



Costa Blanca Yacht Association Newsletter – July & August 2009

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Welcome to our Newsletter

A very warm welcome to our July/August 2009 newsletter, where we will be providing current and prospective members with information about forthcoming and recent events. Apologies for the slight delay in producing this month's newsletter, but I too have had my family over to visit!

In the next couple of months we have many activities both on the water and ashore... **Altea Fireworks, a Beach Party in Moraira, Javea Fiesta, the start of the '5 clubs' Autumn regatta series, hobie cat sailing at Les Bassetes** and a few further ideas for social events which we would appreciate some feedback from you on. Please see details on pages 1, 2 & 3.

Forthcoming Events & Notices – August - September 2009

Sailing

August

18th – 26th

Whistle stop tour of Ibiza and Formentera for 7 days

Please contact Richard Jones urgently if interested - 966 497 914 or email TrickyD0949@yahoo.co.uk

September

Wednesday 16th
- Sunday 20th

XIV Regatta de Altura Moraira-Santa Eulalia

Club Náutico Moraira

Saturday 12th

Start of Autumn series
'5 Clubs' Regattas

Club Náutico Moraira (lunch)
Please contact Richard Jones ASAP if interested in being a crew member

Wednesday 16th

Les Bassetes Day - Hobie cat sailing

Les Bassetes at 12:30 **Please see full details on page 2**

Social Events & Meetings

August

Monday 3rd

Members Meeting

20:00 Club Náutico Calpe for drinks followed by meal at local fish restaurant – Rachel to confirm details

Saturday 8th

Altea Fireworks

18:00 Rachel to confirm details to members

Monday 10th

Informal social event

20:00 Meson de Paco

Monday 17th

Members Meeting

20:00 Club Náutico Jávea

Friday 21st

Beach Party

18:00 Moraira – Please see page 2 for full details

Monday 24th

Informal social event

20:00 Meson de Paco

September

Monday 7th

Members Social Meeting

20:00 Club Náutico Calpe followed by meal 21:15

Tuesday 8th

Fiesta Virgen de Loreto

20.00 Float Parade, Meal & Fireworks, Jávea Port

Monday 14th

Informal social event

20:00 Meson de Paco

Monday 21st

Members Meeting

20:00 Club Náutico Jávea

Monday 28th

Informal social event

20:00 Meson de Paco

Confirmed events

Beach Party in Moraira - Friday 21st August from 18.00

Brenda Bates

We will be meeting on the coastal road just south of Moraira (on the balustrade promenade on the bend opposite Telitec) where there is ample parking, lighting, nice lawns and toilets nearby!

The format of the evening, as in previous years, will be to bring your own food, drinks, tables, chairs, linen, cutlery and some beach games. Wind proof candelabra or storm lanterns would add a nice touch!

Our entertainment will be participating and or watching CBYA members playing games on the beach below – some ideas we have had so far...

French cricket, boules/petanque, beach tennis, leapfrog, ping pong ball race, sand castle building, marble race, beach bull's-eye, long jump ... and maybe a wet T-shirt competition!

Guests are very welcome.

Please email Brenda on brendabates22@gmail.com to confirm your wish to join in all the fun!

Fiesta of Virgen de Loreto, Jávea Port – Tuesday 8th September

Brenda & Jacki

We have arranged an evening of entertainment and good food to help us all enjoy and celebrate Jávea's fiesta in honour of the Virgen de Loreto, which is held in the Port. This year the fiesta starts on 31st August concluding on Tuesday 8th September.

The timings below are a rough guide to the evenings activities



19:45 Meet for a quick drink prior to watching the wonderful float procession which starts at 20:30 ish!

22:00 Rejoin to enjoy a meal at the Spanish owned El Restaurante Bahia located in Avenida Marina Española, overlooking the sea.

24:00 Watch the spectacular firework display from the comfort of our own seats at El Restaurante Bahia

Brenda has kindly reserved a table for 25 and will shortly be confirming meal options and price. As we have limited numbers, Brenda will take bookings on a first come basis, with priority for CBYA members.

We know this will be a popular new event on our social calendar, so don't delay in letting Brenda know if you wish to join us, otherwise you could be very disappointed!

Les Bassetes Day – Hobie Cat Sailing Wednesday 16th September

Peter Hooker

Following our extremely successful and entertaining day on 1st July, Peter has kindly organised a return visit for us.

Peter has booked the hobie cats, canoes and windsurfers so all he now needs to know is who is coming

along to participate! If you wish to join in the fun please contact Peter via email peterghooker@hotmail.com. It goes without saying that guests are also very welcome.

Timings

Arrive at Les Bassetes at 12:30

Cost

10 Euros per head

Food & Beverages

You have the choice of packing yourself a picnic or dining in the Bar Coral Beach which overlooks the 'activity' on the water. They specialise in paella, fish and seafood and they quote themselves as being '*precio medio*' at around 10 Euros. For more details please go to their website at www.landrago.com



We have also come up with a few further ideas for social events which we would appreciate some feedback on...

Dinner Dance, Walking Quiz in Denia & Murder Mystery evening

Brenda Bates

Brenda is looking to arrange a number of other events with some help from CBYA members

Sailing & Picnic day in September aboard CBYA member yachts - Richard & Peter Hooker

Dinner Dance to be held in early October at Tormos Rte, Casino Med or Viva Espana

Walking Quiz in Denia followed by dinner kindly instigated and planned by Brigid and Diana

Murder Mystery evening to be held in November with Richard and Brenda at the helm!

Wine Tour to Bodegas Vicente Gandia

Jacki Mudge

Bodegas Vicente Gandia was founded in 1885 and is the leading winery from Valencia and one of the top Spanish producers of still bottled wine, with commercial relations in 85 countries in all 5 continents.

The package would include (planned for end of September)



- The experience on their wine train which takes you on an informative tour through the vineyards
- Visit to the ancient "Finca" and winery, dating back to 1820 with all its antique furniture, tools & winemaking equipment
- Visit to the ultra modern winery (one of the most modern in the world) to show the advances that have taken place in the science of wine making
- Wine Tasting in the underground barrel cellar (14 000 barrels) with a selection of the premium wines
- Lunch in Restaurante El Tollo (www.hoteltollo.com)
- Coach transport from Jávea to Las Cuevas de Utiel Valencia which is approximately 2 hours drive

Cost including tour, wine tasting, lunch and transport is € 30 per person

Please see www.vicentegandia.es for further details

So please do let us know which events you would be interested in by contacting Brenda brendabates22@gmail.com or Jacki jackimudge@gmail.com

Recent Sailing Events - XXI Trofeo Peñón de Ifach - Calpe to Formentera Race

Captain's report by Richard Jones



A wedding at sea!

In sickness and in health would be an apt description of the recent XXI Trofeo Peñón de Ifach - Calpe to Formentera race.

The TrickyD arrived at Calpe Club Náutico on the 30th of May and problems were encountered from the first few minutes we arrived - no response from anyone at the marina on the VHF radio plus the electric winch decided to have a rest just when we needed it!! No matter, we eventually moored safely on our pontoon. Soon TrickyD would be joined by 75 other sailing ships taking part in the XXI Peñón de Ifach race 2009.

Day 1 Thursday 4th June

07.45 My crew of Paul Smithard, Anna Miller, Jacki & Gary Mudge, Gian Papalardo and Laurence Baehr arrived and in time for a spot of breakfast, kindly laid on by Club Náutico Calpe

08.15 Posing for photographs thanks to Nikki from The Costa Blanca newspaper!



08.30 Captains briefing session with crew

09.00 TrickyD sailed to the start line in readiness for the 62 mile journey to Formentera

10.00 was the start of the race - we stayed at the back of the large pack, in fact I think we were all but last going between the two orange buoys before changing course for the islands. I must say the sight of 75 plus yachts zig zagging for position was absolutely fantastic.

12.10 We could see the racing fleet in the distance as our slow start and only 13 knots of wind took its toll but we were not on our own. To keep the crew going I served them lunch at 14.23!

15.30 The cruising shute was now up but progress was slow with only 8/10 knots of wind

16.25 Excitement aboard when 6 dolphins were sighted swimming towards us

17.30 10 knots of wind, good sea and lost sight of many other yachts in the race

18.58 12 knots of wind, slight sea. All my crew were very happy having completed 37 miles... only 25 to go!

22.00 We finally arrived at Formentera passing the finishing line with everyone accounted for and within minutes we moored up safely for the evening



22.30 Crew disappeared for food and refreshments whilst I checked over TrickyD

Day 2 Friday 5th June



During our rest day, my crew explored the beautiful island on bikes or motor scooters.



A meal and presentation took place later that evening for all crew members that had taken part; I think we had around 400 hundred sitting down for dinner.

The celebrations continued into the early hours when I received a call to tell me I was now a grandfather of twins!

Day 3 Saturday 6th June/Sunday 7th

10.00 We were off back to Calpe but the weather forecast was not so good with winds predicted of 30 knots and some 4 meter high seas. The biggest problem for us all was the wind direction from the west, right on the nose!

10.11 After crossing the start line most yachts headed south west, as did TrickyD

11.00 My first crew member is suffering from sea sickness, quickly followed by a few more. Gary is put in total charge of the sick bucket, rather like pass the parcel!



14.00 We have now tacked and have headed in the direction of Denia north west

17.00 We have been experiencing heavy seas and winds of 25 knots for some time now but TrickyD is making good progress. The main and Genoa have one reef in with a speed of 5/6 knots

19.48 My crew have been struggling with sea sickness for many hours now. No one is eating surprise surprise! A full fridge of food remains down below. Happy Days!

20.28 Slight calming of the sea state. Winds gusting 25 knots. Miles travelled so far 43nm. We have now changed tack after a wind change and we are heading towards Moraira

02.00 Approaching the Penon de Ifach with winds increasing to 35 knots. The sea state is now moderate. The crew are in good spirits albeit very tired. After rounding the Ifach the wind dropped to 8 knots making our way over the finishing line difficult.

Congratulations all round. TrickyD had taken it all well but was in need of major clean up and some repair.

Tricky D came in with an overall position of 24th.

A really BIG thank you to my crew for getting themselves and TrickyD back safely. Also my thanks to Real Club Náutico Calpe, Nikki at The Costa Blanca News, to Rachel, Ann and Fred who came to see us off in Calpe and to our other CBYA members aboard Chantana, Lara Dos and Mary Poppins, for making this race such a terrific experience.



If you would like to see a few snippets of the race, please go to www.youtube.com/ljbtube where you can watch Laurence's video that he has kindly published for us all to see!

I have also uploaded a selection of photographs to our photo gallery on the website www.cbya.org, 'Peñón de Ifach'. Many thanks to Laurence, Paul, Fred and Trevor for sharing their great photographs.

Members Area on Website

Jacki Mudge

It has been agreed by the committee that due to technical issues using 3rd party 'Password Lock' software with our current web host company, that our members area will remain open to all.

However, as it was originally planned to upload current members contact details, hence the password lock requirement, this data will now be sent out under separate cover on Friday 31st August to 2009 members only. If any member wishes their contact details (telephone and email) to be excluded from the list, please email me at jackimudge@gmail.com by Thursday 30th August.

When new members join, I will send out a revised listing to ensure everybody has an up to date list. If your contact details change, please do let me know.

In the interim, I will be uploading additional information to our members' page, so watch this space!

OK so that's it for this month!

Please do remember that if you have any articles, information or photographs you wish to share with other members, then please let us know and we will place it in the next newsletter and also on the website. Please email to jackimudge@gmail.com