

# NEWSLETTER WINTER 2012



**Medina Mariners' Association  
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## ATTENTION PLEASE!

There are a couple of matters we would like to bring to your notice. Firstly, if you do have a dinghy space, please try and **use your dinghy regularly** during the season and certainly do not leave your space vacant for long periods of time without notifying Ken the Bosun. It is very frustrating for those on the waiting list to see dinghies or spaces in the park that appear to be unused. Secondly, with increases in postage costs in particular, we do continue to encourage as many members as possible to receive communications from the Association via email. The membership renewal form for 2013 specifically requests you to indicate how you wish to receive future mailings.

## ANNUAL RENEWALS

Your annual renewal form for 2013 is now enclosed with this newsletter. We ask that you kindly complete and return this with your cheque as soon as possible and in any event by 31<sup>st</sup> January at the latest. We have reluctantly decided to levy an increase of £2 in the annual dinghy park fee, which will now be £25 for 2013. This is to help cover continuing cost increases, particularly in postage and insurance. **Please note, spaces not paid for by 31<sup>st</sup> January will be reallocated to those on the waiting list.** Also, please display your 2013 dinghy sticker as soon as you receive it.

### 2013 Charges

**Membership Fee £12  
Dinghy Spaces £25  
Scrubbing Berth £10 (per low tide)  
Slipway Charges £15  
(per haul out/launch)  
Short term hard standing £10  
(week, part week)**

## LAYING UP SUPPER REPORT

A successful first official Laying Up Supper was held on the evening of Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at the Folly Inn. Some fifty five members attended for what was a relaxed

and enjoyable evening for all. Thanks go to Karen Ireland who worked hard to make sure the event ran smoothly.

## ANNUAL DINNER

As reported in the previous newsletter, we are moving the Annual Dinner to the early part of the New Year, and we have booked Bluebells Restaurant at Briddlesford Farm for this occasion. This will be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30 pm. This will be a rather more formal event than the Laying Up Supper and we plan to invite an entertaining guest speaker. If interested, please complete the enclosed booking form and send it to Karen Ireland as indicated, together with your payment.

## WEB SITE REVAMP

Our thanks are due to member Carole Webb for her hard work on redesigning our website. It has recently been re-launched and now incorporates Facebook. We hope those of you who have not already done so take some time to have a look at it and, if you are happy to do internet chat, maybe join Facebook. To date we have had good feedback but any further comments and suggestions will always be welcomed. Our hope is to utilise the site and Facebook to promote the Association in a positive way. The web site address remains the same, [www.medinamariners.org](http://www.medinamariners.org).

## MCC EVENTS REPORT

We can report on two Medina Combined Clubs events. The morning of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October saw the second **Boat Jumble** of the year, again at Island Harbour Marina. This was another great success, with twenty three pitches this time and a big attendance. This seems to be an increasingly popular event and may well become a regular fixture, with the Marina and the Breeze Bistro keen to support it. The last joint event of 2012 was a **Quiz Night** at Cowes Corinthian YC, held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November. This was a lively event with a packed clubhouse hosting fourteen teams, with scoring rather higher than in the 2011 quiz, thank goodness. Carole Webb and her team produced a great crew pot supper, served mid evening during the picture and word puzzle rounds. This made a nice interlude between the eight subject rounds. Victors on the night was one of the MMA teams, "Knot a Clew", otherwise known as the Johnson family. They could have won the prize for best team name as well except that winning two prizes on the night is banned! Looking ahead, the usual Good Friday pub games evening will be held at CCYC on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Although not an MCC event, entries in the CCYC Boxing Day race will be welcomed. You can warm up in the clubhouse afterwards with mulled wine and mince pies and have a go at the charity raffle.

## PLANNING NEWS

Some recent planning applications have been reviewed. A couple relate to the nearby SaRo site, for temporary change in designated use of industrial buildings. These are for storage of low value manure and compost, and secondly, for leisure storage i.e. Ryde Rowing Club boats and equipment. We agreed to request if any measures are to be taken to alleviate possible smells, and to request that any impact from transferring club boats to the public slipway, and possible bottlenecks at the access gate by our harbour compound, are taken into account. Applications for an Anaerobic Digestion Plant at Stag Lane and a bird hide alongside the cycle path have also been discussed. Neither appears to have any adverse impact on the cycle path and the bird hide, to which there will be disabled access, is positively supported. As previously indicated, we await longer-term proposals for the SaRo site and also the Biomass Plant at the lower end of Stag Lane.

## HARBOUR NEWS

The Isle of Wight Council has decided to defer any decision on the future management arrangements for Newport Harbour until after the May 2013 Council elections. This is to allow any decision to take account of a considered consultation with local stakeholders.

Cowes Harbour Commission, meanwhile, reports that it now has confirmation of support for the proposed breakwater from the Isle of Wight Council, as well as local town councils, the CHC Advisory Committee, yacht clubs and class associations. The Home & Communities Agency (HCA) is reviewing the funding situation based on the overall economic case and it is hoped that its decision will be announced in the first quarter of 2013. CHC will then be in a position to provide stakeholders with a timetable for delivery of the breakwater, assuming of course, a favourable funding decision from the HCA. A phased delivery of the overall harbour infrastructure development may be necessary, the breakwater being the first phase, followed by a short extension to the existing Shrape breakwater and then dredging a small craft Eastern Channel. We can also report that a meeting has been held with the Harbour Master at which he agreed to investigate the costing of water and power supplies to at least one of the mid-river pontoons, improved speed signs upriver from Kingston Power Station and to investigate reduced fairway depths adjacent to Folly A pontoon.

## SEASONAL GREETINGS

Being that time of year yet again (doesn't time fly), we on the Committee wish you all a great festive season and best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year.