



HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB



SPRING NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2014

COMMODORE'S REPORT

The weather in the last few days has improved and the sun has shone through so maybe it's an indication of the summer weather to come! Let's keep our fingers crossed for a great boating calendar.

In my last report we were searching for new Stewards. I am very happy to report that we have appointed Jack and Sophie and they have moved into the Club and will be open for business on 20th March. Our best wishes go out to them both and we ask you please to make a point of coming down and introducing yourself to them and sample what they have to offer. In the absence of Stewards we have been treated to some great Sunday lunch culinary delights produced by some of the Club Members. The atmosphere in the Club has been fantastic and it has been great to see so many people supporting each occasion and enjoying themselves. It would be appreciated if this level of support could be continued in the future weeks and months.

In preparation for the start of the new season there have been many working parties to get the clubhouse, grounds and equipment ready for the season ahead. Thank you to all who have helped. This is an essential part of the Club infrastructure and really does need your assistance.

On 29th March we are holding our Grand Opening of the New Clubhouse. Please come along from 12.00hrs and enjoy a glass of bubbly and some canapés, listen to some great background music and meet local dignitaries and guests from the Port of Falmouth Sailing Club Associations. All are very welcome and it really should be a great day to celebrate the new development.

Whatever your interest, be it big boats, small boats, fast boats or social, I look forward very much to meeting you all at the Club during 2014 and many thanks for your continued support.

Julian Samuel - Commodore

Hello to all Members

We would like to introduce ourselves as Jack and Sophie, the new stewards of Helford River Sailing Club. We have previously worked as head chef and front of house supervisor at the successful restaurant The Square in Porthleven. After that we went on to work on a busy large luxury yacht as sole chef and stewardess.

We are very excited about our new position at the sailing club and are looking forward to delivering great food and service to you all over this following season. Let's hope it's a nice sunny summer.

We would like to announce our first evening of food service as being Friday 28th March, we hope you will come down to try our new exciting menu and meet us. Please book in advance to avoid disappointment. We look forward to meeting you all. The bar will be open as usual this week and we will be opening the bar additionally on the evening of Tuesday 25th March.

Thank you and hope to see you soon.

Jack and Sophie

YACHT NEWS

The club racers extend their thanks for the continued support provided by our sponsors, namely Hine Downing Solicitors (Early Summer Series), Budock Vean Hotel (Mid Summer Series), John Baker and Stefan Penney (Albia Yacht Regatta) and Skinners Brewery (Committee boat).

The 2013 season saw a significant increase in our adopted one design fleet of Hunter 707s. The Mid Summer Series saw, at times, twelve boats taking part with a hard core of eight boats competing throughout the season. Competitive racing has been seen throughout the fleet, which after all is the attraction of one design racing. At the front it has been a tough battle between *Swordfish*, *Miss Money Penny*, *Jambo*, and *Dragun* who, in various combinations, took the podium places.

As was to be expected the PY fleet has diminished with only five boats competing. An early appearance by *Truffle Hunter* saw her take first place in the Early Summer Series and *Valkyrie* took the honours in the Mid Summer Series. Taking up the challenge late in the season was *Zoom Baby* to take first place in the Late Summer Series. The PY racing is an excellent environment for occasional racers to take part and there is no requirement for spinnakers and a crew of gorillas. The handicap system caters for boats racing with white sail only so why not give it a go? There is no entry fee for boats wishing to take part in racing and Wednesday evening racing is a great social event so why not give it a try?

The annual Albia Yacht Regatta, kindly sponsored by Club Members John Baker and Stefan Penney, enjoyed reasonable weather but light winds. Seven boats took part in the 707 fleet with *Miss Money Penny* taking the honours over five races pipping *Swordfish* at the post by just one point. Five boats contested the PY fleet over three races with *Truffle Hunter* taking first place. *General Chaos* took second followed by *Zoom Baby*, *Valkyrie*, and *Musketeer*. Big thanks on the day goes to Steve Kestin as Race Officer, John Bolitho for the use of *Bold Lancer* as Committee boat, and Emma Broad, not forgetting everyone else who worked behind the scenes to make this yet again an enjoyable event.

The 54th Annual Helford to L'Aber-Wrac'h Race saw ideal conditions for the start with yachts fast reaching off to clear Nare Point before setting off across the Channel. It is interesting to note that the first two finishers were cruisers. First to reach the Libenter Buoy was Simon Williams in *Cledha Mur* (a Victor 41) winning the Gun Carriage Trophy. Second across the line was Simon Fayers in *Shebeca* (Frances 26) winning the Sundancer Trophy, for the first Helford boat to finish, and also the Bob Martin Trophy for the first boat under 30 feet to complete the course.

Finally thank you to Chris Symes for his commitment as Captain Yachts which has been rewarded by his election to Rear Commodore Sailing. Chris has planned this year's racing along the lines of the 2013 format leaving his successor with a 'heads up' start to the role. This year will see the introduction of a new mark ('Pilchards') situated in the mouth of the river between Rosemullion and Nare Point ('Porthallow' ceases to exist). The existing courses have been revised and reduced in number.

Not long before we are on the water!

Clive Dudley - Captain Yachts

CLUB WEBSITE

All information about events afloat and ashore plus the social calendar and in fact everything you need to know about the Club is regularly updated on our website. You can also download race entry forms, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Club accounts etc. and find out what is going on at your Club.

www.helfordriversc.co.uk

JUNIOR SAILING 2014

With another season of fun nearly upon us there is lots to do to pull the junior sailing programme together. Hopefully you've seen the email about applying for this year's Friday night programme.

As she is now stepping down, we'd like to thank Martine McPherson for her time and commitment to the role of Child Protection Officer. This position requires another important volunteer who works away in the background to help ensure a safe environment for our children.

There are some critical positions vacant at the moment including Senior Instructor and Child Protection Officer, without both of whom we will not be able to run the RYA portion of the programme. If you feel able to get involved please get in touch as soon as possible as we'd love to hear from you.

Fear not though, for whatever happens we hope to deliver a safe environment for having fun on the water.

Please be aware that the year on year demand that we've seen for Friday nights has been such that we may be in the unfortunate position of having to decline some children and young people. If this is the case the decision will not be taken lightly but we do need to keep safety as our paramount focus.

A big thank you to those volunteers who have already come forward and we look forward to a great season ahead. If anyone else would like to get involved we'd love to hear from you. There are so many different ways in which you can be of help.

Wishing you all a year of good wind and fun on the water.

Dominic and Rachael Brandreth - Captains Juniors

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Where possible all notices will be sent by email to those Members who wish to be kept informed about social and sailing events. This is normally done on a weekly basis - so if you don't want to miss out on events at your Sailing Club **PLEASE** let us have your email address.

Email - hrsc-admin@btconnect.com
or call 01326 231006

WI FI is available in the Clubhouse for Members and visiting yachtsmen and women.

CAR PARK

As usual may we please ask that all Members display their current 2014 car park stickers on their car windscreens. All non-members **must** park in the public car park. Regular checks are made during busy times so please make sure your current sticker is clearly visible.

Thank you.

DINGHY NEWS

Dinghy racing starts on Sunday 20th April with earlier practice races if the weather is favourable.

If anybody is interested in getting on the water as a helm, crew, safety boat driver or assistant, then please contact me on andy.j.biggs@btinternet.com. Training can be arranged for anyone wanting to participate in any aspect of dinghy sailing. The Club has fantastic new facilities and all race fees have been abolished to encourage water activity however infrequently people can take part.

I hope you all have a great season.

Andy Biggs - Captain Dinghies

WANTED

Safety Boat Drivers & Crews

If you would like to support the dinghy race fleet, adult sailing or junior sailing sessions by driving one of the club Safety Boats, then the Club would love to hear from you. The minimum requirement is to hold an RYA Powerboat Level 2 certificate. Don't have one? Well don't worry as we will be running courses!

Please contact Paul Greensmith at paulgreensmith@hotmail.com or phone 01326 231865 to register your interest.

DINGHY STORAGE

For those of you who have dinghies and would like to keep them stored at the Club during the sailing season don't forget that we have the use of the grass area adjacent to the public car park for dinghy storage. The waiting list for the dinghy park on the foreshore is quite long but there is plenty of space available in the dinghy pen. The cost per season is £60 for adults and £35 for juniors.

This year we are also allocating space in the dinghy pen for Members wishing to store their trailers for the summer season. The cost of this is £50 per trailer.

Please contact Penny in the Club office on 01326 231006 or email hpsc-admin@btconnect.com if you would like to book a space.

RESTAURANT AND BAR OPENING TIMES SPRING/SUMMER 2014

Saturday 5th April - Sunday 29th June

Tuesday to Sunday including Bank Holidays

Bar 12.00 - 15.00 & 18.00 - 23.00 **Food** 12.00 - 14.30 & 18.00 - 21.30

Tuesday 1st July - Sunday 7th September

Club open every day 11.00 - 23.00 including Bank Holiday

Breakfast 09.30 - 10.30 (bookings only)
Lunch 12.00 - 14.30
Dinner 18.00 - 21.30
Bar 11.00 - 23.00

Bank Holidays

Good Friday 18th April
Easter Monday 21st April
Early Spring Bank Holiday Monday 5th May
Spring Bank Holiday Monday 26th May
Summer Bank Holiday Monday 25th August

Packed lunches are available during July and August. Please give 24 hours notice.

Sandwiches will be available between meal times on request.

For reservations please call Jack or Sophie on 01326 231460

**Please check our website for opening times as these times are subject to alteration.
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MOORINGS NEWS

It's that time of year again when we all start to clean our boats and get ready for the new season.

So it is on the pontoon and moorings. This year we have carried out lots of repairs and the usual clean down. Every bird in the river has visited the pontoon over the winter and left a thank you message which we now have to clear away. I would like to thank everyone who has helped over the year with the maintenance and day-to-day housekeeping.

Just a few reminders. Please don't leave anything on the pontoon as it blocks the walkway and can be dangerous. This also applies to mooring lines.

Please take your rubbish home. The Club has enough already.

Please keep the dinghy park clean and tidy and clear your things up before you set out for your sail.

And finally please be helpful to other Club Members. A helping hand is always welcome and saves accidents. Just ask " Can I help you' or 'Do you need a hand?' We're all in the same Club and the worst that can happen is 'No thanks I'm fine'.

Thank you all for your support and have a great and safe season.

David Blanning - Captain Moorings

CLUB RULES

May we remind Members that the Club rules are available to download from the Club website

www.helforddriversc.co.uk.

If requested a hard copy may be obtained from the office. Please call 01326 231006.

ENTRANCE FEE FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Committee has decided that, if desired, payment of the one off entrance fee for new Members can be spread over two years. This will hopefully ease the financial burden for new Members. Please contact Penny in the Club office for more details. Tel: 01326 231006 or email hrsc-admin@btconnect.com

CALLING ALL DINGHY AND KEELBOAT RACERS

This year there will be no race fees for dinghy and keelboat races nor for Tuesday evening dinghy sailing. Please come along and join in - the more the merrier even if you can only race occasionally!

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

The Club cannot be run efficiently without your support so if you feel you can spare a few hours to help out with any Club activities, please either contact Heather Ibotson on 07795956701 or email ibotson@btinternet.com or call the Club office on 01326 231006.

Thank you

Heather Ibotson - Captain Social



HRSC SOCIAL CALENDAR SPRING/SUMMER 2014

APRIL

- Saturday 5th Quiz Night 19.30hrs start. Food available in the interval.
All welcome
- Sunday 20th Easter Sunday. The Easter Bunny will be visiting the
pontoon 10.30 to 11.00 (depending on tides) to hand out Easter eggs
to the children.
Easter Sunday lunch will be available in the Clubhouse afterwards.

MAY

- Saturday 17th 707 Match Racing Day

JUNE

- Saturday 21st HRSC Albia Yacht Regatta Day.
- Thursday 26th Pre L'Aber Wrac'h Champagne Recovery Party. Champagne
and Pimms 19.00 to 20.00 hrs. £5 per person. Race office
open at 19.00hrs. Live music and BBQ.
- Friday 27th 55th Annual Helford - L'Aber Wrac'h Race

JULY

- Sunday 6th HRSC Dinghy Regatta
- Sunday 27th Susanna May Memorial Trophy Race

AUGUST

- Sunday 10th As usual HRSC will be hosting the first day's sailing of
Falmouth Week. This is our biggest social event so come
along and enjoy great food and music from 'Loose Change'. All
welcome. Afternoon teas for race crews.
- Thursday 28th The Ultimate Elvis - Alvin Printwhistle - will be back at the Club for
another sell out show. Details to be announced soon. Please check
your emails or the Club website www.helfordriversc.co.uk.

Please let us have your email address so we can keep you
updated about all Club events. Contact Penny on
01326 231006 or Sophie on 01326 231460

