

ARMY SAILING ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT WOOLWICH OFFICERS MESS LONDON ON
WEDNESDAY 12th JANUARY 2011

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Apologies

Lt Gen Sir William Rollo
Maj Gen A Gregory
Brig J Donnelly
Brig A Davis
Brig A Bristow

Admiral
ASA Commodore
Vice Commodore Offshore
Commodore RLC YC
Commodore R Signals YC

Attendance:

Chaired by Brigadier Miles Wade
Maj Gen Christopher Elliot
Col Alex Tucker
Col John Sernburg
Col Peter Merriman
Lt Col Mark Smyth
Lt Col David Hinsley
Lt Col Tim Hill
Lt Col Jonti Clews

ASA Vice Commodore Inshore
DASCB
Rear Commodore Dinghies
Rear Commodore Germany
Rear Commodore Offshore
Rear Commodore Kitesurfing
Rear Commodore Windsurfing
Rear Commodore Offshore Racing
Manager/Secretary AOSC

56 other members, in total 66 members attended the AGM.

ITEM 1	<p><u>Welcome & Opening Comments</u></p> <p>1.1 Brigadier Wade the ASA Vice Commodore Inshore chaired the meeting. Both Lieutenant General Sir Bill Rollo the ASA Admiral and the new ASA Commodore Major General Andrew Gregory were unable to attend the meeting.</p> <p>1.2 Brigadier Wade welcomed all those attending, a very good turnout, he said the Flag Officers really appreciate everyone's efforts by attending the meeting. In particular he welcomed Alistair Gregory the Commodore of ASA Thorney Island Sailing Club (ASA TISC) the ASA TISC Vice Commodore, Liz Alder and Vaughan Marsh the Ops Manager for JSASTC.</p> <p>1.3 Lieutenant General Sir Bill Rollo the wished to pass on his congratulations and thanks to everyone for organising and participating in an absolutely outstanding seasons sailing. The Commodore, Major General David Rutherford-Jones for the last 5 years has now handed over the baton to Major General Andrew Gregory. Major General Rutherford-Jones has made a huge personal contribution to Army Sailing in particular, bringing British Soldier into the ASA fold and the rationalisation and developments of Inshore sailing. Major General Gregory is an offshore sailor and windsurfer, he is delighted to take up the ASA Commodore reins, he is currently DG Pers, Chairman of</p>	
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the ASCB and will shortly take over from Major General Rutherford-Jones as the Military Secretary. All three work in a tough busy environment, but they work harder to promote Army Sailing in a world class Army and the message of encourage grass roots sailing and take a novice applies to all.

1.4 We are in a difficult environment. UK Combat withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2015 will no doubt ease the operational tempo. However, as we move towards this point in time it will get busier and we should expect an upsurge in violence. Our people expect quality time when not deployed on operations. SDSR has to play its part in reducing the country's budget deficit. There will be no additional public funds. Manpower will be scrutinised, Germany's withdrawal will be speeded up, and this will impact on the sailing clubs and sailing assets held in Germany. It will also increase the demand on the UK sailing clubs.

1.5 Where does that leave sailing? Be assured the highest level of the Army and Services are engaged. Sailing, as are other sports and AT, is a very important development, recovery and retention tool, its worth is fully recognised and it is significant. To keep sailing in the Army on track and developing we must not be complacent. We must work together and work hard. We must present a united front with good team work across the board. Our plans must meet the challenges ahead. These are important messages that we ignore at our peril.

1.6 In advance on behalf of the Admiral, Commodore and Flag Officers I thank you all for your hard work, and ask you all to encourage and counsel others to get involved with sailing and use our excellent facilities and equipment.

ITEM 2

Apologise and Matters Arising

2.1 The Secretary read out the apologies.

2.2 The following matters arising from the 2010 minutes were brought to the member's attention.

- a. The Management and Strategy (M&S) plan has been issued; additional copies are available from the ASA office. The M&S plan will be updated in autumn 2011.
- b. The Army have now run the first Inshore Battle Back Course at AISTC(S) this was a very successful event and more will follow.
- c. It is expected the ASA will be a registered charity by Easter 2011
- d. Another plug for the REME 707's, they have two 707's, for charter details contact REME Bosun on his Mobile; 07881 920 295.
- e. BKYC have sold their old Hallberg Rassy (HR) fleet and the new fleet will be at BKYC March 2011.

- f. JSASTC now has new classrooms and facilities.
- g. Major Jerry Smith RE is the ASA Offshore Project Officer.
- h. Lt Emma Clarke who was awarded the Barry Trophy last year was selected for the Elliott Class Olympic Squad, Emma didn't make the final cut, but an outstanding effort by Emma, very well done.
- i. The Injured Service persons offshore pathway is led by the RN and is developing slowly. Out on a Limb, the Infantry SA initiative led by Major Tim Morris is making progress training the injured to sail offshore.

2.3 The AGM members agreed the 2010 minutes were a true reflection of the meeting.

ITEM 3

ASA Council Meeting Decisions

3.1 The following decisions and points were made on your behalf by the ASA Council at their meeting on the 3rd December 2010. The Council approved the following grants to disciplines:

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| a. Offshore | - | £3,000 |
| b. British Soldier | - | £4,750 |
| c. Dinghy | - | £3,000 |
| d. AISTC(S) | - | £3,000 |
| e. Windsurfing | - | £2,500 |
| f. Kitesurfing | - | £500 |
| g. Commodores Reserve | - | £3,000 |

All were requested to note that these grants, that benefit all non public sailing, can only be awarded if current membership numbers are maintained and improved. ASA membership is by far the cheapest club membership at just £10.00 a year. Please encourage new members, an application is attached.

3.2. The Council approved the 2010 production and funding of the ASA journal.

3.3 The Council approved the AISTC(S)/ASA TISC (Thorney Island) Floating pontoon plans.

3.4 The Council approved the ASA plans for Inshore Injured Service personnel sailing at AISTC(S) where the Army have the service's lead.

3.5 Rear Commodore Offshore requested Corps Yacht clubs to comment on the following:

<p>ITEM 4</p>	<p>a. A proposal to reduce the number of non-public fund hull grants each year, this should then have the benefit of increasing the size of grants awarded when Corps purchase a replacement yacht.</p> <p>b. Corps to nominate race committee members to assist with the ASA and SOR regattas.</p> <p>c. A suggestion was made by the RAYC of adopting a standardised yacht throughout the various Corp Yacht Clubs, the J109 was the suggested yacht.</p> <p>d. He asked Corps to confirm if there is an appetite for future Cat O Offshore Expeditions using the JSASTC Challenge 67 fleet.</p> <p>3.6 The Commodore said Towergate Wilson, who donate money to assist Army Sailing, were developing a proposal for ASA Fleet insurance. He asked that members and Corps Yacht Clubs give Towergate a fair chance when considering yacht insurance.</p> <p>3.7 The Commodore spoke about Team Army, an initiative underway and lead by GOC 4 Div, Major General Lamont Kirkland. Team Army aims to acquire Commercial donations for the benefit of Army Sport. Proceeding with caution the ASA are in agreement with this initiative.</p> <p>3.8 All Council members were reminded to use the excellent ASA website. It is easy to access: Google 'sailarmy' all one word and you are into this easy to navigate site.</p> <p><u>AISTC(S) Thorney Island Development Plan</u></p> <p><u>4.1 Progress Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project co-ordinator appointed, Mr Rod Edge. • Project Steering Group appointed, meet as required. • Preliminary assessment by Battle Back of AISTC(S) facilities. Pilot course 18-20 Jan 11 • Project reviewed by Project co-ordinator <p><u>4.2 3 Stage Solution</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve access to the water for all including injured soldiers, sail training central 325k is the capital investment. 2. Provide a new sail training centre including injured soldiers. 3. Improve shoreside facilities, classrooms and changing rooms. <p><u>4.3 Stage 1 – Improve access to the water for all including Injured soldiers</u></p>	
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- User requirement refined, number of options, wide Pontoon.
- Project funding of £252,700 obtained from ASCB.
- Potentially remaining £100,000 from DE LF and ASA TISC.
- 2 Locations for pontoons identified subject to requirement for mudflat reclamation.
- Installation projected for summer 2011.
- Not economical to develop concrete slipway.

4.4 Stage 2 – Provide a new Sail Training Centre

- Potential funding of £1m from non – public funding sources, declared Army’s main non public fund project.
- Initial design assistance already provided by a private contractor at no extra cost.
- Preliminary discussions with Chichester Conservancy and Natural England to meet ecological and planning constraints.
- Design split into 2 phases to match funding availability and planning requirements, no funding in place, we do not progress.
- Further refinement of design to be progresses in due course.
- Potential contractors identified.
- Further funders to be identified.
- Construction projected for summer 2012.

4.5 Stage 3 – Improve shoreside facilities

- user requirements to be refined, classrooms changing rooms etc.

ITEM 5

TREASURER’S REPORT TO THE ASA AGM.

General

5.1 This has been an exceptionally busy year in which preparations have been made to ensure that the accounts are compliant with Charity Commission requirements. With the removal of previous Service Charity exemptions, the ASA is now required to register with the Charity Commission in order to retain charitable status. This has required a number of actions. Members will recall that at last year’s AGM, the updated ASA Constitution and associated Rules and Byelaws were presented and approved. Following on from this, a new accounts software package has now been introduced. Not only does this reduce the duplication of accounting effort previously needed in the ASA office, but it has provided better information to Flag Officers and enabled the end of year accounts to be produced in a more accurate and timely fashion than hitherto.

5.2 The submission of these audited accounts to the Charity Commission will enable the registration process to be completed, and for the ASA to obtain a Charity Registration Number. This will be of particular benefit as plans mature for the redevelopment of the inshore centre at Thorney Island.

Audit

5.3 The ASA turnover is too high to allow for purely an internal regimental style audit. Rather than a having a full independent audit by a commercial firm (at some significant cost), the Charity Commission rules allow for the accounts to have an 'Independent Examination'. Whilst this is not as rigorous as a full audit, it is appropriate for an account of this type. Members of Management Accountancy Services (Army), who as qualified Chartered Management Accountants are able to undertake this work, agreed to take on the examination of the 2009/10 accounts and their report has confirmed both that the level of detail in the accounts presented meets the requirements of the Charity Commission and that there are no material irregularities that need to be brought to the attention of ASA Members or the Charity Commission.

5.4 In addition, the examination team were asked to review all aspects of the financial management and processes in place within the ASA. They have produced a helpful report which will actioned in the coming year to ensure that the ASA continues to apply best practice in these vital areas.

Accounts

5.5 A copy of the 2009/10 accounts will be available on the ASA website shortly. Overall, the General Purpose Fund made a small excess of income over expenditure in the year. Income from both investments and grants remains steady and the Flag Officers have kept a firm grip on expenditure.

5.6 Membership subscriptions did not increase as anticipated, given the large number of service personnel attending courses at affiliated establishments, and all affiliated clubs are asked to encourage all participants in Army sailing to join the ASA. Membership will remain unchanged at £10 for the coming year. Similarly, the changes announced to affiliation fees last year to reflect the changed shape and size of the Army have made these more equitable and will remain the same for 2011. They will be reviewed again for 2012 to ensure that any structural changes arising from SDSR are reflected.

5.7 Members have continued to benefit from the significant discounts offered on sailing clothing purchased through the ASA and the trading profit that this activity makes has enabled grants to disciplines to be maintained at the same level as previously.

5.8 Given the plans for Thorney Island, a separate sub-account has been created to ensure that visibility of income and expenditure is maintained. At the Council meeting it was agreed that the current discipline grants were appropriate in the current climate and that they would be maintained at this level for the coming year.

5.9 Overall, new assets have reduced by just £5,000 to £308,545. Given that these figures include a depreciation charge of £51,500 on British Soldier, it is evident that the ASA is in good financial health. Assets include £182,000 of tangible

property including British Soldier and a fleet of dinghies and a further £75,000 of investments. The Commodore and Flag Officers are determined to ensure further investment in the Inshore Centre at Thorney Island is matched by grants or other income so that the over all viability of ASA is not threatened.

5.10 There were 2 questions for the Treasurer.

- a. Commander AT (G) LF Col Eddie. Once Charity Status is established will we be able to claim a 40% donation on membership applications?
- b. DASC. Will we be able to purchase hulls VAT free?

Transglobe Presentation

ITEM 6

6.1 Major Jerry Smith RE who was the Army Transglobe Project Office gave an excellent presentation on the whole Transglobe Exercise. After some 550 service men and women including the injured had sailed safely around the world in 3 x JSASTC Challenge 67 yachts. The adventure is now closed, all bills paid, many life changing experiences had by crews and the majority coming back from demanding sailing encountered a better person someone who has faced the really tough elements offered by the various oceans, sometimes weeks away from the nearest land and working hard long hours as a team have returned safely to tell the tale.

6.2 Jerry was thanked for his dedication and selfless use of his own time in helping make this outstanding exercise work.

ITEM 7

Rear Commodore Dinghy Report

7.1 Col Alex Tucker presented his final RC Dinghies report after 5 years in post.

7.2 This has been another mixed season for Dinghy, Mermaid and SB3 sailing. On the one hand we disappointed at the Victory Trophy, the Gold and Conningham Cup competition was cancelled and we had a poor turn out for the Lagos Trophy, but on the other hand those sailing at Sea View enjoyed a good season, the Laser SB3's took part in active campaigns and we won the Inter Service Dinghy Team Racing Championships. Perhaps most importantly, our relationship with ASA Thorney Island Sailing Club (TISC) is maturing and our future at Thorney Island looks bright.

7.3 Thorney Island Water Sports Centre. The Army Inshore Sail Training Centre (South) (AISTC(S)) has had a busy season supporting a full training and racing programme. There have been a number of personnel issues which have required careful handling – Although not entirely friction free, the relationship with ASA TISC is also developing positively. The construct of TIWSC changed significantly over the last couple of months in a positive way and forward thinking progress has been made.

7.4 Dinghy Racing. We were once again beaten in the Victory

Trophy by the Navy. Those Corps and Regiments who have chosen to keep their inshore regattas at Sea View have had a good season. Sadly the Army lost the match against SVYC. Having decided last year to compete for the Gold and Conningham Cups in Laser SB3, the RAF left it too late to organise and then regrettably cancelled the event. The Lagos Trophy was poorly attended; the REME prevailing over the RA, the only other team to turn out. In the Inter Service Team Racing Championships the Army A team took the honours with the Army B Team coming a creditable fourth. On the individual circuit Emma Clarke has been part of the Olympic squad, she didn't make it into the top spot, she has learned a lot, and the RYA is very pleased with her progress. The Army also provided a good turn out in the Laser 2K Nationals where they built on the excellent foundations that were established last year. Individuals have also competed on the open circuit.

7.5 SB3. All three Army SB3s have been campaigned this year. Sadly the vision of a tri-Service SB3 fleet has failed to materialise, and after a change in RAF Rear Commodore Dinghies it has now moved further away rather than nearer. They nonetheless represent exciting sailing and a lot of individuals are learning a lot from sailing this craft.

7.6 Col Alex said, this is my last year as Rear Commodore Dinghies, and would like to take this opportunity to wish the ASA Flag Officers the very best for the future.

7.7 The Vice Commodore on behalf of all the members thanked Col Alex for his huge contribution and we all hope to see more of him out on the water sailing rather than organising.

ITEM 8

Rear Commodore Windsurfing Report

8.1 Lt Col Hinsley RAMC said 2010 has been another busy year. Most events were blessed with good wind and good turnouts. In addition to the usual events, a highly successful event was held in Dahab, aimed at novice intermediate sailors and the Forces Windsurfing Challenge, circumnavigating the Isle of Wight, was conducted in September 2010. A calendar of events for 2011 has been compiled and is attached to the windsurfing challenge brief.

8.2 Racing continues to be of a high standard. Following on from last year, Intermediate racing has run concurrently with all events, Jon Metcalfe, Army windsurfing manager, has again taken on this role.

8.3 Army Championships Hayling Island July 2010. Good winds produced some exciting racing with a close finish. New army sailor, Pte Dan Skudder (RLC) sailed exceptionally well to finish a close second to Major Gareth Baker. Major Steve Jones finished in 3rd place. The top 5 places were only separated by 8 points. The intermediate championship was won by Bdr Barnes (RA) The Army team championship was won convincingly by the Royal Artillery with the Royal Engineers finishing second.

<p>ITEM 9</p>	<p>8.4 Pte Skudder is an Army Champion 2010 and will be a huge asset to the team at the forthcoming Joint Services Championships.</p> <p>8.5 Inter-services Speed Sailing Championships – Oct 2010. The Army won the Inter Service speed week 2010.</p> <p>8.6 Joint Services Windsurfing Championships Oct 23rd/24th 2010. The Army won the Joint Service Windsurfing Championship. This is the first time the Army have won all the Joint Service events. Outstanding.</p> <p>8.7 Training Thorney Island. Courses at Thorney Island continue to be very popular. Start courses remain completely filled. Intermediate windsurfing courses, held at the centre, are not always full and this presents the main challenge for Army windsurfing in the future.</p> <p>8.8 Dahab training expedition – Feb 2010. In keeping with our aim to train up our intermediate sailors we elected to run a training course in Dahab. Dahab is a predominantly flat water venue with a large reef offering protection from the rolling swell of the Red Sea. February, not normally the best month for wind, however this fitted in with our training and racing schedule and fortunately the wind gods did not disappoint. The exped was organised by Maj Jon Fraddley R Sigs, Jon Metcalfe attended to provide additional instruction. Thirty sailors of varying rank and standard attended the course which was a great success and on this basis, interest permitting may be run again in 2 years time.</p> <p>8.9 The Future. Windsurfing remains a popular sport and we are committed to developing our intermediate sailors in order that the sport continues to thrive. Clive Grant taking over as race officer has been a huge advantage, he has great expertise in this area. In addition, this has released Jon Metcalfe to focus on the novice and Intermediate sailors.</p> <p>8.10 <u>Forces Windsurfing Challenge</u></p> <p>Lt Col Gareth Baker gave an excellent presentation on the Forces Windsurfing Challenge. Organised by the Army, teams from all 3 services competing in was equivalent to 2 back to back marathons. Over 50K was raised for Service Charities. A summary is attached to these minutes.</p> <p><u>Rear Commodore Kite Surfing Report</u></p> <p>9.1 Events The final formal event of the 2010 Season was the Inter-Services Championships 21-24 October 2010. Held at Westward Ho! and supported by the British Kitesurfing Association (BKSA), the Navy went onto win and their team was made up mainly of local marines. Our notable highlights include; running 8 formal training courses and a number of informal training sessions, significantly increasing our instructor pool and organising and competing in a host of competitions. The Inter-Services Cross Channel Race was a real success and we have</p>	
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even been supporting Richard Branson on his own Cross Channel Kitesurfing Challenge.

9.2 Funding Equipment: We have submitted a claim for an equipment grant. This grant will enable us to rotate our training equipment and ensure that all training is undertaken in a safe and suitable manner. Kitesurfing ASA grant (£500): This money has been spent on a range of activities including; provision of safety cover at the Army Championships and assistance for instructor fees.

9.3 Training, a BKSA Instructor Course was completed in Feb 2010 – 5 Army candidates passed the course. An IKO Instructor Course was completed in Aug – 2 Army candidates passed the course. There are now 7 qualified instructors in support of Army Kitesurfing. We have run three 5 day BKSA courses at AISTC this season all have been oversubscribed proving a very popular sport with our young soldiers; the courses were run at West Wittering and Hayling. In addition, a further 5 training courses have been delivered at 14 Sigs Regt (Newgale), Poole and Exmouth. A formal student database is now in place. We have certified 23 individuals as either IKO or BKSA qualified this season. Jon Metcalfe is now a BKSA Senior Instructor He is seeking BKSA centre recognition of AISTC as an approved BKSA training centre ready for the start of next season. The intention is to run another Army BKSA Instructor Course this year. This will increase the instructor pool by another 4 – 6 individuals. The course program for 2011 has an aspiration to run up to 6 BKSA courses at AISTC and distributed training elsewhere.

We plan to approach the new Harbour Master (Chichester) regarding kite surfing in the Thorney Island vicinity. This would greatly assist our provision of training costs at a reduced cost. We are currently scoping a Training Expedition for later this season.

9.4 A list of slides is attached to this report.

Rear Commodore Germany Report.

ITEM 10

10.1 Rear Commodore Germany Col Johnny Sternberg reported that both the Dummersee & Mohnesee Sail Training Centre's have been running at full capacity this last season. The contribution to ops and team cohesion is immensely valued by the Brigade Commanders and the 2 GOC's.

10.2 The Roermond Sailing Club will continue operating to meet the demand for at least next season.

10.3 The BKYC new fleet of Hallberg Rassey 342 will be delivered by an AT exercise 6-16 march 2011 weather permitting. CDS will name the yachts on 18th March. 2011. It is anticipated the next turnover of the fleet will be in 4 years time.

10.4 Kitesurfing is alive and well in Germany. This activity is conducted on a civilian site fairly close to the Dummersee.

<p>ITEM 11</p>	<p>10.5 In summary both Inshore and Offshore Sailing in Germany is in good health and continues to provide a valuable recuperation and welfare tool to those serving in Germany. Courses will continue while there is demand.</p> <p><u>Rear Commodore Offshore Report</u></p> <p>11.1 The 2010 season has been an exciting one for the offshore community. The decision to split the Offshore discipline into two has achieved its primary purpose if allowing racing discipline to concentrate on establishing <i>British Soldier</i> as an internationally competitive “Flag Carrier” for the Army. A separate report by Rear Commodore (Offshore Racing) expands on this achievement.</p> <p>11.2 This division of responsibility has also challenged those of us involved in the non – racing “rest” of offshore activities.</p> <p>11.3 The 2010 season has included all of the, by now traditional events, as well as the product of some of this new thinking. A new Offshore Committee has been established in order to continue the trends establishes into 2011 and beyond. The Committee will report to the (re-named) Offshore Council made up of Rear Commodores Offshore of the Regimental and Corps Yacht Clubs.</p> <p>11.4 The main event of the season was the Army Offshore Regatta which was organised with great efficiency by Ian Rawnsley and his select band of volunteers to whom as always we are in debt. The format was highly successful and establishes a model that I believe will become the pattern for future years. The Committee was delighted that our Admiral, Lieutenant General Sir William Rollo and the Chairman of the Army Sports Control Board Major General Christopher Elliott were able to join us and had the chance to chat to so many participants. The overnight stay in Cowes produced another highlight, courtesy of our Vice Commodore, who arranged for the AOR fleet to spend the night in the Royal Yacht Squadron haven. Next year we will also try them for the BBQ.</p> <p>11.5 The AOR was used as a selection for the Skippers and crews to represent the Army in the Services Offshore Regatta. This was an effective tactic as, sailing under the auspices and management of the Army Offshore Racing Team; they were able to win back the Services Trophy after an absence of some 5 years. Congratulations go to Major Steve Taylor and Corporals Roddy Simpson and Stuart Southwick for this significant achievement.</p> <p>11.6 Our main sail training event was the Scholars Exercise which took place in July and qualified 5 as Day Skippers and 22 as Competent Crew. This year the JSASTC took responsibility for delivering the shore-based element on the Day Skipper qualification, and we intend to make this a feature to lower the administrative burden. We do need to encourage younger YMCI’s to come forward and support this and similar events in future years. We will run a bespoke qualification process to</p>	
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create Cruising Instructors this coming season.

11.7 As a new feature this year, and again at quite short notice, we held an 'End of Season Rally' to Alderney. The intention was to provide an opportunity to do so in company in a way that used to be a feature of many service offshore events but is now becoming rare. The fleet gathered at Yarmouth for drinks on the Friday of the late August Bank Holiday before making an early start on Saturday. The crossing to Alderney was achieved on a single tack for most, and in decent sunshine. A BBQ was held at the Alderney Sailing Club before the fleet split up to return. The event proved a fitting way to say goodbye to Ian Rawnsley after his long service to Army Sailing. It was a particular privilege to be able to accompany him and Jacqui on the first leg of their life-adventure to the Caribbean.

11.8 The Army Offshore Centre has continued to give good service as the hub of our sailing activities. The retirement of Ian Rawnsley, in the absence of a replacement for Bernie Stevens, left the centre without permanent manning and particular thanks go to Major Mike Barham for stepping in and keeping the show on the road. We were pleased to secure permission to recruit a replacement for the Chief Instructor and a strong field of three highly qualified candidates applied for the post. The successful candidate was Lieutenant Colonel (Retd) Jonty Clews. We have been reminded that our tenure on Fort Blockhouse Site 1 (FB1) may not endure forever and whilst we have a sound lease for a good period we would be wise to consider our longer term alternatives. A study will be conducted over the next year to determine our options.

11.9 Future activities - our plans are to build upon the success of the 2010 AOR by repeating the formula in 2011 and seeking to build participation from entries in JSASTC, service and privately owned craft. The inclusion of a meaningful offshore race is also planned. Entry fees will continue to be abated and a simple rating system used to avoid the need for expensive measurement. Lastly the social programme will continue to be offered as part of the overall package. We will also consider how best to make use of the offer by BA(G) to run the event in Kiel in 2012. The sailing there is fantastic but there are a number of obvious obstacles to overcome to pull this off, and to do so without breaking the rhythm of what is on the verge of becoming a successful recipe.

11.10 Lt Col (Retd) Jonty Clews will expand shortly on the offshore sail training programme.

11.11 Lastly, with Transglobe successfully completed we need to identify our future requirements for offshore and ocean capability, and how we wish to exploit this. JSASTC are contemplating a single boat circumnavigation in 2012-13 and it would seem sensible to explore an Army level expedition for 2014-15. One proposal we shall consider is for an expedition based around the 100th anniversary commemoration of Gallipoli in April 2015.

ITEM 12

11.12 The Rear Commodore Offshore was thanked for his comprehensive and positive report.

Rear Commodore Offshore Racing Report

12.1 This year *British Soldier*, the Army Sailing Association's Archambault 40 Racer/Cruiser (A40RC) has again been sailed by a variety of people, ranging from serving and retired Regular and Territorial Army (including Cadets and UOTCs) members of the ASA, Corps and Regimental Yacht Clubs, and *Toe in the Water* which provides Competitive Sailing for Injured Servicemen as part of their rehabilitation. Whilst she is available for cruising, she has been predominantly used for racing and she routinely competes at the highest levels of national and international yacht racing.

12.2 2010 *British Soldier* has had a tremendous season having raced in the Warsash Spring Series, the Royal Ocean Racing Club's Offshore (RORC) series¹, Cork and Cowes Weeks². This year the yacht has cruised and raced over 10,000 miles, involving over 100 different sailors (able bodied and injured servicemen and women), ranging from the complete novice to the more experienced sailor. *British Soldier* has had an outstanding season, winning the following International trophies, special awards and medallions, results that make the Army proud of its Offshore racing team.

a. Individual Race and Regatta Results:

- Round Ireland Race – 2nd in IRC Class 1 and 4th/37 overall.
- East Coast Race – 1st in IRC Class 1 and 2nd/18 in IRC overall.
- Cork Week – 5th/15 in IRC Class 1.
- Cowes Week – 4th/30 in IRC Class 1 (*Toe in the Water*).
- Round Britain and Ireland – 2nd in IRC 1 and 8th/22 overall.

b. Season Results in RORC:

- Alan Paul Trophy – for consistent high performance in IRC (based on consistent high scores plus a bonus for the number of races completed).
- Haylock Cup – for Best British Service Yacht in IRC 1.
- Serendip Trophy – for Best Series produced yacht in IRC.
- Medallion – for 2nd Place in IRC Overall (out of 278 yachts (1st British yacht)).
- Medallion – for 2nd Place in IRC Class 1 (out of 51 yachts).

c. Army and Combined Services' Awards:

- Winners of the Army Team of the Year Award for 2010.
- Winners of the Combined Services Sports Team Award for 2010.

12.3 In early November *British Soldier* was successfully delivered from Gosport to Gran Canaria for the start of the 2010 Atlantic Rally for Cruisers, a 2700 mile Transatlantic race to St Lucia in the Caribbean. Unfortunately mid race (most of which had been upwind and often in gale force conditions), the yacht suffered minor mast damage and as a precaution, the yacht had to divert to Cape Verdes for repair. Repairs are expected to be complete mid January and *British Soldier* will continue her delivery (now shortened to 2000 miles) for the start of the RORC Caribbean 600 in February.

12.4 In 2011 *British Soldier* has been entered in the Atlantic Ocean Racing Series and the Transatlantic Race organized jointly by the New York Yacht Club and the Royal Yacht Squadron, in association with the Royal Ocean Racing Club and the Storm Trysail Club. *British Soldier* will take part in the following races/deliveries as part of the 8 race series (with 3 races to count):

- Caribbean 600 (21 – 24 Feb 11) – a 605-mile race organised by the Royal Ocean Racing Club. The race starts and finishes in Antigua and encompasses St Kitts and Nevis, Guadeloupe, St Bartheleme and other islands.
- Adventure training passage from Antigua to Fort Lauderdale (25 Feb – 4 Mar 11).
- Fort Lauderdale to Charleston race (31 Mar – 3 Apr).
- Adventure training passage from Charleston to Annapolis (4 – 7 Apr 11).
- Annapolis to Newport (Rhode Island) Race (3 – 6 Jun 11).
- New York Yacht Club's Newport Regatta (10 – 12 Jun 11).
- NYYC Newport to the Lizard Trans-Atlantic Race (26 Jun 11).
- RORC Fastnet Race (14 Aug 11).
- Biscay Race (Sep 11).

12.5 In summary, *British Soldier* has had an excellent year and she has a very exciting programme planned for 2011. She is proving to be an excellent flagship for the ASA and we hope that she will continue to be so for many years to come.

12.6 Rear Commodore Racing was thanked on behalf of the team who have so successfully raced her this season and Lt Col Tim for his masterly management.

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Army Offshore Sailing Centre Courses 2011

13.1 Lt Col (Retd) Jonty Clews briefed on the new range of

courses on offer at the AOSC and gave a summary of the 2011 AOR. He asked all to publicise these courses and the AOR to achieve maximum participation.

Details are:

a. Race Officer's Course

- 24th January 2011
- JSASTC
- 0900 hrs Start
- Max 12

b. RYA Cruising Instructor Course

- 7th – 11th February 2011
- 7th – 11th March 2011
- 4 places per course
- JSASTC Victoria 34
- Friday Moderator – Mr Ian Kane, Trg Officer JSASTC

c. Sea Survival and ISAF Courses

- 3rd – 4th March 2011
- 17th – 18th March 2011
- 24th – 25th March 2011
- JSASTC Victoria 34
- Sea Survival – Aldershot
- ISAF - Gosport

d. Families Course

- RYA Day Skipper/Competent Crew Course
- 31st July – 5th August 2011
- RSYC Najad 331 - Gosport
- Over 18's
- 5 Places
- £250

e. Instruction and Exams

- Own Boat Instruction available
- Own Boat Yachtmaster Examinations
- Examinations - £15 for Serving Personnel

f. Army Offshore Regatta 2011 (AOR 2011)

Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May 2011

- Mon - Yacht Allocation
Briefings
Individual Yacht Practice
Berthing at Cowes Yacht Haven (CYH)
Race Briefing followed by drinks at the
Cowes Corinthian Yacht Club (CCYC)

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- Tues - Passage Races through the Solent Berthing CYH Race Briefing followed by drinks at the CCYC
- Wed - Round the Can's Series Evening Function at the Royal Yacht Squadron Pavilion
- Thurs - Offshore Race 70 NM + RORC Recognised Solent Passage Race for yachts with Day Skippers Berthing at JSASTC
- Fri - Hand back yachts Prize giving Curry Lunch in the Hornet Club House, RNSC

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JSASTC Report

14.1 Vaughan Marsh the Operations Manager from JSASTC gave a presentation on the past year and future plans JSASTC.

14.2 A copy of the JSASTC report is attached and you are urged to read it in detail.

14.3 The Army account for over half of JSASTC output in courses and 45.5% of participants on Expeditions.

14.4 The future programme for both the CH67 fleet and Nic 55 is in the JSASTC report. There are spaces available in Canary Gold April 11 and Medsail Apr- Sep 11. There are 3 planned CH67 Expeds starting Nov 11 and JSASTC will be managing a single CH67 Round the World Exped during 2012-13.

14.5 New infrastructure at the centre:

- a. New boatshed
- b. New Stores and ablution block
- c. New classroom complex

This will offer substantial MOD savings on commercial work as more in house maintenance comes on line, Better fleet

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availability, improved student facilities and the possibility of increasing shorebase training.

14.6 A big message is as the operational tempo reduces in 2015 and the Army being the biggest user of the fleet, OC JSASTC recommends planning should be starting now for, unit, Corp Expeds 2015 onwards.

14.7 Returning skippers and instructors; JSASTC are suffering due to the current recruiting moratorium. In order to maintain the published training programme it is important that the RYA YMCI and YMI volunteer to instruct at JSASTC.

14.8 The Chairman thanked Vaughan and asked all to read and digest the JSASTC report. His message was, 'plan ahead and use or lose the Ocean sailing capability.

Awards

15.1 The following awards were presented by Major General Christopher Elliott, DASCB. Citations are attached:

Barry Trophy - Pte Daniel Skudder RLC

ASA Outstanding Achievement Award - Maj Mike Barham

Admiral's Commendations' - Lt Col Gordon Guest
Lt Col Tim Hill
Lt Col Gareth Baker
Maj Mark Collins
Capt Paul Andersen
WO1 Sammy Samanjoul
Mr Jon Metcalfe

Colours - Offshore - Lt Richard Luckyn-Malone
2Lt Richard Greener
Capt James Kayll
SSgt Pat Audas
SSgt Kevin Pygall
Dinghy - Capt Emma Clarke

Kitesurfing - WO1 Sammy Samanjoul
WO1 Kevin Main
Cfn Hogarth

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Any Other Business

16.1 The new ASA Journal Editor introduced himself, Lt Phil Caswell. He asked for any remaining journal articles before the end of January 2011 and requested short punchy articles with lots of good quality photographs. Phil is investigating ways to improve the journal production quality and reduce costs.

16.2 DASCB, Gen Elliott made 4 points. They were:

	<p>a. Toe in the Water (TITW) will come firmly under Combined Services Adaptive Sports Association (CSASA) for control and governance. They would Become an incorporated charity by 1st April 2011.</p> <p>b. The TA Sports Board is now merged with the ASCB. They have their own ring fenced funds. The TA can compete at all levels apart from Inter Services Competitions. (Because the RN & RAF do not have the number of reserves as the Army has, this always gives the Army an unfair advantage).</p> <p>c. Team Army. A board sat on the 26th November 2011 to consider the Team Army funding proposals. There is some nervousness about the Army's image and AG & DG Commercial are considering what is acceptable. Time scales; CGS has been given the briefing notes, nothing Expected until 1st April 2011. Team Army not expecting to be operative before June 2011.</p> <p>16.3 There being no further business, Brigadier Miles closed the meeting.</p> <p>16.4 Closing address. Brig Miles spoke for both the Admiral and Commodore. He said there are many big challenges on the horizon and we must work hard, stay focused and ensure we overcome them. He thanked each and everyone for their efforts and support of Army Sailing. Army Sailing is in excellent health and provides respite to hard pressed troops returning from operations. Army Sailing has an exciting future and has good support from Senior Officers.</p> <p>Brig Miles publically thanked Col Alex Tucker who has attended his last ASA meeting as Rear Commodore Dinghies after 5 years in post. He has been outstanding and a replacement is urgently needed.</p> <p>16.5 The meeting closed at 1320hrs.</p>	