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## Newsletter February 2010



**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE**, and welcome to the first Poole Sailability Newsletter of 2010. After all the snow, ice and cold, I am sure you are all longing for the warmer weather, and of course the start of our sailing season. Before this we will be calling on members to help out on a few working parties to get the boats refitted in time for the Spring, when we are hoping to take delivery of our new Hawk 20. Christopher is working on the sailing programme which will start as usual in May. There will be some pre season training for helpers, including a Disability Awareness course, & detailed time table dates will be sent to you soon.

**AGM** This will be held at 11 am on Sunday 28 February at Lake Yard Club. Please come along and have a say in how your club is run.

You will have a chance to purchase the new club polo shirts, so bring your cheque books. These top quality polo shirts come in four colours, are in all child and adult sizes and have the club logo embroidered on the front. They are great value at only £15.

The meeting will be followed by an informal get together over drinks. (Book early with Lake Yard if you want a meal).

**SURVEY** Many thank to the large numbers of you who took part in our detailed survey. There were some very informative comments and some excellent ideas for sailing sessions and fundraising. Generally it seems that we are doing well with three quarters of you finding our sailing sessions excellent, very good or good. It seems that the longer sailing events last year were very popular and we plan to have more of them this season. Every form has been studied in detail and we are working on an action plan to put your ideas into practice. More detailed results will be available to see at the AGM

**BIG BOAT FUN** Have you ever wanted to experience the thrill of sailing out of Poole Harbour on a big yacht? Parkstone Yacht Club boat owners are again extending their invitation to our members to join them on fun days out this summer. If you would like to take part this year please let Christina know by email at [philfrey.jc@ntlworld.com](mailto:philfrey.jc@ntlworld.com) or by phone on 01202 699075. Able bodied helpers are in particular short supply, so if you can be available this season please get in touch. This is a great chance to try sailing on open water in some very exciting and comfortable boats.

**WELL DONE MARTIN** Congratulations to member Martin Hadley who enjoyed great success racing a 303 Access dinghy last year at New Forest and District Sailability. Martin has spent the winter studying sail trim and race techniques and has now entered the Access 303 Travellers' Trophy, which entails racing at 5 events in the South and also the Bruce Lake 2010 Access World Championships which is held over 5 days at Rutland Sailing Club. Martin, who only started sailing solo at the end of last season, has been described by his mentor as having "a dangerous combination of over enthusiasm and inexperience". but great things are predicted for him this year. Good Luck for 2010 Martin. We'll be watching you with pride.

**NEW MEMBERS.** We still have vacancies for members with disabilities, and always welcome helpers who have good dinghy or keelboat skills. This year we are also appealing for non sailing supporters who are able to help out at fund raising events, organizing social activities, "meeting and greeting" at sailing sessions, or maintaining the boats. Anyone interested in this kind of support please email Anna at [poolesailability@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:poolesailability@yahoo.co.uk)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Skittles Night.** Tuesday 23rd March at The Clay Pipe Inn Sandford. Everyone enjoys this event so bring your friends and family. Arrive anytime from 6pm and you will be placed in a team of 4 to battle it out for the coveted mystery prize. Admission is just £4 and reasonably priced meals are available from the bar. (If you require a chicken meal please phone the pub on 01202 632636 a few days before). Our secretary Sara will be there to hand out new style membership forms and collect subscriptions.

**Barn Dance.** Get your dancing shoes and country clothes ready for an evening of fun at the Barn Dance to be held in aid of disabled sailing at the Allendale Centre, Wimborne on Saturday 27 March.

Tickets £10 each from Mike Bartlett on 01202 885160

