



HELFDORD RIVER SAILING CLUB



SPRING NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2010

COMMODORE'S REPORT

As we approach Easter the Committee is, as usual, very busy getting the Club ready for what we hope will be another good season, and offering Members the best possible service. A warm welcome to our new Committee members, Joan Kearsley - Captain Juniors, Beccy Kestin - Captain Dinghies and Sandra Monaghan - Captain Social. A full sailing and social calendar is scheduled throughout the season with hopefully something for everyone of all ages. An exciting **New Club Website**, easier to access, is now up and running and this should give Members all the Club information they will need - do visit it. Thank you to Peter Wood and Jeff Meadows for their considerable help with this.

A **Development Plan** to take us to 2020 is underway, and a very productive workshop, attended by the Committee in February, proved to be enormously positive. A sub-committee, with expert financial planning help when needed, has now been formed to take this plan forward with regular monthly meetings, reporting back to the main Committee. Please see the information overleaf with a link so that all Members can access the questionnaire. This is your time to put your views to us.

Information Technology is the way forward, and to minimise administration costs (a mail shot is very expensive), Members are asked for their EMAIL addresses where possible, so that all social and sailing events, menus etc, may be advertised weekly by this method of keeping everyone informed. Please note that in line with other Clubs, again to minimise costs, the Rule Book will not be printed as a booklet, but will be printed in full on the website, displayed on the Club Noticeboard, and available to Members upon request.

Our main structural and unavoidable expense this year will be the replacement of the septic tank and connection to the mains sewerage system. It is hoped this will cause as little inconvenience as possible, but will obviously involve some loss of parking while work is in progress, so please be patient. A water meter will be installed for the slipway and pontoon, but Members are asked to watch water consumption throughout the summer as we will now face additional sewerage charges.

At the AGM I asked Members to consider, under Rule 42, ways to limit the number of guests brought in by Members, as at times we are packed to capacity, and some quite rightly feel aggrieved if they are unable to use their own facilities. Any rule has to be easy to implement and Rule 42 certainly is not! The Committee is considering various options but your input would always be welcomed. We certainly don't wish to make life difficult for Members in this respect so a happy compromise needs to be reached. Please note when wishing to eat at the Club, to avoid disappointment during the busy periods, it is essential to book.

We are so lucky to have such a friendly and welcoming Club with great facilities, and I wish you all a very happy summer 'messaging about in boats on the water'.

Jane Benney - *Commodore*

CRUISING IN 2010

After a fairly uneventful year in 2009 as far as cruising in company was concerned, I would be happy to organise some events for 2010. If you would be interested in cruising to destinations such as St. Mawes, Fowey or the Isles of Scilly, I have arranged an informal meeting for Saturday 17th April at 20.00 hrs at the Clubhouse to discuss this. All are very welcome. My email is chrisasymes@live.com if you would like to contact me.

Chris Symes - *Cruising Representative*

HRSC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

As some of you may already be aware, the Committee has started to try and formalise the Club's future aims and aspirations into a planning document. Like many other Sailing Clubs around the country it has been decided to produce a Club Development Plan, which will help identify our Club's ambitions over the next five to ten years, which will both assist the Committee in making decisions and will help guide future investment.

The aim is to produce the 'HRSC Development Plan 2020', which will set out the vision for the Club and define realistic targets capable of being delivered within sensible timeframes and the resources which are likely to be available. In order for this plan to be a success it needs to meet the aspirations of the Members, and to start the process we have produced a short questionnaire to give you the opportunity to express your views and ideas, which should only take you about five minutes to complete.

The link is as follows:-

<http://www.eSurveysPro.com/Survey.aspx?id=3a7c580d-76ec-4151-84f8-a219abbd2c4f>

We have already received 30 questionnaires back from those people we were able to contact via e-mail or who completed a questionnaire following the AGM. These responses and comments have been very helpful to start the process and were reviewed by the Committee in a workshop held at the end of January. We would very much like to hear the views from as many Members as possible and would therefore be grateful if you could please spend a few minutes completing a questionnaire.

If you do not have access to the internet, questionnaires in paper format can be obtained by contacting Penny in the Club office on 01326 231006.

We look forward to hearing from you and will keep you involved in the process. Thank you.

JUNIOR SAILING 2010

Junior Sailing will start on Friday 7th May. We are looking forward to a full programme every Friday evening from 15.45 hrs til 20.00 hrs. We welcome newcomers as well as 'old hands'. This year we will offer Race Training for those who want to progress further, and there will also be Fun Nights with BBQs and Treasure Hunts. We are also hoping to run an overnight camp this summer weather permitting!

Application forms are available from Penny in the Club office (01326 231006) and need to be returned, completed, by noon on Friday 30th April, so please book early to ensure a place.

It is important for all children, parents and helpers to attend the first session as boat allocation and training will begin then, and a routine will be established in order to give maximum time on the water for the rest of the season.

If you have any further questions please contact the Club office.

I look forward to meeting you all on the water.

Joan Kearsley - *Captain Juniors*

REVISED CLUB RULES

We have updated our Club Rules and they are now available on the Club website:

www.helforddriversc.co.uk

However if you would prefer or do not have access to the internet, paper copies are available from the Club office - please call Penny on 01326 231006.

DINGHY NEWS

After this long winter and the hurricane series at Stithians where we only managed to sail 3 out of 8 races, I expect you're all really looking forward to the start of the 2010 Dinghy season. Well done to Adam who just edged Roger off the podium at Stithians to win the series. This year's racing programme kicks off with the Weekend Spring Series on Sunday 4th April at 11:00 and the Thursday Spring Series on 15th April at 18:30. The full 2010 dinghy programme and entry forms are on the website.

If launching yourself into racing seems a bit daunting, why not come along to our Tuesday night adult sailing evenings, where all levels of ability are catered for. Adult sailing begins in May, when hopefully the weather will be a bit warmer. You may want to learn to sail, or take it a bit further. As part of the adult training programme we have some funding from the RYA to run a 2 day Start Racing Course, date to be confirmed. This is aimed at any member who would like to begin racing but has little or no experience. Also, the excellent race training sessions we started last year will be continuing on Tuesday evenings led by some of our experienced dinghy racers who are doing a 2 day Club Race Coach Course at Stithians this spring. I am looking forward to benefitting from their knowledge.

If you are interested in joining in with any of these activities please contact Beccy Kestin or Colin Brown.

Beccy Kestin - *Captain Dinghies*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As usual the Club will be putting together a full and varied sailing programme for adults and juniors in 2010. In order for all this to take place, we rely on help from our Members. If you would be able to give up a few hours to help run activities such as Safety Boats, Junior or Adult Dinghy Sailing please contact Penny in the Club office who will then put you in touch with the relevant person. Remember these events cannot take place safely and effectively without your help. Thank you

MEMBERS' CAR PARK UPDATE

At the present time we have not managed to secure extra car parking space from Cornwall Council. However we are still working on this and will keep Members informed of any positive progress. In the mean time we ask please that all Members display their current 2010 car park stickers on their car windscreens. All non-members **must** park in the public car park. Regular checks are made during busy times so please make sure your current sticker is clearly visible. Thank you

EMAIL ADDRESSES

In order to reduce administration costs, where possible all notices will be sent by email to those Members who wish to be kept informed about social and sailing events. This is normally done on a weekly basis - so if you don't want to miss out on events at your Sailing Club please let us have your email address.
helfordriversc@aol.com or call 01326 231006

OYSTER FARM

Copies of the proposed site of the Oyster Farm Cages, now situated off Bosahan Point, and the relevant CEFAS report are available from the Club office. If any Member has concerns regarding this matter from a navigational point of view, they should write to Mr. R. Halliday, Land Steward, Duchy of Cornwall, Station Road, Liskeard PL14 4EE or Mr. Shaun McLennan, MFA, Area 4D, Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London SW1P 2AL.

The RYA, our governing body, who has made representation on behalf of the Club concerning this matter, can be contacted via Kate Moore, Legal Dept., RYA House., Ensign Way, Hamble, Southampton SO31 4YA.

PONTOON AND DINGHY PARK

The dangerous right hand side of the jetty has now been raised and made safe. The trees overhanging the dinghy park have been lopped which should prevent quantities of leaves collecting on Members' dinghies. Negotiations for the extension of the dinghy park are still ongoing and we will keep you informed of any progress.

Ken Hubbard - *Captain Moorings*

ADULT DINGHY SAILING

Tuesday evening dinghy sailing tuition will start on 4th May at 18.00 hrs. All Members are welcome, and especially any new Members who would like to learn to sail.

If you are interested please contact Colin Brown on 01326 240722

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO JOIN OVERNIGHT CELEBRATION OF LIFE CANCER RESEARCH 'RELAY FOR LIFE'

This is your chance to be part of a major fun event - Don't Miss Out!

A yacht crew team OR several crews OR a group of social members OR a family team for fun and fund raising followed by an All Night Party.

Cancer Research UK's Relay for Life on the Lizard takes place overnight at Mullion School on Saturday 19th June 2010.

To make it work volunteers are needed to organise and recruit teams, seek community support, plan entertainments and lend their support in any way they can.

To find out more about Relay for Life or to get involved please contact Thelma Holland, Committee Chair (01326 281277) lizardrelay@hotmail.co.uk or Carol Lawrence, Admin (01326 280658) carol.lawrence@tiscali.co.uk Thank you

JUNIOR SUCCESS

Many congratulations to our Club junior Herby Harford, who, with fellow junior sailor Morgan Peach, has been selected for the RYA National Junior RS Feva Squad. Well done to both of them and we wish them success with their racing.

SAILING NEWS

Dear Fellow Sailors

Well a year of our tenure as Captains Yachts has flown by and we are grateful for all the support, notably from Tony and Terry, who have worked hard behind the scenes to keep things running smoothly.

We said this time last year that the weather could only improve for the forthcoming season and after the July and August we had in 2009, the odds must be surely be stacking up in our favour for the 2010 season.

There was a very good turnout for the end of season Wash-up Meeting and the general consensus was more of the same, so the Racing Calendar has been put together along the same lines as last year, promoting both IRC and PY racing. Yacht racing kicks off again on 7th April with a Spring Series of four Pursuit Races and continues through to 22nd September by which time the evening light has gone. There will be a few changes in the IRC Class this season with *Jacobi* sporting new sails and a new rating, a stunning little Corby 25 arriving to replace *Jetta*, and *Gotcha!*'s replacement still tbc! One thing for sure is that competition will be strong so please forward your IRC certificates to Penny in good time along with your entry forms.

The PY class remains strong and is continuing to grow. The invitation remains open to all yachts to come and join the PY fleet races, with their own starts and separate Series Trophies which will be eagerly contested again.

As well as the Wednesday evening focus it is hoped that Helford yachts will be competitive again in the COGs series in both PY and IRC, which has its first race to Fowey on 1st May. The Helford River Club Regatta is on 18th July. After a very successful event in 2009, in which a number of Falmouth boats joined us, they have pledged to come again. Please enter early so we can run a number of classes if necessary.

The plans for Falmouth Week are being finalized as we write this and Helford's day will continue as normal on the first Sunday, 8th August. This year's Falmouth Week programme also includes the Pendennis Cup for Superyachts and the IRC Southwest Championship which runs from Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th August, and this should help to swell the entries.

The annual L' Aber Wrac'h Race will take place on Friday 25th June, and it would be great to see a similar number of yachts cross the starting line as last year, but hopefully with fairer winds so many more can finish. Finally, the Autumn Spirit Series, which is jointly organized between HRSC and Royal Cornwall Yacht Club, rounds up the season from 19th September to 24th October.

Hopefully this has whetted your appetite for sailing and we look forward to seeing you on the water shortly. In the meantime, if you have any ideas or questions about racing your yacht at any level, please get in touch.

Regards

Garth & Stuart - *Captains Yachts*

RESTAURANT AND BAR OPENING TIMES SPRING/SUMMER 2010

2nd April to 11th April - Open for lunch and dinner every day except Tuesday

12th April to 2nd May - Open for dinner Tuesday to Saturday evenings and Sunday lunch.

Closed all day Monday

Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th April - Closed for food due to kitchen improvements - Bar open

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May - Open all day and evening

4th May to 30th May - Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Saturday and Sunday lunch. Closed all day Monday

Bank Holiday Monday 31st May - Open all day and evening

1st June to 4th July - Open for lunch and dinner Tuesday to Sunday. Closed all day Monday

5th July to 5th September - Open every day from 10am til 11pm for breakfast, lunch, cream teas and dinner

5th September to 3rd October - Open Tuesday to Sunday evenings only and Sunday lunch.

Closed all day Monday

For food bookings please call 01326 231414



HRSC SOCIAL CALENDAR SPRING/SUMMER 2010

APRIL

Sunday 4th Visit by Easter Bunny arriving by boat at 12.30hrs followed by Easter Egg Hunt for children

Friday 16th New Members Evening 19.30 - 20.30hrs. Wine, finger buffet and the chance for new members to the Club to meet the Commodore and Committee

JUNE

Thursday 24th Pre - L'Aber Wrac'h Champagne Recovery Party. Champagne and Pimms 19.30 - 20.30 hrs. £5 per person. Entertainment by the Cadgwith Singers 20.30 - 22.30hrs. Race office open at 19.00hrs. Visit by Lizard Lifeboat Crew

Friday 25th 51st Annual Helford - L'Aber Wrac'h Race



JULY

Sunday 4th Club Dinghy Regatta Day. Dinghy Racing and Junior Fun Events. Afternoon Teas available after the racing
Music by 'Shades of Blue' Jazz Guitarist 16.30 - 18.30hrs

Sunday 18th Club Yacht Regatta Day. Keelboat Racing
Afternoon Teas available after the racing

AUGUST

Saturday 7th Live music with 'Shellin' Snails' Rock band with songs for all ages
20.30 - 23.00hrs

Sunday 8th First day's sailing of Falmouth Week hosted by HRSC. Pig roast and live music with 'Jonah's Lift' Celtic Ceilidh Folk Band 15.30 - 17.30hrs



As the Club will be very busy during the Spring and Summer, booking for meals is essential please - 01326 231414