

MEDINA MARINERS

Autumn 2016 newsletter

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Welcome to the Medina Mariners Association autumn newsletter 2016.

Hopefully everyone has enjoyed the generally good weather this summer has brought and managed to get out for some boating.

You may have noticed the dinghy park is looking smarter, thanks to a new maintenance contract that keeps hedges cut and paths cleared.

Next date to look forward to is the MMA's annual laying-up supper, on Saturday, October 29, at The Breeze restaurant at Island Harbour.

All MMA members are welcome, there is a menu below for you to make a selection.

You will need to let MMA hon sec Mary Phillips how many places you want to book, and your menu choices, by October 20 at the latest.

Her email address is: maryphillipsuk@yahoo.co.uk Tel. 07807 566221

No need to send money with booking, you pay on the night.

If you do not have email, you can write to her at 42 York Street, Cowes, IW, PO31 7BS.

MMA laying up supper – Saturday, October 29, 2016, 7pm

Menu choices

MAINS

Homemade linguini carbonara

£8.95

Bacon and diced onion in a creamy cheese sauce, topped with fresh rocket and Parmesan shavings.

Oven roasted salmon fillet

£10.95

Topped with pan-fried garlic prawns, served with new potatoes and a dressed side salad.

IoW sausages and creamy mashed potato

£8.95

Served with petit pois and onion gravy.

Warm quinoa salad with grilled halloumi

£9.95

Dressed with a citrus and parsley oil.

PUDDINGS

Homemade apple crumble and custard

£4.95

Mixed with sultanas and spiced with cinnamon, finished off with hot custard

Homemade chocolate brownie

£4.95

Served with warm vanilla pod ice cream and a warm chocolate sauce

Strawberry Eton Mess

£4.75

Whipped cream mixed with meringue pieces, fresh strawberries and strawberry coulis.

Your Medina Mariners committee

In the past year or so the makeup of the MMA committee has changed, with several long-serving stalwarts deciding to retire and new committee members stepping up.

President of the MMA is Richard Steel. He has been a member of MMA since arriving on Island in 1975 to become Minister of Castlehold Baptist Church, Newport.



"I retired to Shalfleet in 1997 and joined the committee soon after. I've shared a boat with a London based friend for over 40 years and we've had our current boat, Spirit of Pisces, a Sadler 34 bilge keel, for the past 28 years. It's proved a very versatile boat, from sitting on the beach in Bembridge to crossing Biscay en route for the Med - transited the Canal du Midi on way home. Been to Paris and beyond twice and done the mast-up route to Amsterdam. Due to our advancing years, 170 between us, she is now up for sale!

Chairman of the MMA is Ray Redrup, who has held this position for the past 15 years. Ray, who runs a bakery business on the Island, currently sails a Finn 411, Finn Lady.

Secretary - Mary Phillips is a former journalist who lives in Cowes. Mary and her husband Kevin have a Hunter Legend 335, kept on the Medina. Their previous boat was a Trident 24, Serin, and Mary has also sailed dinghies including a much-loved old wooden Heron. Mary is also a member of Cowes Corinthian YC and East Cowes SC.



Treasurer - Colin Gilbert



"My first boat was a Mirror Dinghy, which I built more than 50 years ago, then progressed to day boats and JOG pocket cruisers. When Sue and I retired, we bought an old Dutch tug that took us from Berlin to the Canal du Midi, covering more than 16,000kms over nine years. Pilgrim waited patiently on the Medina! I have been an MMA member since the early nineties, when I took part in the MMA single handed round the Island races, which were great fun. I was elected treasurer this year, taking over from Alan Johnson who had done a long and tireless stint as treasurer for over 12 years."

Committee Member - Sue Gilbert

"I started dinghy sailing at school in Southampton as a teenager. My horse life then took over for the next 20 years or so. I got back into sailing when Colin and I met 30 years ago and since then we have cruised together all over Europe, from Brittany to St Petersburg and all in between, in our faithful Golden Hinds, one 26ft and, for the past 22 years, Pilgrim at 31ft.

In the early nineties, I crewed on an all ladies J24 team for three seasons. As well as racing at many regattas in the Solent we competed successfully in The Netherlands and qualified for the European J24 event in Maastrand in Sweden in 1992.

I love the freedom, the camaraderie and the adventure sailing brings to one's life.

I joined the MMA committee nearly 18 months ago as I believe we represent an important voice within the boating community.

As well as Pilgrim, I enjoy sailing an 'antique' Scow the same age as me!!! We usually meet once a month for an informal social sail around the Medina, do join us. Pint in the Folly afterwards."



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Committee member – Ken Aspden

Ken is well known to many MMA members as the Folly bosun, a role he now had to give up due to family commitments. He has been a member of the MMA committee for more than ten years and sails a 33ft Nauticat.

Committee member - Adrian Wilkins



Adrian is a Chartered Engineer. He has a scow in the dinghy park and previously had a Cowes Harbour Commission (CHC) Folly mooring.

He is an ex commodore of East Cowes Sailing Club. Adrian is a representative on the CHC Advisory Committee and Newport Harbour User Group.

Committee member – Peter Jackson

Peter retired to the Isle of Wight in 2001 after a full career in the Royal Navy. He then worked for UKSA as a yachtmaster instructor and from 2008-2014 served as a Cowes Harbour Commissioner. Appointed Designated Person in 2011, he continues to provide safety advice to the Harbour Board.

Peter and his wife Gill are members of the Island Sailing Club and East Cowes Sailing Club, where Peter was Rear Commodore (Sailing) from 2013-2015.

In 2011 they exchanged their Cape Cutter gaff-rigged cruiser for a 23ft displacement motor boat and also acquired a scow, which is sailed regularly at harbours in the western Solent as well as at the Folly.

Peter and Gill live in East Cowes.



Committee member – Colin Caldicott

"I hail from "Sunny" Scunny, or Scunthorpe to the world. I started boating on the canals then boredom made me go sailing, starting in a GP14 before progressing to the masochistic OK for a couple of years and then crewing a cruiser in the River Humber.

Life then took me to the middle east where the warm water attracted me to a Prindle 16 Cat. Great fun but being too heavy to be competitive, came back to cruisers and raced as foredeck for a couple of years until we broke the boat.

Back in the UK, tried life without sailing but without sailing it wasn't life, so progressed and found myself on The Island with my Dufour 1800 STYLIST, currently on Pontoon A at The Folly. Always a kettle on the boil when on board. Don't be shy.

Why didn't I do this 15 years earlier? Anyway, I am here and getting stuck in to The Island with my wife Lin, who is not that keen on the sailing but knows what it means to me. Bless her.

I don't only sail, I am a member of Ryde Rotary, The Steam Railway and a volunteer at Aspire in Ryde. No time to get old."



Committee member – Derek Ferguson

Derek, who is also a member of East Cowes SC, is an experienced sailor and keeps his boat on the river near East Cowes.