



COMMODORE'S REPORT

Despite the unprecedented year 2020 has turned out to be, surprisingly we have seen an increase in new members joining the club. We've been lucky enough to employ Oliver Hassell as Club Steward. Ollie previously worked at the Prince of Wales in St. Martin and I think you'll all agree that he offers a very warm welcome on arrival.

Tuesday's Adult Sailing has been steady and Wednesday night's Keel Boat Racing has seen a regular 4-6 boats throughout the summer season, with the sailors coming up to the clubhouse to enjoy a meal and a few drinks after their time on the water. My thanks go out to Sally and the junior sailing volunteers who have given up their spare time to ensure that our young sailors get to enjoy the river safely. Although we couldn't host as we normally would, the Falmouth Week Regatta saw 116 boats in the water, which was a huge success.

I'd like to thank all the Committee for their hard work during this difficult year, but especially Tracey, Penny and Jane for their work in preparing the club ready to welcome you all back after our first lockdown. I'd also like to thank our temporary chefs Chris and Adam who stood in at short notice and have done a sterling job feeding all the hungry sailors. Also thanks to Ed and Dave for their continued commitment to keeping the pontoon in a good state of repair. And last of all my thanks go to Peter, Mike and Tracey for their support on the financial side of the club which has been vital, especially during this unusual year.

I would like to wish all members a very happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy New Year.

John Bolitho - Commodore

SOCIAL REPORT

I hope this Newsletter finds you well. Due to the demographic age of our membership we need to be extra cautious as we find ourselves amidst the predicted 2nd wave of the Covid19 Pandemic. A risk assessment has been completed as we are legally obliged to follow the Governments Guidelines and Advice. Our planned social programme for this winter has sadly been put on hold. However, let's not be too despondent because if the infection rate drops to a safe level again, the social programme can resume adhering to the Government Guidelines at the time!

During the Summer when the infection rate was at a safe level, we were able to enjoy the lovely weather on and off the water. Ollie, Chris and Jules provided us with some fantastic food including a Chilli Night, BBQ and a Ladies Lunch.

Adam is very kindly cooking delicious Sunday Roasts. Book early to avoid disappointment via email at helfordriversc@gmail.com or call 01326 231460.

Ollie has been a real asset to the club. He has brought a wealth of experience as a Club Steward and the good news is the bar is open early every evening, so our local members can enjoy a drink on their way home from work and can be joined by other members remembering the rule of 6, social distancing and wearing a mask when standing and walking inside. Wrap up well if you prefer to stay on the balcony!

I would like to thank everyone for being so understanding and complying with the changing Government Guidelines and adapting to the 'New Normal'! Hope to see you soon.

Diana Best - Captain Social

YACHT REPORT

It seems that each year I sit to write an article for the newsletter we have had some sort of issue to deal with, Storm Emma, The Beast from the East, the damage to the pontoon etc, who would have thought the next issue would have been a worldwide pandemic.

At the start of the HRSC 2020 the season's sailing and social calendar was being organised by the committee members. Who was to know it would all be put on hold for such a long time, there was never an option to try to keep the club open in any way during the lockdown, so the club house was made secure with a new CCTV system in place, the building and premises made secure while closed.

During this time, the Committee had several Zoom meetings to keep up to speed with all Government guidelines, and to be prepared to enable opening if and when it was safe and permissible to do so.

As the time came, we were in a place to start sailing when it was deemed safe by the RYA, sailing has continued throughout the summer with good entries in Yacht and Dinghy racing, the Wayfarers made available to sailors who had been signed off, a WhatsApp group set up to book them out along with the Fusions and Pico dinghies gave individuals the opportunity to sail as small buddy groups.

Although Junior sailing was not what it usually is, we did manage to get some sessions done, but in a very different format than normal.

I can only commend the Committee members and staff who were so active and prepared as each new Government statement was released, to enable your Clubhouse, Bar and Restaurant to open for the summer, it was a fantastic achievement.

Although as I write this the clubhouse is again closed due to the latest lockdown, we plan to be open again on 3rd December and I hope to see as many of you as possible over the festive season and throughout the winter months.

We can only thank you all for your support over this difficult year, it is YOUR club, hopefully we can get back on track in 2021.



Chris Hosken - Rear Commodore Sailing

Keel Boat Racing

An invitation to join HRSC's Keel boat Facebook page.

The purpose of this group is to promote cruising and racing from the Helford River. Cruising takes place ad-hoc by members posting intentions to cruise to specific destinations in company.

Racing takes place each Wednesday 6.30pm from May till September subject to weather and tides.

NOR is announced on the Facebook page and the website each week.

Please feel free to contact HRSC via

Facebook @ Helford River Sailing Club
Keel Boat Sailing

or email hrscsailing@gmail.com

For Sale—VHF Tranceivers

The club has three Midland handheld VHF transeivers for sale with chargers at £40.00 each. They are in used but good working order email hrsc-admin@btconnect.com or call the office on 01326 231006 if you would like to buy one.



TREASURERS REPORT

In March this year I prepared an emergency budget to steer us through these changed set of circumstances. We took advantage of Government aid where possible, including the £10,000 grant, furloughing staff where appropriate and the 'Eat Out' campaign. We are now working on this year's final accounts which will be published in early January along with my Treasurers Report 2021. Although your Committee has been faced with hitherto unprecedented problems they have managed to keep the bar and restaurant open other than during the lockdown. As the situation eased, all sailing sections were able to take to the water. It was a great relief to see the club active. I would particularly like to thank you, our members, for your constant support and am very pleased to see that our membership income has not fallen this year. In fact we welcomed a surprising number of new members and holiday members to the club. In closing, I would like to give a special thankyou to Tracey Rowe and Mike Lowe for all the help and support that they have given me personally through this difficult year.

Peter Watson - Honorary Treasurer

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 29th January 2021 at 19.30 hrs

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Helford River Sailing Club will not be held at the Clubhouse. The agenda, minutes of the last meeting, Commodores Report, Honorary Treasurers Report and nominations for the next Committee will be circulated to members in early January. Members will be invited to respond to the motions by email or post 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.

Peter Lethhead-Currie - Honorary Secretary

2021 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 or 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.

We are pleased to announce
that our
2021 Membership Fees
have NOT been increased.

Joint £235

Single £150

Under 5's Free

Family Junior* £20

Junior** £45

Cadet*** £45

*Family Junior - 18 and under whose parents are members

**Junior - 18 and under whose parents are not members

***Cadet - Over 18 under 25 and in full time education

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www.helfordriversc.co.uk

ADULT SAILING REPORT

I first heard of the Tuesday Night Adult Sailing Group at the Helford River Sailing Club shortly after I had moved down to The Lizard from Kent. Previously, I had sailed with my father as a child up until I was 28, when tragically he suddenly died at the age of 68. Since that time, I had always longed to sail again but somehow the opportunity had never arisen. On hearing about the Tuesday night Wayfarer outings, I couldn't believe that members with dinghy sailing experience would give up their own free time to show me how to sail a dinghy. For me this was like a dream come true. Finally, I was going to sail again. I found the group to be incredibly friendly and keen to share their knowledge. I now find myself in the position of Captain Adult Sailing enabling other new members to learn how to sail.

This year has been different of course. As much as we wanted to show new adult members how to sail a dinghy it was not possible because it would have meant pairing experienced sailors with novices not in their household or bubble. Although the rules have changed to include people from different households, we still feel it poses too much of a risk from the social distancing point of view. Next season hopefully things will be back to normal. More new members than ever are expressing an interest in learning how to sail. Currently we have more than 50 members wanting to take part in Tuesday Night Sailing when it returns. Therefore, we will be needing more experienced helms. If any experienced sailing members reading this newsletter would like to join us on a Tuesday next year, please contact me. We will welcome you with open arms, depending on social distancing rules of course! It's a great way to promote the club and encourage sailing.

Next year, as well as the above relaxed tuition sessions I hope to introduce more formal lessons with the help of new member Tim Laws. Tim is an experienced dinghy sailor who has joined dinghy racing this season at HRSC. He is keen to pass on his knowledge and when time allows, help with Adult Sailing next year. This year, for those who have been signed off to book out club dinghies, we formed two HRSC WhatsApp Groups. One for chat and one for Bookings Only. This has proved to be successful, with so far 44 Wayfarer bookings and 16 single-handed dinghy bookings. So, for a one-off payment of £15.00 per season members can book out club dinghies as many times as they want! More recently some of the HRSC Adult Sailing WhatsApp Group have buddied up for a sail when weather permits abiding by the rule of six. We all look forward to a time when we can meet again and go out for a regular Tuesday night sail and enjoy a drink and a catch up in the bar afterwards.

Looking forward to better times to come.

Angie Watson angiewatson1@outlook.com - Captain Adult Sailing



AUGUST ROCK BUOY

At the recent annual maintenance inspection it was noticed that despite a heavy riser chain and a new lightweight buoy the 32mm eye bolt on the mooring block was bent. It was new in February 2019.

The Helford River Navigational Aids Committee thought members might be interested to see why it is so expensive to maintain this important aid to navigation and thanks members of HRSC for their continued support.

John Head - The Helford River Navigational Aids Committee

VICE COMMODORE'S REPORT

This has been a challenging and difficult year for us all however I would like to thank all members for their support and loyalty to the club. We began the year with the dinner and dance at the Green Bank Hotel which was enjoyable and fun, a big thanks to Gemma and Lee for all their hard work organising this event. We had interesting talks in February, planning events in the club and on the water for the year, without knowing what was ahead, the dreaded Covid 19 and lockdown.

We were able to furlough all the staff through the lockdown, to enable the club to open on the 4th July. This meant having to put strict Government health and safety regulations into place in the club, which was embraced and followed by all members. Luckily, we had a good summer so being outside was not too much of a problem and thoroughly supported and enjoyed by all.

We welcomed Ollie as Club Steward to the club in August, he has worked hard implementing the Government health and safety regulations enabling the club and members to be safe as well as enjoying themselves. It has been positive to have a club steward again to be responsible for the bar and restaurant as well as the club house, he is clearly an asset to the club. A big thank you to Ollie, Becky and Ben for their hard work in this exceptional year.

Penny has been marvellous in keeping the club clean and safe for us throughout the year. We bought a fogging machine to keep the club Covid free.

Chris came to our rescue cooking classic delicious take away food and an epic barbecue on August bank holiday. We were fortunate to employ Jules as a chef through the summer who cooked a lovely Ladies that Launch lunch in August that was well attended. We were able to sign up to the Governments Eat Out to Help Scheme which was enjoyed by all.

September came and we were able to open the club house again with strict health and safety regulations, which was welcomed as the weather was becoming inclement and cold. Adam joined us in October, and we were able to start our traditional Sunday lunches. Then again back into lockdown where again all the bar staff have been furloughed.

Tracey has done a sterling job in the office, being there for us all helping with the health and safety regulations, sorting out moorings, membership, and any other queries that members have. We would have not been able to function without her.

Hopefully we will be able to open for December and over the Christmas period. I want to wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Jane Dudley - Vice Commodore.

DINGHIES REPORT

Dinghy racing has continued through the summer after a late start this year. With mainly light winds and sunshine we've had a good turnout on the river and a few new people giving racing a go, which is great to see!!

Don't forget the club has a fleet of dinghies that members can take out racing so there's no excuse not to give it a go.

Keep an eye on the club's website at www.helfordriversc.co.uk

The dinghies racing page will show you the latest results and news.

Duncan Skingley
Captain Dinghies



CAPTAIN AMENITIES REPORT

I am Stephen Paul and I took up the post of Captain of Amenities at the start of this year. Until then I just turned up, parked my car, went out on the water, came back for a shower before going in for a drink and a well earned meal. I admit that I never appreciated the work that goes into maintaining and improving our club.

Our approach to the amenities is to maintain and introduce improvements throughout the year.

Maintenance - every year we jet wash the balcony, treat the wooden furniture, update with planting the barrels at the entrance and clear out all the drains of leaves and soil. The car park is kept clear and the parking lines repainted. This year we introduced and updated the signs and safe practice regarding Covid 19. Much like our own homes there is always something to do at the club even if it's only changing a light bulb.

Improvements - we extended the glass balustrade this year on our balcony which has further enhanced the panoramic views we all enjoy. A new entrance gate was installed to allow us to control the traffic when required. Security on and off the water has been enhanced by the introduction of a new CCTV system.

In 2021 we will continue to maintain our clubhouse as we do every year. We are considering which improvements to implement and are thinking of treating the wooden fascia of the clubhouse. With the emphasis on outdoor living we will be looking to enhance our BBQ facilities and make more of a feature of the gardens at the front of the building and improve the overall external ambient lighting.

All this work that goes on behind the scenes is carried out by members of the committee, volunteers and where necessary trades that we hire in.

If you have any ideas for improvements that would enhance the club place feel free to email myself or Ed with your ideas.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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