

# August Newsletter 2007

**Poole Sailability**

## THE CHAIR MUSES



Once again I'm looking out of the Window at what can only be described as a winter Day in August! Technically speaking it because some lump of air up in the sky is in the wrong place, which is making our summer rubbish. Spoken like a true professional! Nevertheless, the sailing events that have taken place have been good, thanks to everyone pulling together on the shore side to maximise the time on the water. Let's keep it up.

I get a lot of people approaching me on sailing days and other events with ideas and suggestions for Poole Sailability. I welcome all your comments and will feed back as many as I can to the Committee. Running Sailability is essentially managing / juggling resources. One thing that many people have said to me they would like to see us have is our own Safety Boat and I agree with this wholeheartedly. This time money is not the problem; grants are available for that sort of equipment. The resource issue we have is simply space, where would we keep it? The Committee is looking into this and there is a solution out there. The point I want to make is that whilst a problem may seem simple, just buy a boat, the resource juggling and five year plan for keeping it is the challenge. Happy sailing, just don't fall in!

## POOLE SAILABILITY ARRIVES IN PARLIAMENT

A group of our sailors spent another exciting day as guests of South Bank Sailing Club challenging our skills sailing their boats on the Thames. Despite the fickle winds produced by the river several of our boats reached the Houses of Parliament before returning to their base in Barnes for a welcome BBQ and liquid refreshments. It was a memorable day for all, including the unfortunate ones who capsized but were quickly rescued, and we look forward to seeing them visit us on 29/30 September when all our members are welcome to join in the weekend's sailing. Please contact Anna on 01202 632096 if you would like to take part. Skippers of keel boats and safety boat drivers are particularly needed.



## Poolability

### End of Season BBQ

We are intending to have our annual end of season BBQ on Sunday 14th October following sailing. We will not be beaten by the Weather! The end of season BBQ is always a great event. We will have a wet weather plan in place especially this year. Please buy your tickets early, we will only be catering for limited numbers and don't want to turn people away. Friends and Family welcome just get in soon. Ask any Committee about tickets. We are also looking for any volunteers who are prepared to donate a desert of salad dish. Call Chris on 01202 849550.



### OFFSHORE SAILING



Thanks to Parkstone Yacht Club and our co-ordinator Christina Godfrey, a number of our disabled members have had the chance to experience the thrill of offshore sailing in Poole Bay in Parkstone's members' private yachts. All the sailors have thoroughly enjoyed themselves and it is hoped that this will become a regular event

### AUTUMN SERIES

Because we have lost so many days through bad weather we have decided to add some extra sessions in October. This can often be a good month with gentle breezes and a sea that is still warm. Having said that, this year seems to be breaking all the norms, so we will just have to see. The extra dates are Sundays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October at the usual 10.30 sailing time.

