



SPUNYARN

HARDWAY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Mike Kemp

Cruiser
Captain



Having enjoyed many seasons taking part in club racing on various cruisers with varying levels of success, I thought it was time to give something back. I had a pretty good idea of what was involved in being Cruiser Captain, having consulted Steve Simmons the previous post holder, and of course somebody had to do the job!!

Now, 4 months or so into the role, I've spent a fair bit of time slaving away in front of a pc writing out and editing all the various documents required; working out handicaps, race courses, dates for events, sailing instructions, and drawing a new harbour chart. Luckily I'm semi-retired!

I'm not complaining though, (so far so good, although the racing hasn't started yet!) and it's been a great insight into how well the club functions, (or not so well, in a few areas)...

Being a newbie like a number of other sailing committee members this year, I'm keen to try a few new things and hopefully at the end of the season will still feel that it's worth pursuing fresh ideas!

I'll be out on the water in Cloud 9 when the fun starts in April, and here's hoping the racing will be as well attended and enjoyable as in previous years. If you wish to contact me for further information please email cruisercaptain@hardwaysailingclub.co.uk



Lobster Pots & Small Craft Safety

Time to change the rules!

Have you signed the Lobster Pots and Small Craft Safety on line petition yet? If not, go to -

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/200001>

This petition is sponsored by the Cruising Association (CA). We believe that the current, voluntary, arrangements and guidance have not been adequate and that the number of call-outs, by the RNLI and coastguard, to small craft disabled by fouled propellers and rudders shows the significance of the problem. We hope that all stakeholders will work together, with DEFRA, to find a solution, particularly one that is cheap and practical for our fishermen.



TOILET REFURBISHMENT TO DATE

- Works commenced 29th January, this consisted of stripping out the old fittings. Some redundant plumbing was removed and old electrics.
- Further work continued with removal of all wall/floor tiles.
- Remedial work was done to remove rotted timbers and make good.
- Over many years the old showers leaked and water had seeped under the tiles, we have fans in position to dry out the floor to prepare for further work.
- Stud walls are in the process of being built ready for the shower installations.
- 1st fix plumbing and electrics commenced. Wherever possible all pipework is to be concealed.
- Walls smoothed & plaster finished.
- Renewing the drainage at the back of the club & setting the drain levels (in house)
- Shower drainage underway.
- Suspended ceiling hung
- Start to fix the wall panels in place
- The whole floor area ladies and gents is prepped ready for the floor covering.

When refit has been completed we will have:-

Disabled toilet/shower which will include a nappy change facility. The floor will be slip resistant and the walls will be covered with hygienic finishes. The handrails will be coloured to aid those with sight impairment. A shower will also be included. The lighting will be motion activated and there will be an alarm call system. Suspended ceiling with LED lighting.

The ladies toilets/showers will be a 'wet room' system, no shower trays, you just walk in. New cubicles, wipe clean finishes to the walls, slip resistant floor, new wash hand basins and vanity unit, hair-dryer, new mirrors, suspended ceiling with LED lighting motion activated.

The gents' toilets/showers will be similar to the ladies arrangements.



The target to complete the refit is mid March, just in time for Easter, and the maintenance team are on site daily liaising with the contractor/ fitters to ensure the timescale remains on target, and is achieved on budget. When completed we will have facilities which will be as good as any marina, something for members to be proud of and to give lasting impressions to visitors, and serve the club well for many years to come.

Dave Davies



GUTTED! (LADIES)



OOPS! I'VE DROPPED A PENNY!



SUSPENDED CEILING IN PLACE



PANELLING ON THE WALLS (LADIES)



PANELLING ON THE WALLS (MENS)



SNOW DELAYS PROGRESS TO NEW DRAINS

How To Get The Best Start & Racing Rules

by Chris Watts

The talk was held at Hardway on Thursday 22nd February with good attendance.

It's always helpful to have a start of season refresher, and as always Chris presented an informative and thought provoking evening. Chris a member of Hardway himself, has various credentials to his name including RYA World Sailing International Judge, RYA National Race Officer, Seminar and Clinic tutor/instructor and RYA Powerboat and Safety boat instructor.



Supported by a PowerPoint presentation, Chris talked us through how a variety of tactics, and taking into account various factors (i.e. wind, tide etc) can make a huge difference from the start sequence, to gain the edge over other competitors. Explaining most races are very often won or lost in the first few minutes of the start.

To follow up, a question and answer session, to iron out all the queries which had arisen during the evening and from individuals previous racing experiences, with the assistance of model sailing boats to walk through each scenario.

The club would like to thank Chris (despite feeling poorly) for finding time to educate the enthusiastic racing members of the club.

Boris and Betty Barnacle





HSC Training in 2018



I am currently working on the following courses:-

1] Cruiser Handling Theory 1 hour in an evening.

Incorporating pontoon berthing, mooring & leaving under all conditions.

2] SRC – VHF certificate

3] Safety Boat certificate

[Must have Power Boat 2 and driving experience]

4] RYA 1st Aid certificate

Should you wish to take part in any of the above please contact me for further details.

**I am also considering the training options we offer at the club,
therefore club members please let me know what would suit your requirements.**

**Contact me at:- trainingofficer@hardwaysailingclub.co.uk
or place your requirements in the suggestion box on the club noticeboard**

**Any courses will be advertised on the club
noticeboard and on the website.**

**John Stutchfield
Training Officer.**



EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday 1st April
1300hrs**

Those with children wishing to take part will need to buy an Easter basket from behind the bar.

The baskets are £2 each, and each child will need one to receive any eggs. The baskets can be decorated and there will be prizes for the best.

The egg hunt will be followed by an Easter raffle. Prizes to include meat, drink, Easter eggs and more. Tickets on sale at 13.30, draw will take place at 1500hrs.

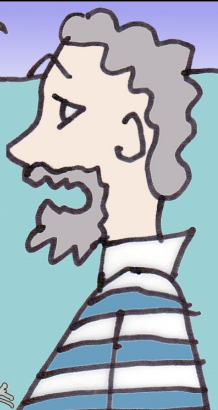


KEITH'S CRACKS

I put an app on my phone today.
Unfortunately I spelt it wrong -
instead of calendar I put colander..

..Now it keeps on draining my battery.

MIKE



Tempest Keel boat

on galvanised road trailer.

2 mains, 2 jibs & 1 kite.

The boat has had a good

race record in

Portsmouth harbour and

is ready to go !

£500

Contact - Mike Lee

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QUIZ

At Hardway Sailing Club

Saturday 14th April

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!)**



WHATS ON IN APRIL

Sun 1st April Easter Egg Hunt

Sun 8th Cruiser Early Spring Race 1

Sat 14th April Interclub Quiz @ HSC

Sun 15th Cruiser Early Spring Series Race 2

Tue 17th Dinghies Spring Series Race 1

Sun 22nd Cruiser Early Spring Series Race 3

Tue 24th Dinghies Spring Series Race 2

Wed 25th Cruiser Spring Series Race 1

Sun 29th Cruiser Early Spring Series Race 4



Crane Lift Out Saturday 31st March

As you will be aware the time is approaching for boats to be lifted from the club compound back into the water. If you are one of those affected, please be available from the time requested to offer your assistance, and ensure the area directly around your boat is cleared of rubbish. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.