



ISLE OF PORTLAND CANOE CLUB

November 2011 Newsletter

The IoPCC AGM is on Friday 11th November in the Town Hall (upstairs in the Corn Exchange). The meeting will begin promptly at 7.30. Please arrive early and have a cuppa and a chat before we get down to business. The first part of the evening should not take long and I expect that before 8pm we will be having some supper before settling down to the presentations given by our guests Heather and Mark Rainsley. The talks should be very interesting and entertaining. Mark's presentation is on Expedition White Water paddling in the Himalayas and Heather's sea paddling in the Orkney Islands. You can expect some excellent images in both presentations. The meeting is open to anyone who may be interested (from 8pm) so please invite family and friends to the Rainsley's presentations. We will have an opportunity to make a donation to the Dartmoor Rescue Group/RNLI. I have received apologies from 5 members so I am expecting the other 50 of you to be there!

The Treasurer will be pleased to accept your 2012 membership fee at the AGM. Cheques payable to Isle of Portland Canoe Club. The Committee are recommending that the fee for BCU members will be £20 – and £23 for non BCU members.

We have had some IoPCC stickers made and these will be available at the AGM for a bargain price of £3.00. They are suitable to stick on your paddle or boat or/and your car.

Order forms for IoPCC clothing – hoodies, t shirts, polo shirts, and baseball caps will be available at the AGM. We will be submitting an order ready for Christmas. Details can be found on the website. Those of you who already have Club stash – please wear it at the AGM, (with pride!)

On Saturday 12th November we are paddling Ringstead to Lulworth (or Portland Harbour) and on Sunday 13th November Sandbanks to Swanage (or Poole Harbour). Please sign up on the forum if you are intending to paddle.

The results of the recent questionnaire to members show that the majority would prefer not to have a Portland Port permit included in the membership fee in 2012. Most members prefer to paddle locally (between Poole and Lyme Regis) on shorter (up to 20k) day trips. The surfing contingent is very active and enthusiastic and this was reflected in the questionnaire results. Buddy will continue his sterling efforts to arrange regular away days and weekends in the summer. There is a lot of interest in the Bantham overnighiter, North Cornwall camping weekend and the holiday trip to Pembrokeshire so they will



Mark Rainsley...lost!



New IoPCC Stickers.



Surfing at Putsborough

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all be

included in the 2012 programme. The most popular trip is paddling around Portland and there will be several opportunities in the 2012 programme to do this.

Rolling sessions at Bridport Leisure Centre will be on the programme monthly in the winter. Training and assessment for 3* surf and 3* sea are already booked in March and April and we hope to arrange a 4* sea training weekend in June and a rough water training weekend based at Penzance in October. (3 names on this list already!) Each of these courses is for 6 people and the cost to members is £50 for the training. You are responsible for your own transport and accommodation costs.

To encourage more members to organise a paddling trip in 2012 we will be offering a £5 credit to the organiser off the 2013 membership fee for every trip that is organised led and reported.

There has been a tardy response for the Christmas do on Saturday 17th December and there are still places available. Please get a grip and sign up for this asap. It is a 3 course sit down meal at the Royal Breakwater Hotel Portland and it costs £15. You can fill in your menu choices and pay at the AGM.

In October there was quite a lot going on. The first weekend was a classic Studland to Kimmeridge paddle which was absolutely perfect. The weather and sea conditions were fantastic and we had an excellent day. On 16th October the sea trip from Burton Bradstock to Charmouth was successful. We had an interesting time in the surf at Charmouth and a few swims to add to the fun.

On 22nd October the surfers had a trip down to Putsborough. That evening was our first rolling session at Bridport Leisure Centre. This is a fabulous safe opportunity to practice paddling skills and I hope more members, especially newer, less experienced members who don't yet have a reliable roll will sign up for this. Watch the forum for details. The pool is also a good place to practice rescues and being rescued.

Martin and Sue Spurling went to the Storm Gathering on Anglesey and they had written an entertaining trip report. Ian and I went to this event in 2009 and had an interesting time. It is not an event that we have returned to so far.

The last weekend in October was 'rough and moving water training' at



Rough water at the Bill



**Rolling at
Bridport Leisure Centre.**



**Rough water training at
Penzance.**

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Sea Cornwall with Richard Uren, based in Penzance. This was an excellent weekends training and you can read all about it in the trip report.

On 20th November we have a trip planned around Portland. This is limited to 8 paddlers for safety reasons and is full. If anyone would like to set up and organise another group to do a separate trip on the same day please do so on the forum.

On Sunday 4th December we have a paddle for everyone from Sandsfoot. Weather conditions will dictate what we actually do. On 10th December the plan is to paddle from Bowleaze to the Smugglers at Osmington for lunch. Non paddlers can meet us at the pub.

I look forward to seeing you all on Friday at the AGM. The kettle will be boiling at 7pm.

Barbara Browning
IOPCC Chairman



Balance



Wonder



Solitude



Obsolescence

Paddling on the Jurassic Coast