



# MBSC NEWS SHEET

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## CHRISTMAS TREES with a sailing connection!

If you were asked to decorate a small Christmas tree in the theme of "The Sailing Club" what ideas would you come up with? Last year the Club participated in the Marazion, All Saint's Church Christmas Tree event which invited Marazion community groups and organizations to sponsor and decorate a tree in the theme of their interest or activity.

The "Sailing Club" tree from 2008 can be seen below and this year the event is bigger and better and will be available for the public to visit over a longer period of time starting on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. There will be approximately 50 decorated trees in the Church this year so why not call in and see the creative Christmas exhibits.



## USE OF CLUBHOUSE BY MEMBERS FOR FUNCTIONS

You may have noticed that in recent years the Clubhouse has been increasingly used for special events by members. This is being encouraged, with some conditions, as it is a way to increase use of the Club and bar turnover. If you are interested there will be more details available shortly in an information leaflet, or speak to Joyce Darvell or Kate Baldwin.

**ROSIE CHAPMAN** - Congratulations to Rosie on recently being invited to join the Canadian Sailing Team as Head Coach for the Province of Nova Scotia. A fantastic opportunity and one for which Rosie is exceptionally well suited with her extensive experience of racing at Olympic class standard.



### **TEDDY BEAR** at large!

Do you know where this little chap can be found? He's a bit lonely at this time of year and if you want to check him out ask around in the Clubhouse.

**WINTER PROGRAMME** - The Winter programme is being planned at the moment so please regularly visit the Club web site to see what's happening. Paul Broomfield has been doing a brilliant job with the regular email circulations but if you know of any members on email who don't get them please let Paul know.

**NATIONALS** - We have recently started the planning for the 2010 Laser National Championships, to be held between 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August. Malcolm Woolcock is Chairman of the MBSC Committee, Roger Sparrow is our Championship Secretary and Jane Goodhead is Treasurer. David Howard has agreed to be Vice Chairman. The MBSC Championship team has had one meeting and we are beginning to put together the wider group of people for this major event. We will have two Olympic classes racing plus the 4.7's and with the Worlds in the UK a couple of weeks after our Championships we could easily get some overseas entries. This is going to be a large and challenging event and being just two years before the Olympics in Weymouth it will be a highly significant championship. If you would like to help please make yourself known!

## [SYDNEY HOBART RACE](http://www.rolexsydneyhobart.com) - [www.rolexsydneyhobart.com](http://www.rolexsydneyhobart.com)

This year again we have a special interest in the Sydney - Hobart Race which starts on Boxing Day. Lee Elliott has been racing an Osprey (760) in the MBSC fleet this year but is flying out to Australia to crew (foredeck) on an ex Chay Blyth's steel Challenger 67 "Adventurer of Hornet". Lee will be racing against RAF and Army entries for the inter services Oggin Cup as well as the other 113 yachts. "ICAP Leopard" with local connections is going for the triple. She's already been first on the water in the "Fastnet" and the "Middle Sea" races.



The third sailor of interest to us is Matt Jeffery who started sailing a Laser 4.7 just a few years ago at MBSC and is one of the five permanent crew of another 100 footer called "Rapture". The race crew numbers eighteen! The race for Matt and "Rapture" is part of a two year circumnavigation - we wish them all luck and will be following the race via the "Tracking" feature on the web site.

**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN THE GIANT XMAS CARD IN THE CLUBHOUSE!**  
It's in aid of a very worthwhile charity - thanks to Lesley and Molly.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR WITH  
GREAT MOUNTS BAY SAILING IN 2010.**