange and yellow. The only colour we haven't used is brown - not everyone's cup of tea though! However, within the brown palette, at the extreme end, is cream - in fact, excluding the various browns, that is all there is left. The clincher is the name of this cream colour – '***Fighting Lady Yellow***'.

So the New Mermaid will be 'Fighting Lady Yellow' in colour and named '**Mimosa**'.

Jamie Nimmo
Captain of Mermaids

A BIG THANK YOU TO **THOSE WHO MAKE OUR MERMAID CHARTERING POSSIBLE**

SVYC enjoyed a particularly successful Mermaid Chartering season in 2011. Our fleet of boats were chartered for a total of 65 days and this compared to 57 in 2010. Among the familiar names and faces, we welcomed a few organisations new to SVYC and to racing Mermaids, each of whom have told us that they intend to return in 2012.

The chartering of the Mermaids in the periods before and after the Club's busy summer weeks (when they are dedicated to Members' use) brings in a most valued revenue stream which allows us to maintain the boats to the high standards that we expect. It has also allowed us, this year, to commission the building of a new Mermaid to be launched in the spring.

All of this can only happen thanks to the hard work put in over many years by Liz Strachan and now more recently by Sam Hampton. Our appreciation also goes to the team of Members who give their services as Race Officers and Assistants or as Qualified Helms when these are requested by a charterer. Our sincere thanks go out to all of you who have helped in these many ways.

And the further good news is that early bookings for 2012 are looking good!

Mike Randall
Vice Commodore

PHUKET KING'S CUP REGATTA 2011, THAILAND

The SVYC was well represented on **TITANIA**, Richard and Cathy Dobbs' 68ft Swan at the above regatta held 3rd-10th December 2011. In addition to the owners, on board were Noel and James Dobbs, Raymond Simonds, Simon Hardie and our Head Boatman Nick Hewitt. There was a nucleus of very expert professionals, trimmers and bowman as well as the permanent crew: twenty in all.



Titania raced in the 'Premier' class, which was for cruiser/racers which had not been stripped out for the regatta (for the Sydney-Hobart Race, Titania had been stripped down): for example air conditioning, fridges and freezers, washing machines and tumble dryers, TVs and cappuccino maker were left in situ.

There were five days of racing and seven races in all: on two of the days there were two shorter races 'round the cans' and on the other three days there were coastal races round islands to the south of the starting area off Kata Beach. Winds ranged from 5 knots to 20 in excellent sailing conditions. Titania was racing against twelve other boats including two Oysters, two X-Yachts, a Farr 72 and two larger Swans, the 82ft 'Plus One' owned by Chinese internet millionaire Wang Bin and the 76ft 'Silandra' owned by Italian Giani Lica Braggiotti, who lives in Monaco. 'Plus one' was formerly 'Crackerjack' based in the UK.



With seven races there was one discard, and this resulted in Titania a comfortable class winner with five firsts and one second: in addition she won line honours in three races.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ENGAGEMENT

It is with great pleasure that we announce the engagement of Lucy Whelan to Edward Furness-Smith on 12 August 2011.

DEATHS

We are sad to announce the deaths of:

- John Hounsfield on 14th October 2011
- Hilary Triscott on 14th October 2011
- Giles Pritchard-Gordon on 15th October 2011
- Dr Guy Knights on 18th November 2011
- Lord Mottistone on 24th November 2011
- Phyllis Bulbeck 30 November 2011

SECRETARIAL NOTES



- **Club Winter Hours.** We have revised our winter opening hours, restricting opening hours on Saturdays to the Sunday timings. The new times are:
 - Mon - Thur - by arrangement
 - Fri - 1200 to 1430 and 1830 to 2200
 - Sat and Sun - 1200 - 1430
- **Sunday Lunches.** Sunday lunches continue throughout the winter, but check special arrangements over Christmas, and remain very popular, but we would like to remind Members that they need to book during the winter months. Please either append your name to the notice in the Club or call the office by 5pm on Friday. Thank you.

SALES AND WANTS

- **Flat for Let.** Colin and Caroline Simonds have a small but nice and recently decorated single-bed flat in Seafield Rd – just up from Michael Warren’s house, above Mrs Atkinson. This is about to become vacant. Available either long term or for at least 3 months over the summer. It is currently let at £110 a week on a 6 month let. Viewing by arrangement. 07973 670 460. Colin@morphun.com.
- **SVOD No 79 – ‘Hurricanefore’.** Available for charter, lessons or part ownership. Contact Blake Simms on 01983 281106.

Merry 
 *Christmas*