



SPUNYARN

HARDWAY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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HSC PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR RACING 2017

Welcome to a new year and a new look Spunyarn newsletter for the members (and hopefully with an input from the members!).

My intention is to periodically email, display on the club website and post on Facebook a copy of Spunyarn with information on forthcoming sailing and social events, followed up with a report at a later date.



It is important you ensure the club has your correct contact details so you're not missing out! Please feel free to contact me with any relevant articles, stories or information and I will do my best to ensure they are published.

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Sue Roberts

If you're an avid user of facebook the club has two pages one for members as a closed group

'The Unofficial Hardway Sailing Club'

and a managed page open to the public

'Hardway sailing Club'

A GREAT WAY TO KEEP IN TOUCH!



AGM 2018

Report

For the first time in at least 25 years the AGM was held at Hardway courtesy of our newly extended club house and with an encouraging 129 members in attendance it was another productive and successful meeting. The items on the Agenda were discussed at great length and conclusions made. Results shown below (please refer to the club website in the members area for the AGM Agenda and full details of each proposal).

- 8a.1) Unsuccessful
- 2) Unsuccessful
- 3) Passed
- 8b. Unsuccessful
- 8)1)a. Passed
- 8)1)b. Passed
- 8)2)a. Passed
- 8)2)b. Passed
- 8)3) Passed
- 8)4) Passed

The minutes of the AGM will be available on the club website in due course.



Commodores Comments

The clubs Spunyarn magazine has been missed for a few years and whilst Social Media does a good job of spreading the word, it is limited to those who choose to use it. By resurrecting Spunyarn in the form of a newsletter it is hoped information will reach further amongst the membership.

The extension as originally envisaged five years ago has now been virtually completed this is thanks not only to contractors, but also a group of members who gave their time freely to help make the plans a reality. There are a couple of things which need finishing but they are subject to council permission to adjust the original plans. These include



Hardway Visions enjoying the summer sun

insulating and re-covering the old club house roof and putting a glass roof over the entrance door area. In addition the toilets & showers are going to receive a complete overhaul in the next 6-8 weeks with a dedicated disabled facility to be included. We would appreciate your patience and co-operation over this difficult period.



Committee 2018

As always with a new year brings fresh faced and eager new blood to volunteer their time assisting in the day to day running of the club, moving the club forward to the success we appreciate today, this year was no exception. It was encouraging to have had a record number of members nominated for Committee positions forcing 5 to go to a vote. The 'new kids on the block' will be under the watchful guidance of those more experienced who have been re-elected from last year.

With this in mind the club would like to thank Nick Houlding, Paul Thomas, Tony Williams, Sue Waller, Henry Faulkner, Darren Fells, Steve Jupp & Rupert Stevenson who have worked tirelessly over the past year (and in some cases a few years!) making positive changes along the way, but have either taken the decision to stand down, or were unsuccessful in their bid to be elected.

Hardway welcomes Nev Bacon, Mark Woodford, Melissa Phoenix, Mike Kemp, Mike Lee, Ed Pascoe, Tom Barnett, Jackie Abbott, Erika Dyke & Sue Roberts all who have taken on new or different roles within the committee.

A full list of Committee members photos and their roles can be found displayed in the club room.



1ST TONY WILLIAMS

Boxing Day Paper Boat Race

In true Hardway tradition, the most popular sailing event and largest attended as always is the Paper Boat race (this year was no exception!). Seeing

34 'boats' of various designs making the start including mono hulls, catamaran, trimaran and some that can only be described as 'unique'! This event is extremely competitive with some models starting production back in the summer, and on occasion money being wagered.

Helms and support crews gathered in the club room prior to the start for final adjustments and fine tuning (Sellotape and scissors at dawn!), and to size up the opposition.

On a flooding tide and southerly fair to light winds, boats were cast off from the council pontoon with great promise and enthusiasm however, it was soon evident that some models were heading for clear winds and destined for victory, whilst others floundered and a small unlucky few faired better as a submarine and made their departure to the depths.

Congratulations go to:

Over 18s

1st Tony Williams

2nd Phil Cornick

3rd Joe Mizen

Under 18s

1st Isobel Bowers

2nd Jack Roberts

3rd Merlin Barnett

Boxing Day Cruiser Race

Following a wild and windy night the morning blessed all 11 cruisers on the club start line with beautiful blue skies, sunshine and a steady but chilly breeze. All boats crossed the start line in reasonable time however, as the race gained pace and spread apart smaller groups formed creating individual battles within the fleet, accompanied by humorous friendly banter being exchanged at every opportunity. One and a half rounds of the course blew the Christmas cobwebs away and left everyone feeling recharged. The race as always was followed up in the bar for the post race shake down, and the presentation of alcoholic beverages to the winners.

Congratulations go to:

1st Blue Shark—Ken Mizen

2nd Kerry Jeane—Gary Bowers

3rd Wicked Suzie—Mark Woodford

(all ably assisted by their enthusiastic crew!)



MIDFLEET BOXING DAY RACE