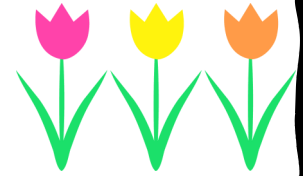




HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

SPRING NEWSLETTER—APRIL 2019



Welcome to Dinghy Racing 2019!

A wonderful early spring allowed good progress to clean the dinghy park and get race marks ready. A veritable feast of dinghy events and races is described in detail in the year book.

Open Racing once a month

Beks Hosking has proposed Members, non-members and juniors can join in to get a taste of fun racing in Club or their own dinghies.

If sufficient numbers this could be the participants' own mini-series with prizes to match.

Regular Club racers

- are keen to encourage racing on the river
- are competitive – not combative and will always give way / room for the novice
- as a rule HRSC racers don't shout anything other than encouragement

The start line would be lengthened. The best way of learning to race is to watch what everyone else is doing - from the rear.

Were Club Wayfarers keen to join in, an additional safety boat would be required – subject to conditions.

Racing/Training at other times

If you would like more experience racing alone or racing in a double hander and are a competent helm by all means join in with or without a regular Club racer.

Club Visions are perfect for this job. Tuesday evenings are also appropriate for adults to develop race technique.

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We hold a large number of Members' email addresses on our secure Club database. Although we have many addresses it would be helpful to have as many more as possible to ensure that all Members can be contacted quickly to inform them of all Club events or any important news items or notices.

To comply with the new Data Protection rules that came into effect on 28th May 2018 Members will have to give positive consent for their data to be stored and processed and such information must be freely given, specific, informed and unambiguous. The new rules also state that individuals will have a greater right to require that personal data held about them be deleted.

Members' details will be held on our computer system and will not be used for any purpose other than dealing with membership issues and disseminating information about Club events. They will not be passed on to a third party. Personal details will be permanently destroyed upon written request to terminate your membership. The front page of membership applications will no longer be displayed in the clubhouse but will be held securely in the Club office until consideration at the next general Committee meeting.

Peter Lethfead-Currie - Honorary Secretary



L'Aber Wrac'h 60th

I am sure that most of you are now aware that this year the club is holding the 60th anniversary of the annual race to L'Aber Wrac'h. Entry forms are up on the website. Considerable interest has already been shown on both sides of the channel and we will all be given a reception in L'Aber Wrac'h on the Sunday morning, in addition to the usual prizegiving.

Being the 60th, we want to make an occasion of it over here as well. In addition to the usual Champagne Party on the Thursday evening, **Al Stewart** will be playing during the early evening, and the **Soundcasters** will be playing later in the evening.

We plan to have **fireworks** at 10.30pm.

All this costs money and the club is still trying to recover financially and is not flush, as you all know! However -

We have two fantastic raffle prizes for you to win.

First prize is a two and a half hour **lunchtime trip for ten people** on the recently restored Victorian river boat **Constance**. You will be collected from and returned to the HRSC pontoon. You will be given a glass of Prosecco on arrival on board. You will be given a trip around the river, with opportunities to swim and/or fish, should you wish. You will be treated to a lovely lunch prepared by top chef Mark Devonshire. This prize has very kindly been donated by **Gweek Quay Classic Boatyard** and **Roy Broad Haulage Ltd.**

Second prize is **two debenture tickets** for **Centre Court** on the opening day of **Wimbledon** this year, **1st July 2019**. The debentures will give you access to all Centre Court Debenture lounge facilities, lunch, afternoon tea, bars and other facilities including parking. You will see Novak Djokovic begin the Championships in the opening match, as is the tradition. There will be at least 2 other singles matches that day (one further Men's match which include one of the other top 10 players from the Men's draw and one of the top seeds in the Ladies singles). You are also able to watch matches taking place on all outside courts (other than Court 1 and 2). This has been very kindly donated by **Mike Hammond**.

Tickets from HRSC, or from Sue Hewett sue.c.hewett@gmail.com. The raffle will be drawn at 21.00 on the evening of 1st June 2019 when we will be holding a French evening in the clubhouse.

We will also be having a **Sale of Squares** with other prizes including a boxed set of CDs by **Kimbers Men**, probably the best shanty band in the country, kindly donated by **Neil Kimber**. Other prizes will include a ukulele given by **Peter Watson**, salt from **Cornish Sea Salt**, a pasty voucher from **Gear Farm**, a bottle of **Curio** gin and maybe more. This will be drawn on the Champagne Party night, 20th June 2019.

Wally Royall (16th May 1927 - 21st February 2019)

Wally was a Member of the Helford River Sailing Club from the early Sixties and managed to combine a very successful career with his passion for sailing and all things nautical.

His connection with the Annual Helford to L'Aber Wrac'h Pursuit Race, now in its 60th year, started with his first race in 1968 and since then he participated in 45 races of which he was twice overall winner and culminated in receiving the Sundancer Trophy in 2017 for the first Helford yacht to cross the finishing line in his beautiful yacht 'Xenia'. He was also responsible for setting the Race handicaps for over 25 years and was a familiar sight at the Champagne Recovery Evening held at the clubhouse on the evening prior to the Race.

He held many positions on the HRSC Committee over the years including Captain Yachts and Rear Commodore Sailing and was also a RORC (Royal Ocean Racing Club) Honorary Measurer.

He was awarded the RYA Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012 and was presented with his award by the Princess Royal in London.

He will be remembered with great warmth and affection by all who knew him and those of us who were lucky enough to hear about some of his wonderful yachting experiences!

Penny McGovern



HRSC Social Calendar Spring/Summer 2019

Saturday May 11th

Quiz Night hosted by Heather Ibotson

Saturday May 25th

RYA Push the Boat Out Open Day

Saturday June 1st

French Themed Night and L'Aber Wrac'h Grand Raffle Draw

Thursday June 20th

L'Aber Wrac'h 60th Anniversary Champagne Party
Live Music from Al Stewart followed by The Soundcasters
Spectacular Firework Display

Friday 21st June

60th Annual Pursuit Race - Helford to L'AberWrac'h

Friday July 12th

Summer Ball at HRSC (to be confirmed)

Sunday August 11th

HRSC hosts the first Falmouth Week Race Day. Afternoon Teas for the racing crews.
Live Music from Bob Seymour

More details about these events to follow.

Please check your emails and our website
www.helfordriversc.co.uk.



Please can you make sure you display a current car park sticker in your car, preferably on the front windscreen for ease of checking.

The car park is very small and for Members only. Any guests or visitors must use the public car park adjacent to the Club for which there is a small charge.

Thank you

BAR AND RESTAURANT SPRING/SUMMER OPENING HOURS

TUESDAY 16th APRIL to FRIDAY 31st MAY (Closed Mondays except Bank Holidays)

Tuesday to Friday

Bar 18.00 to 23.00

Evening Menu 18.00 to 21.30

Saturdays

Bar 11.00 to 15.00 and 18.00 to 23.00

Lunch Menu. 12.00 to 15.00

Evening Menu 18.00 to 21.30

Sundays

Bar 12.00 to 21.00

Lunch Menu 12.00 to 15.00

BANK HOLIDAY PERIODS

Friday 19th April to Monday 22nd April

Saturday 4th May to Monday 6th May

Saturday 25th May to Monday 27th May

Bar 11.00 to 23.00

Lunch Menu 12.00 to 15.00

Evening Menu 18.00 to 21.30

SATURDAY 1st JUNE to SUNDAY 21st JULY OPEN ALL WEEK

Mondays

Bar only -Cold snacks available 12.00 to 15.00 and 18.00 to 23.00

Tuesday to Friday

Bar 12.00 to 15.00 and 18.00 to 23.00

Lunch Menu. 12.00 to 15.00

Evening Menu 18.00 to 21.30

Saturdays

Bar. 11.00 to 23.00

Lunch Menu. 12.00 to 15.00

Evening Menu 18.00 to 21.30

Sundays

Bar 11.00 to 21.00

Lunch Menu. 12.00 to 15.00

Evening Menu. 18.00 to 21.00

MONDAY 22nd JULY to SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER OPEN ALL WEEK

Monday to Friday

Bar 11.00 to 23.00

Lunch Menu. 12.00 to 15.00

Evening Menu 18.00 to 21.30

Saturdays

Bar 11.00 to 23.00

Lunch Menu. 12.00 to 15.00

Evening Menu 18.00 to 21.30

Sundays

Bar Opening 11.00 to 22.00

Lunch Menu 12.00 to 15.00

Restaurant 18.00 to 21.30

Please email hrcsbookings@gmail.com to reserve your table.

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Laser Standard



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We now have 3 Donated Lasers ready to be outfitted with brand new 4.7 training rigs for our Junior & Youth Hotshots.

HRSC Juniors now need just 1-2 more

GOOD condition Lasers

New Lasers cost £5000 - 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.

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As ever we would like to extend a big Thank You to our sponsors for 2019:

Hine Downing Solicitors of Falmouth who sponsor our Wednesday Night Early Summer Yacht Race Series

AND

Ancasta International Boat Sales

Thank you very much for your continued support.

Every year we lose members because their circumstances have changed. Therefore at the beginning of the season it is of great importance to the Club to encourage new members to join. On Saturday 25th May the Club will be open to non-members for the RYA Push the Boat Out event and also for the whole of the following week. This was extremely successful last year and we hope to repeat that success.

As we move from March into April each year the build up of enthusiasm is noticeable. For those of us dinghy sailors the dinghy park is usually at the forefront of our thoughts, and clearing up any debris left from winter storms is an annual ritual. We are constructing a sail store on the dinghy park to keep the dinghy fleet sails out of the sunlight and generally tidying up the whole area.

The Wayfarer team is working on the fleet during the whole of April repairing, repainting and generally getting the boats ready for their first outing.

Keel boat racing started in a fairly informal manner. On 10th April there were four boats on moorings and we went up for a quiet meander around the river and a race of sorts took place from mid river to August Rock and back.

Wednesday racing will start soon and we are looking forward to more boats joining us each week for fun and challenging races. If anyone wants to join any of the racers to gain a little experience before

entering you will be very welcome - just ask.

Without the dedication of the sometimes very few who put so much effort into keeping the clubhouse, the boats, the dinghy park and pontoon all in good order we would not have the club we have. Thank you to all who have again helped in any way to get the 2019 sailing season off to a great start.

Chris Hosken
Rear Commodore Sailing

**HRSC would like to thank the following for their support of the
L'Aber Wrac'h 60th Race**

Mike Hammond

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Sailaway St Anthony

Constantine Stores

New Inn, Manaccan

Cornish Tonic Water

Kerra's Catering

Kitchen and Brown

Gas and Firewood Supplies

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