



to experience very much. Consider being part of the Committee in future yourselves.

Sailing in company on weekends with Venturers has the tremendous advantage of enabling sailors unfamiliar either with the area or sailing to explore practically every anchorage and port around Anglesey, negotiate the likes of the Swellies, Caernarfon Bar, Carmel and Stack overfalls in company with people who have done this many times. This was a great confidence booster for myself. Our summer cruises, increasingly well attended in the last two years with Ray Wilton as OOD, offer the chance to sail further afield to places like Milford Haven, Ireland, Scotland in sometimes rough conditions with the assurance that there are other yachts ready to assist if difficulties should arise.

The Venturer racing experience focuses the mind wonderfully and has the advantage of being fun because it is not seriously competitive. Equipped with clear racing instructions and a sound handicapping system calculated by John Partington, you have a brief and sometimes tiring experience of how to get the best out of your yacht under sail in all sorts of winds and more importantly the confidence to get yourself home if the

engine fails

After a mediocre term of office as Custodian of the Bosun's Store myself, Dave Clough descended. You now have a range of Venturer Designer gear to strut you stuff in; discounted publications from Imray. We have a quality yearbook, Newsletter and website which ensure members are in touch. Our Club and Ralph Morris can be proud of the Cruising Anglesey Pilot which raises the profile of our club. The Commercial sub-committee ensure that we gain income from the sale of items and from advertisers which they recruit for the Pilot and Yearbook.

Finally the programme socials and winter events has continued to expand over the years. In addition to talks and workshops such as winterising outboards, flares demonstrations and knot tying sessions offered by our own members, we also try to offer RYA courses each year at discounted rates. The success of the Club is due in no small measure to the dedication of members who enjoy the wonderful informal nature of the way we do things. Long may it last. Whatever you get out of the being a Venturer may I wish you good sailing in 2008.

Jean Lumb

Day Skipper Theory

The Day Skipper course could be run over 3 weekends if enough member are interested. So far there are a handful of people interested but ideally 8 or more are needed to make the course viable. Please let Jean Lumb know if you would like to participate .

Local Notice to Mariners

Mariners are advised that the two Admiralty Buoys at Glyn Garth have been replaced with Orange Hippo Buoys, marked DO NOT MOOR.

Positions:

Lat 53 14.014N Long 004 08.782W

Lat 53 14.050N Long 004 08.712W

The buoys were in a semi sunk state and a danger to navigation. Issued by Alan Price, Menai Bridge Piermaster

Making Plans for the 2008 Summer Cruise ?

Summer Cruise 2008

Destination – SE Coast of Ireland

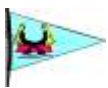
Time – 26 July – 10 August

Please let Ray (Sailing Captain) know if you are interested in participating in all or part of the cruise.

Recommended Chart - Admiralty SC5621 Ireland East Coast Folio – 19 charts covering Carlingford Lough to Waterford. NWVYC members Price £33-50 from David Clough (Bosun)

Ray Wilton





Galley Rat Strikes Again

Pasta with Pancetta

This is an easy two pan meal. And quick to make.

Pancetta- **Asda, Sainsbury's and Tesco**-all sell plastic tubs of this. It has quite a long life and comes ready chopped.

I tend to use one packet for two people.

Mushrooms – As little or as many as you like. Chopped, or sliced - I tend to use them chopped into wedges.

Garlic- One or two cloves.

Onions – One medium chopped.

Spring onions – One or two finely chopped.

Whole Grain Mustard.

Red wine vinegar .- Big splash.

Parmesan.

Pasta- Tubes, Spirals or what you like. Roughly 75 to 100 grammes per person.

Method

Heat the water for the pasta and when boiling add the pasta and cook as per packet instructions. When the pasta is nearly ready, heat a frying pan over a medium heat.

Add the pancetta to the frying pan. The pancetta will give out some fat. Cook until it just is beginning to colour. Now add the garlic, onions, and mushrooms and cook until everything is cooked through. Now add the chopped spring onions. – this will add colour to the finished dish.

Drain the pasta when ready and return to the saucepan and keep warm. Add the cooked pancetta mix to the pasta trying to retaining some of the oil in the frying pan then replace lid on saucepan.

Return the frying pan to the heat and add if necessary add a little extra oil. You are aiming to make a sauce for the pasta. To the hot frying pan add about one to two tablespoons of whole grain mustard. This may splatter a little.

Once warmed through add two or three tablespoons of red wine vinegar, stir and scrape the sauce from the frying pan and add to the pasta and stir in.

Serve in bowls and sprinkle with Parmesan cheese.

A glass of red wine goes very nicely with this dish.

Galley Rats Notes:

Anchovies can be added to this dish and this will increase the **depth of flavour. Chop two or three anchovy's fillets and add to the pan with the pancetta and continue as above.** Sometimes I serve this with bread. It is great cold and makes a very nice lunch if you double up the quantities for the follow-

ing day. – sometimes I just cook a half bag of pasta to use it up. If you are using quick cook pasta you need to make sure the

pancetta goes on before your pasta is ready or the pasta is **apt to be too soft. After all pasta should be 'al dente'** - there is nothing worse than pappy pasta. – **unless it's wet bread.**



Chocolate Fridge Cake

One has to say that chocolate fridge cake is great for the boat at fitting out time.

Instance happiness when antifouling is getting too much for the dear husband to cope with. Me antifouling? Me? You **sure? Have you seen me after I've been cooking? I get it everywhere.**

Anyway to the chocolate fridge cake.

450g plain chocolate Not the cheapest cooking chocolate please.

225 grams – which is roughly about 1/2 packet digestives biscuits or a combination of rich tea and digestives.

100g margarine or butter

1 tablespoon of golden syrup

2 tbsp rum/brandy/whatever (optional)

100g nuts/raisins/glacé cherries or what ever you like, chopped dates perhaps?

Method

Melt the chocolate and margarine/butter with the golden syrup in a bowl over a pan of boiling water.

Bash the biscuits - best done in a plastic bag to contain the rubble. You are looking for big and little bits, not all crumbs **so don't get too carried away.**

Mix it all together and put it in a disposable tin foil tray and sprinkle with icing sugar. Then place in the fridge for 1-2 hours at least.

Cut up into pieces and store in a tin, take to boat and feed to skipper when he gets grumpy.

Editor's Note: *In the next edition, the Galley Rat Reviews a selection of cooking books for your boat.*



London Boat Show 2008



The London Boat Show at Excel had its last day today, a number of Venturers attended, many taking up the special offer tickets arranged by David Clough. The boat show provides an excellent opportunity to look at many different types of boats and to investigate special items of equipment.





As always there are many boats to pore over and dream about. At the boat show.

Particular favourites with our group this year were the Island Packet. 42' and the drop keel Southerly boats.

The Coxswain on the new Tamar\ class lifeboat from Salcombe took us through the marvellous "fly by wire" nature of the new E2.6 lifeboat.

Glen asked the crew about the hi tech nature of this class of lifeboat, far different from the Atlantic 75 at Beaumaris!



A now retired Atlantic 75 lifeboat is used to point the way to the lifeboat shop.

Walking around the chandleries and specialist shops at the boat show provided us all with several new ideas and tools.



A DIY Copper Epoxy System for about £400 (28' boat)

Three coats of epoxy with a mixture of West Barrier Coat additive, that is the proofing layer, followed by 4 coats of a copper powder mix, each coat having a greater percentage of copper powder until the last had 110% copper to epoxy. I would even go to a higher percentage on the last coat.

How to do it and tips

Do not apply epoxy to a 'wet' hull. Read PBO to understand why.

Scrape off all the old antifouling using a very sharp chisel as a scraper. Small pinpricks and defects can be winkled out and filled with epoxy putty. The final clean up can be done with a double acting sander with 120 grit. We also used a power washer with a grit blasting attachment using paving sand as grit (about 4 bags) to clean off any stubborn bits. You may see slurry blasting shown in the press but I do not think any of our local yards would allow it. On an environmental point it may be best to work over a sheet so the old antifouling can be collected and disposed of correctly.

Work under a tarp or in a shed? We have always gone under the sheds at Dinas but if here is a next time!! then outside under a tarp would be lighter and more airy, though it may mean waiting for a settled weather pattern and launching later.

Moisture content, we have been lucky in that No1 son has a Gel Plane and a Moisture Meter for his work (I am sure both could be hired – hint). Get the striping done early in the winter and hot wash **the hull regularly, the hot water removes any 'salts'**. **One thing we neglected to do last time was to pigment alternate layers, this would make application easier and should you abrade, to see how much you have taken off. Blues and Greens are the best colours as the copper always goes a dull blue/green colour in the water.**

Application. When epoxying a team of three people is best. No.1 applying with a roller. No.2 smoothing, tipping off with a cheap brush and making tea. No.3 is responsible for mixing and going round smoothing runs with a plastic spatula, this job is just like floating plaster, the epoxy becomes thicker but can still be moved about. If there is delay in applying subsequent coats read the West booklets (These used to be free on application, Dickies used to have them).

The hull will need washing and abrading to remove a 'wax' amine compound. When working on a Bilge keel boat get the height right or find a good osteopath! Fin keels are easy. Knee pads are essential as are barrier cream, surgical gloves, and a resin hand cleaner. One very important point is to remove all skin fittings, so that you can epoxy through to the inside of the hull.

Suppliers

Dickies & ABC will sell epoxy resins, we have bought from UK Epoxy Resins (Rob Hewitt) <http://www.epoxy-resins.co.uk/> or Glasplies <http://www.glasplies.co.uk/>

Glasplies stock the pure copper powder, we had this tested just to check that it was pure. (Most school science teachers should be able to do that).

How much will it cost

For a 30' boat About £400, as a guess. Copper powder is now £60.00 for 5kg and you will need at least 10kg. The large trade pack sold by UK Epoxy costing £285 would do 2 x 28'boats, so the obvious answer is to share. The brushes, trays and rollers must be seen as disposable as the solvent costs are too high to clean them and its nasty stuff to use.

Frequently asked questions.

My boat has just a few osmotic blisters what should I do?

Grind them out, fill with good quality epoxy fillers and keep sailing until they stop occurring and you have a dry hull, or you sell the boat.

My boat has never blistered, is it worth it?

Since they banned TBT for leisure use, because it was too good, has any antifouling been worth it? Copper is a naturally occurring element and the coating should protect your investment.

Is it difficult to do and how long will it take to do?

If you can work hard all day, a couple of days to strip off (or 3 week-ends) hot washing down whenever you visit. Three long days, to apply all the coating. Try to put 2 coats on each day.

If I sold my boat would it affect the sale price?

It may be best to get a surveyor to test your hull before and after treatment that would show a buyer that you were not just covering up a wet hull. (We even took photographs of the meter readings)

Once it is on can I get it off?

If correctly applied it would be difficult to get off. Epoxy does not like too much heat, so a steam cleaner may soften it sufficient to scrape off. You could just treat an epoxy coating and gel-peel it off!

Can I anti foul on top of copper epoxy?

Yes, the copper can be added just to give the epoxy more scratch resistance. In fact that is one of the West recommendations.

More info from night308@hotmail.com

John Nightingale

Club WiFi?

We have been looking at the possibility of the Club providing a WiFi facility in the Clubhouse and the bay. Currently:

- **There doesn't appear to be sufficient demand to justify** the cost of fitting an aerial on the roof and maintaining a router inside the building. As well as the (relatively small) computing costs, we would need a new telephone line, as BT are unable to provide broadband and payphone on the same line.
- A commercial WiFi service, linked through an aerial on the church, may not work satisfactorily in the Clubhouse – according to its operator, Gaia Solutions of Bethesda. Gaia tell us that, whilst there is no problem about picking up their signal at Gallows Point, the aerial's ability to receive a laptop's signal depends on atmospheric conditions and the quality of the laptop's transmitter.

Gaia installed the aerial before Beaumaris was fully served

with broadband, and they have no plans to upgrade their service to a level which would offer a reliable connection at Gallows Point. Overall, we have decided that the Club cannot justify taking out a contract with Gaia on behalf of members.

However, there is nothing to prevent members taking out a **personal contract. These range from £1 for 15 mins 'on demand' to check emails to £30 for 100 hours (5Gb limit).**

Gaia's number, if you are interested, is 01248-352459. Alternatively, if you can communicate with the aerial, you will have an option to sign up online.

Now it may be that we have miscalculated the potential demand and if enough members tell us that it would be worth **another couple of pounds on subscriptions we'll look into the option again.**

Ralph Morris



Bosun's Corner

Boat Show Tickets

3 members took up the offer of discounted Boat Show tickets. Due to the relatively short notice it was not possible to publicise their availability in the last Venturer – those with up to date e-mail addresses received e-mail notification of the offer, and those that browse the club web site will also have seen the offer. If your e-mail address is not up to date make sure you let the Membership Secretary, (Coll) know.

There is a likelihood of the club being able to sell discounted tickets for the Southampton show later this year, so if you **intend going keep your eyes peeled for any Bosun's Store** ticket offer.

Explosive Deal. Don't forget to order your flares for the 2008 season. All details including order forms are in the club house, downloadable from the web site, or by e-mail to bosun@nwvyc.org.uk.

Dickies Discount Hour.

Another 'don't forget' for your diary – Saturday 16th February, 5.30pm. 15% off all general chandlery, 10% off engine spares. Over



£750 of advance orders have already been placed! The 15% discount will cover items such as ropes, anti-foulings, pyrotechnics, standard anodes, lubricants, winches, blocks, pulleys and all other deck hardware, fenders and clothing.

If you require an item not included in the 15% discount, do your research on competitors pricing and bring it along to the event, where Dickies will try and match if not beat the price you have if you order it at the event (I can personally vouch for that). See the December Venturer for full details, or contact the Bosun – bosun@nwvyc.org.uk, or telephone 01785 613161.

NWVYC Boat Jumble

Have you got the date in your diary? Saturday, 22nd March (Easter weekend) at the clubhouse. Pitches are free, bring

your own table. Donations of 10% of your takings will be collected for the Beaumaris Crew Lifeboat fund.

Club Yearbook advertising

We have had a really good response from local businesses to advertise in the club yearbook, and advertising revenue for this yearbook is on track to be at least double what it was in 2007, although there have been some surprising refusals to advertise, despite the company probably getting a fair bit of business from NWVYC members. It really is important for all members to make sure they mention NWVYC when using a local marine business, or associated business (e.g. takeaway) so that they recognise the club when we approach them to advertise, or realise that their advert is paying dividends.

Polymarine

Polymarine advise that they still have stock of their SP53 anti-fouling, which didn't perform badly in my 2007 anti foul test (see May and October Venturer). The cost is £27.00 for a 2.5litre tin, contact Polymarine at Colwyn Bay on 01492 583322 and mention NWVYC.

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New Admiralty Leisure folio covering Northern Ireland - Carlingford Lough to Lough Foyle. A total of 24 charts covering the N Ireland coast from Dublin up to Bloody Foreland, across to Farland Head and back down again to Holyhead including the southern part of the Isle of Man. A sample should be available at the February winter event. Note that the Admiralty Leisure Folios have increased in price to £42 (RRP), members price £34.50, an increase on the members price of £1.50.

Prices for 2008 are available on the club notice board, or via the club web site, Bosuns Store section.

Enclosed you will find a leaflet from Ensign Systems, the contents of which are self explanatory. They have had 300 of these leaflets printed, and NWVYC have received 170 of them, so its a good chance that an NWVYC member will win!

David Clough

Sailing Training

Frank Barber is a local retired Yachtmaster Instructor who lives up on Cae Mair. He is offering his services if anyone wants to go out on a day sail and build up confidence. Frank can be contacted on 01248 811263.

WHERE WILL YOU BE SAILING THIS SUMMER?

When sailing between Cardigan Bay and Northern Skye on yacht Blanche I kept an extensive artists record, and have now reproduced the original paintings as cards and A4 prints. I will bring samples along to most of the club events so feel free to browse at your leisure. You will find more information pinned on the club notice board, or you may email me at rodger@uwclub.net

Chris Rodger



Manchester Cruising Club Events

The Manchester Cruising Club is moving to a new venue at Hough End Centre, Mauldeth Road West, Chorlton, M21 7SX which is very easily accessible from the M56. NWWYC members are very welcome as guests (there is a £5 visitors fee) but the membership is only £25 and we hope that some may consider joining us.

There are already a number of dual memberships but quite a few other NWWYC members live in the north west and may not know what they're missing. For more information see our web-site :- www.manca.org.uk

14th February

Douglas Robertson ,The Last Voyage of the Lucette

13th March

Tom Cunliffe, Topic to be announced

10th April

Charles & Elizabeth, CA Baltic Rally 2006

Sent to the Venturer Editors by Terry McGaul

Caption Competition

If you have an idea about what is happening in this picture, please send in your suggestions for the above picture to the editors. The winner will receive a highly prized £10 Bosuns' Store voucher to spend as they see fit.

North Wales Boat Show 25th to 27th July 2008 at the Vaynol Estate

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