***2014 ANNUAL REPORT!***

***(N.B: (RJ) – Round Jersey; (J2F) Jersey to France.)***

**After the longest summer we can remember for many years and the ‘warmest seas for 25 years let’s reflect on 2014 – the clubs 40th year! In itself, that is a wonderful achievement**

**At the end of 1974 – Denize le Pennec was the only swimmer at that time in Jersey to have swum the Channel, around Jersey and Jersey to France! Sally (17) had just become the first Jersey swimmer to swim Lake Windermere and on her return had asked Maurice Lakeman to train her for the Channel in 1975 – so her training partner Linda Devereux (13.5 at that time!) decided to join her and then their training buddies and founder members Nigel Gates, Jane Luscombe, Ian le Breton, Robert de St Paer and Jeremy le Maistre all joined forces to train for the Channel Swimming Association’s Centenary English Channel Relay Race in August 1975.**

**(Incidentally, this is when Sally first met Charlie when he was in his Pub relay swim team too!!!)**

**Now, 40 years later, we can record the following…..in one year...**

* **XMAS Pudding swim in December & breakfast afterwards**
* **NY day swim called off for the first time in many years due to high winds and dangerous sea conditions! But soup was still served in the Breakwater café for everyone who showed up!**

**Great pool training swims through the winter**

* **February : postal swim 36 entries**
* **New Website thanks to Matt Elcock,**
* **March**

**- Annual charity Swimarathon well attended as always**

**- CS&PF dinner in Dover to honour our Channel swimmers and many others.**

**- Jersey Sports council honoured Wendy and Sal for their Channel swims in 2013**

**New swim caps designed for the club and new club kit on its way!**

**The sea warmed up fast and we had a very successful summer with lots of club members turning out for Sunday morning and Tuesday evening swims. Many members achieving PB’s throughout the summer.**

* **Club well represented in JSC sea swims with juniors doing especially well.**
* **All swims have been well documented in the media so I will simply list the achievements this summer**
* **May**

**- Wendy Trehiou completed her 2nd Round Jersey (RJ) swim, in only 12/13°C in a time of 11hrs 25m in early May**

**- President Sal travelled to Arizona to swim the SCAR ARIZONA swim challenge. 4 lakes, Sugauro (9.5miles), Canyon (9 miles), Apache (17 miles) and Roosevelt (8miles). The water was warm, the air was hot, it was hard work and a fantastic experience! Highly recommended and she became the first Briton to complete the challenge.**

**- The club celebrated its 40th anniversary with a BBQ beach party at Havre des Pas bathing pool with a very successful scavenger hunt. BIG THANKS to Marion Harvey and Wendy Trehiou for organising this, it was great!**

* **June**

**- Adrian Sarchet became the first Guernsey man to swim (RJ) in 11hrs 29m. Exactly the same time as he took to swim around Guernsey (28miles)!!**

**- Wendy Trehiou took part in the inaugural ‘Black Swim’, a 7 hour night time swim along the River Thames.**

**- Sal became the first Lady, at last, to swim from Sark to Jersey on June 22 in 8 hrs 42 minutes.**

* **July**

**- Michelle Macy arrived in Jersey and stormed across Jersey to France (J2F) in a new ladies record time of 6hrs 42m**

**- Emma France - (RJ) in 11hrs 46m**

**- Liz Rycroft - (RJ) in 11hrs 12m**

**- Michelle Macy -(RJ) in a new record time of 9hrs 29 m**

**- Christine Addison - J2F in 14hrs 24m. a swim full of drama.**

**- Alice Harvey completed her 2nd (RJ) in 10 hrs 33m on the same day as**

**- The Jersey ROOKEEZ got their (RJ) relay done, thanks to Lady Joan Birt and her rib ‘Coccinelle’. It was a great day out and they finished in 11hrs 10m – well done to Charlotte Vernon, Henry Clark, Harry Willis, Dominic Holley and Zahra Bell**

1. **The Flambard trophy winners Piers Willis (9) and jack Duncan (9)**
2. **The De Caux trophy winners Zahra Bell and Piers Willis**
3. **Masters swim winners: Sarah Pierce and Cliff Golding**
* **August**

**- Wendy completed her 2nd (J2F) trying a new northern route in 8hrs 52m**

**(J2F) swims - 3 in one day;**

**- Chantelle Le Guilcher completed her 2nd swim in 8hrs 07m**

**- Lucinda Bayliss in 6hrs 50m (northern route) and**

**- Cliff Golding in 9hrs 40m.**

**- Life member David Coleman from UK, swam Alderney to France in 6hrs 27m.**

**Sal attained her Power Boat 2 qualification so as to help out on swims in the future.**

* **Very important to note our regular newcomers this season amongst others Annjoy le Masurier, Mary Chauvel, Linda Breen, Karen Dyson, Joanne Pullman new juniors Maisie Duncan, Thomas Beaugie, William Vane, Alfie Attebury, Lizzie Appleton. All these new swimmers have achieved many personal bests too so well done!**
* **September**

**- Thomas W Kofler (First Italian) (J2F) in 11hrs 09m and**

**- Sarah Pierce (J2F) in 8hrs 23m (northern route) on the same day.**

**- Adrian Follain (J2F) in 9hrs 46m.**

**- 'Go with the Flow' an HSBC Relay completed their (RJ) relay, after waiting over a month to swim, in 11hrs 02mins – well done to Matt Elcock, Martin Powell, Julie Bree, Siona Stephenson, Emma Rose Wilton and Doug Gorman.**

**Club championships JSC masters moved to West Park because of the weather**

**- Senior Club Champions for 2014 are John Legge and Katherine Lowe**

**- Junior Club champions for 2014 are Harry Willis and Harriet Rothwell**

**- The Serco junior series (over 3 events) winners: Jack Duncan, Harry Willis, William Waller, Harriet Rothwell & Adeline Couvert. Total of 16 youngsters took part. WELL DONE TO ALL!**

**- ‘A very ‘LAST MINUTE.COM’ plan allowed Charlotte Vernon (15yrs) to complete her (RJ) solo swim in 12hrs 20m also after waiting a month to swim. Well done Charlotte!**

**Our sea swim season ended with a fabulous night swim. In perfect conditions, 40 swimmers bedecked with an array of light sticks, enjoyed a final swim in St Catherine’s bay before winter training resumed indoors.**

**Sadly, many swims have been blown out this summer, including president Sal who has waited patiently to complete her 2 way Channel Swim.**

**The club apologises for this but we are all weather dependent and are committed to getting these swims completed in 2015 or beyond, Charlie is now sorting these swimmers and their swims out now!**

* **October**

**Back in the pool on Tuesday evenings for swim training.**

**We also managed to have a wonderful and peaceful Halloween swim at Bouley Bay during half term – thanks to all for your pumpkins to light our way! Chantelle Rose, Chantelle le Guilcher, Marilyn le Guilcher, Alana Powell and Fay de Gruchy. And ‘Mad Mary’ opened up her lovely café for us too!**

**At a late season early morning dip, Fay de Gruchy and Sal came up with a brainwave for a Fun Fundraiser. Following on from the previous successful ’30 bays in 30 days’ by a group of Lovely local Ladies, they came up with ‘40 dips from 40 slips’ around Jersey for the RNLI Jersey. It has been brilliant fun and hopefully, by now they will be completed!**

**Well done to ALL who have participated and all those who have donated so far! We have raised almost £700 so far.**

**Thanks to all boat crews especially to Mick Le Guilcher who has ‘taken the helm’ with many helpers, including Claude Bertram, Adrian Follain, Martin Powell and John Asplet - since July when Charlie injured his back and has been out of action since! Get well quick please Charlie!**

**SO, AFTER 40 YEARS OF THE JLDSC our CURRENT TOTALS are:**

1. **ROUND JERSEY SOLOS – 95**
2. **ROUND JERSEY RELAYS – 36**
3. **ENGLISH CHANNEL SWIMS (with 25 swimmers) 32 plus a 2 way Swim – Wendy**
4. **JERSEY TO FRANCE SOLO SWIMS – 32**

**PLUS MANY, MANY MORE NOTEABLE SWIMS ON THE WEBSITE!**

* **NOT BAD FOR 40 YEARS OF FUN!!!!**

 **I wonder what else will be achieved in the NEXT 40 years?**

**Thanks to retiring committee members this year Wendy Trehiou and Charlie Gravett.**

**Thank you for all your years of service.**

**By the time you read this, we will have celebrated our 40th Anniversary at our Dinner & Prize giving last night here at the Hotel**

**We must give HUGE thanks to all our Raffle donations from**

* **Our sponsors / raffle donations for last night: H Lettos Jewellers, Hettich Jewellers, Radisson Blu, Pizza Hut, Fotosound, the Seymour Group, AquaSplash, Cooper Coffee, Sure, Airtel, Cineworld , Ransoms Garden Centre and Tea Rooms and CI Co-Op. Fantastic donations this year – thank you to you All.**

**Good Luck to you all in the future, whatever your ambitions. We all need goals; and if you have one, do share it with us; we can help you achieve it, weather permitting!**

**“Just keep swimming & smiling”

Sally Minty-Gravett and the JLDSC Committee 2014**