



Costa Blanca Yacht Association Newsletter – June 2009

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Welcome to our Newsletter

A very warm welcome to our June 2009 newsletter, where we will be providing current and prospective members with information about forthcoming and recent events. This month brings us a very exciting annual race, the **21st Peñón de Ifach Trophy** and a popular annual feature in our Social Calendar.... a **Walking Treasure Hunt & meal in Denia on Tuesday 23rd June**. Please see details on Page 2.

Do you have information or photographs you want to share with everyone? Let us know and we will place it in the next issue and also on the website.

Please do let us know how to make improvements to the newsletter and other things you might like to see, by emailing me at jackimudge@gmail.com

Forthcoming Events & Notices – June to August 2009

Sailing

4-6 th June	XXI Trofeo Penon de Ifach	Real Club Náutico Calpe
June to early August	Contact Richard Jones for details	Baleares Island Sails

Social Events & Meetings

1 st June	Members Meeting	8pm Club Náutico Calpe
15 th June	Members Meeting	8pm Club Náutico Jávea
23 rd June	Walking Quiz	Denia
6 th July	Members Meeting	8pm Club Náutico Calpe
10 th – 19 th July	America's Cup Pre Regatta	TBA
20 th July	Members Meeting	8pm Club Náutico Jávea
3 rd August	Members Meeting	8pm Club Náutico Calpe
17 th August	Members Meeting	8pm Club Náutico Jávea

Informal Social Events

Further to an email sent out 20th May, we are pleased to announce that it has been decided that for the foreseeable future, on the Monday's we do not formally meet, we will hold an informal social event at Meson de Paco for any members (and guests of course!) wishing to socialise.

So why not come along at around 20:00 for a few drinks and a catch up. Meson de Paco can be found on the Benitachell / Jávea road opposite the stone cross on Cami Vel de Teulada.

XXI Trofeo Penon de Ifach - Calpe to Formentera

Thursday 4th to Saturday 6th June 2009

Jacki Mudge



We are pleased to be able to confirm that we have 4 yachts competing in the 21st Peñón de Ifach Race, which starts tomorrow.

I'm also happy to confirm that the Costa Blanca News publication will be covering the CBYA yachts in this event, so if any members would like to come and see us off and appear in a few photographs, please come and meet us at TrickyD on pontoon F, near the travel lift end/sail training school at 0830... Yes, an early start is required!

TrickyD

Captained by Richard Jones

Crewed by Jacki & Gary Mudge, Laurence Baehr, Paul Smithard, Anna Miller

Chantana

Captained by Terry Sandling

Crewed by Martin Charman & Ken

Lara Dos

Captained by Tony Wise

Crewed by Jim Cooper & 3 guests

Mary Poppins

Captained by John Godfrey

Crewed by Stewart Evans & Kevin Thompson

The Real Club Náutico de Calpe will be hosting the 21st Peñón de Ifach Trophy and it is one of the prestigious group of regattas that make up the Campeonato de España de Altura de Cruceros Deep-Water Cruising Championships and thanks to the large number of competitors, it has become one of the most important dates on the national cruising circuit.

We will set sail from Calpe for the island of Formentera on 4th at 10am and after a day's rest on the island, the second part of the regatta consists of the stage from Formentera to the port of Calpe.

The competition is held under the endorsement of the Real Federación Española de Vela (Spanish Sailing Association) and the Federación de Vela de la Comunitat Valenciana, (Region of Valencia Sailing Federation) in the waters off Alicante and Formentera.

Once again, the Organising Committee has decided that all vessels taking part should leave at the same time, with 80 vessels sailing across Calpe bay. It will undoubtedly be a spectacular sight, so get up early tomorrow morning and come and see us!

Walking Treasure Hunt & Meal in Denia

Tuesday 23rd June

Diana and Brigid have kindly taken on the organisation of this popular annual social event and full details will follow in the next couple of days... In the mean time, please be sure to put this date in your diary!

Recent Social Events

Brenda Bates

On Friday 22nd May some sailors tried their hand at Bowling at our annual Bowls & Supper social event, which was held at the Inn on the Green.

We were 18 wanna-be bowlers, for many of whom it was a first attempt on the green. The rain stayed away and Martin, a mean bowler from the Club, volunteered to give us some basic instruction and local rules!

6 teams of 3 played 3 sets of 4 'ends' mixing up the players each time. Woods, bias, pineapple, jack, wrong bias and gutter were among some of the new words learned.



Later after 23 had enjoyed an excellent 3 course meal and a glass or two, the winners were announced.



Piers Armstrong had highest score of the men with Ron Shanson came a close second. The ladies best scorer was Fe Shanson and second was Sue Jenner.

Interesting to note that they are **all** qualified and experienced sailors too! So much talent in the CBYA!

The first-time players had fun trying a new sport... albeit we may have to handicap the 'experts' next time!

Please see our website for further photographs at <http://cbya.org/social.aspx>

Next month we are looking forward to a Walking Quiz and meal in Denia.

The 33rd Americas Cup pre-regattas in Valencia calls so we are looking at arranging transport again for a visit to the Village at the marina between the 10th and 19th July.

A Full Moon Beach Party is in the planning, details will follow very soon.

We are first and foremost a Sailing Club - but sailors are very sociable people!

Please do contact the Social Secretary if you have any ideas or suggestions for venues and social activities we might arrange for the coming year at brendabates22@gmail.com

Ibiza Beckons... Tim & Sandy Fawle

In our 17 years of living in Spain we have visited Ibiza on an annual basis for the past 15 years. Apart from the attraction of a lovely island, the reason was to keep in touch with some ex working colleagues who have a timeshare in the beautiful cove of Cala Llonga, north of Ibiza Town.

We normally travel on the ferry from Denia and stay in a hotel to meet up with our friends. At one of the weekly gatherings of the CBYA back in the winter I was talking to Richard Jones who expressed the desire to sail in Spanish waters during this summer and that he may consider taking enthusiastic crew on various trips.

I gave this some thought and persuaded Sandy that to travel to Ibiza on 'Tricky D' would be a unique way of meeting up with our friends. I was delighted that she readily took to this idea, and consequently we arranged with Richard for a week's sailing to Ibiza in mid May.

It was important for the two of us to sail together with an experienced skipper and get a hands-on approach to Tricky D as a competent crew and Richard, having traveled almost 9,000 nautical miles

sailing throughout Greece, Sicily, Italy and Malta, was the ideal choice, apart from being a very nice guy!

Together we planned 7 nights away – 3 nights in port at various marinas and 4 nights on anchorages. Preparation for the journey proved little from our viewpoint as Richard had the boat well prepared and also provided a choice of menus - of course we provided the wines!



So on May 18, on a bright Monday morning, we set sail from Denia to San Antonio at 6.30 am with a sea state slight and good visibility, with a wind of 15 knots from the north-west. About half way across the wind had dropped and so we were into motor-sailing for part of the voyage, finally arriving at San Antonio at 17.30 hours. Having undertaken two English Channel crossings over the past 2 years it was great to enjoy the warm Mediterranean climate and smooth waters in comparison to The Needles which, those of you who have experienced this area will know, are a little hairy.

We stayed in the marina of San Antonio overnight at a charge of €31. Apparently this goes up to €140 per night from June to August.

Day 2

We spent a very pleasurable time anchored just outside San Antonio at Cala Basa where we saw one of the old original hippies who still lives there in a cave and is a local tourist attraction. He must be all of 70 by now. After some great swims we departed for anchorage at Cala Vadella one of our favourite beaches, where swimming is great and at this time of the year is very peaceful. Dinner was ably cooked by our skipper and chef, demonstrating his high class culinary skills.

Day 3

We met our friends on shore where tradition dictates a swim at Cala Vadella. This year was no exception. The plan was to then travel to Cala d'Hort which is the little bay opposite the island of Isla Vedrá which those of you who have visited Ibiza, will know was the island that was featured in the film of South Pacific. This is a 'must' for anyone who visits Ibiza because not only is it a totally un-spoilt beach with beautiful views but there is also a very good rustic restaurant where you can enjoy paella amidst outstanding scenery.

After a long lunch we returned to Tricky D and set sail for Cala Port Roig, sailing close to Isla Vedrá, encountering dolphins and a wind speed of 23 knots. There were only 6 boats on anchorage on this very tranquil bay – again totally un-spoilt.

Day 4

After a leisurely breakfast and swim we set sail for Las Salinas which is one of Ibiza's most popular beaches and has beautifully clear waters and four large beach bars which you can imagine in July and August are packed with the energetic youth of Spain and other tourists. During the days that we had been traveling Richard had been in radio contact with Chantana who was keeping track of our movements. At Las Salinas Chantana came close by and anchored up to also enjoy a swim.

The next port of call was Ibiza Town where we stayed for one night at the marina Botafoch, opposite Ibiza Town, as again tradition called for us to visit our favourite restaurant in this bustling city. Marina Botafoch is well situated and an interesting trip across to Ibiza Town by the little ferry enhances an enjoyable evening on the town.



Day 5

We had a lazy morning in the marina and then walked into Ibiza Town to visit the local Market for fresh fruit etc and returned on the Ferry which the skipper thought was delightful. Marina Charges here were 43€ per day but in July/August are 146€ + water and electricity!

Departing for Cala Llonga for an anchorage, we moored close by to a catamaran and at that time there was little wind, so we motored ashore to enjoy dinner with our friends. Their apartments overlook the entry to this cove and for the past 15 years we always admired the views from their balcony commenting that one year we would love to anchor in the cove and look up to their abode. Well Day 5 was the day we achieved that objective!

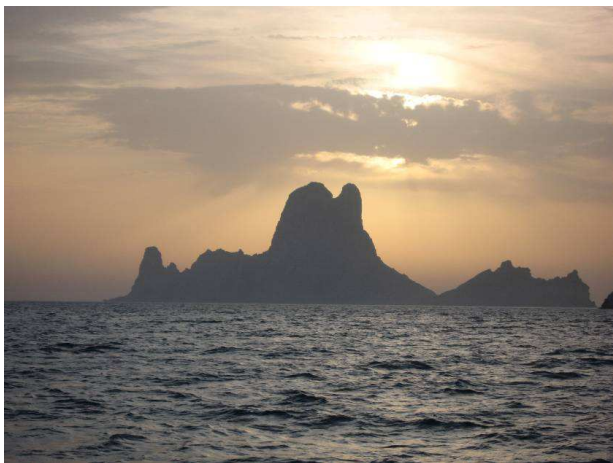
During the night the wind gusted up and our ever alert skipper saw the neighbouring catamaran almost on the rocks - this boat was saved by disaster by a small pleasure craft that was anchored close to the shore and acted as a "sandwich" between the rocks. The crew was able to pull the anchor and motor out to the safety of the sea. Tricky D's anchor was well and truly secured so we all returned to sleep but a little watchful in case the gusts returned.

Day 6

Again after a leisurely morning we set out for Formentera to take anchor in the beautiful Cala Pujol which has stunning water colour. There were only 4 boats on anchor and care was taken to ensure a good distance between each boat was achieved just in case the winds returned. Fortunately they did not and we were able to motor ashore the following morning to explore this little town. There were lots of Italians, a few Germans but hardly any English. This was our first visit to Formentera and for sure with clear skies and the colour of the sea this island matches anywhere in the world'

Day 7

Our final night on board and as part of our plan we took a marina berth at Sabina, the principle port of Formentera. There we encountered Chantana again who had been using this marina as its base for the past few days. A nice port which facilitates all the Ibiza to Formentera ferries and therefore has a lot of traffic at the Ferry Terminal.



The small time we spent on Formentera we sensed it has a lot to offer through anchorages in stunning coves, walking and cycling and we intend to return to explore this further.

The Club Náutico is preparing for this week's Ifach to Formentera race which for sure, all participants from the CBYA will enjoy.

Day 8

We departed Formentera punctually at 08.00 hours and immediately put the sails up to a SW 3 - 4 on a course of 280° to Denia. Sailing all the way and wind speed improving to enable us to achieve 5 knots at times speeded us into port arriving in Denia at 19.30 hours.

Few sailing boats were seen and two or three cargo ships passed through the shipping lane so the crossing was smooth and uneventful apart from a large Tuna or Swordfish we spotted jumping out of the water.

It was a real pleasure to sail with Richard who has a beautiful boat in Tricky D. We felt like a real team after this week as everyone had their duties so that berthing, anchoring and putting the sails up were achieved calmly and efficiently. All of those who sail together know the importance of getting on well, and if any of you heard laughter coming from the Ibiza direction, it was the three of us!

For sure if you want a great time with Richard and TrickyD... **TrickyD beckons...** You will have a fantastic adventure!