



# HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

## WINTER 2012 NEWSLETTER

### COMMODORE'S REPORT

It seems hard to believe that my first year as Commodore has passed already and what a busy year it has been. The 27<sup>th</sup> October saw the final races for both yachts and dinghies and at long last the sun made an appearance. With the addition of more 707s throughout the season the yacht racing this year has become more competitive than ever. It is hoped that next year they will get their own class during Henri Lloyd Falmouth Week thus encouraging other boats to come down from other parts of the country.

The Development Plan is again progressing at some speed and we hope to get phase two started soon so that the new balcony can be in place before full time opening next Easter. Whilst all this work is taking place I ask you all please to be tolerant of the disruption - the wait will be worth it. A really big thank you needs to be passed on to all involved with the Development Plan as many hours of work are given free in support of this worthy objective.

There is a wonderful new social programme for the autumn and winter (details further on in this Newsletter), with some new ideas and events, so please do try and support them as they have always proved to be great fun. However please do try and book your meals in advance which will help Tom tremendously.

We are very lucky once more to be holding the Annual Dinner Dance 2013 at the Budock Vean Hotel. After last year's great success we are expecting tickets to be in great demand so I suggest you get your bid in early. More details and a ticket booking form are in this Newsletter.

Finally I would like to thank Penny and Helen for all their hard work carried out in the office and to all the Committee members for giving up so much of their own time for the Members' benefit. Of course my thanks also go to Tom who throughout the year has created great meals for everyone at very reasonable prices.

I would like to wish you all a very merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

*Julian Samuel - Commodore*

### RYA COURSES AT HRSC

We will be offering more RYA Courses at the Club during 2013. These will include:

- Powerboat Level 2
- Safety Boat
- First Aid at Sea
- VHF Radio Short Range Certificate
- Diesel Engine Maintenance
- Outboard Engine Maintenance

Dates for the courses will be announced on the Club website in the New Year.

[www.helfordriversc.co.uk/courses](http://www.helfordriversc.co.uk/courses)

Paul Greensmith

## **DINGHY NEWS**

Sadly there will be no more entertaining and sometimes challenging racing reports for you to follow on the website as the dinghy racing season has now finished (thank you so much Stephen Brooks for writing these - they are the best ever). However there are still a couple of exciting dinghy events to look forward to.

The first date for your diary is the Dinghy Wash Up Evening on Friday 16th November at 1900 hrs. This is your chance to come and air your views on the previous season's racing and make any suggestions for the following year. It is also a lovely chance to get together now that racing has finished. If you have ever raced dinghies at Helford please come along and help us plan a better season next year. Contact Tom to book food for after the meeting.

The last major event of the year is the Dinghy Prize Giving on Saturday 1st December at 1900 hrs. This is a great celebration of the previous year's achievements and an early Christmas party for us all, so please come along. Menu details for this event will be available nearer the time.

As this is my final year as Captain Dinghies it only remains for me to thank everyone who has helped me over the last three years. All the dinghy elders have been very supportive and are on standby to help my successor (as yet undecided). Many thanks to the Committee and all the Safety Boat drivers - particularly Dave Church and Dan - who make all our racing possible, and the crews and Margaret Statham for covering all the Committee Boat duties. Thank you to Jeff Meadows for keeping the dinghy section on the website updated regularly. Lastly thank you to Steve for putting up with all my tantrums over the last three years and sorting things out rationally. I wish all the very best of luck to the new Captain Dinghies and I will of course help them just as Adam helped me when I took over. Best wishes to all the dinghy section.

*Beccy Kestin - Captain Dinghies*

## **SAFETY BOATS**

All the safety boats are off the water now and in winter storage. In the New Year the boats and engines will need their routine annual maintenance and I will be looking for a couple of volunteers to assist in this process. If anyone fancies getting their hands dirty please contact me on 01326 231865 or by email at paulgreensmith@hotmail.com.

I'm hoping to have a new section on the Club website specifically for Safety Boats. The information will be about the boats and drivers' rota for dinghy sailing as well as thanks to the volunteers whose help and support is greatly appreciated.

Let's hope that the weather for the 2013 season will be a little kinder to us! Have a good winter.

*Paul Greensmith - Captain Safety Boats*

## **BOAT SCRUB ON CLUB SLIPWAY**

Could all Members who want to use the slipway for boat scrubbing PLEASE put their name and contact details in the Boat Scrub Book which is kept at the bar in the Clubhouse. This avoids any confusion and double booking.

Thank you

## HRSC WINTER SOCIAL CALENDAR 2012/2013

### NOVEMBER

- Friday 2nd Yachts Prize Giving Evening  
Wednesday 14th Wine & Cheese Tasting Evening. Wine tasting with Ellis Wharton Wines plus tasting locally produced cheeses. A great opportunity to get supplies in for Christmas. 1930 hrs start.  
Friday 16th Dinghy Wash Up Evening  
Saturday 24th Italian Night. A gourmet 3 course Italian inspired menu with operatic entertainment from 'Melvina'.

### DECEMBER

- Saturday 1st Dinghy Prize Giving Evening 1900 hrs  
Friday 7th 'Film Night'. A family film will be shown in the conservatory. 1900 hrs. The Club will be open for meals as usual.  
Sunday 16th & Sunday 23rd Pre-Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings.  
Friday 21st Children's Christmas Party with entertainment by 'Mr. Wacky'. 1500 to 1700 hrs. Please contact Emma Broad for more details and bookings 01326 231065  
Friday 21st Christmas Carol Singing at the Club with 'Illumination Brass'. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available. 1930 hrs.  
Monday 24th Christmas Eve Barbecue. Fun for all regardless of the weather. 1230 hrs.  
Tuesday 25th The bar will be open for Christmas Day drinks from 1200 to 1400 hrs. Come along and show off your best (or worst!) present.  
Monday 31st New Year's Eve Caribbean Night on the Helford. A 3 course Caribbean inspired Gala Dinner followed by dancing. Wear your favourite tropical outfit and practise your limbo dancing. Join us for dinner or come along at 2200 hrs for the entertainment and to see in the New Year.

### JANUARY 2013

- Saturday 19th HRSC Annual Dinner Dance at the Budock Veian Hotel. Dancing to 'Sunset'. £40 per person. Booking form and bed and breakfast details in this Newsletter.  
Friday 25th HRSC Annual General Meeting at the Clubhouse 1930 hrs

ALL CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS ARE ADVERTISED ON OUR WEBSITE  
[www.helfordriversc.co.uk](http://www.helfordriversc.co.uk)

### Club Winter Opening Hours (until Easter 2013)

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: Bar 1800 to 2300 hrs  
Food 1800 to 2130 hrs  
Sunday: Bar 1200 to 1800 hrs Food 1200 to 1430 hrs

Please make sure you book your table with Tom on 01326 231460 or 231414



**THE CLUB WEBSITE IS REGULARLY UPDATED - KEEP UP WITH THE  
LATEST NEWS ON [www.helfordriversc.co.uk](http://www.helfordriversc.co.uk)**

**2013 MOORING FEES (1st April to 31st October)**

**Deep Water Mooring** £24.00 per 300mm  
(minimum charge £500 at the discretion of the Committee)

<b>Sailing Dinghy Park Adult</b>	£98.00
<b>Sailing Dinghy Park Junior</b>	£65.00
<b>Sailing Dinghy Park Rack</b>	£65.00
<b>Car Park Dinghy Area</b>	£62.00
<b>Car Park Dinghy Area Junior</b>	£36.00
<b>Inflatable Rack</b>	£38.00
<b>Shed Key</b>	£16.00
<b>Canoes and Kayaks</b>	£30.00
<b>Tender on Pontoon (under 3.25m)</b>	£98.00
<b>Trailer summer storage</b>	£50.00

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** £273.00

All finger berths and dinghy park spaces 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.

**2013 MEMBERSHIP FEES**

<b>From 1st January</b>	<b>Entrance</b>	<b>Annual</b>
<b>Joint</b>	£ 175.00	£ 175.00
<b>Single</b>	£ 113.00	£ 113.00
<b>Family Juniors</b> (18 and under whose parents are Members)	£ nil	£ 13.50
<b>Junior Members</b> (18 and under whose parents are NOT Members)	£ nil	£ 32.00
<b>Cadets</b> (Over 18 but under 25 and in FULL time education)	£ nil	£ 32.00

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

**Temporary Membership** £ 85.00 per week

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

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

**Friday 25th January 2013 at 19.30 hrs**

**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 25th January 2013 at which the following business will be transacted:**

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting
3. Commodore's Report
4. Honorary Treasurer's Report - Approval of Accounts
5. Election of Officers - Honorary Life Member
6. Election of Club Accountants
7. 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**

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### **STEWARD'S NEWS**

Firstly a big thank you to all who have supported me over the last six months. This year has not been the best, especially because of the awful weather, but I would like to thank all Members who continually come down to eat and use the Club regardless of the outdoor conditions. Let's all hope that next year will be warm and sunny and give us all a chance to have a good time.

I hope you will all continue to support us during the coming winter months as we have an extensive social programme planned. This will include food themed nights, film nights and quizzes so please check the Club website and check your emails for details of all these events.

Finally please book your tables for food well in advance to avoid disappointment. If you do not book a table I am afraid that I cannot guarantee that food will be available especially in the quiet winter months although I will obviously do my best to accommodate you in the restaurant. I can be contacted on 01326 231460 or 231414 or email [helfordcatering@gmail.com](mailto:helfordcatering@gmail.com).

Tom Pinch

### **PHOTOS PLEASE**

If you have any high resolution photos for the 2013 HRSC Yearbook please contact Penny in the Club office. Also the website is in need of good photos of racing on the river, social events or anything relating to the Club so if you have something suitable please let us know.

**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 Saturday 19th January 2013 and a booking form is attached to this Newsletter. The hotel is offering a special room rate of £34.50 per person for bed and breakfast. If you want to take up this offer please book direct with the hotel on 01326 250288. Payment is required at the time of booking.

### **THANK YOU TO OUR 2012 SPONSORS**

We were once again very fortunate in having such generous sponsors for our Club events this season. We would like to extend our grateful thanks to:

**Hine Downing Solicitors - Early Summer Yacht Series**  
**Budock Vean Hotel - Mid Summer Yacht Series**  
**Penrose Sailmakers - Late Summer Yacht Series**  
**John Baker & Stephan Penney - Albia Yacht Regatta**

## YACHT REPORT

Racing has finished for the year and the silverware was handed out last Friday. The results are listed below. The 707 fleet goes from strength to strength and all have had a fantastic season's racing. Phil Badger organised an extra Autumn Series on Saturday mornings in October which was very successful. The handicap fleet however is not very well supported and I would like to encourage others to join us on Wednesday evenings. I know that some people would like to take part but cannot get a crew together on a regular basis. I think therefore that we should encourage boats to enter on a 'white sail' basis, thus enabling the boat to be sailed by one or two crew. A handicap would be given that reflects that spinnakers are not being used so that anyone racing and sailing well would have a chance of winning. If anyone has any questions about racing please do not hesitate to contact me. *Chris Symes - Captain Yachts*

### Spring Series

1st *Orijin* (Andy Dennis)  
2nd *Red Snapper* (Tony Statham)  
3rd *Valkyrie* (Chris Symes)

### Hine Downing Early Summer Series

707 1st *The Wildebeest* (Phil Badger) PY 1st *Kudu* (Terry Pascoe)  
2nd *Swordfish* (John Lake) 2nd *Valkyrie* (Chris Symes)  
3rd *Big Boys Toys* (Chris Broad)

### Budock Vean Mid Summer Series

707 1st *Swordfish* (John Lake) PY 1st *Valkyrie* (Chris Symes)  
2nd *The Wildebeest* (Phil Badger) 2nd *Kudu* (Terry Pascoe)  
3rd *Miss Money Penny* (Ed Bolitho)

### Penrose Sailmakers Late Summer Series

707 1st *Swordfish* (John Lake) PY 1st *Valkyrie* (Chris Symes)  
2nd *Red Snapper* (Tony Statham) 2nd *Orijin* (Andy Dennis)  
3rd *Jambo* (Phil Philpott)

David France Memorial Trophy (Best IRC boat) - *Orijin* (Andy Dennis)

Goodden Memorial Trophy (Best PY boat) - *Valkyrie* (Chris Symes)

County Pie Trophy (Helmswoman's Race) 707 - *The Wildebeest* (Jane Benney) PY - *Kudu* (Barbara Ashfield)

Dorothy Winfrey Cup 707 - *Swordfish* (John Lake) PY - *Orijin* (Andy Dennis)

Guy Viccars Trophy (Best boat under 30ft) - *Swordfish* (John Lake)

Gun Carriage Trophy (Winner of L'Aber Wrac'h Race) - *Sarabande* (Rob Mably)

Sundancer Trophy (First Helford boat in L'Aber Wrac'h Race) - *Josephine* (Richard Atherton)

Jose Collins Cup (Winner of Helford to Fowey Race) - *Black Dog* (Stuart Sawyer)

**HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB  
ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE 2013  
Budock Vean Hotel, Mawnan Smith  
Saturday 19th January 2013**



### **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

**PLEASE NOTE : NO BOOKING WILL BE MADE UNLESS THE FULL FEE IS ENCLOSED**

## **JUNIOR SAILING**

The 2012 sailing season has been challenging for both juniors and instructors. Many achievements were celebrated at the Annual Posh Nosh Awards night on 25<sup>th</sup> October. The highlight has to be that Ben Ainslie came to our junior Friday night sailing on the evening HRSC received the £50,000 cheque from Sports England for the Clubhouse extension. We had just received a cheque from Sports England for three Fevas for the juniors - wonderful news and how lucky we are to get three new dinghies absolutely free. The future is looking hopeful for the 2013 season to take the children into Team and Match racing. Ben Ainslie - watch this space - we have some keen and able sailors coming along!

Congratulations to Susie Lawrence, Andrew Hosking, Anton Chamberlain and Roger Philpott for gaining their Dinghy Instructors Certificate. The increased numbers of instructors enabled increased numbers of juniors for this season. We are grateful to Dave Blanning who provided the rescue boat support. It is hard to mention everyone by name as many important jobs need to be filled to make up the team on the night. We had 365 'bums on seats' for up to 37 children on Friday evenings. We are grateful to the HRCST (Alison Collins and Martin Fenton) for the excellent Race Training on 12 Saturdays, supported by their rescue boats and use of their dinghies. Thank you Alison for working so closely with our young racing juniors. The children did us proud when they entered the HRSC Club Regatta on 15<sup>th</sup> July. This was the first time the juniors had sailed with the adult fleet in any number. There were 38 boats on the line but the juniors were not afraid to lead from the front and challenge Lasers, RS 400s and other respected helms.

The Chamberlain Regatta on 1<sup>st</sup> September was breezy and challenging, and 17 HRCST and HRSC children proved their competence in the Optimist and Open PY Dinghies Classes with tea and Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards afterwards at HRSC. This is the third year of running this event and the standard has risen sharply in that time.

Finlay, Jack and Sam attended the National Optimist Events and this has given them the taste for more racing at a higher level. We wish them well for the future and will be watching their progress.

Thank you to all those who used their own boats on a Friday. Anton's class could not have happened without this help. The HRCST generously gave us the use of their Dorys and Oppies on a Friday so we could have the maximum numbers on the water. We otherwise would have had to share time on the water for the two Oppie classes. What a blessing when people all give their best and work together for the benefit of the children.

The Keel Boat Junior Helm Races on 6<sup>th</sup> July and 31<sup>st</sup> August proved a lot of fun and my thanks go to the skippers who allowed so many juniors aboard with no room for extra adults this year. The 707s proved to have very roomy cockpits and some juniors sat out on the rail. We have the photographs to prove it with children everywhere.

The highlight of the past three years has been the Junior Camp at Susie and Ian's but this year the poor conditions prevented us from sailing round the Dennis. However we did enjoy the walk and boat trip to and out from St. Anthony.

Finally, thanks to the Steward Tom for making us welcome on Fridays and for the good grub to keep the children and parents happy. Also thanks to Chris Broad our SI, without whom we could not operate and to Alison who was SI when Chris was away. Thanks also to all the instructors for taking so much care with their classes - Dominic and Rachael, Susie, Carol, Sammy, John, Roger and Anton. Many thanks also go to Andrew Hosking for acting as Bosun. He kept our dinghies serviceable and on the water which was quite a challenge each week with an elderly fleet.

This is my last year as Captain Juniors. It has been a joy to see the children progress and have fun on the water in a seamanlike manner over the past three years.

*Joan Kearsley - Captain Juniors*

## **AN INSPIRATION FOR JUNIOR SAILORS**

A former junior Member of the Club, Martin Boyde, who won the Mirror Cup and Most Improved Junior Trophy at the Club back in the 1990s, has just won the Laser 4000 European Championship at Lake Garda for the 2nd time in 3 years. Congratulations to him and who knows what our current juniors will be achieving in years to come!