



SPUNYARN

HARDWAY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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EDITORIAL

Initial response to Spun yarn Newsletter has been encouraging & positive. In order to move forward I would appreciate help from members, and the power of word of mouth, in order to expand the audience to those members who have yet to supply the club with a valid email.

You may have noticed by now I am also utilising email by posting upcoming events to avoid disappointment, keeping the members more in touch.

If you have been inspired and would like to contribute a relevant article, please contact me.

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Hardway Sailing Club gives a warm welcome to Alex Thomson, Gosport based single handed round the world sailor.

Alex is best known for his participation in the Vendee Globe single handed, non stop around the world yacht race, finishing second place in 2016/2017. (A result he intends to improve in 2020!)

Accompanied by video, Alex talked about the physical and mental preparation required leading up to the event and the dedicated team behind him putting in the man hours to make it all possible. The strategies used throughout the race to deal with the highs and lows. Expect the unexpected, adapting to any given situation, taking positives from negatives and at times changing your goals to keep them realistic.

He also touched on living day to day, the importance of managing sleep in order to work effectively, and a calculated calorie intake at various stages of the race. (Continued Page 2)



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His presentation gave an insight into the gruelling challenge he faces. It was both inspiring and informative but Alex also shared some lighter more amusing moments.

The evening was followed by a raffle, prizes were bags made from old Hugo Boss Code Zero and Furling jib sails, made by the children involved with Oarsome Chance.

The night concluded with an auction of some Hugo Boss team clothing which proved very popular, so much so Alex very kindly sold his own shirt off his back for £100 showing what a great sport he is.

Thanks to the generosity of our members the evening raised a fantastic **£1742**.

Proceeds for the evening were kindly donated to a local charity Oarsome Chance, which is bringing about change for disadvantaged young people in the Portsmouth, Gosport and Havant areas by using the powerful incentive of sport in combination with vocational training.

Thank you to the team of people who organised and run the successful event.



SAD NEWS

It is with deep regret the club has received news that Eric Butler passed away on Monday 22nd January following a short illness.

Eric had been a member of Hardway since the 1950's which was reflected in his membership number of just 17.

He worked for Camper & Nicholson yachts and then Lloyds Register at Southampton. Latterly Eric had started his own yacht surveying business and was well known in the yachting industry for his knowledge of Camper & Nicholson built yachts.

Our thoughts are with Gregg, Scott and their families during this difficult time.

Could you help me please?

By Ted Sutton

We probably all feel it's embarrassing to ask for assistance, especially from complete strangers. It gives the impression that we have bitten off more than we can chew and need others to help sort out our problem. But amazingly, complete strangers are usually very helpful providing you don't catch them in the middle of doing something important. Many seem to positively enjoy helping others and we usually get a sense of fulfilment knowing that we have been useful.

This is particularly true of situations involving boats. We are all aware that watery environments are not the natural habitat for us humans and quite suddenly we can find ourselves out of our depth, sometimes quite literally. Which is why training, experience and rescue services are so important to us. And occasionally, as I have discovered, the odd bystander.

All this was brought home to me a few years ago when returning Helen, our Sadler 29 to its Hardway Sailing Club swinging mooring at the start of the season. The boat had over-wintered in Port Solent Marina and the day's task involved taking it under power across Portsmouth Harbour, while my wife Avril took the car round to meet me on the club pontoon. There, I would pick up my dinghy and tow it out to the mooring which was beyond a row of old warships. After securing the yacht we would row back to the club. We had done this many times before and it was almost routine.

However, this time the was blowing hard from the East and we first began to realise how difficult this made things when considering how best to extricate the boat from its berth in the crowded marina. We would need additional hands to keep clear of the yacht under our lee as we backed out and fortunately a couple of chaps on a nearby boat provided this assistance when asked. The fact I interrupted an important negotiation between the boat's owner and a potential buyer didn't seem to bother them. So with lots of heaving on ropes and pushing with boat hooks we got the boat clear without scraping anything and the helpers were duly thanked. I dropped my wife off in the marina lock to take the car round the harbour to meet me.

It was only when exiting the lock that I realised the wind was much stronger than had been forecast and I got the full force of it further down the Portchester Channel. It was mostly from astern but waves broke over the bow and I was soon soaked with spray while making about four knots under bare poles with the engine just ticking over.

After crossing the harbour fairway to Hardway, I could see that waves were breaking over the end of the pontoon, and with limited depth further inshore, going alongside to pick up my wife and the dinghy would be dangerous. So, running out of options, I shouted and indicated to my wife that I wouldn't bother to collect the dinghy and would take the boat to the mooring by myself. (Continued on Page 3)



PICTURE ON LEFT -Disaster strikes in a club Wednesday night race. No one and nothing was damaged in this incident, except maybe a little pride!

Could you help me please?

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In making this decision, I thought perhaps I might be able to contact someone on VHF or attract the attention of a passing patrol boat to get a lift back. However, as I neared my mooring, a better solution presented itself. Sheltering in the lee of one of the line of old warships were three motor whalers with crews of Sea Cadets looking cold wet and miserable. I took my boat close to the one closest to my mooring and asked the skipper, who looked seasoned and sensible, if he could keep an eye on me as I tried to pick up my mooring. And then, when I had the boat secured, could he bring his boat over to pick me up then give me a lift back to the club? He consented and his crew brightened at the prospect of a bit of action, so I motored across to my mooring buoy which unfortunately was clear of the stern of the sheltering warship and receiving the full force of the wind.

Three times I motored up to the buoy, leaping up to the foredeck with a boat hook and managed to hook the pick-up buoy attached to the mooring pendant. But three times, I was forced to let it go since the boat was blown back before I could pull the mooring eye on deck. There was a risk of losing the boat hook or being pulled in over the pulpit.

As I motored round for another go, I noticed a yacht close but staying in the shelter of the warship. Its large crew was obviously under instruction, practising repeated approaches to a vacant mooring buoy and securing to it.

Seeing an answer to my problem, I motored over and enquired if one of the crew would like a bit more practice. After a brief discussion, a young lady hopped on board to help me and told me she was the instructor and had left her trainees under strict orders to all stay put in the cockpit, and not touch anything!

When going through my plan of action, which was to keep motoring against the force of the wind until she had the strop on deck and secured, I was dismayed to be told that she “didn’t do boat hooks”. Her idea of mooring to a buoy was to throw a rope round it. However, she permitted herself to become initiated into the art of hooking the pick-up buoy and we were soon secured with the nylon eye safely round a foredeck cleat. All loose gear was hurriedly stowed below, the hatch locked and a wave to the launch soon brought them alongside.

The helpful lady instructor was returned to her trainees and we headed back down the harbour, buffeted by blasts of wind between the warships. Hardway Sailing Club pontoon was still too exposed to attempt a landing there so I was dropped off on a jetty further down the harbour and was delighted to offer a contribution to the Sea Cadets’ fund.

As I walked back to find my wife, I contemplated how very helpful people had been and how I would not have been able to accomplish much that day without them. The moral of this story is, help others willingly when they need it. You never know when the favour might be returned.

Thank you Ted for sharing your experience.



RS400 Dinghy sailing at Hardway

CONGRATULATIONS

The oldest club member marks his 96th birthday in January and is still visiting the club under his own sails on Wednesday evenings.



Les Clark

UPCOMING EVENTS



TALK @ HSC

22nd FEBRUARY 2018 @ 1930 START

HOW TO GET THE BEST START & RACING RULES

HOSTED BY

CHRIS WATTS



INTERCLUB

QUIZ

At Gosport Cruising Club

Saturday 17th February

&

At Hillhead Sailing Club

Saturday 17th March

1900hrs for 1930hrs

**Hardway SC, Gosport Cruising Club,
Portsmouth Offshore Group and Hillhead SC
have a friendly rivalry taking turns to host a
quiz.**

**Please support the club (particularly if
you're smart!)**



Crewsaver[®]
Safer By Design[®]

TALK @ HSC

8th March @ 1930

**Guy Page from Crewsaver
Equipment.**

**How to care for a lifejacket
and the latest safety
equipment available.**



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Hardway Fixtures 2018

Sat 31 Mar	Lift In	Tue 3 Jul	1900 Dinghies Early Summer Series Race 6
Sun 8 Apr	1100 Cruisers Early Spring Series Race 1	Wed 4 Jul	1900 Cruisers Early Summer Series Race 5
Sun 15 Apr	1100 Cruisers Early Spring Series Race 2	Sat 7 Jul	Round The Island Race
Tue 17 Apr	1900 Dinghies Spring Series Race 1	Tue 10 Jul	1900 Dinghies Summer Series Race 1
Sun 22 Apr	1100 Cruisers Early Spring Series Race 3	Wed 11 Jul	Cruisers Ladies Race
Tue 24 Apr	1900 Dinghies Spring Series Race 2	Sat 14 Jul	Quay Lane Regatta
Wed 25 Apr	1900 Cruisers Spring Series Race 1	Sun 15 Jul	Dinghies Round Mud Island
Sun 29 Apr	1100 Cruisers Early Spring Series Race 4	Tue 17 Jul	1900 Dinghies Summer Series Race 2
Tue 1 May	1900 Dinghies Spring Series Race 3	Wed 18 Jul	1900 Cruisers Single Handed Race
Wed 2 May	1900 Cruisers Spring Series Race 2	Sat 21 Jul	Solent Series Race 5 - RNLI to Yarmouth
Sun 6 May	1100 Cruisers Early Spring Series Race 5	Sun 22 Jul	Half Wight & Interclub Race 4
Tue 8 May	1900 Dinghies Spring Series Race 4	Tue 24 Jul	1900 Dinghies Summer Series Race 3
Wed 9 May	1900 Cruisers Spring Series Race 3	Wed 25 Jul	1900 Cruisers Summer Series Race 1
Sat 12 May	Solent Series Race 1 Col Hicks to Cowes	30 Jul to 3 Aug	Junior Week
Sun 13 May	Cowes rally	Tue 31 Jul	1900 Dinghies Summer Series Race 4
Tue 15 May	1900 Dinghies Spring Series Race 5	Wed 1 Aug	1900 Cruisers Summer Series Race 2
Wed 16 May	1900 Cruisers Spring Series Race 4	Sat 4 - Fri 10	Cowes Week
Tue 22 May	1900 Dinghies Spring Series Race 6	Tue 7 Aug	1900 Dinghies Summer Series Race 5
Wed 23 May	1900 Harbour Interclub Race 1	Fri 10 Aug	Island Harbour Rally
Tue 29 May	1900 Dinghies Early Summer Series Race 1	Tue 14 Aug	1900 Dinghies Summer Series Race 6
Wed 30 May	1900 Cruisers Spring Series Race 5	Wed 15 Aug	1900 Cruisers Summer Series Race 3
Sat 2 Jun	Combined Harbour Regatta & Interclub Race 2	Tue 21 Aug	1900 Dinghies Autumn Series Race 1
Tue 5 Jun	1900 Dinghies Early Summer Series Race 2	Wed 22 Aug	1900 Cruisers Summer Series Race 4
Wed 6 Jun	1900 Cruisers Early Summer Series Race 1	Tue 28th Aug	1900 Dinghies Autumn Series Race 2
Sat 9 Jun	Bembridge rally	Wed 29 Aug	1900 Cruisers Summer Series Race 5
9/ 10 Jun	Sunsail Portsmouth Regatta	Sat 1 Sep	Tin Can Cup & Interclub Race 5
Tue 12 Jun	1900 Dinghies Early Summer Series Race 3	Sun 2 Sep	1100 Cruisers Autumn Series Race 1 /Dinghies Autumn Series Race 3
Wed 13 Jun	1900 Cruisers Early Summer Series Race 2	Sat 8 Sep	Ladies/Crew Race to Cowes
Sat 16 Jun	Solent Series Race 2 Tin Can Cup	Sun 9 Sep	Cruiser Folly Jolly/ Dinghies Autumn Series Race 4
Tue 19 Jun	1900 Dinghies Early Summer Series Race 4	Sun 16 Sep	1100 Cruisers Autumn Series Race 2/Dinghies Autumn Series Race 5
Wed 20 Jun	1900 Cruisers Early Summer Series Race 3	Sun 23 Sep	1100 Cruisers Autumn Series race 3
Sat 23 Jun	Nab Tower/Solent Series & Interclub Race 3	Sun 30 Sep	1100 Cruisers Autumn Series Race 4
Sun 24 Jun	Dinghy Hardway 100	Sun 7 Oct	1100 Cruisers Autumn Series Race 5
Tue 26 Jun	1900 Dinghies Early Summer Series Race 5	Sun 14 Oct	1100 Cruisers Pursuit Race
Wed 27 Jun	1900 Cruisers Early Summer Series Race 4	Sat 27 Oct	Lift out
Sat 30 Jun	Lymington Rally	Wed 26 Dec	1100 Boxing Day Cruiser/Dinghy Race/Paper Boat
Sun 1 Jul	Solent Series Race 4 Old Fox Lymington to Gosport		