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Splice



December 8th 2009. Free to members, non members Rmb50

5TH DECEMBER

SBYC welcomes all; members, associates, friends & family, kith & kin;

The CHRISTMAS PARTY is in the box!

16- 17.00	Arrival of guests
17.00	Fun & Games!
18.00	SBYC International Christmas Buffet
19.30	The SBYC of 2009
19.32	Fun & Games!!!

We ask the children attending to bring an inexpensive Christmas gift and the adults to bring a dish for the Christmas Buffet. Kindly inform me of what kind of gastronomic contributions you are bringing and That You Are Coming!

RSVP December 2nd Helen 1522 1869 360

Batten down the hatches for the winter. Now is a good time to pop out to the club to check on your boat if you are not intending to sail over the winter, and why would you???

A quick reminder too to check out the special Scary Splice Hallowe'en edition which went up on the website: http://www.shanghaibyc.org/news_detail.php?news_id=166&month= it will take a few minutes to download but is worth the wait.

Not too much club sailing news to report, we are still awaiting some results and write ups from the Autumn Series. Without this Splice looks a bit SBYC thin this week so a message from member Matt Jones now living in London and a write up from Colin Clark on his recent Hong Kong Trailwalker success.

From the Poop Deck - Commodores Log

Winter Season SBYC Transport Arrangement from Big Bamboo

Kindly note that for the Winter season of December January and February the SBYC bus will only run on Sundays. Alternative transport arrangements will be made for the Winter Frostbite Series and be covered in a separate notice.

Matters from recent committee meetings are as follows:

1. Work on establishing the WFOE continues and the Chinese name has been approved.
2. Club finances are healthy.
3. Volunteers for duty officer and safety officer in continual need.
4. Boat Boy Shark employed by SBYC
5. Some discussions about expanding the fleet of boat suitable for children and youngsters in addition to the Optimist already bought. No commitments made on this.
6. Club to continue with upkeep of the two Wanderers.
7. 2010 calendar being prepared

Please feel free to share any comments directly with a committee member.

Start Point - Racing Secretary's Message

We are still waiting for results and write ups for two weekends of the Autumn series...

Members Profile & News - From Matt Jones, Back in Blighty



Hello Shanghai and Xiamen friends,

I've not been in touch for a while. Just thought I'd send you an update on what I've been up to the last few months. Because I know I disappeared a little bit incommunicado...

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The job front has been a bit tricky of late to say the least. I've finally got myself sorted doing some work for a pretty interesting innovation consultancy www.howmight.com – but don't see myself heading back to China in a big rush... My wife Chialing was still in Shanghai for much of this time – but she's going to be joining me over here in the UK from October....

But as ever, the sailing has been good! Back on the river Thames 3 days a week - in Lasers, Merlin Rockets or Thames A-rater – it's only 100 metres wide here at Kingston but you'd be amazed at how many boats can fit on any Sunday morning – including all



the pleasure cruisers, rowing boats, canoes, fishermen, barges as well as all the sailors... The empty spaces of Dianshan Lake and Xiamen are well missed!

At the link below I've uploaded a few photos, <http://www.flickr.com/photos/mattpi/sets/72157622263694453/>

1. Merlin Rocket

-Built in 1959, My Masquerade. 50 years old this year so with time on my hands over the summer I thought I'd give it a bit of a re-furb. This meant sanding off 20 years of varnish and giving it 10 new layers. A real labour of love that takes 2-3 times longer than you ever think it

will. Should be ready just in time for the Winter Series.

2. Thames A-rater

-My favorite boat of all time. Quite a few pics at the link below of me sailing with my brother Toby and friend Chris...

3. 22 square meter



-Built in Sweden for aristocats! Beautiful mini 12 metre things but less lead. I got lucky enough to sail this one around The Isle of Wight race at Cowes Classic regatta this year and at Salcombe Classics regatta - racing around all the moored boats in the harbour...

Good luck with all the yachting and racing in China. Give me a shout if any of you are ever passing through London for business or pleasure and need a beer or a riverside sail!

Cheers.

Matthew

From Colin Clark, Hot on the Trail

With memories of the Hong Kong Trailwalker rapidly fading, I thought I'd better put pen to paper and let you all know how we got on. The walk was punishing but all in all a fantastic experience. Out of the four walkers who started (in our team that is, that's not counting the 4,396 other walkers!) we got two across the line (Trevor and Me) for a victorious finish in a little under 34 hours. Not a particularly great time

admittedly but a great achievement nonetheless and many lessons learned for next time! Our other two walkers put in a sterling effort, Greg dropping out at Checkpoint 3 and Angus dropping out at Checkpoint 8, tantalizingly close to the finish but just unable to continue. Under the circumstances, this is an impressive effort by anyone's standards. Final results are not posted yet but should be available at www.oxfamtrailwalker.org.hk/en/home.html by the end of this week.

The picture below, still looking fresh after 10k. Left to right – Angus, Trevor, Greg, Me.....



The Hong Kong Trailwalker route is truly spectacular; varied terrain, spectacular views with mountains climbing more than 900m. The weather was cool during the day but the strong winds made it quite uncomfortable during the nights, especially on the exposed mountains where it was difficult at times even to stay on the narrow track. We looked forward to each of

the checkpoints (located approximately 10km apart) where we could get a hot drink and some basic food but, mostly we looked forward to our pre-planned rendezvous points with the support team. At these stops we enjoyed a proper meal (even had bacon sandwiches for breakfast!!) and warm dry clothes. The girls did a fantastic job in this respect and really kept us motivated through to the finish.

The picture below, Trevor and I at the finish, after more than 40 hours without sleep, 100km completed and several large mountains climbed.....



A huge thank you to everyone that supported us, we set out to raise more than HK\$10,000 to help Oxfam to fight poverty and climate change. I am confident we will exceed this figure. If you pledged sponsorship money and you are accessing the internet from outside of the great Chinese firewall then you can pay online at

<https://admin.oxfamtrailwalker.org.hk/en/registration/teamDetail.html?teamId=2>

<http://www.shanghaibyc.org/>

00903957. For those of you in China I understand that this link may be blocked so you will need to contact me directly, send a cheque (made out to Oxfam Hong Kong, please write "Oxfam Trailwalker 2009 Team No. 0756 on the back of the cheque), cash (RMB or HK\$), beer vouchers, anything that suits you; it will all go into the pot for payment to Oxfam before 22 December 2009.

Thanks again for your support, anyone who wants to join us for the 2010 Hong Kong Trailwalker for a 24 hour assault can contact me directly.

And Finally...

