



# HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

## WINTER 2013 NEWSLETTER

### COMMODORE'S REPORT

All sailing activities have now finished and the majority of boats have been removed from the water as the first wet and wild days hit our shores. Looking back over the season however for once we have had little to complain about and a good season was enjoyed by all as you will see from the dedicated HRSC Captains' reports. When the good weather came it made it worth waiting seven years for. It was so great to see the newly opened balcony used to its full potential. It was well supported most lunch times and evenings as Members and visitors alike were able to bask in the sunshine making full use of this wonderful new facility. The Clubhouse has also looked magnificent with the extension providing a nice quiet area to relax and enjoy the beautiful views as well as facilitating the busy juniors on Fridays and an area where other activities can take place including Pilates, Euchre, Pool, and for your information, Bridge classes will be starting in the New Year. If any Members would be interested in helping, organising or teaching an activity which could include anything from Zumba to Navigation or any other subject that you feel Members might be interested in, please pass your ideas on to the Committee. I hope that the pool table that is now in the new family area will attract people to the Club during the dark winter evenings. There is a fantastic social programme planned for the winter which includes a New Year's Eve spectacular so please come and support your Club and hard working Committee but most importantly join in the fun all year round. I look forward to welcoming each and every one of you.

I would like to finish by wishing you all a very happy Christmas and a healthy and successful New Year.

Julian Samuel - *Commodore*

### DINGHY NEWS

Another year of fantastic dinghy sailing on the Helford is over and on behalf of all the racers I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who volunteered for safety boat duties during the season. The dinghy section desperately needs more qualified people to cover safety boat duties, so if you enjoy being on the water and would be interested in getting trained at a greatly subsidised rate, then please contact either myself ([andy.j.biggs@btinternet.com](mailto:andy.j.biggs@btinternet.com)) or Paul Greensmith ([paulgreensmith@hotmail.com](mailto:paulgreensmith@hotmail.com)).

If anybody wants to learn to sail or race dinghies next season I will be happy to organise taster or training sessions at a time to suit. Dinghy racing can be fun with any level of experience so if you would like to know more please contact me.

Andy Biggs - *Captain Dinghies*

**The Commodore and Committee would like to wish all Members  
a very Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year**

### **NOTICE TO MEMBERS - CLUB BYE LAW 17**

It has been resolved by the Committee that the following amendment be made to the Club mooring waiting list procedure commencing 1st January 2014.

‘A Member whose name is at the top of the waiting list will be offered the next vacancy becoming available, and if that vacancy is not accepted within the year in which it is offered, that Member’s name will be removed from the top of the list and added to the bottom’.

E.g. If the vacancy offered is not accepted at the time the offer is made it will be offered to the next Member on the waiting list.

### **HRSC MOORINGS AVAILABLE**

We have 3 moorings available near the end of the Club pontoon. These moorings dry out on a low spring tide and are restricted to boats not exceeding 22ft. The cost for the season 1st April to 31st October is £350. If you are interested in one of these moorings please contact either Dave Blanning, Moorings Officer, on [d.blanning@btinternet.com](mailto:d.blanning@btinternet.com) or Penny in the Club office on 01326 231006.

### **PILATES CLASSES AT HRSC**

The last class of 2013 will be held on Thursday 12th December. The classes will start again on Thursday 9th January 2014 so come along and get fit again after the excesses of Christmas and New Year. Please contact either Penny in the Club office on 01326 231006 or Heather Ibotson on [ibotson@btinternet.com](mailto:ibotson@btinternet.com) for more information.

### **BOAT SCRUB ON CLUB SLIPWAY**

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

Thank you

Don't forget to check our website regularly for all Club events both on and off the water plus racing results, restaurant menus and much more .....

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## HRSC WINTER SOCIAL CALENDAR 2013/2014

### NOVEMBER

- Saturday 23rd Steak Night with live music from 'Stone Hearted Mamas'. Tables available from 18.30 hrs
- Friday 29th Yachts & Dinghies Prize Giving Evening. 19.00 hrs
- Saturday 30th Quiz Night. 19.30 hrs start. Food available during the interval. Please book your table early on 01326 231460.

### DECEMBER

- Friday 20th Carol Singing with 'Illumination Brass'. 19.30 hrs. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available.
- Monday 23rd Children's Christmas Party with entertainment by 'The Party People'. 16.00 to 18.00 hrs. This party is suitable for children of all ages up to 12/13 years. Please contact Tora Philpott on 01326 280273 or email [tora@helstonfabrications.co.uk](mailto:tora@helstonfabrications.co.uk) for more details.
- Tuesday 24th Christmas Eve BBQ from 12.00 hrs. Entertainment by 'Mark's Ark' at 12.45 hrs. This is an interactive show with owls, lizards, snakes and spiders. A 'must' for children and adults alike!
- Christmas Day & Boxing Day Club closed.
- Tuesday 31st Spectacular New Year's Eve Gala Night. The theme is 'James Bond Casino Royale' Buffet by Susie Lawrence, casino tables and live music from 'Loose Change'. Dress as your favourite James Bond character. Tickets £35 per person. If you do not wish to eat please come along after 22.00 hrs to enjoy the New Year celebrations.

Please note - as there is no Annual Dinner Dance in 2014 please come along and support this event.

### JANUARY 2014

- Friday 24th HRSC Annual General Meeting at the Clubhouse 1930 hrs

### FEBRUARY

- Saturday 1st Quiz Night
- Saturday 15th Post Valentine's Supper with live music

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

### Club Winter Opening Hours (until Easter 2014)

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: Bar 1800 to 2200 hrs  
Food 1800 to 2100 hrs

Sunday: Bar 1200 to 1800 hrs Food 1200 to 1400 hrs

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



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

**Friday 24th January 2014 at 19.30 hrs**

**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Helford River Sailing Club will be held at the Clubhouse at 19.30 hrs on Friday 24th January 2014 at which the following business will be transacted:**

**AGENDA**

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

Close of Meeting

Nominations for election of Officers must be sent in writing, duly proposed and seconded, to the Honorary Secretary not less than 7 days before the AGM.

Items of Any Other Business must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary at least 28 days before the Annual General Meeting (in accordance with Club Rules 18, 20 and 32 respectively).

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for a position on the Committee please contact the office on 01326 231006 for a nomination form.

Mark J. Gregory (Honorary Secretary)

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

### **2014 MOORING FEES (1st April to 31st October)**

**Deep Water Mooring** £27.00 per 300mm  
(minimum charge £500 at the discretion of the Committee)

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| <b>Sailing Dinghy Park Adult</b>         | £100.00 |
| <b>Sailing Dinghy Park Junior</b>        | £ 67.50 |
| <b>Sailing Dinghy Park Rack</b>          | £ 67.50 |
| <b>Car Park Dinghy Area</b>              | £ 60.00 |
| <b>Car Park Dinghy Area Junior</b>       | £ 35.00 |
| <b>Shed Key</b>                          | £ 15.75 |
| <b>Canoes and Kayaks</b>                 | £ 30.00 |
| <b>Tender on Pontoon (under 3.25m)</b>   | £100.00 |
| <b>Trailer summer storage</b>            | £ 50.00 |
| <b>Drying Mooring (boats up to 22ft)</b> | £350.00 |

There is no waiting list for boats under 3.25metres – spaces for these are allocated on a first come first served basis from January onwards by contacting the Club office. If your tender on the pontoon has an outboard engine please could you ensure that you place a bucket over the propeller to avoid damage to other boats.

### **Finger Berth Moorings**

Maximum: Length 5 metres Beam 2 metres  
Weight 450kg

Outboard: 2 stroke 90hp or 4 stroke 75hp

**All boats regardless of length** £280.00

All finger berths and dinghy park spaces are allocated via a waiting list system. If you would like your name added to the list (one per family) please contact Penny on 01326 231006.

### **2014 MEMBERSHIP FEES**

| <b>From 1st January</b>   | <b>Entrance</b> | <b>Annual</b> |
|---|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Joint</b>  | £ 185.00        | £ 185.00      |
| <b>Single</b>   | £ 120.00        | £ 120.00      |
| <b>Family Juniors</b><br>(18 and under whose parents are Members)     | £ nil           | £ 15.00       |
| <b>Junior Members</b><br>(18 and under whose parents are NOT Members) | £ nil           | £ 35.00       |
| <b>Cadets</b><br>(Over 18 but under 25 and in FULL time education)    | £ nil           | £ 35.00       |

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

**Temporary Membership** £ 90.00 per week

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

## **JUNIORS REPORT**

It's been another great year for Junior Sailing with the highest level of participation in its sixty year history. Forty three young sailors attended the Friday evening sessions over the Summer: thirty eight juniors in the RYA Youth Scheme and five in the Friday Night Youth Group. The children showed great commitment, with fifty percent of the juniors attending thirteen or more of the year's fifteen sessions.

For the RYA groups the first half of the season focussed on the practical, theory and seamanship skills needed to progress to the next of the four achievement levels. The remainder of the year, over the summer holiday, was spent reinforcing this learning through games, races and fun events. The Junior Camp night, where the children sailed to Gillan for a BBQ and camped overnight, was a great example of this – and also raised £450 for the Helford River Children's Sailing Trust (HRCST). Thanks to Susie and Ian for hosting the event.

The Youth Group was a new concept for this year – designed to keep the older children engaged with sailing and give them new experiences in racing and 707 yachting. It's been fantastic to see that we can offer something unique and valuable to the teenage sailors in the club. We'd like to thank the 707 owners for supporting Youth Group this year and would encourage other owners to come forward and support Junior Sailing in 2014.

The winners of this year's trophies and cups are:

Optibat Trophy - **Rowan Lawrence**

Most Improved Junior - **Sam Philpott**

Andrew Ward Cup (for consistency, courtesy and commitment) - **Rebekah Hosking**

Carol Lawrence Cup (the most promising newcomer) - **Fadli Syam**

Acorn Cup (aka Kearsley Cup, for showing great potential) - **Ben Harvey & Samuel Armstrong-Lever**

Delta Cup (for Mirrors, Toppers & Fevas) - **William Griffiths**

Chamberlain Tankard (under 12s) - **Oliver Forman**

Chamberlain Cup - **Oliver Chamberlain**

Du Bois Junior Racing Cup - **Oliver Foreman**

The year wasn't without incident though with safety boat reliability problems and other unfortunate events hampering an already stretched team of instructors, safety boat drivers and other essential helpers. We were only able to put on a fun and safe five month teaching programme this year with the help and commitment of volunteers and active parents, and support from the HRCST.

With a new influx of beginners, next year will present a further challenge. As such we would like to subsidise the training of those willing to help with Junior Sailing in 2014. Anyone wishing to train in the following, please get in touch with us directly ([dom@brandreth.me](mailto:dom@brandreth.me)): RYA Senior Instructor (SI), RYA Dinghy Instructor (DI), Powerboat Level 2, Shortwave Radio, First Aid.

And finally a big thank you to all those who made Junior Sailing possible this year:

Senior Instructors – **Sammy Hubbard & Chris Broad**

Dinghy Instructors – **Carol Lawrence, Joan Kearsley, Susie Lawrence, Roger Philpott, Chris Hosken, John Moody, Matt Ridout & Anton Chamberlain**

Safety Boaters – **Dave Blanning, Terry Goodison, Dominic Walsh-Newton,**

**Andrew Hosking, Andy Biggs, James McGarry, Wolfe Scrimshaw & Richard Innes**

Shore Support & First Aid – **Amanda Walsh-Newton, Kerrie Harvey & Zoe Freeman**

**HRCST** for the use of their Oppies and RIBs.

Dom & Rach Brandreth - *Captains Juniors*

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN KEEP YOU  
UPDATED WITH ALL CLUB NEWS OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[www.helfordriversc.co.uk](http://www.helfordriversc.co.uk)

### **STEWARD'S NEWS**

As Steward I'm truly thankful to everyone who has supported us and kept us busy this summer. Every person here is committed to help keep this Club going from strength to strength, and it's really great to see this happening.

I'd like to thank Heather Ibotson for organising the social calendar. This winter so far we've had one great Quiz Night, a Steak Night is on the way and the New Year's Eve Party to look forward to. I hope as many of you as possible will join us for these events.

Please do remember that the Club is still here during the winter months and I really need your support and continued custom to keep going throughout the quiet months.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in the Club very soon.

Tom Pinch

### **PHOTOS PLEASE**

If you have any high resolution photos for the 2014 HRSC Yearbook please contact Penny in the Club office. Also the website is in need of good photos of racing on the river, social events or anything relating to the Club so if you have something suitable please let us know.

**ALSO** we are, as ever, looking for volunteers to help with all aspects of running the Club. If you feel you can help in any way please contact us.

### **PLEASE KEEP THE SLIPWAY CLEAR**

Members are requested not to leave vehicles or trailers unattended on the slipway or the foreshore as this can cause congestion and inconvenience to other Club Members.

Thank you

### **THANK YOU TO OUR 2013 SPONSORS**

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

**Hine Downing Solicitors - Early Summer Yacht Series**

**Budock Veau Hotel - Mid Summer Yacht Series**

**Penrose Sailmakers - Late Summer Yacht Series**

**John Baker & Stephan Penney - Albia Yacht Regatta**

## YACHT REPORT

A rather cold and wet April resulted in a slow start to the racing season. The 707 fleet started turning up in force for the Hine Downing Early Summer Series, and thereafter the fleet remained strong with some very close and enthusiastic racing. Tom Lake's *Swordfish* was the dominant boat for the Hine Downing Early Summer and the Budock Vean Mid Summer Series with Ed Bolitho's *Miss Money Penny* taking the prize for the Penrose Sailmakers Late Summer Series and also the Autumn 707 Series.

The handicap fleet welcomed the *Soling* of Chris Newman and Mark Buckley and also the return of *Zoom Baby* (JSMT Syndicate) who had close racing right to the end, with *Zoom Baby* just taking the Penrose Sailmakers Late Summer Series.

The new handicap system seems to work quite well. You have to sail a good race to have any chance of winning.

The Albia Regatta sponsored by John and Stephan was a great day's racing. Many thanks to Steve Kestin, John Bolitho and their crew for organising and running the racing.

L'Aber Wrac'h was a superfast race this year and congratulations go to Simon Williams in *Cledha Mur* who was first at the Libenter Buoy and took the Guncarriage Trophy. Also congratulations to Simon Fayers in *Shebeca* who won both the Bobby Martin Trophy and the Sundancer Trophy with an excellent second place.

COGS racing was as enjoyable as ever - good racing, well organised and convivial company at the various clubs. Unfortunately because of other commitments I could only take part in two of the coastal races but both were great fun. I would thoroughly recommend this series to all.

Stuart Sawyer had an outstanding season in *Black Dog* winning his class in Falmouth Week, winning the IRC class in COGS and then not only winning his division in the National J Cup but also being best J boat overall.

The end of season prize giving will be held at the Clubhouse on Friday 29th November at 19.00 hrs. Please all come along with your crews, partners and friends for a celebration evening.

Chris Symes - *Captain Yachts*

### Hine Downing Early Summer Series

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|-----|--|----------|---|
| 707 | 1st <i>Swordfish</i> (Tom Lake)        | Handicap | 1st <i>Trufflehunter</i> (Tony Statham) |
|     | 2nd <i>Dragun</i> (Charles Richardson) |          | 2nd <i>Valkyrie</i> (Chris Symes)       |
|     | 3rd <i>Jambo</i> (Phil Philpott)       |          |   |

### Budock Vean Mid Summer Series

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|-----|--|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 707 | 1st <i>Swordfish</i> (Tom Lake)        | Handicap | 1st <i>Valkyrie</i> (Chris Symes)     |
|     | 2nd <i>Jambo</i> (Phil Philpott)       |          | 2nd <i>Musketeer</i> (Newman/Buckley) |
|     | 3rd <i>Dragun</i> (Charles Richardson) |          |                                       |

### Penrose Sailmakers Late Summer Series

|     |  |          |                                       |
|-----|--|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 707 | 1st <i>Miss Money Penny</i> (Ed Bolitho) | Handicap | 1st <i>Zoom Baby</i> (JSMT Syndicate) |
|     | 2nd <i>Swordfish</i> (Tom Lake)          |          | 2nd <i>Musketeer</i> (Newman/Buckley) |
|     | 3rd <i>Jambo</i> (Phil Philpott)         |          |                                       |

### Autumn 707 Series

1st *Miss Money Penny* (Ed Bolitho)  
2nd *Dragun* (Charles Richardson)  
3rd *Jambo* (Phil Philpott)

David France Memorial Trophy (Best 707 boat) - *Swordfish* (Tom Lake)

Goodden Memorial Trophy (Best Handicap boat) - *Zoom Baby* (JSMT Syndicate)/*Musketeer* (Newman/Buckley)

County Pie Trophy (Helmswoman's Race) - Handicap *Valkyrie* (Wendy Moore) 707 *Swordfish* (Emily Broad)

Dorothy Winfrey Memorial Cup - *Swordfish* (Tom Lake)

Guy Viccars Trophy - *Miss Money Penny* (Ed Bolitho)

Guncarriage Trophy (Winner of L'Aber Wrac'h Race) - *Cledha Mur* (Simon Williams)

Sundancer Trophy (First Helford Boat in L'Aber Wrac'h) - *Shebeca* (Simon Fayers)

Bobby Martin Trophy (First boat under 30ft in L'Aber Wrac'h Race) - *Shebeca* (Simon Fayers)

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