



HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

WINTER 2011 NEWSLETTER

COMMODORE'S REPORT

Dear Member

The Committee are delighted that the Planning for the proposed extension to the Club has been approved by Cornwall Council, please read Garth's report below for more detailed information. I would like to thank the Development Committee for all their hard work, particularly to Garth Weaver, John Jane and Tony Statham who have worked tirelessly toward this end and will continue to do so until the project is finished. Garth will act as Chairman, John as Project Manager and Tony as Accountant of the Development sub-committee until completion, thus ensuring continuity with their collective expertise which is essential.

Once again we are looking for new Steward/caterer. Many of you will be sorry to say goodbye to Niki as she has been such a good Stewardess for the Club. There have been too many complaints from Members about the inconsistency of the food throughout the summer and John has had difficulty in catering for larger numbers; the Committee felt that they must act and two months notice has now been served. Despite extensive advertising it has become increasingly difficult to find the 'ideal couple' to suit our demands. Although it is not necessary to have 'fine dining' it is a fact that without good food of a consistent satisfactory standard Members do not use the club to the full and we continually strive to find the balance which suits everyone. However we must all bear in mind that the club is isolated and very quiet during the winter months which makes it unattractive to prospective applicants who have to make all their money during the summer. With this in mind, and to give the club the best opportunity, we are looking firstly to put this into the hands of the professionals and go through a Recruitment Agency. If appointments are not made before the New Year, the Committee will endeavour to keep the bar open at weekends and to cover meals as required for events, and Captain Social has lots of ideas to keep Members enjoying the Club, but please keep an eye on the WEB SITE which will have all up-to-date information and opening hours.

I hope Members will support the Committee in their endeavours during another difficult time which puts a lot more work onto their shoulders as they undertake to run the club as necessary and volunteers are most welcome.

On a happier note, The Budock Vean Hotel have agreed to host our Dinner Dance in January, and tickets are selling very quickly. This is a superb venue and we look forward to seeing you there.

I would like to thank the Committee for all their hard work throughout the summer and all volunteers who give their time so generously on and off the water.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Jane Benney

DEVELOPMENT PLAN—NEWS

We are pleased to announce that the planning application for the clubhouse improvements has been approved by Cornwall Council. The architects, engineers and quantity surveyors are finalising the detailed design and tender package with a view to issuing these in December 2011. We are proposing that the works are undertaken in two phases: Phase 1 being the two storey extension incorporating new changing rooms, additional multi-use space, re-provided office/shop and disabled toilet; and Phase 2 the enlarged bar area, balcony and other improvement such as re-wiring and thermal installation.

Subject to tenders coming back in on budget and our application for Sports England grant funding being successful, the plan is to start Phase 1 in the New Year with a aim of getting the new extension completed before the summer of 2012.

DINGHY NEWS

Dinghy racing is fast approaching an end at Helford with the last race on 23rd October. Some of us have decided to prolong the season and have decamped to Restronguet for their Frostbite Series and I will keep you posted on how the Helford boats get on. A big thank you to Mark Ibbotson of Henry Cowsls Ltd who very kindly sponsored our Dinghy Summer Race Series.

To round off the season we have two dates for your diary which should not be missed! The Dinghy Wash Up meeting on 16th November at 19.00 hrs when we can discuss the highs and lows of 2011 and just as importantly, make plans for 2012. Finally the Dinghy Prize Giving and Supper will be on 3rd December at 19.00 hrs when we can celebrate the season's victories and have an early Christmas party. I shall email everyone nearer the time with all booking arrangements.

Enjoy the last of the season and I look forward to seeing you all at the Wash Up meeting.

Beccy Kestin

Captain Dinghies

YACHT REPORT

Dear Fellow Sailors

We hope that everyone has had an enjoyable season. We've had plenty of breeze but a little more sunshine would have helped. The evenings have certainly drawn in now with only the few stalwarts remaining on their moorings and getting in the odd sail or race, when the weather permits.

2011 has been another well supported season with up to seven yachts competing in the IRC class and up to six boats in the PY class. Jacobi and Orijin have had some very close racing and the three Hunter 707s have had some close fought battles, demonstrating the attraction of one design racing. In the PY fleet, Kudu and Valkyrie have been on the water almost every week, joined on occasions by Supergroove, Jinjy and Amazimtoti.

Helford boats have continued to do very well out of port with Team Helford winning the COGS Series, Black Dog winning the 52nd L'Aber-Wrac'h Race, Jacobi winning the PAZAB and Falmouth Week, Glen doing well in the Gaffer Class in Falmouth Week and both Jinjy and Black Dog winning their classes at the Dartmouth Regatta.

We have been fortunate enough to have received sponsorship this year and would like to thank Hine Downing Solicitors who sponsored the Early Summer Series, Budock Vean Hotel who sponsored the Mid Summer Series and Penrose Sail Makers who sponsored the Late Summer Series, together with Club members John and Stefan who kindly sponsored the Albia Yachts Regatta.

Looking towards 2012 we will have the opportunity to watch some of the world's best sailors competing in the Finn Gold Cup in Falmouth in May. With the fourth 707 already purchased, it is hoped that two or three more will join Wildebeest, Sparkle and Giraffe and that the 707 fleet will develop into a competitive one design class, which encourages more people to get into affordable racing. We would welcome any feedback on this year's sailing activities, which can be passed on to the incoming Captain Yachts and finally, our thanks go to Andy Dennis and Terry Pascoe for continuing to work out the results each week and to John Jane and Tony Statham for helping out behind the scenes.

Garth & Stuart - Captains Yachts

We are sorry to announce the passing of Mr Vic Simmons a Life member of the Club from Manaccan, also Brian Wright, Formerly of Myrtle Nurseries who was Social Secretary during the nineties and David Best an active member for many years from St. Martin. Our sympathies to all the families

ALL CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS ARE ADVERTISED ON OUR WEBSITE

www.helfordriversc.co.uk

HRSC WINTER/SPRING SOCIAL CALENDAR

2011/2012



NOVEMBER

Wednesday 16th Dinghy Wash Up Meeting 19.00 hrs
Saturday 19th Yacht Prize Giving Evening 19.00 hrs
Friday 25th Quiz Night 19.30 hrs start. Teams of 4 max. £1 per person entry. Prizes for winning teams. Pre-ordered food available during halftime break.

DECEMBER

Friday 2nd Pre-Christmas Evening Dinner with all the Trimmings
Saturday 3rd Dinghy Prize Giving Evening 19.00 hrs
Friday 9th 'The Azores and Back Race 2011' - an illustrated talk with John Head and Tony Hogg - 19.00HRS—Approx 1 hour
Saturday 10th Pre-Christmas Evening Dinner with all the Trimmings
Friday 16th Carol Singing at the Club with 'Illumination Brass' 19.30 hrs start. Mince pies and mulled wine will be served.
Sunday 18th Pre-Christmas Lunch with all the Trimmings
Wednesday 22nd Children's Christmas Party with entertainment by 'Mr. Whacky'. 15.00 hrs to 17.00 hrs. For bookings please contact Emma Broad on 01326 231065

JANUARY

Friday 20th Annual General Meeting at the Club 19.30 hrs
Friday 27th Annual Dinner Dance at Budock Vean Hotel. Champagne & Canapes followed by 4 course meal with live band entertainment. £40 per person. Places limited to 110. Booking form is attached to this newsletter.

There will be a talk at the Club during the winter months by Ben Ainslie, triple Gold medallist and skipper of Team GB for next year's Olympic bid.

There will also be another Quiz Night.

Dates for these events will be confirmed in due course. Please check our website for details.



**THE CLUB WEBSITE IS REGULARLY UPDATED - KEEP UP WITH THE
LATEST NEWS ON www.helfordriversc.co.uk**

2012 MOORING FEES (Increase of 5% in line with inflation)

Deep Water Mooring £23.50 per foot
(minimum charge £500 at the discretion of the Committee)

Sailing Dinghy Park Adult	£95.00
Sailing Dinghy Park Junior	£63.00
Sailing Dinghy Park Rack	£63.00
Car Park Dinghy Area	£60.00
Green Area for Junior Dinghies	£35.00
Inflatable Rack	£37.00
Shed Key	£15.00
Tender on Pontoon (under 3.25m)	£95.00

There is no waiting list for boats under 3.25metres – spaces for these are allocated on a first come first served basis from January onwards by contacting the Club office. If your tender on the pontoon has an outboard engine please could you ensure that you place a bucket over the propeller to avoid damage to other boats.

Finger Berth Moorings

Maximum: Length 5 metres Beam 2 metres
Weight 450kg

Outboard: 2 stroke 90hp or 4 stroke 75hp

All boats regardless of length £265.00

All finger berths are allocated via a waiting list system. If you would like your name added to the list (one per family) please contact Penny on 01326 231006.

2012 MEMBERSHIP FEES (Increase of 5% in line with inflation)

From 1st January	Entrance	Annual
Joint	£ 170.00	£ 170.00
Single	£ 110.00	£ 110.00
Juniors (18 and under whose parents are members)	£ nil	£ 13.00
Junior Members (18 and under whose parents are NOT members)	£ nil	£ 31.00
Cadets	£ nil	£ 31.00

(Over 18 but under 25 and in FULL time education)

Children under the age of 5 are **FREE**

Temporary Membership £ 80.00 per week

Family - 2 adults plus 2 children under 16 (maximum of two weeks) No guests allowed

**HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Friday 20th January 2012 at 19.30 hrs (please note earlier time)

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Helford River Sailing Club will be held at the Clubhouse at 19.30 hrs on Friday 20th January 2012 at which the following business will be transacted:

AGENDA

1. Apologies
 2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
 3. Minutes of General Meeting 18th March 2011
 4. Commodore's Report
 5. Honorary Treasurer's Report - Approval of Accounts
 6. Election of Officers
 7. Election of Club Accountants
 8. Any Other Business
- Close of Meeting

Nominations for election of Officers must be sent in writing, duly proposed and seconded, to the Honorary Secretary not less than 7 days before the AGM. Items of Any Other Business must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting (in accordance with Club Rules 18, 20 and 32 respectively).

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a position on the Committee, please contact the office on 01326 231006 for a nomination form.

Mark J. Gregory (Honorary Secretary)

**PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN KEEP YOU
UPDATED WITH ALL CLUB NEWS OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

www.helfordriversc.co.uk

WINTER COURSES AT THE CLUB

During the winter months I will be running shore-based courses i.e. VHF Radio and First Aid. Please keep an eye on the Club website www.helfordriversc.co.uk/courses for forthcoming dates.

If anyone with a valid VHF Radio SRC Certificate or First Aid Certificate would like a short refresher course before the 2012 season starts, please let me know.

For more information please contact:

Paul Greensmith

RYA Accredited Instructor

Powerboat Level 1 & 2 VHF/GMDSS Radio Assessor

Day 01326 231865 Evening 07753 840300 Email paulgreensmith@hotmail.com

PHOTOS PLEASE

We plan to keep a yearly record of Club events in a photo album to be kept in the Clubhouse for Members to look at. If you have any suitable contributions or any high resolution photos for the 2012 Yearbook please contact Penny.

ALSO we are, as ever, looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of running the Club. If you feel you can help in any way please contact us.

HRSC ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

This will be held at the Budock Vean Hotel on Friday 27th January 2012 and a booking form is attached to this Newsletter. The hotel is offering a special room rate for bed and breakfast of £33.50 per person. If you want to take up this offer please book direct with the hotel on 01326 250288.

HUNTER 707 - THE BOAT TO BE IN NEXT SEASON

The fleet of three 707s have had great fun racing in the river this year. The boat is ideally suited to the shifting Helford breeze and is a good performer in all conditions. It becomes more exciting as the wind increases and will at some point plane at 20 knots. The boats are a giveaway at between £4,000 and £6,000 complete with road trolley so you can keep layup costs down and take them home. You can just about sail 3 up with 4 being the ideal number so not many crew required. A suit of sails is just over £2,000. We will be imposing a class rule that recommends a limitation on sail renewal frequency to keep the cost down. A fourth boat has now joined us and two more people are talking about getting one this winter so with six or seven boats, next season is going to be great fun.

If anyone has any questions by all means contact me Phil Badger on 01326 340220 or pbadger@h2ok.co.uk or check out the 707 website www.sail707.com.

Club Merchandise

We have plenty of Club clothing and merchandise for sale including 2011 Club polo shirts and T-shirts, men's polo shirts and sweatshirts with Club logo, Club ties, burgees, and also prints and Christmas cards by Sarah Wimperis. We also have for sale two medium Gill sailing jackets with Club logo on them.

Please ask at the bar or at the Club office for more details.

**FOR ALL ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION PLEASE GO TO OUR WEBSITE
www.helfordriversc.co.uk AND CLICK ON 'DOWNLOADS'**

To Deter Thefts From Around The Club

In recent months the Club have installed three Cameras which are linked to our Website and CCTV notices have been placed around the Car Park and Pontoon, please take note of the following information which we have included from Julia Berry from Devon & Cornwall Police. Obviously these measures although helpful will only act as a deterrent and it is up to all individual members to ensure that their property is adequately secure and identified.

Helston Area Boat Watch

Boat Watch is an initiative run throughout Devon & Cornwall police force, the schemes are intended to be community based and operate in a similar way to Neighbourhood Watch. The Scheme should be run by the community, for the community and supported by appropriate professional organisations. Locally in the Helston and Lizard area PCSO Julia Berry is our contact for the Boat Watch Scheme. Boat Watch is linked locally, to the National Maritime Project Kracken, which delivers enhanced counter terrorism vigilance with the aim of increasing public safety

We do have Selectadot property marking kits, which uses a unique micro dot system for marking property with a personal identification number. For more information please visit www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/marking. We also have Devon and Cornwall Police outboard engine covers.

Further information is available in the entrance to the Club House and Boat Watch can be contacted on 01326 555158. (PC Julia Berry) Please leave a message as I am quite often out and about, or in an emergency dial 999.

Thank you

**HELFOED RIVER SAILING CLUB
ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE 2012
Budock Vean Hotel, Mawnan Smith
Friday 27th January 2012
Champagne & Canapes
4 course Dinner**



BOOKING FORM

Ticket Price: £ 40 per person Tables of 10 maximum

Name.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Phone Number.....Email Address.....

Number of Tickets Required.....Amount Enclosed.....

Please complete the whole form and return with payment to: (Cheques made payable to HRSC)

Helford River Sailing Club, Helford, Helston TR12 6LB

JUNIOR SAILING

The Juniors have had a long season with high attendance, one Junior made as many as 19 sessions. The children had 2 Optimist classes run by Dominic and Carol, 2 Topper classes run by Sammy and John while Anton was helped by James to take the top group in Wayfarers and Fevas. Altogether 31 children enjoyed a full season with the added highlights such as Camp at Susie and Ian's, two Keelboat Junior evenings (thanks to Keelboat owners) and a BBQ evening on an evening others might have dismissed as a dreary night and yet the children had a lot of fun with swimming and games on the beach at Bosahan (apologies to the parents left behind on the beach as we tried to get home before dark).

Most children took the opportunity to start racing on extra sessions on Saturdays in August and it is the first season in which we have had an opportunity for Race Training in Optimists. Many thanks to the HRCST for help with extra Optimists, rescue cover and instructors. Particular thanks to Alison Collins for her commitment and expertise in teaching race training, she stood in for Chris as SI when he went on holiday in August. All this race training paid off when we attended the RYA Volvo Championship Regatta at Restronguet in September. Sam, Reggie and Finlay came 4th, 6th and 7th respectively in Optibats sailing against top class Optimists. They and their parents are very pleased with the results and rightly so. We have had 4 Toppers on loan from Toppersails and Euan used one of these to take part in the RYA Championship Regatta for Toppers the same weekend and he came 2nd in a fleet of experienced sailors from across the country - well done Euan. At the end of our season we joined the HRCST for the Chamberlain Cup in early September with a tea and prize giving at the Clubhouse afterwards.

Congratulations all round for a full and rewarding season for all concerned. We started the year by running a DI course for new instructors and retraining for John, Dominic, Chris, Anton and Sammy. Some adults have taken Power Boat Training Level 2 and Rescue Boat courses and we are grateful to all those who have added these skills to the safety backup for Club activities. We have used the new Jenneau Rescue boat (partially bought with a grant from the RYA and match funding from the Club) which is ideal for the two Optimist classes.

Last but not least a big thank you for the enthusiasm and support of the parents and Club members who have given their time and knowledge to help us this season. The Posh Nosh night will be on Thursday 27th October and we will be able to celebrate and thank all those who have worked so hard.

Joan Kearsley - Captain Juniors

HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Thames Pageant 3rd June 2012

An invitation has been issued, via the Deputy Lieutenant of Cornwall, to craft from Cornwall to take part in this unique and historic event next year. Priority will be given to historic craft, both working and leisure.

If you are interested in taking part, details of the event can be found on the website www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org and applications can be made by visiting www.thamesdiamondjubileepageant.org/Pageant_Briefing_010611.pdf.

Cruising

We would like to present a prize for the best Log for 2011. Would anyone with an interesting or funny log, please hand it to John Jane or the office.

Thank you

THANK YOU

To all those who volunteered as Safety Boat crews for Falmouth Week, your time and dedication is very much appreciated. Without your support and that of other clubs, Falmouth Week would not be able to take place. Once again many thanks for your help.

Jon Todd