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September League 2005

So this is the time of the year to hang up you sunglasses, factor 24, shorts and bikinis and to shake out the woolly jumper and foul weather gear. Try to give that stuff a good airing as you put it away wet last year. The racing season has arrived with a vengeance and SCGSC having set off on the circuit in August decided to try a little more of the nail biting stuff. A bit more like punishment if you ask me. Anyway enough of this waxing lyrical.

I have an editorial worry that one of my many readers may complain that the waffle on the newsletter is unbearable and I may lose my job. All complaints to the Commodore, don't delay.

And so to the racing.

Firstly getting a crew together was easier said than done. I am sure that press ganging in days of yore was much a more pleasant experience. A certain amount of threatening, promising, cajoling and blackmail resulted in a tough, determined, and

in some cases over age and weight crew who jumped to the chance of laying their lives on the line.

Cove Sailing Club's October league was a wonderful event. A great crew turned out on each weekend to pit their best against the rest, although on the mid month race the team was reduced to two.

With generally good winds EXPLORER performed well and indeed returned a credible performance coming home in the placings each weekend. The competition end saw our club in 3rd place. This result for our first league of the year was a cause for celebration in the East Ferry Marina on Sunday afternoons.

Crew included, Pat Fleming, Paul Hogan, Tony O Riordan, Josephine Falvey, Helen O'Leary, Mick and Mary Coughlan, Mike Murphy -from Winning Streak, Triona Ceile, Mick Collins, John McSweeney and the Allen twins Ronan and Garvan and finally Gary and Eddie. Not all aboard at the same time of course.

A thoroughly enjoyable months racing. Well done everybody

Tid Bits

Winter Programme

Explorer coming out for winter storage end of the month. Not a lot of work to do so all hands to the paint brushes and we will get it all out of the way quickly

Laying Up Thingy

The Editor has heard all sorts of talk about a laying up get together. Editor speaking to himself "Think I'll keep an eye on this and let the lads know -Bit of a bash would do no harm

New Skippers Needed

I few upcoming new challengers to the old sweats are making themselves known. Paul Hogan, John Mc, Mike Murphy and a member of the fair sex are all reported to be lining up for the skippers ticket

New Publication

Paul Hogan was noted recently working on his latest best seller. A wonderful work of fiction. I believe its related to "Star Wars" and the title is "Captains Log". Good Luck Paul. Hope that yer man buys the story!

Racing Reports

This the last newsletter of the sailing season carries a report of one of the races sailed by Explorer.

All the other reports (some had to be censored in places) are to be found on the SCGSC web - www.gardasailing.org Follow link to "Ships Log" Ships

The October League

Autumn League aka October League

Race 1

Still can't get my head around the new name for the October league!

Anyway things were looking good for the first race in the league, whatever they want to call it.

A full crew of seven maybe even eight was promised with a nice mix of experience. Great for a windy day where we needed plenty of weight on the rail.

We don't always get what we were promised though!

We had hoped to be leaving the marina at 11.30am but we had a diver down polishing the hull and it was understood that he would not take too kindly to being towed across the harbour with a spinning prop a few inches from his face! A wee bit later than expected, we, all five of us, left for the starting line off Whitegate.

The crew was sorted out with Triona on the main and Garry, Helen and Josephine on the genoa and rail alternatively. Pat of course picked to soft option and wouldn't let go of the wheel.

The wind was still blowing hard so we had one reef in the main as we headed out from Crosshaven. Class 1 had left by the time we arrived but we were in time to eye up the opposition in the White Fleet, all thirteen of them.

Shur didn't we have the race almost won when we put the fear of god into them by showing them our nice clean bottom! We soon decided that they had seen enough and on Triona's suggestion we put a second reef in the main to stay a bit more upright.

With a heavily reefed genoa we were ready for the start which the skipper made a mess of, arriving about 30 secs too late! We crossed the starting line about 10th out of 13th in order to give the others a chance. On the beat up the harbour to No.18 we found while we weren't able to point as high, we were making good speed through the water thanks to the conservative sail plan.

We had picked off one or two of the opposition by the time we rounded the mark and on the reach down to Corkbeg we had caught up with a few more.

But it was on the close reach out to Ringabella that the fun started.

Our plan was to shake out the reef on the genny once we were off the wind and put it back in once we had a sniff of a beat, but the skipper got brave and shook out the reef even though we were still close hauled and in the shelter afforded between Camden and Myrtleville we picked up a few more places. He was trying hard to make up for his mess of a start.

Coming up to the mark at Ringabella we had to reef the genny again but due to the great skill of the crew we stayed with, and were able to pick off Eagle as we rounded and now found ourselves in 6th place on the water.

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Sailing Programme

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This months programme is full of opportunities yet to be developed by members. Keep an eye on the on-line version of the bookings at www.gardasailing.org

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 12 C.H Marine Oc- tober League26 All Welcome (Click Here		27	28	29	30	1
2 12 C.H Marine Oc- tober League3 All Welcome (Click Here		4	5	6	7	8
9 12 C.H Marine Oc- tober League10 All Welcome (Click Here		11	12	13	14	15
16 12 C.H Marine Oc- tober League17 All Welcome (Click Here		18	19	20	21	22
23 12 C.H Marine Oc- tober League24 All Welcome (Click Here For Details)		25	26	27	28	29 12 C.H Marine Oc- tober League All Welcome (Click Here For Details

End of the Season and all that Jazz

So you fair weather sailors the season is about over. A good summer for sailing but regretfully not all the club members used the boat as they might have. I suppose we all get too busy in the job and elsewhere.

So why not make your 2006 sailing resolution now.

Promise yourself at least one and maybe 2 weekends away on cruise.

Take an option on a week long cruise

Join in the season sailing programme. We had great fun at this part of the programme and really hope to expand the process in 2006.