

# HELFORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

## WINTER 2014 NEWSLETTER

### COMMODORE'S REPORT

The last few days have finally seen the weather change as we slip into winter having experienced autumn for just a brief moment as the temperatures remained unseasonably high. The majority of the boats have left the moorings and the river is alone again. The amazing summer weather had the Club buzzing with each sailing discipline functioning at its best. The Club's facilities proved their worth and the balcony remained full throughout and racing and teaching was enjoyed at all levels. However the greatest success this year had to be the dinghy racing. The numbers swelled into double figures for most races and a very keen group of juniors joined the old stalwarts to provide some very enjoyable racing. This could not have happened without the support and dedication of the safety boat crews, so a very special thank you again to all of them.

Our Club Stewards Jack and Sophie, having had a very good summer, feel that they have gained the required experience and knowledge to go it alone and I have to inform you that they will be leaving us at the end of November to run a restaurant in Cadgwith. We have appointed Chris and Janet Conboye as Stewards and they will be starting on 6th December. Please do come along and support them and the Club on club nights and the winter social programme we have planned.

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

What a fantastic season of dinghy racing - great weather, superb volunteer assistance, sailors young and old and proud parents all enjoying our beautiful estuary.

With 45 race dates scheduled, and only a couple of cancellations all season it shows what stunning weather we had right up to the last race of the autumn series.

Many thanks to all the volunteer safety boat helms, crew and others for race officer duties.

Special thanks to Dave Church for helming the safety boat for so many races and to Dan Flunder for his support as crew and his superb photographic skills.

The excellent communication and motivational skills of Stephen Brooks have, I'm convinced, helped to increase the number of participants in dinghy racing at the Club.

Having many young sailors progressing from Friday night juniors and joining in with dinghy racing this season has been brilliant and their enthusiasm has been inspirational.

Next season we will be running taster sessions and training to give anyone who might be interested in dinghy racing the chance to experience racing as helm or crew.

If you would like to try dinghy sailing or experience racing then please get in touch and during next May we will arrange some fun introduction sessions. ([andy.j.biggs@btinternet.com](mailto:andy.j.biggs@btinternet.com))

Andy Biggs - *Captain Dinghies*

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

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Attached to this Newsletter is the Notice of Annual General Meeting for 16th January 2015. In accordance with the Rules, the positions of Captain Moorings and Captain Safety Boats come up for election as David Blanning and Paul Greensmith complete their three year terms.

Also the annual elections for the Flag Officers, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer are included in the nominations as provided for in the Rules.

Nomination forms are now on the Club noticeboard.

If any further information is required please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mark Gregory - *Honorary Secretary*

## **HMS HELFORD**

The Ship's Crest which now hangs in the entrance to the clubhouse came from the first HMS Helford and has kindly been given to the Club by John Nesbit. She was a twin screw River class frigate, Pennant no K252. She was built by Hall Russell and Co. of Aberdeen and launched on 6<sup>th</sup> February 1943. She was commissioned on the 26<sup>th</sup> June 1943 under the command of Cdr. Charles George Cuthbertson DSC RNR. She was used for patrol and convoy escort duties. She arrived at Troon on 29<sup>th</sup> June 1956 for breaking.

Dimensions - 283' x 36'6 x 17'6.

Propulsion - 2 x triple expansion steam reciprocating engines, 5,500HP

Speed - 20kts

Complement - 140

Armament - 2 x 4" deck guns, 10 x 20mm AA guns, 1 hedgehog

## **CAR PARK STICKERS**

Please could all Members ensure that their current car park stickers are displayed on the **FRONT WINDSCREEN** of their cars. This makes it easier for us to check that current stickers are being displayed. Thank you.

## **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 2014/2015

### NOVEMBER

- Friday 21st Yacht Prize Giving Evening 19.00 hrs start. This will be followed by a talk by Paddy Macklin who will also be signing his book 'Captain Bungles Odyssey' - the story of his single handed round the world yacht journey. All welcome.
- Saturday 29th A professional cabaret night. It will feature Steve Stevens - a comedian and musical entertainer and also vocalist and dancer Sara Louise. 19.30 start with pasties in the interval. A charity collection for Help for Heroes will be made during the evening.

### DECEMBER

- Saturday 20th Christmas Carols with the excellent band 'Loose Change' followed by dancing and Christmas buffet.
- Wednesday 24th Christmas Eve BBQ from 12.00 hrs. Our wonderful traditional BBQ with magic entertainment for children and adults.
- As soon as our new Stewards have started we will be sending out details of Christmas and New Year events. These will be on the Club website and emailed to Members. There will also be posters in the Clubhouse.

### JANUARY 2015

- Friday 16th HRSC Annual General Meeting at the Clubhouse 1930 hrs

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

### Club Winter Opening Hours (until Easter 2015)

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: Bar 1800 to 2300 hrs  
Food 1800 to 2130 hrs  
Sunday: Bar 1200 to 1800 hrs Food 1200 to 1430 hrs

Please make sure you book your table on  
01326 231460



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

**Friday 16th January 2015 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 16th January 2015 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)

### **2015 MOORING FEES (1st April to 31st October)**

**Deep Water Mooring** £26.15 per 300mm  
(minimum charge £500 at the discretion of the Committee)

<b>Sailing Dinghy Park Adult</b>	£105.00
<b>Sailing Dinghy Park Junior</b>	£ 70.00
<b>Sailing Dinghy Park Rack</b>	£ 70.00
<b>Car Park Dinghy Area</b>	£ 65.30
<b>Car Park Dinghy Area Junior</b>	£ 38.00
<b>Shed Key</b>	£ 16.30
<b>Canoes and Kayaks</b>	£ 31.00
<b>Tender on Pontoon (under 3.25m)</b>	£103.75
<b>Trailer summer storage</b>	£ 52.00
<b>Drying Mooring (boats up to 22ft)</b>	£364.00
<b>Inflatable Dinghy Rack</b>	£ 41.50

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** £290.00

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.

### **2015 MEMBERSHIP FEES**

<b>From 1st January</b>	<b>Entrance</b>	<b>Annual</b>
<b>Joint</b>	£ 192.00	£ 192.00
<b>Single</b>	£ 124.50	£ 124.50
<b>Family Juniors</b> (18 and under whose parents are Members)	£ nil	£ 15.55
<b>Junior Members</b> (18 and under whose parents are NOT Members)	£ nil	£ 36.25
<b>Cadets</b> (Over 18 but under 25 and in FULL time education)	£ nil	£ 36.25

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

**Temporary Membership** £ 95.00 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 last year's excellent levels of participation carried through to this year. Thirty seven young sailors attended the Friday evening sessions over the summer: thirty four juniors in HRSC's Youth Scheme and three working as Assistant Instructors.

We didn't have an RYA Senior Instructor (SI) this year, so we were unable to award RYA certificates. However the content and structure of the HRSC Youth Scheme mirrored the RYA scheme, and was delivered by RYA qualified Dinghy Instructors (DIs) and operated under the Association's strict safety procedures. As such the quality of the teaching was maintained and the "Helford Levels" were just as difficult to achieve this year as last.

As usual, 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 Tremayne Quay for a BBQ and (some) camped overnight, was a great example of this; we also raised £153 for the Junior Sailing Winter Training Fund.

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

Optibat Trophy - **Isaac Baldwin**

Most Improved Junior - **Matt Broad**

Andrew Ward Cup (for consistency, courtesy and commitment) - **James Butters & Charlotte Foreman**

Carol Lawrence Cup (the most promising newcomer) - **Luc Bernard**

Acorn Cup (aka Kearsley Cup for showing great potential) - **Lily Relton**

Delta Cup (for Mirrors, Toppers & Fevas) - **Finlay Walsh-Newton**

Chamberlain Tankard (under 12s) - **Jack Lawrence**

Chamberlain Cup - **Ollie Chamberlain**

Du Bois Junior Racing Cup - **Matt Broad**

Junior Handicap Cup - **Sam Philpott**      Well done to all of you!

Rachael will be stepping down as Co-Captain Juniors at the end of 2014, so we are asking for volunteers to help with the planning, organisation and delivery of the Junior Sailing programme for 2015. This is an important role but sailing experience is not necessary as the quality and safety of the teaching sessions will remain the responsibility of the SI / DIs. Please step forward if you feel you can support Junior Sailing in this way.

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

Dinghy Instructors: James McGarry, John Moody, Carol Lawrence, Susie Lawrence, Roger Philpott, Chris Hosken and Anton Chamberlain.

Assistant Instructors: Rebekah Hosking, James Butters and Ben Coad.

Safety Boaters: Terry Goodison, Dominic Walsh-Newton, Andrew Hosking, Wolfe Scrimshaw, Nick Glossop and Ian Armstrong.

Shore Support & First Aid: Amanda Walsh-Newton, Kerrie Harvey, Jo Foreman and Zoe Freeman.

Boatswain: Andrew Hosking.

The 707 and yacht owners for supporting Junior Helm.

HRCST for the use of their Oppies.

The National Trust for their support at Tremayne Quay.

Dom & Rach Brandreth - *Captains Juniors*

We would like to subsidise the training of those willing to help with Junior Sailing in 2015. Anyone wishing to train in the following areas please get in touch with us directly (**dom@brandreth.me**): RYA Senior Instructor (SI), RYA Dinghy Instructor (DI), Powerboat Level 2, Shortwave Radio, First Aid.

PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS SO WE CAN KEEP YOU  
UPDATED WITH ALL CLUB NEWS OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
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### **MOORINGS NEWS**

As my three year term is now coming to an end, I would like to thank everyone for their support and assistance during this period.

#### **A few timely reminders:**

All boats should have been removed by 31st October unless by prior agreement with myself. Please also be reminded of Bye Law No. 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'.

A number of items have been left lying around the pontoon area. Please remember to take your rubbish away.

Club Members are reminded that children are to be supervised whilst on the pontoon and users need to be mindful in the water when using the pontoon and beach.

Finally I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a successful sailing season in 2015.

Dave Blanning - *Captain Moorings*

### **PHOTOS PLEASE**

If you have any high resolution photos for the 2015 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 2014 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**

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

**Ancasta International Yacht Sales - Race Marks**

## 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. Phil Philpot and his team aboard *Jambo* were the dominant factor throughout the season winning all three 6 race series, and in so doing collecting a number of other prestigious awards. Other notable winners were *Swordfish* for the Ladies Helm and *Miss Money Penny*, winner of the Commodore's Cup.

The handicap fleet hardly put in an appearance this year which was disappointing. Credit though goes to Tom Smith and *Zoom Baby* who came out and raced alongside the 707s on several occasions. **NOTE:** The results system used for handicap sailing gives equal opportunity for all types of yacht, even if white sailed, so why not come and take part – it's as much a social event as anything else.

The Albia Regatta sponsored by John and Stephan was, despite being postponed, a great day's racing and incorporated Bart's Bash. Many thanks to Steve Kestin, John Bolitho (for the use of *Bold Lancer*) and his team for organising and running the racing. They were kept busy running races for 707s, IRC (great support from Falmouth yachts), and White Sail. Everybody said the whole event was most enjoyable.

The annual Helford to L'Aber Wrac'h Pursuit Race was a fast race for the early starters as wind and tides were in their favour. A fine tactical race by a singlehanded Simon Fayers aboard his Frances 26 *Shebeca* saw him clean up the trophies being first to cross the Libenter Line, first Helford yacht, and first boat under 30 foot. Congratulations to all those who took part.

Clive Dudley- *Captain Yachts*

Spring Pursuit Series – did not take place

Hine Downing Early Summer Series - 707s only competed.

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

Budock Vean Mid Summer Series

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

Late Summer Series (Ronald Coad Cup)

1st *Jambo* (Phil Philpot) Handicap  
2nd *Grumpy* (Clive Dudley/Terry Pascoe)  
3rd *Big Boys Toys* (Chris Broad)

Autumn 707 Series – Did not take place

Commodore's Cup - *Miss Money Penny* (Ed Bolitho)

David France Memorial Trophy (Best aggregate score) - *Jambo* (Phil Philpot) 16 points from 16 races.

Goodden Memorial Trophy (Most races won) – *Jambo* (Phil Philpot) won 9 out of 16 races.

County Pie Trophy (Helmswoman's Race) - *Swordfish* (Lucy Campbell)

Dorothy Winfrey Memorial Cup – *Miss Money Penny* (Ed Bolitho)

Guy Viccars Trophy (Best overall boat under 30ft) - *Jambo* (Phil Philpot)

Guncarriage Trophy (Winner of L'Aber Wrac'h Race) - *Shebeca* (Simon Fayers)

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)