



HELDFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

SPRING NEWSLETTER—MARCH 2017



COMMODORE'S REPORT

With the winter over and summer on the horizon, activities on the water will be starting very soon, so there is not much time left to get yachts and dinghies ready for this season. Thanks to Chris Broad and Rob Matthews for cleaning the grass and weeds off the balcony. Now it is ready for all Members to use and to enjoy eating and drinking there with plenty of help from the summer sun!

We have already had an Open Day for people to see what the Club has to offer, with the hope of signing up lots of new Members. This will help the Club financially and will also give the stewards more business, and help to keep costs down for Members. We have another Open Day planned in the near future.

Having operated last summer without stewards, we are very pleased to have new stewards Ben Dean and Ed Osman. They have an excellent chef Vicky in the kitchen, and having personally sampled her food I thought it was of very high quality. As we anticipate the clubhouse will be busy from now on, please make sure you book for meals to avoid disappointment.

We have kept membership subscriptions and all other Club fees the same as last year for this year only. The Committee felt this was only fair for Members after all the disappointments of last summer. Thanks to Tom Moore who stepped in as chef before Christmas for three months, producing really great food which brought many Members back to the Club. Tom's hard work was really appreciated.

Adult sailors have been working hard preparing the Wayfarers and making new floor boards for them. They will also have new sails this year. We are very fortunate to have the loan of a Drascombe Lugger for Members to sail for a period of appraisal. If this proves a success there is an option to purchase it at some stage in the future. Tuesday night adult sailing is very popular and doing well and has attracted new Members to the Club. Wednesday evening yacht racing will hopefully have two more 707s racing this year. Dinghy racing on a Thursday night is always very busy and competitive. Friday evening junior sailing is as popular as ever. We are installing two cold water showers near the dinghy park to enable sailors to remove sand and mud before entering the clubhouse and this will be especially useful for junior sailors on a Friday night.

Just in case anyone is in doubt the Helford River Sailing Club is a Members club and Members can sign in guests. Visitors arriving by water are also welcome especially if they are members of a recognised RYA club. (Please see Rule 41 in the Club rulebook for clarification). We are trying to encourage canoeists, kayakers and paddleboarders to join the Club. The Club was originally formed in 1948 for messing around on the water, and this now includes a variety of different river users and we feel the Club should keep up with modern trends.

The pre-L'Aber Wrac'h Champagne Party will be on Thursday 29th June, followed by the Race on the following morning Friday 30th. HRSC will be hosting the first regatta of Falmouth Week on Sunday 6th August. It would be great to have as many Members as possible attending all events at the Club this year.

Finally, I wish all Members a fantastic summer in the Sailing Club and out on the water as well. Please keep an eye on the Club website for events www.helfordriversc.co.uk. This is updated on a regular basis.

Mark Buckley - *Commodore*

DINGHIES SPRING REPORT

A warm 6mm wet suit pre season greeting to you all!

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 2nd April 10:30

Sunday 9th April 16:00

Thursday 13th April 18:15

Saturday 20th May 10:00 – 16:00

Sunday 18th June Father's Day

Sunday 2nd July 12:00

Sunday 16th July 12:00

Try Out

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Racing starts! Be on the dinghy park an hour beforehand

RYA Push the Boat Out open day to try your hand

Matt Palmer's Big Day Out – a Club cruise & BBQ up / down

Dinghy Regatta open to all – Adult & Teen Friendly racing

May Family Cup – Fun racing sponsored by the May Family

Racing most every Thursday evening and Sunday from April – October we enjoy competitive class e.g Laser and handicap fleet racing for adults, youth and families. In the area or down on holiday and tempted and competent to race with your own boat? – message helforddinghy@gmail.com Club Members have a good selection of Club boats to go racing e.g RS Visions, Fevas, Toppers, Wayfarers, and a Drascombe Lugger PN1375! Calendar, Courses and Sailing area are found in the Yearbook with forms online at www.helfordriversc.co.uk – dinghies section.

Try Outs are to acquaint Racing, Safety and Committee Boat crews with procedures on the water for racing and retrieval of Wayfarers, Visions and Unisails. If you are tempted to race or cruise Club dinghies or just bring boats down for a pre-season jolly we will be pleased to see you.

RYA Push the Boat Out To raise awareness within the Club's catchment area for opportunities for dinghy racing, cruising and instruction, the RYA promotes nationally a week of activities. Our day is Saturday 20th May. We will have Juniors, Cadets and Adult sailors on hand with their dinghies and the Drascombe Lugger to demo and take out prospective new Members.

Matt Palmer's Big Day Out Matt of Avocet 707 fame is organising a Club and family cruise up or down river on Father's Day with BBQ, conditions allowing, at Tremayne Quay. Racers may organise the odd fun match race and we expect to see in the region of 10 Wayfarers.

Regatta 2nd July St Mawes Laser 4.7 and Feva Youth racers hope the weather will let them get across to take on our juniors for Teen Friendly racing. Tim Cross – RYA Sailing Development Coach is encouraging Penzance SC to come over. Benjamin Flower will let us know if the SW Lasers will be joining us. We are fortunate this year again to have Tom Smith – former Commodore of Grafham Water - as our RO and the use of the Bold Lancer as Committee boat, courtesy of John and Ed Bolitho.

See you on the water

Stephen Brooks - *Captain Dinghies*
helforddinghy@gmail.com



What a “Hullabaloo”!

noun: **hullabaloo**; fuss, commotion, uproar, hubbub, outcry, furore, ruckus, ado, palaver, brouhaha, hue & cry.

“Hullabaloo” is the latest edition to the Club fleet under the adult section. She is a 19’ open decked sliding Gunter rigged boat with a 5HP outboard engine. The addition of this vessel will provide another aspect to activities on the water and provide a stable platform for those new to sailing. She will be available for use by Members along the lines that the Wayfarers are available but it will be necessary to impose a small surcharge for fuel usage. “Hullabaloo” has been loaned to the Club for a period of appraisal with the option to purchase at a later date.

Pontoon Clean

I would like to thank Rob Matthews for his efforts in cleaning the areas outside the clubhouse in time for the Open Day. Notwithstanding this, Rob then stepped in to assist me with a thorough cleaning of the pontoons, something that was long overdue. The task entailed 10 man-days, two pressure washers, and 80 litres of fuel to complete so I hope Members appreciate the benefit. The pontoons cost approximately £250,000 when installed, so are the Club’s largest asset and as such, we need to do all we can to maintain them to ensure their longevity. **To this end we would ask that all berth holders clean the front and pontoon arm of their berth as soon as possible and then maintain it. Periodic inspections of berths will take place throughout the year and reminders will be given to berth holders. The Committee will reserve the right to withdraw the offer of the berth in the future should berth holders fail to comply (with the consequence of returning to the waiting list which presently numbers 28). Similar consequences will also apply to debenture holders. A new bye-law will be introduced to back up this initiative.**

Extreme Caution!!!

The majority of the half tide moorings off the Club out to the deep water channel have been lifted for maintenance and remain proud (some are near 0.5m proud) of the seabed so please exercise extreme caution when leaving/approaching the Club.

Clive Dudley - *Rear Commodore Sailing*

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

This year the Club car park stickers are bigger and have a white background instead of a transparent one. This will enable them to be seen more easily when checking the car park for non-members’ cars. For ease of recognition please put your 2017 sticker in the space on the front windscreen where your tax disc used to be. Thank you.

All non-members **must** park in the public car park adjacent to the clubhouse.

CLUB CLOTHING

We have the following Club clothing for sale:

Navy polo shirts with Club logo	£17
Navy sweat shirts with Club logo	£18
Club ties in silk with new design	£18
Club burgee	£35



Please ask in the office or at the bar if you would like to buy.

DONATE A LASER

HRSC Junior Teen Racing



We have a thriving Junior Teen Racing section that competes amongst themselves and seniors.

HRSC Juniors need

2-4 GOOD condition Lasers

New Lasers cost £5000 so $x 4 = £20,000$ - way beyond the Juniors Budget. So we would love your Lonely Laser

Put delicately, your **pristine** (no flowerbed or hedge gap fillers please) Laser is required, for a good cause – but not the best of homes.

Contact

Lizard: Captain Juniors:

[Nick Glossop](#) 07884 433130

Mainland: Captain Dinghies

[Stephen Brooks](#) 07763 703999

DINGHY SAILING 2017

The fleet of Club Wayfarers has been undergoing considerable refurbishment during the winter with decks re-painted, new floorboards on some boats and the best news that new sails have been purchased so that the boats are in the best possible order for the Club Wayfarer races.

The fleet has been enlarged by the arrival of a Drascombe Lugger for Members to use. Remember that the Club boats are available for use at any time ... other than on Tuesday evenings, by Members who are on the approved user list. If you want to use the boats please speak to Stephen Brooks, Clive Dudley or Dave Sumner and ask them to put you on the list.

The Club Drascombe has a 5hp outboard and a small charge will have to be made to cover fuel costs. The Wayfarers are free to use but you must abide by the rules displayed on the Club noticeboard and in the reservation book. On Tuesday evenings some of the sailors will be taking to the water in kayaks and canoes particularly on evenings unsuitable for sailing. Tuesdays evenings is adult sailing and kayaking.... meet in the car park at 17.45...all welcome.

Peter Lethfead-Currie - *Honorary Secretary*

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



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 £65.30 for adults and £38 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 £52 per trailer.

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

HRSC AUGUST ROCK BAR AND RESTAURANT

OPENING TIMES SPRING/SUMMER 2017

Monday 10th April to Sunday 28th May

Tuesdays to Saturdays - **Restaurant** 18.00 to 21.00

Bar 18.00 to 23.00

Sundays - **Restaurant** 12.00 to 16.00

Bar 12.00 to close

Mondays CLOSED except for Bank Holidays when we are open for lunch & dinner.

Monday 29th May to Sunday 2nd July

Tuesdays to Saturdays - **Restaurant** 12.00 to 15.00 & 18.00 to 21.00

Bar 12.00 to 15.00 & 18.00 to 23.00

Sundays - **Restaurant** 12.00 to 16.00

Bar 12.00 to close

Monday 3rd July to Sunday 3rd September

We are open every day as follows:

Breakfast 09.00 to 10.30 (advance bookings only)

Lunch 12.00 to 15.00

Dinner 18.00 to 21.00

Bar 11.00 to close

Please check our website **www.augustrock.co.uk** for updates and amendments to opening times.

DINGHY SAILING INSTRUCTORS - SUCCESS!

HRSC is pleased to report on the successful Dinghy Instructor course held at the Club over three weekends in March. We now have five extra qualified instructors helping with junior sailing on Friday evenings.

The course took place in some challenging conditions with a gusty easterly wind blowing for much of the time.

Congratulations to Kitty Brogden, Rebekah Hosking, Ed Hosken, Jim Lee, Megan Williams and also Claire Bailey from St Mawes Sailing Club. Thanks to Graham Williams and Bob Warren who ran the course.

Chris Hosken - *Senior Instructor HRSC & Captain Rescue Boats*

CLUB NEWS

OPEN DAY

The Open Day held on 18th March was very well supported and we were encouraged by the local people turning up looking at how they could start sailing. When we showed them the facilities, the foreshore, the boats and the activities they were most impressed and this goes to reinforce what a great Club we have and how good the value is. We are hoping to hold further Open Days to encourage new Members.

OUR NEW CLUB MANAGEMENT TEAM - AUGUST ROCK

Ed, Ben, Vicki and Kim did great work to make the bar area so much more attractive and ergonomic. A new till has been installed that we hope is going to overcome the separation of paying for meals and drinks which has been an irritation for many people for years. The evening dancing was really well attended and we hope will encourage more people to join. We are planning to do more Open Days to allow people to sample this wonderful facility.

BROADENING OUR MEMBERSHIP

As we move into the season, we are encouraging gig rowers, kayakers and paddleboarders to use our Club. We hope that we may all integrate our activities and enjoy different ways of getting on the water together.

CLUB BOAT USE

We would remind all adults that the Wayfarers, Vision dinghies and the Drascombe Lugger are available to Members at any time if they are registered as competent users on our database. If you are not registered, you need to be assessed by one of our instructors and be put on the register if you would like to make use of this facility.

CLUBHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

Our shower facilities are now remodelled with private cubicles and a separate boiler for the ladies showers so that we don't exceed our electrical capacity again.

The training room is equipped with overhead projection equipment and we can stream videos, films etc. and recently we had a webinar for software training for the Committee.

Two new televisions, toys and children's entertainment have been installed. We have opened up the main restaurant through to the training / children's room to make this easier for parents.

MEMBER INTERACTION

We are hoping to have a fully subscribed calendar online soon where Members can see all the events and boat availability just by logging in from their devices.

We now have Superfast Broadband connection but we seem to be limited to about 20mb/sec. However this is adequate for most of our needs.

John Lake - *Honorary Treasurer*

HRSC SOCIAL CALENDAR



SPRING and SUMMER 2017

JUNE

Wednesday 28th Dorothy Winfrey Memorial Race.

Thursday 29th Pre L'Aber Wrac'h Champagne Recovery Party. A celebration of the arrival of the L'Aber Wrac'h race crews with food and live music. Champagne and Pimms 18.30hrs to 19.30hrs. £5 per person. Race office opens at 19.00hrs.

Friday 30th 58th Annual Helford - L'Aber Wrac'h Race

JULY

Sunday 2nd HRSC Dinghy Regatta

Sunday 16th Susanna May Cup Dinghy Race

AUGUST

Sunday 6th HRSC will be hosting the first day's racing of Falmouth Week 2017. This is our biggest social event so come along and enjoy great food and music. There will also be the legendary afternoon teas for the race crews. All welcome.

Wednesday 9th Commodore's Cup 18.30 hrs

All social events and opening hours are posted on our
Facebook page and on the Club website
www.helforddriversc.co.uk

Also you can find out about events at the HRSC
August Rock Bar & Restaurant by visiting the website
www.augustrock.co.uk



***August Rock Bar and Restaurant will be delighted to welcome you in to the
HRSC Clubhouse***

August Rock Bar and Restaurant and the HRSC Clubhouse facilities are open to Members, guests and visiting watercraft.

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The licensed bar provides well-kept Cornish real ales and cider as well as an extensive choice of wines and spirits. The restaurant serves a wide selection of locally sourced food ranging from bar snacks through to the Chef's daily specials. This allows the menu to cater for all occasions and appetites.

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The restaurant is open for lunches and dinner from Easter through to the end of September - please see website below for opening times.

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The August Rock Bar and Restaurant and HRSC Clubhouse facilities are available for private functions such as barbecues, weddings, social events, meetings and talks. Mooring, berthing, slipway and storage facilities, showers and laundry available. There is also secure storage for paddleboards and kayaks.

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Please visit our website for more information including opening times, sample menus, Club events, updates and photos throughout the year

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*www.augustrock.co.uk - 01326 231 460 - hello@augustrock.co.uk
VHF Ch37 or M1*

DINGHY SAILING INSTRUCTORS

Spring is here, and to have been on the water already has been exhilarating and refreshing. Over three weekends we at the Club have been involved with training five new dinghy instructors so the rescue boat has been in action already. We have used the Funyak for this as the RIB is undergoing some tidying work - rewiring, a new radio, and a new seat cover along with other improvements.

My thanks must go to Dave Church who offered to leave his car out in the elements and house the RIB for its repairs. Dave has worked tirelessly on this and the boat is now looking almost like new. I think he is keen to get it on the water for a trial run.

Having the dubious honour of being the Club's senior dinghy instructor has involved the preparation and co-ordination of the DI course, but the advantage is I was allowed to sail with these talented young sailors on the course. To have been sailing in March was fairly exciting due to the wind on the weekend gusting up to 40 mph.

The RIB is now almost ready to launch and the dinghy racing to start. I will arrange some Power Boat courses in the near future which will be advertised on the website. See you all on the water very soon.

Chris Hosken - *Captain Rescue Boats*