



ISLE OF PORTLAND CANOE CLUB

October 2011 Newsletter

We have enjoyed a couple of weeks of superb weather to finish off a poor summer. As the evenings are drawing in we have had a soaring temperatures, quiet winds and a flat sea. IoPCC members took full advantage of this yesterday and had what must be rated as one of our top paddles ever in terms of scenery, weather and paddling conditions. There were just seven of us who paddled from Studland to Kimmeridge on a superb day out in a perfect paddling place. The photos are on the gallery and the trip report will appear as soon as the scribe produces it.

On a more mundane note please, please, please send your completed questionnaires back. We are now past the deadline but as the response has been quite poor we will accept any late ones as we do want the 2012 paddling programme to reflect the interests of the membership as much as possible.

Our AGM is on Friday November 11th. It is at the same place as last year – Dorchester Town Hall and will follow a similar format. Club business will be the first 30 minutes or so, then we'll have supper. After supper Mark and Heather Rainsley are doing a presentation for us. This year we will be making a collection of voluntary donations which will be given to the RNLI and the Dartmoor Rescue Group. Last years AGM was a very enjoyable occasion and I hope we'll have another really good turn out this year on what promises to be an equally good night out. The following day we will go paddling – the venue will depend on the weather.

This year's Christmas Do is on Saturday 17th December at the Royal Breakwater Hotel, Castletown, Portland.

www.royalbreakwaterhotel.com/. We will be having a sit down Christmas meal - details and menu choices will follow soon. The cost will be about £15. The Hotel is offering a 50% discount for anyone who wants to stay overnight. There are only 40 places in the private dining room we have hired so if you want to go let me know ASAP as I have 15 names on my list already.

The next paddle is on Saturday 15th October. The advertised destination is Ringstead to Lulworth but this may change according to the weather and the people who sign up to join in. If anyone is willing to lead this trip please will they post it up on the forum in the next day or so or get in touch with me. If no one comes forward I will sort it out.



Jon Massey off the Purbeck coast on Sunday.



Mark and Heather Rainsley



Ian in the Grove Point race...terrified!

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The 22nd October sees our first rolling session at Bridport Leisure Centre. We have the unique opportunity to take our own boats into the pool at Bridport. This month's session is full but there are 7 places left at the next one which is on 26th November. We are going to the Three Horseshoes in Burton Bradstock for supper at 8pm on 22nd October and if anyone would like to join us you are most welcome. Please let me know so I can change the booking from the table for 8 we have at present.

The weekend of 29/30 October there are six of us going down to Penzance for 2 days rough /moving water training with Richard Uren. If this first foray to the far south west is successful there will be further courses available to members. There is a night paddle from Castletown on the programme for that weekend. Please will someone volunteer to organise and lead this trip as I am away in Cornwall.

Barbara Browning
IOPCC Chairman



Richard Uren, showing off!!



Night Paddle.



Rolling (or not!) at Bridport Leisure Centre.