



# HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB

## WINTER 2015 NEWSLETTER

### COMMODORE'S REPORT

We have just had a summer in which we have had either too much wind or not enough or just plain bad weather. This has meant that probably, like myself, you have found it less pleasurable to go sailing and have therefore been out less often. Hopefully the sailing season next year will be blessed with better weather.

Despite this, dinghy racing has again been very successful this year with good and competitive racing which bodes well for next season. Thank you to all the safety boat crews for providing cover for the dinghies.

The yacht racing on Wednesday evenings has been great fun with closely contested races and was enjoyed by all who took part. We need more keelboats racing as the fleet is getting smaller so please consider joining in with Wednesday racing next year.

Our stewards Chris and Janet have not had the best of summers with fewer visitors and unfavourable weather which has resulted in less business for the Club. Chris and Janet will be leaving the Club on 30th November. I would like to thank them for all they have done for us over the past year and to wish them the best for the future.

As always the Club website is updated on a regular basis so please keep an eye on it for all news of what is happening at the Club.

Lastly I would like to thank everyone who has worked hard in helping with any Club activity and keeping everything running successfully. Without your help this Club would not be able to function.

I wish everyone a happy Christmas and all the best for a prosperous New Year.

**Mark Buckley** - *Commodore*

### NEW COMMITTEE BOAT FOR HRSC

The Club is purchasing a new Committee Boat, a 'Seaviper', for delivery before Christmas. Our thanks go to Giles Ruscombe-King for his efforts in procurement. Also the Club has purchased two secondhand 'RS Vision' dinghies to enhance our dinghy fleet.

**John Lake** - *Honorary Treasurer*

## **SAFETY BOAT NEWS**

This year has been busy on the river although the weather was not brilliant during much of August with three junior sailing sessions cancelled due to the bad conditions, but most dinghy races were run as per the race calendar.

The safety boats have served us well. As always there are a few little hiccups but these were repaired quickly. Two new bilge pumps were fitted as both stopped working on the same weekend.

I have used both the Zodiac and the Funyak on safety boat duty and have found them both capable although the rib is quite a bit faster.

The fuel can system seems to have worked well this year with manageable 10 litre cans although the spouts and screw tops are not the best quality and can spill a little fuel. Maybe better quality cans would be beneficial next year and also the fuel store will be sited for next year and we will inform safety boat helms how to access the fuel.

My thanks to all safety boat helms and crews for notifying me of any issues with the boats which helps to keep the fleet seaworthy. I hope to renew the mooring lines to make mooring easier before the start of next year.

I hope to see many of you at the Club during the winter months.

**Chris Hosken** - *Captain Safety Boats*

## **CAR PARK STICKERS**

Please could all Members ensure that their 2015 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 2015/2016

### DECEMBER

Friday 4th

Yacht and Dinghy Prize Giving Evening at the Clubhouse. 19.30 hrs start.

Saturday 5th

Quiz Night with Steve Richardson. 19.00 hrs start.

Saturday 12th

Carols in the Clubhouse with 'Loose Change'. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available. 19.00 hrs start.

### JANUARY 2016

Friday 22nd

HRSC Annual General Meeting at the Clubhouse 1930 hrs.  
All welcome.

### FEBRUARY 2016

Friday 19th

A talk at the clubhouse about the sail training ship 'Hardiesse'.  
19.30 hrs start.

Saturday 27th

Annual Dinner Dance at the Tregenna Castle Hotel in St.Ives.  
Three course meal with music by 'The Wonderers' - a 5 piece Rock and Roll cover band. 50's themed fancy dress (optional). Tickets £40 per person. Rooms for the night at a special rate can be booked direct with the hotel (01736 795254).

ALL CLUB SOCIAL EVENTS ARE ADVERTISED ON OUR WEBSITE

[www.helfordriversc.co.uk](http://www.helfordriversc.co.uk)

### Club Winter Opening Hours (until Easter 2016)

Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: Bar 1800 to 2300 hrs  
Food (to be advised)

Sunday: Bar 1200 to 1800 hrs  
Food (to be advised)

When food is available please make sure you book  
your table by calling 01326 231460



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

**Friday 22nd January 2016 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 22nd January 2016 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. Addition of new Rule - Electronic Communication
8. 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)

**VACANCIES ON THE CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE**

The following positions on the Committee will be vacant as from the AGM in January 2016:

Rear Commodore Sailing  
Honorary Secretary  
Captain Social  
Captain Amenities  
Captain Juniors

If you would be willing to take on any of these positions please contact either Mark Buckley (Commodore) on [julianbuckley@icloud.com](mailto:julianbuckley@icloud.com) or Sue Hewett (Vice Commodore) on [sue.c.hewett@gmail.com](mailto:sue.c.hewett@gmail.com).

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

### 2016 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.

### 2016 MEMBERSHIP FEES

<b>From 1st January</b>	<b>Entrance</b>	<b>Annual</b>
<b>Joint</b>	£ 10.00	£ 198.00
<b>Single</b>	£ 10.00	£ 128.50
<b>Family Juniors</b> (18 and under whose parents are Members)	£ nil	£ 16.50
<b>Junior Members</b> (18 and under whose parents are NOT Members)	£ nil	£ 37.50
<b>Cadets</b> (Over 18 but under 25 and in FULL time education)	£ nil	£ 37.50

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

**Temporary Membership** £50.00 per week

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

## YACHT REPORT

Yacht racing over the summer has been keenly contested though sadly only a maximum of five 707s and the Corby 25 *Zoom Baby* took part despite our trying to encourage some PY yachts to join us. Next year we will make greater efforts to include PY yachts. Many of the races were very close with positions changing and all boats showed good form from time to time.

However the dominant boat was undoubtedly *Jambo*, exceptionally well sailed by Phil Philpott and his crew who won all three series, though *Wildebeest* took the Ladies Helm Race with Lulu Badger at the helm.

The annual Helford to L'Aberwrac'h Race in June was very well supported with 28 entries, 17 of which were from France, and it was the French who dominated this year taking all the podium places although Wally Royall and *Xenia* took the Sundancer Trophy for being the first HRSC yacht to cross the line.

John and Tom Lake took part in the challenging 2015 Azores and Back Race in their Bavaria 38 *Beejolly* and despite early gear failure managed a very creditable 26<sup>th</sup> place out of 50 finishers and 15 retirements. John will be giving an illustrated talk on his adventures in the race – don't miss it. Please check the Club website for date and details.

Despite decidedly mixed weather many Members managed to get away for some good cruising and earlier in the summer there was a very enjoyable cruise in company up the Fal for a barbecue at Malpas pontoon. We hope to arrange more of these events and go further afield next season.

In the meantime we hope you all have a good Christmas and New Year and hope to see many Members using the Club over the winter.

**Nick Gough & Pat Scannell** - *Captains Yachts*

## SAILING CLUB MANAGER

We have signed up to a software package which is a reliable cloud based management system. It will make communication between Members easier providing shared contacts. Also:

- Easy management of sailing and house events
- Streamlined administration tasks and time saving
- Fast and easy event scheduling
- Duty roster and shared calendars
- Setup and manage bookable events
- Crew, boat and handicap management
- Race/regatta entry and results service
- Detailed membership management and reporting
- Renewal reminders and invoicing
- Flexible membership types and periods
- Link Members to boats and moorings
- Manage moorings, racks and hard standing
- Allocate spaces efficiently

It will take a little while to set up the membership database but we hope to set up access for Members as soon as possible.

Please keep an eye on the website for further updates.

**Sue Hewett** - *Vice Commodore*

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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### **CLUB MERCHANDISE FOR SALE**

We have the following Club merchandise for sale:

Navy sweatshirts with Club logo	£18.00
Navy polos with Club logo	£17.00
Men's T shirts with Club design	£10.00
Ladies' T shirts with Club design	£ 7.50
Children's T shirts with Club design	£ 5.00
Club silk ties	£18.00
Club burgees	£40.00
Clubhouse prints by Sarah Wimperis	£ 5.00

Please ask at the bar or at the Club office for more details.

### **ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION**

It was proposed at a recent meeting of the General Committee that the Club should move further forward by introducing electronic communication as a valid and authorised method of communication between the Committee and Club Members. This requires a Rule change to be approved by our Members at the forthcoming AGM (notice attached). There will be an additional item on the agenda in January and set out below is a draft of the proposed new Rule to accommodate this, for your information. Those who wish to consider this in further detail may obtain a copy of the Rules from the website or as a hard copy from the office.

#### **Proposed new Rule 37**

##### **Electronic Communication**

Upon a Member signifying acceptance of receiving electronic communication from the Club, any notification so given shall constitute a sufficient compliance with these Rules and particularly, but not exclusively, Rule 12, Rule 14, Rule 16(f), Rule 32, Rule 33 and Rule 34.

**Mark Gregory** - *Honorary Secretary*

### **THANK YOU TO OUR 2015 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**

## A BIT OF CLUB HISTORY

### **An excerpt from the 1968 Club Yearbook**

In November 1966 the Commodore, Tony Myers, sought permission for the Club to crew the Royal Yacht *Bloodhound*. There followed an invitation for up to seven Members to cruise in her from 17th to 22nd May 1967. As the time approached the shadow of the *Torrey Canyon*, the tanker which ran aground on the Seven Stones reef off St. Martins, Isles of Scilly, spilling its cargo of crude oil, hung over the adventure. But the real villain of the piece turned out to be the weather!

The crew of seven joined the standing crew of two under the command of the Sailing Master, Lt. Cmdr. W. Willett. The intention was to cross to L'Aber Wrac'h and to visit ports to the south of the Chenal du Four, but the weather spoilt both the plans and the sailing.

The Channel crossing was made under jib and mizzen only, and *Bloodhound's* return crossing was weather-bound in L'Aber Wrac'h. Even so the Sailing Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Heppel DSO, who led the HRSC party observed 'Even the weather could not spoil the adventure and experience of this great ship, nor the welcome and kindness of her Master and crew'.

The following quote, from a letter dated 14th June 1967 written by Rear Admiral Christopher Bonham-Carter, CB, CVO, from Buckingham Palace, is of interest:

(Ref. L'Aber Wrac'h Race)

The service your chaps did for her in their previous and extremely unlucky trip to the finishing post was of great value to Willett, who is quite unfamiliar with the coast, and the weather at the finish of the race was not exactly a piece of cake for navigation. I would, as I am writing to you, like to pay tribute to your people for the way in which, after a very poor do in her, got her cleaned up and tidy before they left. I was in *Bloodhound* the other day and their praises are being loudly sung on board. I am afraid that this is not always the case'.

### Party Piano Airlift

The first annual L'Aber Wrac'h Champagne 'Recovery' Party, as it was called, was held in the former clubhouse at Pedn Billy in 1960 to welcome French competitors who had sailed over to join the Race. Pedn Billy is on a beach without road access and so the piano for the party was delivered by air, courtesy of RNAS Culdrose, slung beneath a Whirlwind helicopter!

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