

NEWSLETTER

WINTER
2019

COMMODORE'S REPORT

What a fantastic season we have had at the sailing club, I would like to thank all the staff, committee members and people behind the scenes for all their hard work and commitment.

The L'Aber W'rach 60th Anniversary Pursuit Race was a huge success. This year saw the spirit of the race well and truly restored with 51 entries and 50 starters with 21 French and 30 UK yachts entering. A big thank you to everyone who was involved with the preparations and to those who participated in the race.

We welcomed Tracey this year to the office staff, she has taken over from Penny and Helen. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Penny and Helen for their hard work and Tracey for her already invaluable input and support in the office.

I would like to thank Tom Moore, Finn Johnson, Megan Pascoe and their team for a very successful summer season in the bar and restaurant. Both visitors and members have commented on the welcoming and friendly atmosphere at the club this year.

During the winter, new member Lisa Walker will be serving delicious Sunday roasts and winter fayre to support the successful calendar of social events organised by Di Best and the Social Sub Committee. Keep an eye on our website for details www.helfordriversc.co.uk

Finally I would like to wish all members a very happy and peaceful christmas and a prosperous new year.

JOHN BOLITHO - COMMODORE



**The Commodore and Committee wish all Members
a very Happy Christmas and a
peaceful and healthy New Year**



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 31st January 2020 at 1930 hrs

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Helford River Sailing Club will be held at the Clubhouse at 1930 hrs on Friday 31st January 2020 at which the following business will be transacted:

AGENDA

- 01. Apologies**
- 02. Minutes of last Annual General Meeting**
- 03. Commodore's Report**
- 04. Honorary Treasurer's Report - Approval of Accounts**
- 05. Election of officers**
- 06. Election of Club Accountants**
- 07. 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 for a nomination form on 01326 231006.

PETER LETHFEAD-CURRIE- HONORARY SECRETARY



COMMITTEE VACANCIES

It is very important that as many Members as possible attend the AGM as we need to elect several new Committee members for 2019. Please would any Members that are interested in serving on the Committee contact the Honorary Secretary.

We are looking to fill the following vacancies:

Captain Adult Sailing
Rear Commodore Amenities
Captain Amenities

Dear Members

From 2020 the Committee have agreed that any members that have use of club dinghies should pay a fee of £15.00 per year to help towards the maintenance costs.

This will include those taking out Wayfarers on Tuesday nights and some Saturdays, those taking out club boats for racing on Thursday nights and Sundays and those members that have been signed off in the Wayfarer Book to take out dinghies at times of their own choice during the season.

The fee for Junior Sailing will be reduced from £45.00 to £15.00 per child to encourage more junior sailors. This will help families who have more than child or grandchild attending Junior Sailing and hopefully will encourage more juniors to join the club. Therefore, the cost of maintenance of club dinghies will be more fairly spread across all sections of the club.

ANGIE WATSON - VICE COMMODORE

TREASURERS REPORT

I am pleased to report that club finances have improved over the year, and the declared net profit will be close to our budgeted forecast.

It is important that we continue to increase the liquidity of the club. We must also be able to meet rising costs and attend to ongoing repairs. Most importantly we must build a cash reserve for the pontoon. The committee have therefore agreed to my proposal of a small increase in the cost of membership and mooring fees in line with inflation.

PETER WATSON - HONORARY TREASURER

2020 MEMBERSHIP FEES

	Annual
Joint	£235.00
Single	£150.00
Family Junior (18 and under whose parents are Members)	£20.00
Junior (18 and under whose parents are not Members)	£45.00
Cadet (Over 18 under 25 and in full time education)	£45.00
Children under 5 are free	

2020 MOORING FEES (1st April to 31st October)

Deep Water Mooring	£31.00 per 300mm
(minimum charge £550 at the discretion of the Committee)	
Sailing Dinghy Park Adult	£120.00
Sailing Dinghy Park Junior	£ 80.00
Sailing Dinghy Park Rack	£ 80.00
Car Park Dinghy Area	£ 75.00
Shed Key	£ 18.00
Canoes and Kayaks	£ 40.00
Tender on Pontoon (under 3.25m)	£120.00
Trailer summer storage	£ 60.00
Drying Mooring (boats up to 22ft)	£440.00
Inflatable Dinghy Rack	£ 50.00



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
4 stroke 75hp

All boats regardless of length £350.00

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 Tracey on [01326 231006](tel:01326231006).

YACHT REPORT

As is usual at this time of year the river gets to look a completely different place, where in the summer there is hardly a mooring not used, to now its just a few of the working fishing boats on their moorings. The summer has been favourable to sailing this year with few if any cancellations in any races, there were a few yacht races when we did wonder if we would ever get back to the mooring, thank goodness for the engine, and full credit to those who always sail to their moorings.

Dinghy racing has been well attended on most outings with two very good regattas run by Captain Dinghies and his team; the training taking place over the last few weeks of the season has been a great success thanks to Keith Wilkin and Linda, some rising stars in laser racing are benefiting gaining confidence and skills.

My own last sail of the season was a leisurely cruise up to Gull Rock and back with Andrew on Morgawr in mid October, a stunning day with a good steady WNW wind.

The junior sailing finished at the end of the summer holidays and was well attended, thanks must go to our great team of qualified instructors who turn up each week and give their time to teach the next generation of HRSC sailors.

I look forward to seeing many of you in the club at our events throughout the winter months.



CHRIS HOSKEN - REAR COMMODORE SAILING



FUSION DINGHY GRANT

Dinghy sailing has been a great success this year with the need for more modern dinghies to be added to the existing fleet.

We successfully made a grant application to the Cornwall Community Foundation which has allowed us to purchase a fully kitted out Fusion dinghy which has been put to good use.

We now have another grant application in progress to Sport England and if successful will allow us to purchase a further 4 Fusions.

MIKE LOWE - CAPTAIN WATER ACTIVITIES

THE CLUB WEBSITE IS REGULARLY UPDATED - KEEP UP WITH THE LATEST NEWS ON
www.helfordriversc.co.uk

HRSC SOCIAL EVENTS

WINTER 2019/SPRING 2020



Saturday 30th November:

Christmas Quiz with Rob & Suzanne Matthews. Quiz starts at 20.00 / Food and Bar from 6pm.

Sunday 1st December:

Sunday lunch with live music from Al Stewart on Sax. Food and Bar from 12pm

Friday 6th December:

Yacht & Dinghy Prize Giving starts 6.30pm. Curry Night / Food and Bar from 6pm.

Wednesday 11th December:

Talk World War II MI6 Operations from Falmouth in support of De Gaulle & Free French hosted by John Head. Talk starts at 8pm / Food and Bar from 6pm.

Friday 13th December:

Christmas Carols with the St Keverne Band from 7.30pm. Come along and get in the mood for Christmas by singing some carols! Mince pies, sausage rolls and mulled wine & cider will be served from 6.00pm.

Sunday 22nd December:

Christmas Family Lunch delicious lunch for all the family. What a start to the festive season! All welcome. Food and bar from 12pm. Please book your table with Lisa at helfordriversc@gmail.com

Tuesday 24th December:

Christmas Eve Family Lunch Magician and Christmas surprises! All welcome. Starts 12.00pm. Please book your table with Lisa at helfordriversc@gmail.com

Tuesday 31st December

New Year's Eve Party Fancy dress optional. Bring a plate of food to share. Bar from 7.30pm

Events Planned for 2020 January & February:

Wednesday night talks, monthly quiz nights and film club

Details of these events and many more will be posted on our website www.helfordriversc.co.uk, HRSC Facebook page and emailed to Members. If you have not already done so, **PLEASE** send us your email address. You can call Tracey in the Club office on [01326 231006](tel:01326231006) or email hrsc-admin@btconnect.com

DON'T MISS OUT!



ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

Saturday 29th February

We hope you are looking forward to next year's Dinner and Dance, taking place at the Greenbank Hotel, Falmouth on the 29th February! We will be able to release party tickets soon – please note, we are limited to 110 guests this year, so be quick if you want a ticket!

To reserve a ticket, please email Lee ku.oc.liamtoh@yennebal or Gemma ku.oc.oohay@00022smeg with your name and number of tickets required.

This year tickets will only be released once paid in full with names and menu choices.

We have the Soundcasters booked to perform, so it promises to be a great night!

Best wishes,

LEE & GEMMA

for more information please see the website www.helfordriversc.co.uk



TRY DINGHY RACING AT HRSC

My first experience of racing was in a Shrimper belonging to HRSC member Simon Sugrue. Simon had kindly asked me to join him as his crew, racing off Mylor and St. Mawes on Thursday nights and Sunday mornings in the Carrick Roads. He was a great teacher and shared with me many tips on how to win races! It was then I realised what fun racing can be and how much there is to learn.

Four years ago, I decided to have a go at racing in a Club Wayfarer at HRSC with Pete Headland a fellow Tuesday sailor. I was quite nervous at first, I knew that I would be sailing against far more experienced dinghy racers. However, I found after a few weeks, although I was far from up to their standard, they were friendly and keen to encourage me. In particular Captain Dinghies, Stephen Brooks is extremely helpful. The races are “handicapped” and the scoring is based on average lap so the faster boats and helms may complete 5 laps whereas slower boats and helms may only complete 3 laps during the course of a race. This means you don’t have to worry about being left out on the river with the Safety Boat after everyone else is in the bar!

If you would like to join racing next year one Thursday evening or Sunday email Captain Dinghies or just turn up. It’s best to come down to the club an hour or so before the race is due to start to allow enough time to rig the boat and get down to the start line. As well as Club Wayfarers, Fevas, RS Visions, Fusions, Lasers and a Pico are available in the dinghy park for racing.

Captain Dinghies will either tell you the course on shore or the Safety Boat/Committee Boat will tell you once you’re out on the water. You can download the racing courses from the website.

The Dinghy Racing Calendar is printed in the Yearbook. When you are on Captain Dinghies email list he will email weekly to let you know the weather forecast and previous race results. He does have a very original turn of phrase!

This year Tracey will be forwarding racing information to all members to encourage them to give it a go.

We would particularly like to encourage more juniors to join the adults.

Lily and Freya have been frequent racers this year.

So, to sum it up, come and have a go at Dinghy Racing. It’s fantastic fun! If I can do it so can you!

ANGIE WATSON - VICE COMMODORE

FALMOUTH CLASSICS

12th -14th June 2020

We are looking for people to help with this very successful event which saw 190 boats in the harbour in 2019 all racing and parading at the same time as the Sea Shanty festival in the town.

The organising committee is very friendly and made up of people from all local clubs plus interested others.

There is a Patron scheme which allows individuals to join and support the event for a fixed sum, also any ideas for sponsors of the event are welcome. The social activities involve a pontoon party, a reception at the Art Gallery, a barbeque at RCYC and a prize giving at the NMM plus many other activities to enjoy.

If you would like to help either in the planning and co-ordination now, with the administration or on the water during the event please get in touch with the Chair Keith Tullett to discuss on kjatlullett@gmail.com

JUNIOR SAILING

This summer's sailing has been awesome.

We did a lot of fun activities, on land and water. On Friday nights there are a lot of children that learn to sail, it's a good way to make new friends and also see old friends from last year's sailing.

Learning to sail is so much fun, from capsizing drills, learning to race, on windy nights having to hike out and learning to rig a boat; so much fun!



I been sailing since I was 8 years old and this year I have learnt so much and the friendly instructors helped me to push my limits of sailing to achieve what I wanted to do. This year one of the instructors, Chris Hosken, took me out on one of the racing days called the May Cup. I loved it to see other side of sailing, after that I got really into racing and I entered in some more races and also some sailing regattas. Hopefully I will be doing more next summer, when I am out on the water sailing I feel like I can do anything!

Junior helm was great. It's an evening where kind adults take us out on their sailing boats and let us have a go. When it's bad weather and can't go sailing we have theory nights; we learn knots, rules of the water and lots more. But it's done in a fun way with games and competitions and we get to win a prize. This summer has been the best and I'm looking forward to next summer.

LILY POPE

Juno COGS 2019

2019 was our 4th season racing Juno in the Cornwall Offshore Group Series. The season started early, with the first race to Fowey scheduled for the weekend before Easter. The forecast was not good and on the day, the Race Officer took a view that Force 7 Easterly was bit much for a sail to Fowey and postponed.

We had a lively trip back across the bay to Helford with gusts over 30 knots. First time I've clipped on to do that trip! We missed the cross channel downwind master blaster to Roscoff, because I was ill, but Olly Berryman had an excellent sail in Sea Jade finishing 2nd behind Stuart Sawyer in Black Dog. The Trinity Race (Falmouth, Wolf Rock, Eddystone, Falmouth) was the first time Jack Lawrence and I sailed 2 handed together, and by the end of that race we were officially a team. It was a shame Olly had to retire on the leg to Wolf Rock, as he was sailing well particularly well in the light winds and the result could have been very close.

Then followed a whole raft of races, Gull Rock Manacles, Saltash to Fowey and then one of my favourites, the night race from St Mawes to Eddystone and back. Once round St Anthony lighthouse we popped the kite in about 15 knots south-wester and dropped it 3½ hours later at the Eddystone light. A full moon illuminated the way back to St Mawes, and the wind stayed good allowing us to cross the finish line 2 minutes shy of 8 hours after we started, which is certainly a personal best for me. Good job we finished early, because Tom Lake hadn't bought his sleeping bag. The following weekend we raced to L'Aberwrach with boat well tuned up and a top crew and we picked up some good prizes, one of which was a bottle a whiskey, which was mostly consumed after a good result in the COGS race to Penzance.

Propellor issues prevented from taking part in the Penzance to Scillies and Back race, but Olly kept the HRSC burgee with his first victory in the offshore series. After a break in August COSG racing resumed in September with a Fowey and back champagne weekend. It was a real honour to have my Dad on board that weekend and show him what Juno can do. The final race of the season was Dodman Range Buoy C and back. We took some quite spectacular waves in a lumpy Easterly beat and I'm still trying to work out how sea water got inside the glass bit in the oven door! So our final tally was 3 bullets and 4 second places, which makes Juno the 2019 Coastal Series champion. And congratulations to Sea Jade and Olly Berryman who won the 2019 Offshore Series.

JOHNNY WALKER - COGS CHAIRMAN

IN MEMORY OF CLIVE DUDLEY



Clive Dudley sadly passed away on 31st July aged 62. Clive was a member of HRSC for 45 years, serving 6 years on the Committee, his last position being Rear Commodore Sailing. Clive became ill during this time, but bravely carried on whenever he was able, helping wherever he could around the club. Almost straight out of hospital Clive was sorting out ice for the L'Aber Wrac'h 2018 Champagne Party.

As a teenager Clive took part in local regattas and rowing races, together with Robin Claridge and James Burt in James's lovely skiff. The old motorboat Martha was used as mothership, tug and taxi, ferrying them to regattas and drinking dens around the river. Around this time Clive and his friends Bruce Bennetts and Mike Cash bought and raced Laser dinghies.

Clive joined the Metropolitan Police in the Autumn of 1976 directly after spending two summer seasons at Sailaway in St Anthony. Not long after joining the Met he met his wife Jane. Clive spent 30 years with the Met.

When down in Cornwall, Clive continued to enjoy sailing with Jane and their two young children James and Sarah in a Drascombe Lugger, sailing as far as Looe in fair weather and foul. Even with young children aboard, sometimes tied to the mast, Jane says that she always had absolute trust in Clive.

Later, in larger cruising yachts, Clive loved to spend long summers with his family sailing to the Scillies, the north coast of Brittany and later much further south into the Bay of Biscay. More recently, having moved back to Carne, Clive, Bruce, Mike and Terry raced for several seasons on 707 Grumpy. Last year, Grumpy won the first five races of the late summer series. Clive helmed the sixth and last race. In an exciting finish he squeezed past Dragon right on the line. James remembers Clive hugging him and then dancing all around the decks, a real father and son effort. Sadly, this was Clive's last race. He will be missed by everyone.