

## **CYC WINTER TALKS PROGRAMME – 2012**

All talks start at 1945. Bar open from 1915. Coordinated by Tony Head Tel 01752-550708

- Friday 13 January           **THE SAILING OLYMPICS**
- Tim Cross, RYA Regional Club Coach, will brief us on the background to, and the arrangements for, the sailing events in the 2012 Olympics at Weymouth. Please give our UK sailors every support from the touch line!
- Friday 27 January           **EARLY KEYBOARD INSTRUMENTS BY CANDLELIGHT**
- Marsha Head will bring a clavichord, harpsichord and a 1797 square piano from her collection of early keyboard instruments, to play for us by candlelight. She will describe, and illustrate with enjoyable music from their respective periods, how these delicate and lovely instruments have evolved into the power of the modern concert grand piano.
- Friday 10 February           **THE AVRO VULCAN V-BOMBER**
- Flying experiences and a personal view on the history and political background of this iconic British delta wing aircraft - by Nick Fox
- Friday 24 February           **NATHANS AT PLAY**
- Annemarie describes happy adventures and experiences sailing in the Mediterranean and to the USA in their catamaran HI-FI.
- Friday 9 March               **CRUISER EVENING – CRUISING THE WEST COUNTRY OR CROSSING THE CHANNEL FOR THE FIRST TIME**
- An interactive seminar given by Chris Stone, Nick Fox, Bill Anderson, & Tony Head. The aim of this evening is confidence building for members and their crews who want to cruise our lovely West Country coast or cross the channel for the first time. The panel will describe the local cruising and channel area, and cover topics such as preparation of the boat and crew, passage planning, conduct underway, entering a new harbour for the first time, and the delights ashore. The audience will be invited to carry out a practical passage planning exercise and should bring along a local coastal or channel chart, together with a tidal stream atlas/almanac/pilot, Breton plotter or parallel ruler, pencils, dividers etc. More experienced members are encouraged to attend and contribute to the evening. To finish, Bill Anderson will pose one of his famous Yachting Monthly style "Questions of Seamanship" to tax our brains and provoke discussion. Following from this evening, it may be possible to arrange individual briefing sessions and a "buddy" to help members build up and consolidate experience.
- Friday 23 March               **THE RNLI SEA CHECK SCHEME & LIFEJACKET INSPECTIONS**
- By new member, Jasper Graham-Jones, Lifeboat Sea Safety Officer, Looe.
- Members should consider having an RNLI Sea Check carried out of their vessels as good preparation for the forthcoming season; these checks are informal, discrete and free of charge. Jasper will introduce the RNLI's scheme and discuss ideas and recommendations for the safety and equipping of our boats. Also he will discuss RNLI procedures and operational matters. Bring along your lifejackets too for inspection and test during the evening. Afterwards Jasper will be delighted to take Sea Check bookings on an individual or group basis, and advise members as required.

Wednesday and Thursday **VISITS TO LONGROOM PORT CONTROL ROOM**  
15 & 16 February

Visits have been arranged to the Longroom Port Control for 15 & 16 February at 14:00 for parties of 12 on each day. The visits will be for about an hour and we will be briefed on the Port of Plymouth and the work of Longroom. They will be an opportunity to appreciate and discuss the problems of yachts sailing in close vicinity to deep draught naval and merchant vessels in the Sound. Access to the Longroom will be via the Camber Gate into the Royal Marines Barracks, Stonehouse.

Bids to Tony Head are invited from members of the club **by 10 February latest** (preferably by email or text to 07885-914148, alternatively call (01752-550708). Please include your full name, and make, model, colour and VRN of car for security clearance purposes. Also include your preferred visit date; ideally indicate that either day will suit, to give the organiser maximum flexibility in arranging parties. Confirmation of security clearance and full visit joining instructions will be sent out on Monday 13 February.

If the visits are over-subscribed, further visits will be arranged in early March.

If visits are under-subscribed, the invitation will be extended to other yacht clubs and interested parties to fill places.

**To be announced**

**VISITS**

Visits are being arranged to the University of Plymouth's Bridge Simulator, and nuclear submarine HMS COURAGEOUS. Details will be announced shortly, and bookings will be taken in due course.