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# Club Structure



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W. J. Jane, Commodore 1990-1993, 2001-2004

W. G. A. Jenkin, Commodore 2004-2007

and 35 years service.

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Sir c. B. Ainslie CBE.

Mrs J. C. Benney, Commodore 2009-2012,

and 25 years service

R. G. Hewett, Commodore 2007-2009 and 35 year service to the club and L'Aber Wrac'h Race

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The Commodore, HMS Seahawk, Culdrose, Helston

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		A. Watson	2024 - Present

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## ▶ Commodore's Report

Three years ago when I was given the privilege of being elected Commodore of the club, I had no plan or real objective other than to promote the main activity of our club, sailing.

I have been involved with Junior sailing for around twelve years and I hope I've been a help in getting it to the huge success that it is now, with upwards of 40 children learning to sail each year, sometimes frustrating but always rewarding. We continue to train up our older juniors to Assistant Instructors and then to fully qualified Dinghy Instructors. This is a huge benefit to the club enabling the professional RYA programme that we provide, but also personal development of our future sailors. Powerboat courses available at HRSC by our PB instructors Vicky Bolitho, Marc Shepherd, and occasionally myself are also an integral part of HRSC as a Regional Training Centre.

Dinghy sailing run this year by Roger and Sam has been successful, thanks must go to them and the Rescue boat crews that make it happen. The Adult sailing group is such an important part of the club and is a great place for new members wishing to learn to sail. Thanks go to Angie who has driven this, leading the group on excursions to St Mawes and other ports within the bay.

Wednesday evening Yacht Racing has been very successful this year with the largest number of boats racing for many years. A huge thanks to John Mills our race officer who along with Rowley, Captain Yachts manage to set a challenging course each week. Our social events have again been well supported with many guest speakers, quizzes, talks, many musical events, carols with St Keverne Band.

I suppose the most memorable has to have been the L'Aber Wrac'h party with the Stowes playing on the balcony, singing and dancing until very late. The annual L'Aber Wrac'h race is something very special to us at HRSC but also to our French friends. Thanks go to Rob and Sue Hewett for their continued commitment and help in running the race alongside the committee.

Work undertaken this year includes the drive being resurfaced, a new drain across the car park, white lines repainted and a new roof for the conservatory.

Work on the pontoon is ongoing. A new set of anchors installed at the northern end with some new chains. A certain amount of lateral movement had happened and with the pontoon in its 20th season it is essential to keep it secure and safe for members and also the many visiting yachts that use the club each year. The bridge support and concrete slip will also need maintenance work this coming year.

I would like to thank the whole committee for their great efforts over the last three years. Often it seems thankless but you are what makes our club what it is. I've received many comments from visiting yachts and guests stating what a friendly club HRSC is. A huge thanks to Ollie and his fantastic team, also to Nathan and his team for the warm welcome to our visitors. You are the friendly faces we all see whenever we enter the club.

A few retirements this year. Our Honorary Secretary Peter is standing down after 8 years.



Our thanks to Peter for the sound level headed way he has managed the position.

Two of our Trustees Anthony Jenkin and Rob Hewett both have served in this post for many years. Two new Trustees have been appointed by the Committee, Andrew Hosking and Peter Watson, both have agreed to take on this role.

Thank you Peter, Anthony and Rob for your dedication to the club, it's been a pleasure to have served with you all over the years. Since I was elected to the committee some years ago the Club has been through some challenging times, but for the membership to have again reached just over a thousand we must be doing something right. I have to acknowledge our treasurer Mike, the work involved is tremendous, Mike is very astute. He has kept us on a short painter but by doing so the club is in a secure financial position.

I'm still not quite sure how I ended up as Commodore but I am glad I was given the opportunity to hold the position for the last three years. For anyone to say they've enjoyed every minute of it I would suggest that's probably not true! There have been many headaches, some sleepless nights, a few irate phone calls, a few terse emails, some animated conversations, some disagreements, but many laughs along the way.

I wish the new committee well in the coming year. Remember to enjoy the role, you are what will shape the club of the future. All things change and evolve and we the members will be here to support you all.

Chris Hosken, *Commodore HRSC*



## ▶ Vice Commodore's Report

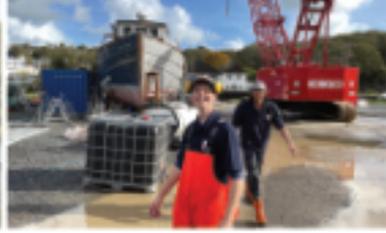
What a fantastic year 2023 was at the Clubhouse. We had some super events. L'Aber-Wrac'h was a big highlight along with the teas at the start of Falmouth Sailing Week. We've had some fabulous music as well, including the young local band Flight 42, who rocked out on the balcony for our Junior Sailing Prize giving. Nathan's BBQs were a big hit with a variety of meats and fresh salads, as were his summer specials. Ollie and his bar team have been on great form, always ready to serve our members, their friends and family. The team's enthusiasm shone through even on the wettest days. Ollie's dedication to offering a wide choice of drinks at the bar is very much appreciated by all.

With a new season ahead of us we can all look forward to another year at HRSC. The social calendar is already filling up with some exciting events in store and we look forward to the warmer weather when our waterways get busy once again.

Ollie and his team will be ready to welcome our members back through the doors. Nathan and Andrei have been hard at work on recipe development ready for a new menu.

On a personal note, I've really enjoyed my tenure as Vice Commodore and it's been wonderful to work with a committee that's so passionate about our club. It's also been brilliant meeting so many members that perhaps I wouldn't have met before. Thanks all for your support.

Nick Glossop, *Vice Commodore*



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### Dinghy Race Results

#### Spring Weekend Series

- 1st Sam Philpott
- 2nd Roger Philpott
- 3rd Martha Philpott
- 4th Philip Philpott

#### Summer Evening Series

- 1st Andrew Hosking
- 2nd Roger Philpott
- 3rd Sam Philpott
- 4th Martha Philpott

#### Autumn Series

- 1st Andrew Hosking
- 2nd Philip Philpott
- 3rd Roger Philpott
- 4th Jonathan Cunliffe

#### Spring Evening Series

- 1st Jonathan Cunliffe
- 2nd Nick Reuter
- 3rd Philip Philpott
- 4th Andrew Hosking

#### Summer Weekend Series

- 1st Angie Watson
- 2nd Philip Philpott
- 3rd Chris Shepherd
- 4th Nick Reuter

#### Frostbite Series

- 1st Philip Philpott
- 2nd Andrew Hosking
- 3rd Chris Shepherd & Riley Shepherd
- 4th Emily Smith

### Dinghy Cup Results

#### Wayfarer cup

- 1st Florence Cunliffe & Reuben & Jonathan Cunliffe
- 2nd Jackson Cunliffe & Verity Cunliffe & Miguel
- 3rd Ian Jones & Peter Lethhead-Currie
- 4th Paul Randall & Amanda DeSimone

#### Laser Plate

- 1st Jonathan Cunliffe
- 2nd Rebekah Hosking
- 3rd Andrew Hosking
- 4th Martha Philpott

#### HRSC Dinghy Regatta

- 1st Jonathan Cunliffe
- 2nd Phillip Philpott
- 3rd Rupert Whelan
- 4th Andrew Hosking

#### Nairn Cup

- 1st Jonathan Cunliffe
- 2nd Roger Philpott
- 3rd Keith Wilkins
- 4th Paul Randall & Amanda DeSimone

#### May Cup

- 1st Sam Philpott
- 2nd Phillip Philpott
- 3rd Andrew Hosking
- 4th Lucas Shepherd

#### HRSC Dinghy Regatta

- 1st Rafa Oakes & Gus Harris
- 2nd Martha Philpott
- 3rd Lucas Shepherd & Jackson Cunliffe
- 4th Florence Cunliffe & Daisy Norton



## ▶ Adult Sailing Report

This is my last report as Captain Adult Sailing, a position I have very much enjoyed.

Many Adult Sailors worked hard this year from late February through to April to get the Wayfarers shipshape. Working on the boats together is great fun and very rewarding.

The Wayfarers were launched at the beginning of May with help from our Commodore Chris Hosken. We were excited to try out our new Hyde Wayfarer sails which had been purchased over the winter. The start of the sailing season was perfect for sailing the Wayfarers and the new sails performed beautifully. I could not believe how lucky we were to have almost perfect conditions every Tuesday. We had several trips up to Tremayne Quay early in the season which gave me the idea of organising a camping trip on the river, but that was not to be. As we now know the weather in July and August was very disappointing.

Luckily, I held our annual Adult Sailing BBQ on Grebe Beach on June 13th when there was a heat wave just before the weather broke. The next exciting adventure was in early September when three club Wayfarers with the Zodiac in attendance arrived at Maenporth beach during the last heat wave of the year. So to sum it up it has been a year of 'highs and lows'. Maybe this coming season we will have a long hot summer with a constant perfect breeze. You can but dream!!

This year Joanna Pleasance takes on the position of Captain Adult Sailing. Adult Sailing is a joint effort in every respect which is what makes it so sociable and so much fun to participate in. I'd like to take this opportunity to particularly thank those who man the Safety Boats every Tuesday.

If you would like to join us next year do get in touch with Joanna. All you need is suitable outdoor clothing, a buoyancy aid and a thirst for small adventures. See the website for more information.

Angie Watson, *Captain Adult Sailors*





## ▶ POFSA Report

Over the past six years I've been the rep for HRSC on the POFSA committee, the total dedication to the running of Falmouth Sailing Week professionally is very evident; to run the two regattas The Bay Fleet and the Carrick Fleet takes a large number of volunteers and the loan of several Committee/finish boats to run successfully. Falmouth Sailing Week was acknowledged by The British Yachting Awards in 2020 for "Event of The Year", definitely a great accolade .

Over the last few years the challenge of running the regatta during the pandemic was a challenge but run successfully it did. The 2022 regatta was run with very little or no wind with many sailors electing to take a dip off their boats while waiting for the wind to fill in.

The regatta social events during the week held in each of the host clubs are always great events, we at HRSC are renowned for our hospitality with our famous teas, pig roast, and from our kitchen the as much as you can eat BBQ, our bar and bar staff and music provided by various musicians or groups always make for a real party atmosphere. The 2024 Regatta is already in the planning stage and will I'm sure be another fantastic event.

Chris Hosken, POFSA Rep



## Safety on the Shore

The Club always extends a special welcome to families and Children. We have a strong junior sailing side and one of the founding objectives of the Club, was to encourage generally messing about in boats in a seamanlike manner.

With this in mind, we ask parents to be aware of the adherent dangers of being near water, cliffs and a busy car park. What may be obvious to an adult could present an immediate danger to a child.

We ask parents to be responsible for their children to take warning signs seriously and ensure that life jackets are worn as appropriate. With that said, the river gives us all, both young and old, a tremendous playground right on our doorstep.

*Enjoy it to the full!*



## ▶ Captain Amenities Report

In recent months various works have been undertaken to improve the ambience of the club. A working party of volunteers assembled and gave up their Saturday to fill a skip with all the junk accumulated over the last few years/decades, mainly around the bins. The car park was swept of the autumn leaves and several blocked gutters unblocked. A major visual improvement I think.

A hand rail has been installed from the top of the slipway to the bottom which has improved access to the pontoons for members of advancing years! The entrance road has been resurfaced and new car park drains installed at either end of the club house. A new glass roof for the Conservatory is currently being manufactured and should have been installed by the time you read this article.

Less noise when raining, much higher heat retention and all in all, a great improvement over the existing Polycarbonate roof. In addition the installation process will give us access to the defective lighting in the roof space. Also new white lines in the car park will have been remarked.

My main ambitions for the next year are to identify and apply a suitable wood treatment to the exterior of the building and replace the 15 remaining exterior single glazed windows with double glazed ones for obvious reasons.

*Elwyn Jones, Captain Amenities*

# ▶ Yacht Racing Report

We have a growing Yacht Racing scene here at Helford River Sailing Club with new boats and crews joining our weekly racing evenings. I've had the pleasure of adding my own boat Shere Khan to the regular roll of participants. In 2023 our season included overseeing 3 series of club racing, the highly anticipated annual L' Aber-Wrac'h race, and the exhilarating Falmouth Week, all of which were met with resounding success.

Looking ahead, we are excited to invite all keel boats, regardless of class, to get involved in the 2024 season of purpose-driven sailing. Our Wednesday evening Series Racing, starts from early May until late September. Courses are set at the river mouth or in the bay, based on the prevailing weather conditions. Races are primarily conducted on a handicap average lap time basis, ensuring that even the swiftest boats are on an equitable playing field. While the more agile boats might complete three laps, securing competitiveness with just two

laps is indeed achievable, subject to your handicap. Exact details of the marks used are available to view on the HRSC website.

We are also hoping to run a Sunday pursuit race series during the season with a club line start and finish in time for lunch.

We also suggest you join to our Facebook group. (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/hrscyachtracing>) serves as an ideal platform for your networking needs. If you are eager to be part of any of our upcoming events, be it as a crew member, a yacht owner, or as an integral part of our Race Officer team, please do get in touch.

Your enthusiasm and participation are the lifeblood of our sailing community.

Rowland Kirby, *Captain Yachts*

## **2023 Yacht Race Results**

### **Spring Series**

1st Mischief	(Jack Warren & Ed Bolitho)
2nd Avocet	(Andrew Thompson & Nick Gough)
3rd Maija	(Chris Olsen)
4th Morgawr	(Tom Smith)

### **Summer Series**

1st Mischief	(Jack Warren & Ed Bolitho)
2nd Avocet	(Andrew Thompson & Nick Gough)
3rd Maija	(Chris Olsen)
4th Morgawr	(Tom Smith)

### **Late Summer Series**

1st Mischief	(Jack Warren & Ed Bolitho)
2nd Shere Khan	(Rowly Kirby)
3rd Avocet	(Andrew Thompson & Nick Gough)
4th Morgawr	(Tom Smith)

### **The Dorothy Winfrey Cup**

1st Mischief	(Jack Warren & Ed Bolitho)
2nd Maija	(Chris Olsen)
3rd Avocet	(Andrew Thompson & Nick Gough)

### **Anchors Up Regatta**

1st Morgawr	(Tom Smith)
2nd Lilliberlero	(Freya Skingley & Duncan Skingley)
3rd Charlie	(Nick Gough)

# ▶ L'Aber Wrac'h Race 2023 Report

The 62<sup>nd</sup> Helford to L'Aber Wrac'h race was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2023

This year we had thirteen yachts, 6 French and 7 English, taking on the challenge of the Channel crossing, with 11 boats crossing the finish line.

Marie Jo Trophy was awarded to James Christie on Xenia, as the youngest competitor in the race.

The Bobby Martin Trophy for the 1<sup>st</sup> Yacht under 30" was awarded to Chris Clark on Grand Cru

The wind was changeable, starting with a good breeze on the nose, which then went Westerly and variable near the French coast in the morning, the ultimate boat taking 3 hours to go six miles.

The 1<sup>st</sup> five yachts finished within within 32 minutes of each other, a credit to the handicap committee. Only two boats retired, one motoring

on to L'Aber Wrac'h, seeing seven pods of dolphins and two whales on the way and the other returning to Helford. The prize giving was held at the Yacht Club des Abers with a speech by David Kerlan, Mayor of Landeda & L'Aber Wrac'h and Rob Hewett, representing HRSC. Rob and Sue Hewett presented the prizes.

The race was preceded by an excellent Champagne recovery party, at HRSC, with great music by The Stowes and a tasty bar-b-que by Club caterers, The Cornish Food Hub.

Thanks must go to Daniel Dagorn, for the Prize giving photographs and the YCA for the Race reception. Also to Rob Hewett, Anthony Jenkin, Johnny Walker, John Mills for Race Organisation, and those who arranged and helped with a great Champagne reception.

SAVE THE DATE- Helford to L'Aber Wrac'h Race 2024 to be held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024.



1st Calypso Jean Francoise Caraes



2nd & Sundancer Trophy for 1st Helford Yacht Xenia Paddy Royall



3rd Atahualpa David Guillam



The Marie Jo Trophy was awarded to James Christie on Xenia, as the youngest competitor in the race.



The Bobby Martin Trophy for the 1st Yacht under 30" was awarded to Chris Clark On Grand Cru

### L'Aber Wrac'h Race 2023 Results

Position	Yacht Name	Owner/Skipper	Make
1	Calypso	J.F. Caraes	Contessa 35
2	Xenia	P Royall	X362 Sport
3	Atahualpa	D Guillem	First 24
4	Diaoul'x	J.F. Cadiou	X Yachts
5	Inn spirit	S Copperwait	HOD 36
6	Agnes	P Clark	Elan 333
7	Carpe diem	G Menut	Bongo 9,60
8	Jimlee	P Pierrard	Dufour 31GL
9	Hepsea	G Abiliou	Jeaneau Sun Odysea
10	Rosie	T Green	Cornish Crabber
11	Grand Cru	C Clark	Westerly

# Yacht Race Calendar 2024

13	Apr	COGS Coastal, Falmouth - Fowey, Royal Cornwall Yacht Club
03	May	COGS Offshore, Roscoff, Royal Cornwall Yacht Club
05	May	HRSC The Anchors Up Regatta, Sunday 1pm start TBC
08	May - 19 Jun	HRSC Spring Series, 18:30 start (7 Races)
12	May	COGS Bay, Falmouth Bay 1, Flushing Sailing Club
26	May	COGS Coastal/Bay, Gull Rock Manacles (Falmouth Bay 2), Flushing Sailing Club
01	Jun	COGS Coastal, Plymouth - Fowey, Saltash Sailing Club
15	Jun	COGS Offshore, Eddystone, St Mawes Sailing Club
26	Jun - 7 Aug	HRSC Summer Series 18:30 start (7 Races)
27	Jun	HRSC The Dorothy Winfrey Cup
28	Jun	Helford to L'Aber Wrac'h Pursuit Race, COGS Offshore, HRSC
06	Jul	COGS Coastal, Falmouth - Penzance, Penzance Sailing Club
19	Jul	COGS Offshore, PASAB, Penzance Sailing Club
11	Aug - 17 Aug	Falmouth Week Racing
11	Aug	Helford River Sailing Club, Falmouth Week Race Day
14	Aug	Falmouth Week "The Ancasta Champagne Race"
21	Aug - 25 Sep	HRSC Late Summer Series 18:30 start (6 Races)
24	Aug	COGS Offshore, Trinity, Royal Cornwall Yacht Club
08	Sep	COGS Bay, Falmouth Bay 3, Flushing Sailing Club
14	Sep	COGS Coastal, Fowey - Helford, Fowey POFROC
28	Sep	COGS Coastal, Mylor Layup Cup, Mylor Yacht Club
23	Nov	COGS Season End, Annual Dinner & Prize giving, Royal Cornwall Yacht Club



## ► Rear Commodore Sailing

Following on from a successful last few years on the water under Dom's direction, I hope to continue this and encourage more members to take part in the water activities the we offer. With this in mind we will be trialling Sunday mornings yacht racing out in the bay making it ideal for cruisers as well, organising more opportunities for juniors to race yachts, and resurrecting a few more of the regattas that used to happen in the past.

The clubs water activities are not just about racing though we also have a Tuesday evenings adult sailing in the clubs fleet of dinghies and the amazing junior sailing on Friday evenings encouraging a new generation of sailors !! I look forward to seeing you on the water.

Duncan Skingley, *Rear Commodore Sailing*



New HRSC Rib ready for 2024 season

# Club Notice of Keel Racing

## RULES & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

### 1. Rules

**1.1** Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 (RRS). The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions.

**1.2** Nothing written in either this Notice of Race or the sailing instructions removes a boat's responsibility to comply with the Falmouth Harbour bye-laws, when sailing in the Falmouth Harbour designated area, see: [www.falmouthharbour.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/30-130-01-FHCByelaws.pdf](http://www.falmouthharbour.co.uk/wp/wp-content/uploads/30-130-01-FHCByelaws.pdf).

### 2. Entries

**2.1** Entries will be accepted only from owners or their representatives who are members of a PoFSA club, and have (where applicable) completed and submitted a valid entry form, paid the correct entry fee, and whose boat displays sail numbers in compliance with RRS Appendix G. Under sixteen year-olds may enter or crew only if their parent or guardian has given their permission and completed and signed the parental permission form provided.

**2.2** Boats must race in their designated class and may not change class during a series.

**2.3** The HRSC race committee reserves the right to alter/combine classes and change/adapt entry conditions as they see fit in light of entries received.

**2.4** The Entry form can be found on the HRSC website and together with correct entry fee (where applicable) shall be submitted on-line or delivered by hand to:-

The Race Committee, HRSC, Helford, Helston, Cornwall TR12 6L

To be eligible to enter any race an Entry Form must be completed and submitted. For Wednesday evening Yacht Racing only one Entry Form need be submitted at the beginning of the season.

It is strongly recommended that all competitors download the RYASafeTRX app and register their vessel. This replaces the CG66 which is no longer valid. The app may be downloaded from the Apple Store or Google Play.

Alternatively, competitors may register on the RYA website at [www.safetrx.rya.org.uk](http://www.safetrx.rya.org.uk).

### 3. Risk Statement

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

(a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;

(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;

(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;

(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;

(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

(f) For offshore races they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew;

(g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the venue or event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;

(h) Helford River Sailing Club cannot provide patrol boat/safety boat cover for the duration of the racing.

### 4. Sailing Instructions

**4.1** Sailing Instructions will be: a. posted on the Helford River Sailing Club website and Helford River Sailing Club Yacht Racing Facebook page and may be downloaded. b. available for collection at the Club.

**4.2** Instructions for Special Races and Notice of Racing for individual events will be posted on the HRSC website and on the HRSC Yacht Racing Facebook page.

### 5. Prizes

These are all detailed in the Sailing Instructions, which are available prior to entry, see 4 above.

### 6. Sailing Programme 2024

The proposed Sailing Programme is Appended to the Yacht Racing Sailing Instructions.

### 7. Classes

Generally, Yacht Racing will be run as a single Handicap Class. If the number of entries for any one race exceeds 15 the Race Committee reserve the right to group boats into separate classes and run multiple starts.

Where possible, details of classes split will be posted on the HRSC website and Facebook pages.

## 8. Courses

**8.1** All Series and Special races: Helford River and Falmouth Bay.

**8.2** Offshore races: Western Approaches, English Channel, Plymouth forecast area.

**8.3** Start times for all races are published in the sailing instructions.

## 9. Handicaps

**9.1** For Wednesday evening Series racing, the Race Committee will use the RYA YTC rating to establish handicaps.

**9.2** Entrants shall forward a copy of their RYA YTC rating certificate with their entries. **9.3** In the absence of an RYA YTC handicap rating, the Race Committee reserve the right to determine and allocate handicaps based a IRC rating (if provided) or upon similar boats with known handicaps as they see fit.

## 10 Series Racing

**10.1** Spring Series (7 Races) from 8th May until 19th June

**10.2** Summer Series (7 Races) from 26th June until 7th August

**10.3** Late Summer Series (6 Races) from the 21st August until 25th September.

## 11 Offshore Racing Safety Requirements

Note : For Off-Shore Races and race specific NOR/SIs take precedence over the HRSC NOR/SIs

**11.1** Offshore racing: The safety of the boat and its entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor who must ensure the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy, operated by a crew sufficient in numbers and experience who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/skipper must be satisfied that:

**11.1.1** The Hull, Hull Appendages, Spars, Rigging, Sails and all gear are sound.

**11.1.2** All Safety Equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date.

**11.1.3** The crew know where such equipment is kept and how it is to be used.

All Classes World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Inshore Racing

At the discretion of the Race Committee, boats complying with the following minimum requirements may be permitted to race. Boats shall be self-righting from 90 degrees. And the cockpits shall be self-draining. If class rules provide a higher standard, then class rules apply.

**11.2** Below is a list of safety equipment to which all competing boats must comply. Each item of equipment shall function properly and be suitable for its intended purpose in the size of boat on which it is carried.

Each item shall be securely stowed and ready for immediate use. Any additional equipment required by class rules must also be carried.

1. Suitable anchor
2. Fire extinguisher if fuel or gas carried
3. Horseshoe type lifebuoy or life sling
4. Bucket and lanyard
5. Personal flotation devices for each crew (Note: it is not compulsory to wear them)
6. Marine compass
7. VHF radio with suitable marine Channels
8. Powerful torch /spare batteries
9. Suitable flares (or LED flares)
10. Whistle and Fog Horn
11. Bilge Pump
12. Working auxiliary Engine
13. First Aid Kit

## 12. Radio Communication

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## 13. Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured for racing including third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000, (three million pounds).

## 14. Race Committee

The Race Committee members will be Commodore, Vice Commodore, Hon. Captain Sailing and Race Officer of the day.

For HRSC Yacht Racing Sailing Instructions please see website:

<https://helfordriversc.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/HRSC-Yacht-Racing-SIs-2024.pdf>



## ► Dinghy Racing Report

First of all, thank you to everyone for making the 2023 Dinghy sailing season such a terrific one and especially a big thank you to all the volunteers who have helped on the safety boats and the committee boat this season, the dinghy racing could not have gone ahead without your help and support.

The past season has been a rather eventful one with everything from snapped masts to falling head first out of boats. There has been some very close racing and some rather tricky conditions, 3 beats on a triangular course comes to mind... It has been lovely to see everyone young and old out on the water enjoying themselves whilst partaking in some excellent racing.

The Cup Races this year were all very well attended with rather different conditions for each one which added some variety. Along with some competitive racing these all meant for enjoyable days of racing.

The junior turnouts this year for the cup races were very encouraging with 16 kids entering the HRSC Regatta this summer.

It's wonderful to see the kids improving their skills and getting stuck into racing. We hope to see the juniors giving the adults a run for their money this coming year! The year 2023 marked the 50th Anniversary of the May Family Cup where 23 brave sailors ventured out into some very strong winds, keeping the safety boats rather busy all afternoon. There was lots of close racing with a large range of classes and it was lovely to celebrate this milestone with the May Family. Many thanks to them for keeping this tradition going.

We are stepping down this year as we have too many other commitments to be able to run the dinghy racing, the mantle of Captain Dinghies is being passed onto Nick Reuter. We wish him all the best and will support him in the 2024 season hoping that it will be a successful and enjoyable one.

Roger & Sam Phillpott, *Dinghy Captain*

### [Booking Out Club Dinghies With WhatsApp](#)

The Committee are keen to encourage all members who are competent sailors to make use of our fantastic fleet of club dinghies. Most of the dinghies are used on Friday nights for Junior Sailing but usually available on other days of the week. For full information please visit our website <https://helfordriversc.co.uk/club-dinghies/>

# Dinghy Race Calendar 2024

Date	Event/Series	Start Time	High Tide	HW
Sun 14	<b>Apr</b> Spring W/E	10:30	09:35	4.4
Sun 21	Spring W/E	15:00	17:03	4.6
Sun 28	Spring W/E	10:30	08:17	4.6
Thu 02	<b>May</b> Spring Eve	18:30	12:42	3.9
Sun 05	Spring W/E	15:00	16:05	4.7
Thu 09	Spring Eve	18:30	19:04	5.2
Sun 12	Spring W/E	10:30	08:45	4.6
Thu 16	Spring Eve	18:30	12:37	3.7
Sun 19	<b>Nairn Cup</b>	14:00	15:44	4.3
Thu 23	Spring Eve	18:30	18:14	4.8
Sun 26	Spring W/E	10:30	07:47	4.7
Thu 30	Spring Eve	18:30	11:12	4.2
Sun 02	<b>June</b> Spring W/E	15:00	14:38	4.4
Thu 06	Spring Eve	18:30	18:02	5
Sun 09	Summer W/E	10:30	07:56	4.7
Thu 13	Summer Eve	18:30	22:52	4.3
Sun 16	<b>Laser Plate</b>	14:00	13:42	4
Thu 20	Summer Eve	18:30	17:04	4.7
Sun 23	Summer W/E	15:00	19:11	5
Thu 27	Summer Eve	18:30	22:19	4.9
Sun 30	Summer W/E	10:30	12:56	4.3
Thu 04	<b>July</b> Summer Eve	18:30	17:03	4.7
Sun 07	Summer W/E	10:30	07:02	4.2
Thu 11	Summer Eve	18:30	21:39	4.7
Sun 14	Summer W/E	10:30	11:32	4.1
Thu 18	Summer Eve	18:30	15:43	4.4
Sat 20	<b>May Cup</b>	14:00	17:24	4.9
Thu 25	Summer Eve	18:30	21:15	5.3
Sun 28	Summer W/E	10:30	11:15	4.5
Thu 01	<b>Aug</b> Summer Eve	18:30	16:04	4.4
Sun 04	Summer W/E	15:00	18:19	5
Thu 08	Summer Eve	18:30	20:41	5
Sun 11	<b>HRSC Regatta</b>	10:30	09:57	4.4
Thu 15	Summer Eve	18:30	13:56	4.1
Sun 18	Summer W/E	15:00	17:06	5
Thu 22	Summer Eve	18:30	20:12	5.6
Sun 25	Autumn W/E	10:30	09:54	4.9
Thu 29	Autumn Eve	18:30	14:47	4.1
Sun 01	<b>Sep</b> Autumn W/E	15:00	17:22	4.9
Thu 05	Autumn Eve	18:30	17:43	5.1
Sun 08	<b>Wayfarer Cup</b>	10:30	08:53	4.7
Thu 12	Autumn Eve	18:30	12:03	4
Sun 15	Autumn W/E	15:00	15:54	4.8
Thu 19	Autumn Eve	18:30	19:05	5.7
Sun 22	Autumn W/E	10:30	08:48	5.2
Thu 26	Autumn Eve	18:30	12:44	3.9
Sun 29	Autumn W/E	15:00	16:18	4.6
Sun 06	<b>Oct</b> Frostbite	10:30	08:00	4.9
Sun 13	Frostbite	14:00	14:22	4.4
Sun 20	Frostbite	10:30	07:46	5.4
Sun 27	Frostbite	14:00	13:57	4.2



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## Dinghy Course Card 2024

### Pursuit course (HRSC Club Line)

N	Cs Gp Tp Bp Gp Tp (Cp Vp Bp)
NE	BTU BTU (V C U) <i>All Marks to Port</i>
E	C D U V Q D (U C D) <i>All Marks to Port</i>
SE	Us Gp Tp Up (Bp Cp Up)
S	Ds Bp Ts Qs (Dp Cp Tp)
SW	T D U Q T U Q (T C Q) <i>All Marks to Port</i>
W	T U V Q (U V C) <i>All Marks to Port</i>
NW	G U V (G C B) <i>All Marks to Port</i>

### Committee Boat Line Starts

N	(B)	Cs Gp Tp Bp Gp Tp (Cp Vp Bp)
NE	(V)	Cs Bp Tp Up Bp Tp Up (Vp Cp Up)
E	(U)	C D U V Q D (U C D) <i>All to Port</i>
SE	(U)	G U G T U (B C U) <i>All Marks to Port</i>
S	(D)	Bp Ts Qs Dp Bp Ts Qs (Dp Cp Tp)
SW	(T)	C T D U Q T U Q (T C Q) <i>All Port</i>
W	(Q)	Cs Tp Up Vp Qp (Up Vp Cp)
NW	(C)	U G U V G U V (G C B) <i>All to Port</i>



## ▶ Social Report

2023 began with a lively New Years Eve Party with Music by Stacey Lee a local singer who sang hit songs from across the decades. A good time was had by all!. In January we had a superb evening with Will Keating singing Cornish Songs with John Dowling accompanying him on his banjo. Harry Glasson composer of "Cornwall my Home" joined us and gave a moving speech. Burns Night was a great success with a piper piping in the haggis and Sandy Tyndale-Biscoe giving an amazing rendition of Ode to the Haggis.

In March we all enjoyed a fantastic Dinner Dance at Greenbank Hotel with Live Music by The Soundcasters and Al Stewart played Saxophone. The Easter weekend brought lovely weather. The children had great fun doing a beach scavenge and were rewarded with Easter Egg prizes!

We celebrated the Kings Coronation with lively music from the local Band Akoustek and a delicious BBQ.

In May Liz Fenwick launched her amazing new book Secret Shore about the Helford in the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War.

In June we had live music from the Stowes for The Champagne Recovery Party prior to the Race to L'Aberwra'ch the following day.

Falmouth Week Regatta Tea was a great success. Thank you again everyone for the generous food donations! The popular local band The Tiger Tales gave us some lively music and we raised over £230 for the RNLI with the donations for the tea. In August we had an enjoyable evening being entertained by the Cornish Singers Odds and Sods on the balcony.

In September we enjoyed a great evening of songs from Rue an Acoustic Singer Songwriter from Lostwithiel.

Talented Singer Songwriter Liam Jordan brightened up a rainy Sunday afternoon in October. Hit & Miss a really amazing young group of Cornish Singers sang for us in November. Our RNLI Christmas Craft Fair was a great success with a festive atmosphere and 18 local Artisans were selling amazing Crafts. We enjoyed Ollie's Mulled Wine, minced pies and some delicious festive soup! We raised £500 from the tables and donations for the RNLI. We had a great evening at the Christmas Quiz Hosted by Suzanne Matthews.

The week before Christmas we had another lovely evening singing Carols accompanied by the St Keverne Band and a Winter Solstice Concert by The Pralla Singers.

The Social Committee and I wish you a wonderful 2024 both on and off the water!

Diana Best, *Captain Social*

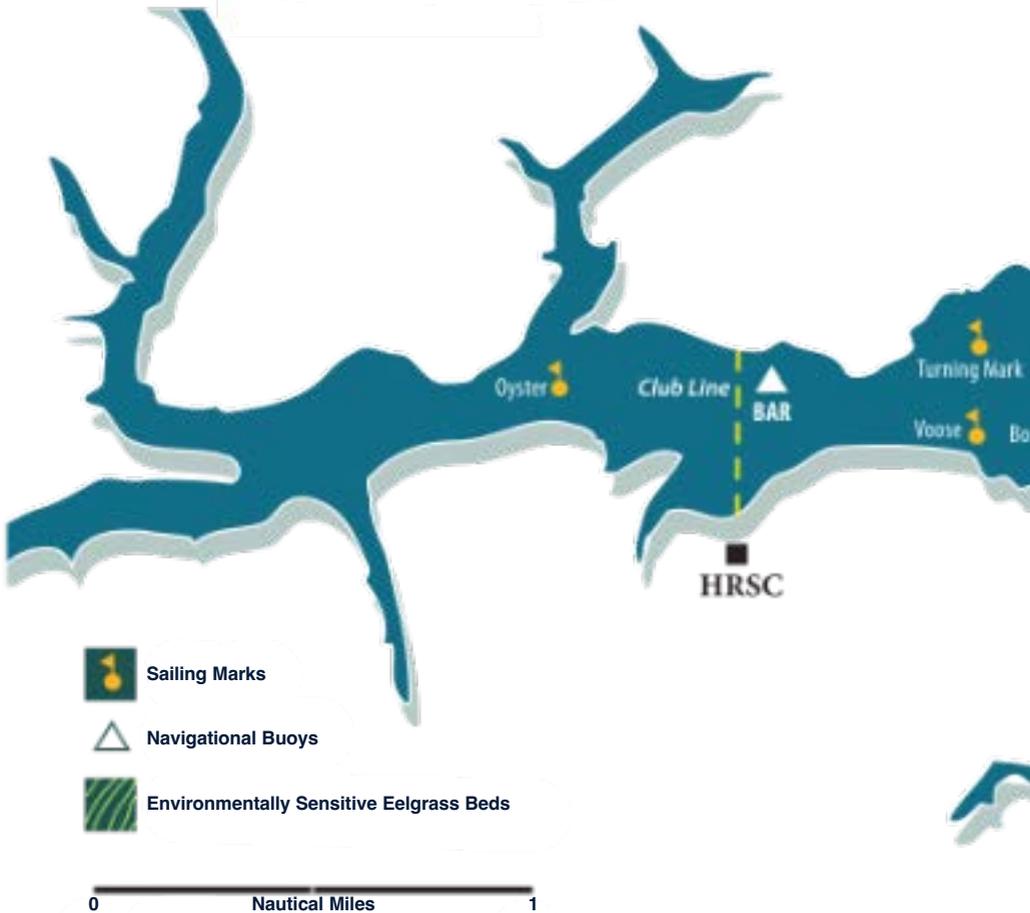


### Depth of Water at the end of HRSC Pontoon

	Tide Height													
<b>Metres</b>	4.4	4.5	4.6	4.7	4.8	4.9	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.4	5.5	5.6	
<b>Feet/Inches</b>	14'5"	14'9"	15'1"	15'5"	15'9"	16'1"	16'5"	16'9"	17'1"	17'5"	17'9"	18'1"	18'5"	
Time NO access either side low water														
<b>Hrs/Mins</b>	OK	0:20	0:40	0:50	1:05	1:10	1:20	1:25	1:30	1:35	1:35	1:40	1:45	

**Note:**

- Times are approximate to 5 minutes at standard pressure
- Water lapping at the slipway base = 30 minutes to NO WATER
- 5.6 metre (18'4ft) tide = 2.1 metre (7ft) alongside the jetty



Mark Name:	Course Ref:
Bosahan	B
Central	C
Committee	Q
Durgan	D
Dennis	F
Eastern	E
Gew	G
Maenporth	M
Manacles	A
Nare	N
Pilchard	P
Rosemullion	R
Shag	S
Toll	T
Turning Mark	U
Voose	V
Gyllyngvase	L
Oldwalls	Ow



# Dinghy Sailing Instructions

## Rules

Racing will take place under the current World Sailing (formerly ISAF) Rules, with RYA Prescriptions, these sailing instructions, the appropriate class rules, and the Notice of Races.

### 1. Risk statement

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race, or to continue racing, is hers alone.

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport, and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

**i)** They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.

**ii)** They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore.

**iii)** They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own acts or omissions.

**iv)** Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate

**v)** The provision of a Race Management Team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

**vi)** The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

**vii)** It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue, and to attend any safety briefings for the event.

**viii)** They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather, that there is crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather, and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.

### 2. Entry and insurance

The owners / helmsmen of all dinghies wishing to take part in races must do the following:

**i)** Insure their craft for a minimum of £3,000,000 third party risks

**ii)** Complete, sign and return an official Entry Form to the Club for 2022 before racing, (available from the Club Administrator or Captain of Dinghies or from the Club Website).

**iii)** Pay the required entry fees to the Club Administrator

**iv)** Under 16's must complete a Parental consent form available from the Club Administrator, or the Club Website.

No points or places will be given to any competitor who fails to satisfy all of these requirements.

## 3. Safety

Life jackets or buoyancy aids must be worn by all competitors at all times. All dinghies must be equipped with adequate buoyancy, (properly secured), and carry all safety equipment. It is the responsibility of the competitors alone to decide whether or not it is safe to race. This includes an assessment of weather conditions and forecasts, the sea worthiness of their vessel and the competence, experience and fitness of its crew. Such standards may vary and the fact that a race has not been cancelled does not mean that it is safe for all competitors to take part.

### 4. Novice Class

There may be a class for novices starting 5 minutes before the main start. Helms persons wishing to enter this class shall declare this on their entry form and notify the Race Officer prior to leaving the pontoon and there must be at least three starters. If less than three novice starters they shall start with the main class start.

### 5. Courses

Courses will be either:

#### **i) Pursuit**

The course to be sailed may be signalled by course letter board hung at the foot of the ramp leading to the pontoons. Details of courses are given on race cards available from the Club Office and Captain Dinghies. Competitors should ensure they use the most up-to-date card by checking the valid date on the card with that on the Club Notice Board.

#### **ii) Committee Boat Line Start**

Letter "A" may be displayed at the foot of the ramp. The course letter board may be displayed from the Committee Boat before the Warning signal. Courses may be selected from the race card, Committee Boat Line Start section.

#### **iii) Windward/Leeward/Triangle Courses**

Letter 'B' may be displayed at the foot of the ramp. The course may be standard windward/leeward triangle as illustrated in the Racing Rules of Sailing, with an option to reduce the number of laps by shorten course procedure and an option to use the windward and leeward marks as starting and finishing marks.

#### **iv) Average Lap Timed Races**

Where possible & convenient races will be raced under the Average Lap Time system. Letter "C" may be displayed at the foot of the ramp.

#### **v) Light winds**

a light wind course option may be signalled by letter board L at the bottom of the Ramp, or on the committee boat. A suitable light wind course will be notified by Captain Dinghies or the Race Officer.

#### **vi) Dynamic Courses**

Letter "D" may be displayed at the bottom of the ramp. The Race Officer will devise the course, which may be displayed on the side of the Committee Boat.

## 6. Starting

### i) Pursuit

A signal will be sounded at or soon after the start time published in the HRSC Year Book, or otherwise advised elsewhere. Each dinghy will start at its own individual start time shown on the race card after this sound signal. The start line is the Club Line marked by the transit of the two masts at the clubhouse, with Bar buoy as the northern limit.

### ii) Committee Boat Line Start

The starting procedure will follow RRS 26, pg 20 with the warning signal at or soon after the time published in the HRSC Year Book, or otherwise advised elsewhere. In addition there may be a signal 5 mins before the warning signal, and Int. code Flag 'B' will be hoisted. Flag 'B' will be lowered at the Warning signal, and then RRS 26 will be followed. Alternatively & at the discretion of Captain Dinghies there will be a 3 flag start for a simplified procedure if indicated either for novice racers or merged safety: committee boat operations. The start line will be a line between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a pin mark which may be a laid mark with an orange flag, or a mark of the course. The start line will be in the vicinity of the Start Mark, identified in brackets on the race card.

## 7. Number of starters

For a race to be valid the number of starters must be at least two.

## 8. Finishing

### i) Pursuit

The finish will be at the first mark, rounded by the leading boat after a minimum time period (hitherto 90 mins) has expired. If the full course is completed before this time then the legs marked in brackets on the Race Card will be repeated until the minimum time period has elapsed. The finish may or may not be marked by a Committee or patrol boat. The finish line is deemed to be a line extending from the finish mark, at right angles to the course from the previous mark. The finish mark should be left on the same side as it would have been rounded. There will not be a hook finish. The length of the line will be two boat lengths. Any boat not on the same leg as the lead boat when the minimum time period expires shall finish by rounding the next mark on the correct side. The Committee Boat or patrol boat will attempt to record finishing positions. However, it is essential that competitors note the name / sail number of the boats finishing ahead and astern.

### ii) Committee Boat Line Start.

The finish line will be marked by the Committee Boat and a mark of the course.

The line will be at 90° to the course from the previous mark.

Boats will finish by crossing the line leaving the mark of the course on the correct side according to the Race Card. To indicate that the Committee Boat is on station it may fly a blue flag.

The Race Officer will finish the race after approx.

60 mins duration, at a mark of his/her discretion, by following the shorten course procedure. The course may be shortened between marks of the course by creating a finish gate between a blue flag displayed on the committee boat and an additional mark displaying an orange flag, and by following the shorten course procedure before the first boat crosses the finish line.

### iii) Windward/Leeward Triangle Races.

The finishing procedure will be as per SI 9ii above (Committee Boat Line start Race)

## 9. Shortening course

In accordance with RRS 32.2, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions.

## 10. Retirements

All competitors retiring must notify the Race Officer or Patrol Boat Crew as soon as possible.

## 11. Time limits

Committee Boat line start and Windward/Leeward/Triangle line start races. Any boat not finishing within 30 mins of the leading boat will be deemed to have retired.

## 12. Protests

Will be heard in accordance with WS Rules 60 – 71.4. This procedure must be followed correctly and in full, or the protest may not be heard.

**13. Assistance** to another boat It is the duty of every dinghy to render all possible assistance to any vessel or person in distress in accordance with Fundamental Rule 1.1. Helping Those in Danger. The Race Committee will subsequently make every effort to reach an equitable decision regarding the outcome of the race in accordance with Rule 62.

## 14. Scoring

RRS Appendix A pg 54 will apply. Additionally, the Race Officer shall be awarded his average points scored in the other races in that series.

## 15. Alternate Rigs Helms and Boats

Lasers shall be allowed to use Standard, Radial or 4.7 rigs for any race.

In the event of a change of helms person in any series, the race results points shall be awarded to the boat and not to the individual helms person.

Helmsmen may helm any boat in any series and the scores shall be attributed to the helmsman.

## 16. Handicapping

Handicapping will be organised using the Portsmouth Yardstick Scale as determined by the Sailing Committee. All entries shall adhere strictly to their respective class rules and to their PY rating.

## 17. Use of Club Boats

Club boats may only be used for racing by helmsmen who have been previously authorised to do so by Captain Dinghies and only when a safety boat attends.

Users of club boats must take all steps to avoid damage. At the end of racing the boats should be returned to their moorings or the dinghy park, properly secured with sails properly folded and returned to the store. Any damage must be reported promptly to Captain Dinghies or Race officer.



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## ▶ Junior Sailing Report

The 2023 Junior Sailing season was a great one. Despite the bad weather in August and the need for a couple of clubhouse theory sessions, we got lots of sailing in.

Forty-three juniors signed up for the programme this year, with the creation of an additional Stage 4+ for the more experienced kids to learn and practice some advanced skills in racing. My thanks extended to all the families who brought their children to the slipway week after week from May to September. Thanks also to the keelboat owners who made Junior Helm Night happen at the end of the season, where our juniors were able to experience the helming of a much larger vessel.

The season culminated in a fabulous Posh Nosh party at the beginning of October where we awarded the trophies for some stand-out performances.

We shared a well-received flatbread BBQ from Nathan and his team, and we partied the night away with the brilliant band Flight 42. Thank you to everyone who came along to support our event, and to all the bar staff for looking after us all on this very busy evening.

Of course, none of this is possible without our Junior Sailing family, a team of dedicated volunteers who tirelessly put themselves forward to support our juniors as they progress in their sport. Chris H, Bex, Marc, Fin, Chris S, Sam, Duncan, Nick, Freya, Kitty, Evie, Saffy, T-H, Peter, James N, Andrew, James S, Jono, Jo, Verena, Wolfe, Steve - Junior Sailing is the successful sum of all your efforts, thank you for everything.

See you next season!

*Vanessa Glossop, Captain Juniors*

### **JUNIOR SAILING TROPHIES**

- Optimist Champion Cup - Rose Lawry
- Acorn Cup for great potential - Tiggy Blackstone-Karaponos
- Carol Lawrence Cup for most promising newcomer - Yolanda Freeman
- Topper Cup for best single-hander - Oliver Stone
- Most Improved Junior Cup - Pearl Nolan
- Dubois Junior Cup - Lucas Shepherd
- Junior Yacht Helm Cup - Olivia Cattle
- Andrew Ward Cup for consistency, courtesy and commitment- Florence Cunliffe
- The Hewett Family Cup - Jo and Sebastien Rowe
- The Stella Cup for excellence in attitude and attainment - Daisy Norton
- The Propshaft Award for the biggest mishap this season - Riley Shepherd

# Mooring & Berthing

## 2024 Mooring Fees

Deep Water mooring - per 300mm	£40
<i>Minimum charge £550 at the discretion of the committee</i>	
Drying Mooring (boats up to 22ft)	£590
Sailing Dinghy Park	Adult £125 Junior £85
Sailing Dinghy Park Rack	£80
Canoes, kayaks, Paddle boards	£75
Inflatable rack by office	£75
Trailer Summer Storage	£75
Tender on pontoon (under 3.25m)	£125
Tender on pontoon Finger Berth*	£360
<i>Restrictions apply, please see below</i>	

### \*Tender on pontoon finger berth restrictions

Max length: 5 meters Max Beam: 2 meters,  
Max weight: 450kg

Max outboard size: 2 stroke 90hp or 4 stroke 75hp.

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

Tel: 01326 231006 Email: admin@helfordriversc.co.uk

### Tender on pontoon

There is no waiting list for boats under 3.25 meters - spaces for these are allocated on a first come first serve 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

### Jetty

The jetty is for Club members to launch small boats and carry out minor repairs, between tides. Electricity is provided at the bottom of the ramp.

Members wishing to bring their Keelboats alongside must book their vessel in the log kept at the club bar.

Unless there are exceptional circumstances, yachts will not be allowed to remain alongside for longer than 24 hours.

Boats or cars must not be parked on the top of the jetty at any time, or boats tied alongside other than for short periods.

### Boat stickers

All vessels on HRSC premises must display their current boat sticker. Please note all boat stickers will be numbered and registered for identification purposes.

### Dinghy park

The Dinghy park is available for dinghy, kayaks, canoes and paddle boards. A waiting list operates for members who wish to join the waiting list should get in touch with the club office. They will get in touch with you when a space becomes available.

### Finger Berth

Finger berths for vessels over 3.25m are pre-allocated to existing berths holders each year. The maximum boat length is 5m and the beam no wider than 2m, the weight of the boat (loaded) should be under 450kg. Engine maximums are 2 spoke 90hp, 4 stroke 75hp. A waiting list operates and is strictly adhered to. Members who wish to join the waiting list should get in touch with the Club office.

## Membership

### 2024 Membership Fees

Joint Membership	£255
Single Membership	£163
Junior Membership* (0-17)	Free
Cadet Membership (18-24)	£45
Temporary Holiday Membership per week**	£60

### \*Junior Membership

Junior Membership is available to children whose parents/carers are club members.

Children who are 16yrs and 17yrs and don't have parents/carers as club members are welcome to join but will need to be sponsored by an adult who is a member.

### \*\*Temporary membership

Max 2 weeks per year.

Holiday membership is welcome for a maximum period of two weeks in any one year.

Temporary membership includes use of the pontoon, slipway and all clubhouse facilities, except the sailing club car park. There is a public car parking adjacent to the Club premises which is free after 4pm.

### Enquiries

For any enquiries relating to membership please contact the office on 01326 231006 or email: admin@helfordriversc.co.uk



## ▶ Treasurer's Report

### Trading Account

This last year we have achieved a healthy **Net Surplus before tax** on the Trading Account of £56,928 which is almost 35% up on the previous year. Looking at the club's operating margin from all club activities, that is adding back depreciation which is a paper figure, we achieved an **operating margin** of £81,066 which is the highest ever recorded by the club. However if we adjust that figure for inflation, 2013 would have been slightly higher at £89k.

**Membership** was a success story as the previous year. New members continued to join us throughout the summer resulting in a £2k increase compared to 2022.

**The Bar** performed well, contributing £18.2k margin, less than last year largely through increased staff wage rates and a policy of keeping bar prices at very attractive levels for members. The club was very active during the summer, benefitting from many visitors which helped to boost the bar and catering margins.

The margin from **Moorings** was £32k higher than 2022 which looks excellent but is mainly because pontoon repairs were not carried out as budgeted and are now being undertaken in January and February 2024. The expected cost is likely to total £50k.

**Overhead costs** have steadied after the large increase last year. Insurance has risen by £3k largely due to the continuing hike in building material prices which affect our rebuild cost should the unthinkable occur.

### Balance Sheet

We closed the year in a strong cash position with £250,242 between all accounts. The aim now is to keep around £10k in the general account and move any surplus into the other interest bearing accounts. Unlike the figures at September 2023, we now have c. £65k in the pontoon fund, c. £20k in the fabric fund and c. £180k+ in reserves. These figures represent the budgets for pontoon and fabric. Whereas in the year to Sep 2022 we earn't just £13 interest, in 2023 interest rates went up and as I write we are earning about £230 per month.

On the negative side of the Balance Sheet, liabilities were higher by over £36k but this is not critical - at the year end, I brought forward the purchase of a new safety boat for £29k, to reduce corporation tax.

Finally but certainly not least, the most important single figure in the accounts - **Net Assets - have risen by £54,335** to £759,648.

**The budget for the year to September 2024** includes a lot of maintenance - resurfacing the driveway, white lining the carpark, pontoon chains and anchor replacement, new conservatory roof as it is leaking and tidying up the outside of the club so profit is going to be considerably less but these improvements are necessary and we have the funds to carry them out.

Mike Lowe, *Honorary Treasurer*

## Trading and Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 30 Sep 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
Subscriptions & Entrance Fees	120,559	118,615
Bar Surplus	18,247	29,114
Catering Surplus	11,721	7,575
Trading Account	(60)	142
Clubhouse Income	9,605	7,350
Social Events	(3,526)	(2,505)
Moorings	43,449	11,280
Sailing Activities	(8,311)	(4,398)
Grants Received	-	2,667
Interest Received	700	13
	<u>192,384</u>	<u>169,853</u>
Administration Wages	(26,425)	(30,405)
Administration (Pension Contributions)	(486)	(760)
	<u>165,473</u>	<u>138,688</u>
<b>Less: OVERHEADS</b>		
Secretarial, Post, Printing & Telephone	7,679	7,873
Advertising	2,366	253
Rent & Rates	14,434	13,847
Heat & Lights	11,228	12,102
Insurance	18,477	15,622
Clubhouse Maintenance & Refurbishment	7,413	8,347
Repairs & Renewals	345	3,293
Licenses	1,364	995
Subscriptions & Donations	2,439	2,827
Cleaning & Waste Disposal	10,280	10,759
Legal & Professional	839	720
Accountancy Fees	2,305	922
Bank & Credit Card Charges	4,774	3,584
Sundry Expenses	812	100
Under/Over recovered VAT	(352)	(796)
Loss on Disposals	4,193	242
Depreciation	19,945	15,739
Interest Payable	4	2
	<u>108,545</u>	<u>96,431</u>
<b>NET SURPLUS before Taxation</b>	<b>56,928</b>	<b>42,257</b>
Corporation Tax	2,693	-
<b>NET SURPLUS for the year</b>	<b>54,235</b>	<b>42,257</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>543,765</b>	<b>530,228</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Stock	8,078	5,925
Sundry Debtors & Prepayments	16,207	6,638
Bank Account - General	20,753	91,716
Scottish Widows Deposit Account	184,350	-
Bank Account - Pontoon Fund	45,139	20,001
Cash Account	3,103	2,342
	<u>277,630</u>	<u>200,410</u>
<b>Less: CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Sundry Creditors & Accruals	59,252	22,830
Loan - Members (Interest Free)	645	645
Loan - Slipway (Interest Free)	100	100
Membership Bonds	1,750	1,750
	<u>61,747</u>	<u>25,325</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>215,883</b>	<b>175,085</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<u><b>759,648</b></u>	<u><b>705,313</b></u>
Represented By:		
<b>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</b>		
General Fund	<b>701,693</b>	<b>659,436</b>
Net Surplus for the Year	<b>54,235</b>	<b>42,257</b>
	<u><b>755,928</b></u>	<u><b>701,693</b></u>
Pontoon Fund	<b>3,720</b>	<b>3,620</b>
	<u><b>759,648</b></u>	<u><b>705,313</b></u>

**Mike Lowe, Honorary Treasurer**

# HRSC Byelaws

**1.** The Club premises shall be open during such hours as the General Committee shall direct, the hours of opening to be displayed from time to time on the Club notice-board.

**2.** When social functions are held at the Club and on other occasions when high attendance by Members, their guests and visitors is expected, there shall be in attendance and in charge of the Club premises an Officer, a member of the General Committee or a member appointed by the Amenities Sub-Committee. The Member in charge shall be responsible to the General Committee for the proper conduct of the Club premises for strict adherence to the permitted hours and for security.

**3.** The bar opening hours shall be the permitted hours for the Licensing District or such extended hours as the General Committee shall decide and the Licensing Justices permit.

**4.** Members must discharge every expense and liability incurred at the Club premises before leaving and no credit will be given to members under any circumstances.

**5.** Members' cheques may be cashed in the Club premises at the bar, provided that sufficient cash is available and that the request is accompanied by a valid cheque card. The amount of cash shall not exceed the stated limit of the cheque card and only one transaction shall be permitted on any one day. Post dated cheques will not be accepted.

**6.** Members shall not bring dogs or other animals into the Clubhouse at any time. Dogs and other animals are only allowed on the Club premises on a lead and attended. No such animals may be left unattended in parked cars on Club premises when the owner(s) are not on Club premises. This shall not apply to Members with guide dogs (addition).

**7.** The General Committee may at any time fix a charge for the parking, berthing or mooring of boats on Club property.

**8.** All boats, outboard motors, paddles etc. kept on Club premises, on Club moorings, pontoons, dinghy parking areas, adjoining beaches or in the car park shall be clearly marked with the member's card number. This shall be displayed so that it is clearly visible and not covered by sails or boat covers. Membership card numbers, if lost or mislaid, are available only from the Club Administrator, by personal enquiry or by post, for security reasons.

**9.** All boats using Club premises or participating in any Club event or using Club mooring facilities shall be insured for third party risks. The amount of cover shall be £2,000,000.

**10.** No Member shall carry on a trade or profession from the Club premises, or using Club facilities.

**11.** A Member wishing to hire Club premises shall have been a Member for a minimum of 12 months. Applications shall be sent to the Honorary Secretary in writing. Club activities shall always take precedence over any Club hiring application. Applications which can be construed as a fund raising or profit making event for an outside organisation or a business will not be accepted. It is a condition of hiring the Club premises that the Member enters into a standard written contract with the Club which sets out basic conditions of hiring, including agreement to purchase all catering and drinks through the Club. Hiring fees shall be fixed by the General Committee.

**12.** In addition to the powers given by the Committee under Rule 17, if at any time fees payable to the Club by any Member or any former member shall be in arrears, and a vessel the property of a member or former member remains on the Club premises, the Committee may:

**(a)** Remove the vessel without being liable for any loss or damage to the vessel howsoever caused.

**(b)** Give one month's notice in writing to the Member or former member at the last known address as shown in the Club register, and thereafter sell the vessel and deduct any monies due to the Club (whether by way of arrears of subscription or annual payments, mooring, dinghy park fees or otherwise) from the proceeds of sale before accounting for the balance (if any) to the Member or former member.

**(c)** Alternatively, if the vessel is unsaleable, after giving notice as aforesaid, dispose of the vessel in any manner the Committee shall think fit and deem the cost of so doing and any arrears as aforesaid to be a debt owing to the Club by the member or former member.

*Provided always that:*

Proper evidence is available to show that all reasonable steps have been taken to trace a Member or former member and that when and if the vessel is sold, the proceeds of the sale (less any indebtedness by the member or former member of the Club) shall be placed upon bank deposit account and retained against the eventuality of a claim by the owner (whether he be the said Member or former member or otherwise) for a period of 6 years.

**(d)** The Committee reserves the right to re-let any mooring or berth that is not used. Only the nominated boat shall occupy an allocated berth. The holder shall advise the Committee if a berth is to remain unused by the authorised boat for any period in excess of two weeks. The Committee may temporarily re-allocate any such berth and make an appropriate charge.

**13.** Between the 1st April and 30th November each year a store is available, the use of which is restricted to storage of engines and paddles. All such items shall be clearly marked with the owner's membership number as per Bye-Law 8. Members' property shall be stored at members' own risk and the facility shall only be used upon payment of the appropriate annual fee.

**14.** At the end of each Club sailing season and not later than 30th November all Members' boats and equipment shall be removed from the Club premises. Boats on the pontoon and in the dinghy park shall have been removed by an earlier date, published in the newsletter or on the Club notice board to enable the pontoon to be dismantled and stored in the dinghy park area. Members' boats (and equipment) may not be returned to the Club premises until the new season's mooring/pontoon fees have been paid. Only the nominated boat shall occupy an allocated mooring, pontoon berth or dinghy park space

**15.** Club-owned dinghies may only be used when permission is granted by Captain Dinghies or Adult Sailing.

**16.** Two weeks' notice shall be given to the Club Administrator before occupation of an allocated mooring, pontoon berth or dinghy park space commences. If such an allocation will be unused for a period of more than two weeks during the season, the Committee may re-let any unused allocation and make an appropriate charge

**17.** The Committee reserves the right to put a chain across the slipway and restrict access at certain times, particularly when junior sailing activities are taking place. Emergency access will always be available.

**18.** Members, Single or Joint, but not Junior or Family Junior Members, may apply to the Club Administrator for one finger berth per membership, or to be placed on the waiting list. No member, Single or Joint, may have more than one finger berth. A Cadet member, on being allocated and accepting a finger berth, cannot remain a Cadet member. This Bye Law applies annually and is retrospective only in that a finger berth will not be allocated to any Junior or Junior Family member, and any Cadet Member accepting a finger berth will be required to pay the full Single Membership fee.



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