



# PPCA Newsletter

## March 2019

## Introduction

Welcome to March's Newsletter. This month, it's a bit of a Terry special as he's contributed most of the articles including some future events and a blast from the past. I'm sure modesty prevented him mentioning the photo competition as well but please do remember to vote and please remember the Skittles Evening when the winner will be announced.

## Editorial

As some of you may have noticed, I've decided to give the Newsletter a bit of a spring clean. Don't worry, all your old favourites will still be here, just not necessarily in the same places. A new feature is that the Newsletter will have a different cover each month featuring pictures from club events in the preceding weeks.

The new format has been extensively tested on a hand picked focus group and their views have been either incorporated or ignored. Hope everyone likes it.

Incidentally, having carefully edited the club logo so that the monthly pictures could be seen through it, I discovered that I had accidentally left white space where the paddler's face should be. Turning this to my advantage, I wondered if anyone would care to nominate a paddler whose face could appear here. We could have a different paddler each month. A photo in roughly the right orientation would be appreciated.

Ivor Jones  
Newsletter Editor

## Next Committee Meeting

Please forward any items you would like considered at the next committee meeting to [secretary@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk). They will go to the secretary.

## Next Edition

There is no specific deadline as such for contributions but please bear in mind my general sloth and indolence and let me have anything time-sensitive well in advance.

## Contributions

Please send any contributions to [newsletter@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk)

## Acknowledgements

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## News

### Sea Kayak Trip to Penzance by Mary McArdle, Terry Calcott, Pete Anderson etc...

Dear fellow sea paddlers.

I'm pleased to announce that another dedicated sea kayak trip to Penzance will be run this year on the weekend Friday 10th May to Sunday 12th May. Accommodation will be in Penzance Youth Hostel in dormitories and the cost for the stay will be approximately £40 plus meals. The paddling will kindly be led by Terry. For those who have not paddled this part of the coast before it makes for stunning paddling in a very scenic area of Cornwall.



It is hoped to run a few training paddles from Mount Batten in April for those that are a bit rusty in sea kayaks. The paddling at Penzance can be anything from the very calm to the interesting, depending on the weather conditions.

Please register your interest on the forum or club Facebook page or email Mary at

marymca@btinternet.com as soon as possible. The group is limited to 12 so be quick!

Any questions about the paddling aspects please contact Terry at [terryc1@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:terryc1@blueyonder.co.uk)

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Note from the Equipment Officer: I am reserving the clubs four Atlantic sea kayaks for the event. Any member requiring one of the Atlantic kayaks please message me. As always it is first come first served.

### Easter Paddle, Saturday 20th April from Wembury Beach by Terry Calcott

The Easter paddle will start & finish from Wembury beach. Meet at the beach car park (GR 518484), ready to paddle for 10:30, (0930 at Mountbatten for club equipment).

It has become a PPCA tradition over the years that paddlers dress in some form of Easter theme. We also have a communal feast of Easter food to share with each other. Details will be posted on the forum nearer the date. Where we paddle from will still be dependent on the weather/sea conditions on the day (if inclement it will be from MB).



## PPCA Introduction to Sea Kayaking by Terry Calcott

Over the past few years I have organised some Introduction to Sea Kayaking sessions for the club. I am looking at running another series of sessions to run sometime in March / April. They will probably be on a Saturday but days and dates can be flexible once I know numbers. If you have wanted to try sea kayaks out but never had the opportunity now is your chance. The sessions are aimed at those club members who already have some paddling skills but are novice sea kayakers. The sessions are also suitable for club members who have been in sea kayaks but want to brush up on the basics skills. Due to limited time the sessions are about transferring the paddling skills you already have and using them in sea kayaks. We will cover some theory and a lot of practical aspects of sea paddling, culminating with a sea paddle somewhere in the sound.

If you are interested please contact me so I can see if the interest is there to organise some sessions.

Club sea kayaks are available for use or bring along your own if you have one, if you would like to book a place and a boat or have any questions please let me know by email [terryc1@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:terryc1@blueyonder.co.uk) or telephone 07828 652775.



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**DIARY DATE – Thu 21st Mar 2019**

**The Port of Plymouth Canoeing Association Presents:**

**The PPCA Photo Competition Winners Announcement**

**Followed by**

**An evening of old fashioned pub skittles!**

**Thu 21st Mar 2019**

**Lee Moor Public Hall, Plymouth, PL7 5JR**

**Doors & bar open at 1900hrs**

**Winners presentation at 1915hrs**

**Food served 1930 – 2000hrs (at personal cost)**

**@2015hrs commence skittles, Hall closes at 2200hrs**



An evening of drama and excitement! The announcement of the winner and runner-up of this year's photo competition (many thanks to Terry for organising) followed by games of good old fashioned skittles!

Food will be available, at the beginning of March we will circulate a menu, ask you to choose your dish and make a payment, food should cost @£5 per head. It will be pub type food e.g. sausage and chips etc.. Vegan & vegetarian options will be available. If you have specific requests please let me know.



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## **DIARY DATE – PADDLEFEST 2019**



### **WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?**

The South West Paddle Fest is family festival all about meeting up in the great outdoors and having fun, camping, enjoying a paddle regardless of craft or ability and meeting new friends all whilst raising money for charity!

### **WHO IS IT FOR?**

All kayakers, canoeists, stand up paddle board enthusiasts, walkers, hikers, campers, brothers, sisters, aunties, uncles, grandparents and even the dog as long as it's well behaved. Encourage your friends, there's plenty to do and there's plenty of room!

### **WHERE IS IT BEING HELD?**

Mount Edgcumbe Country Park, Cornwall, PL10 1HZ situated on the breath taking South East Peninsula of Cornwall

### **TICKETS**

Discounted tickets are available from the PPCA Club Treasurer, price on application, please email: [treasurer@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk)

FURTHER INFORMATION AT <http://www.southwestpaddlefest.com/>

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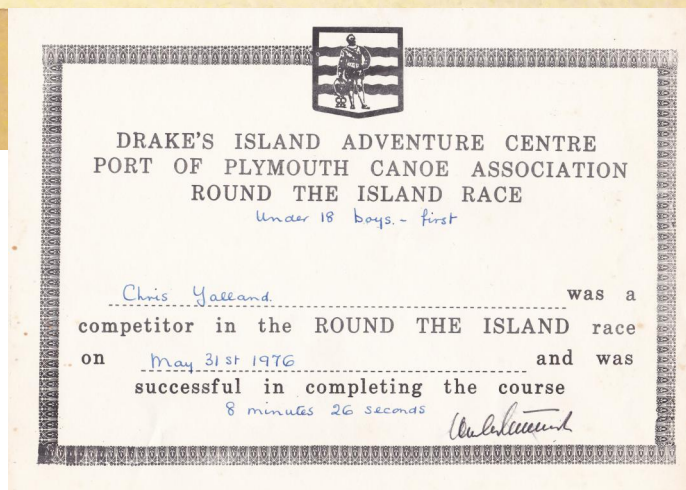
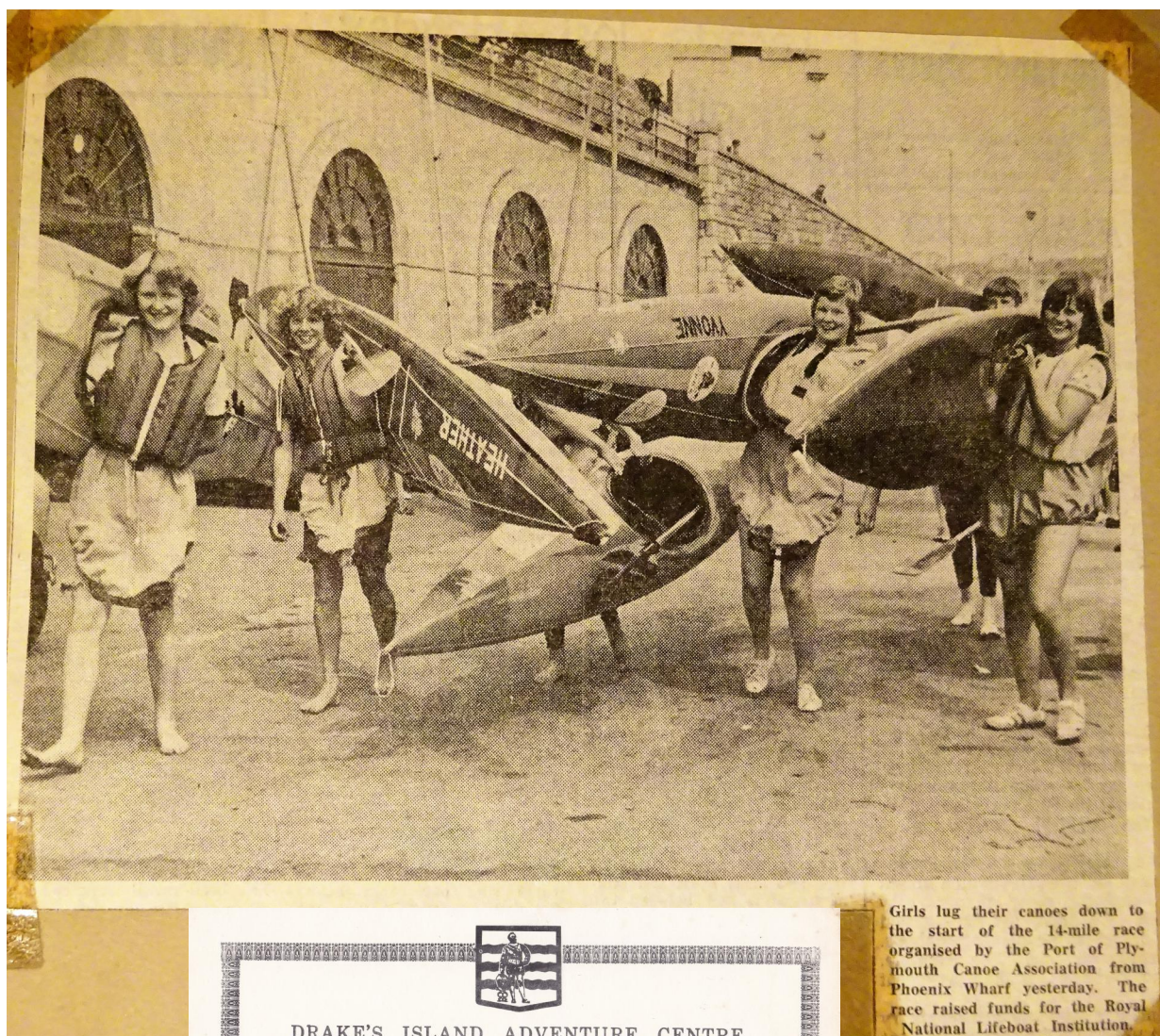


## Features

### PPCA Club History by Terry Calcott

I was fortunate to get in contact recently with Chris Yalland a club member from the early days. He was a member in his late teens during the 1970s along with other members of his family. His mother was also on the club committee at the time in the role of treasurer. Chris very kindly loaned me his scrapbook, photos and certificates from his time with the PPCA. It is a wealth of information especially his coaching logbook which details the club trips during this period in our history. I will be sending a small selection of some of the contents from his collection for inclusion in the next few editions of the newsletter. The rest I have scanned and will be putting into the club history archive.

I also managed to go out on a paddle with Chris and pick his brains about his recollections of his time with the club. Fascinating hearing about his paddling experiences at the time.



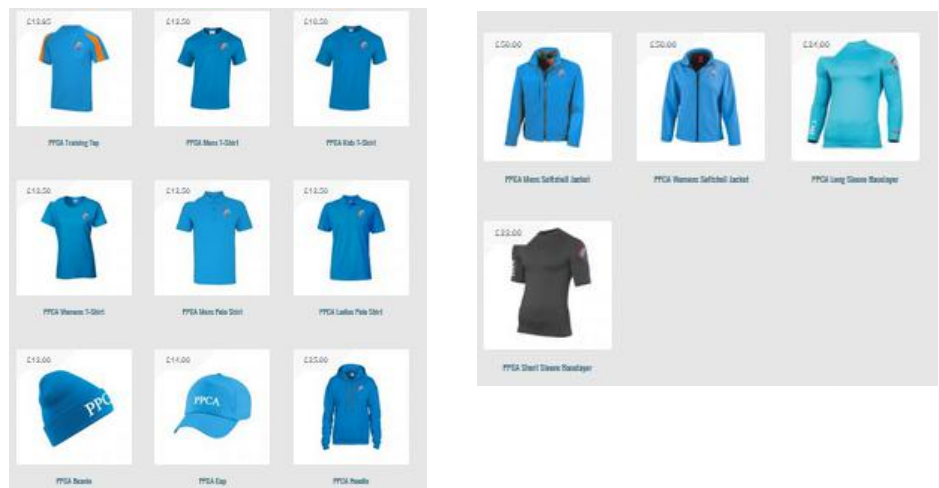
Girls lug their canoes down to the start of the 14-mile race organised by the Port of Plymouth Canoe Association from Phoenix Wharf yesterday. The race raised funds for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

## Exchange and Mart

### PPCA Club Clothing by Jackie Perry, Publicity Officer

A full range of customised kit in either blue or black is available to order direct from Tailored Branding via the link below

<https://hsclothing.co.uk/ppca-3/>



### Discount Available at Millets, 38/40 New George St, Plymouth PL1 1RW

One of our members works in the Millets store (Big 'Thank you' to Lee McKenzie!) on New George Street, Plymouth and has negotiated with his Manager a great discount of 15% on production of your PPCA club membership card. Usual T's & C's apply, e.g. goods already discounted/sales items might be excluded.

### Discount Available at Kayaks and Paddles

Kayaks and paddles offer discount to local kayak and canoe clubs. The PPCA and Tamar Canoe club can get a discount up to 15%. This is an offer not a right for the person that is making a purchase, so please do not go upsetting Kayaks and Paddles employees as this discount might be taken away.



## Club Calendar

### For the Diary

21st March - Skittles and Photo Competition Winner

10th to 12th May - Penzance trip

1st to 2nd June - Paddlefest

### White Water (Sundays)

3rd March - Ken Hamblin

10th March - Clive Ashford

17th March - Doug Sitch

24th March - Chris Doidge

31st March - TBC

### Pool Sessions (Fridays)

1st March

5th April

### Recreational Paddles (Saturdays)

9th March - TBC

16th March - Terry Calcott

23rd March - Andy Kittle

30th March - Bob Grose

6th April - Clive Ashford (Sea Paddle)

13th April - Terry Calcott

20th April - Andy Kittle

27th April - Bob Grose

### White Water Open Boats (Sundays)

10th March - Ian Brim

### Courses

6th April - Paddle Start - Ian Brim

### Evening Sessions (Tuesdays)

2nd April      Discover Award - Pete Anderson  
                    Explore Award Sea -  
                    Late Start - Ian Brim  
                    Rec Paddle - Joy Ashford

16th April     Discover Award - Pete Anderson  
                    Explore Award Sea -  
                    Late Start - Ian Brim  
                    Rec Paddle - Joy Ashford

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