



HURST CASTLE SAILING CLUB

DECEMBER 2014 LAST NEWSLETTER OF THE YEAR

Dear Members,

Phew! Made it to the end of the year! This newsletter has plenty of news about recent and future social events, some important admin things for you to note and please pay attention to information about a GEAR STORE CLEAROUT – mark it or risk losing it.

SAILING NEWS

Following a motivational WhatsApp, several people took to the water on the last day of November, although the wind was more gusty than expected.



SOCIAL EVENTS

Many of us are looking forward to the big event of the year: The HCSC Annual dinner and Awards evening next Saturday, December 7th. The list is now closed with the final number and meal choices sent in advance to South Lawn Hotel. There will be live music and a Retro theme though the latter is not compulsory. Pictures in next year's newsletter. **See below about bringing cash for the raffle.**

The end of Season Potterers' lunch in November was its usual annual success, with sailors and non-sailors alike attending and an amazing variety of dishes to share.



We also had a very successful open mic night at the clubhouse on Friday 22nd. Three groups of musicians – with a bit of overlap of members- kept us entertained and we brought our own food and drink to keep us sustained. The club's own group, HCDC was joined by Badge and Ukujax and Bob F, our very own singer guitarist, playing for us too. Thanks to the Commodore for organising this new development for the club.



KYC have invited us to join in their quiz night on December 5th, starting at 19.00 hours. They have reserved two team spaces for us. If you can get together a team or would like to join one contact KYC office 01590 642165 by end of Tuesday as the other tables have already been booked. www.keyhavenyc.co.uk



Still to come in December, the Festive Seasonal Lunch will be on Saturday, December 14th, starting at 12.00. This is an event for ALL club members, the more the merrier. Bring your young people too if they are free. Expect lots of good food and some nautical carol singing There is a sign-up sheet in the club house to indicate what sort of food you might be bringing. (Yes, you can have too many quiches.) It will also give an indication of how many seats are needed. If you can't get to the clubhouse before then, you can email social@hcsc.org.uk to let us know you will be coming and what food you might bring.

CLUB ADMIN

FINANCE FROM STEVE AND ALAN:

Subscription Rates Increase from January 1st

Just a final, gentle reminder. Have you set up your standing order to pay the new fees on January 1st? If you already have a standing order set up, have you

updated the amount? It will make life so much easier for the volunteers from Membership and Finance that handle this big exercise if as many members as possible pay the correct amounts on time. Thank you.

Card Payments We are currently unable to accept any card payment due to a problem with the company that provides our service. We are looking at alternatives but this may take a little while. For the time being, please bring cash if you expect to make any payments at the Club or if you plan to take part in the Air Ambulance raffle at the Christmas Party.

HOUSE NEWS

Thanks to Viv and Mike for (yet again) organising Christmas decorations for the clubhouse.

Gear Store Clearout Please note:

A much needed clear out is about to take place, partly prompted by the installation in the gear store of the battery which goes with the solar panels. If you have ANYTHING stored there, please mark it clearly with your name. Otherwise you risk it being thrown out.

Club Merchandising we are looking for a volunteer to take this over from the current post holder, Jill. It is not an onerous task because club members do not buy much. However, it needs someone who could receive orders, check sizes and send the orders on to our suppliers, as well as making sure the items are paid for and delivered. Just a tidy mind is all you need to take this on and it can be done from the comfort of your own home. Please could you be the person to take this on?

QUALITY AND COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE HCSC is required to have this policy (along with various others) as part of our RYA affiliation. The General Committee has agreed our policy and you can view it on the website. We do recommend that all members have a look at our various policies from time to time because things can change.

OTHER NEWS

SAILABILITY, LYMINGTON

For over 25 years Lymington Sailability has been giving people with disabilities joyful and exciting sailing and powerboating experiences on the Western Solent. The charity is looking to relaunch in 2025, with a need to find some key volunteers at governance and delivery levels to take the charity forward for the benefit of the local community. Recently they held an open meeting in Lymington to give people the opportunity to find out more and see if it was a community niche where they could help.

Could you join the Lymington Sailability community and help in its mission to make sailing and powerboating accessible to all? If you missed the meeting it is not too late. Find out more on their website. www.Lymingtonsailability.com

HURST SPIT TO LYMINGTON STRATEGY

If you did not get to one of their public meetings you can catch up via their website www.hurstspit2lymington.co.uk. Their task is no small one -to layout various coastal protection pathways which would cope with the climate change, rising tides, loss of saltmarshes and environmental habitats. Not to mention the residential properties and recreational needs. Having a number of pathways gives flexibility if milestones are not met or needs change. Having established these in draft form, the next step will be to undertake further assessments on each one.

IN THE NEW YEAR

New Years Day Walk 10.15 from the Club House. Bring some snacks for afterwards.

Winter talks have been arranged for

January 15th Crossing the Atlantic with Chris and John Chaundy

February 19th Bird Aware Solent. A talk by Anthony Knox, one of our local rangers

March 12th. TBC

It would help to have volunteers who would “host” a talk, with or without also enabling the techie bits and to make coffee/tea/ refreshments on one of the nights. “Hosting” would mean getting there by 18.30 hours, greeting the speaker and helping them to set up. Also helping with the techie connections to our tv screen or organising someone who can do that. Refreshments would be as usual.

If you will help please email trustee3@hcsc.org.uk or wait for the sign up sheet in the clubhouse after Christmas.

So, 2024 ends and we will be looking forward to the 2025 season. Don't miss our events in the intervening time.



The RNLI had a tree at the Xmas tree festival in Lymington.



As did Sanders Sails – decorated

with recycled sail fabric.

Happy Christmas!

Paul M, Commodore
Jean W. Editor.