



SPUNYARN

HARDWAY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Mike Lee Dinghy Captain

The season is fast approaching and I am sure many of you are getting twitchy about getting out there again, Last season proved to be a great year and renewed interest brought young and old alike out dinghy sailing or onto the race course.

New members to the club and new to sailing last year hit the ground running and did brilliant things out on the water and those members will definitely be back this year.

Two old timers in a really old laser 2000 teamed up and had an epic season and just went on the water to have fun so no matter what your age is you can still enjoy dinghy sailing.

Lasers ,RS100s ,RS400s were just a few of the classes that got out onto the water and I think we are going to have a Fireball this year to add a bit of a spark to Tuesday night racing.

This year I am hoping to follow on from last year with a mixed set of courses, keeping sailors engaged and encouraging all to get involved in short course racing.

We now have a new rule that allows mast up while in storage, dinghies in constant use to apply for the one of the 6 places nearest the slipway, anyone who does not meet the criteria will not be able to occupy these spots, This is a great step forward and aimed at encouraging regular dinghy sailing

If you wish to contact me please email:-
dinghycaptain1@gmail.com



Crewsaver Talk

Held on Thursday 8th March, Guy Page from Crewsaver gave a presentation on maintenance and good housekeeping to preserve the life and efficiency of your life jackets, features of their design, and explained how as a company since launching the original red self inflating jackets, had gone 'back to the drawing board' with the technical development of their 6 leisure sector models.

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Ask yourself when buying a lifejacket:-

- What type of boating activities am I involved in?
- What type of conditions will I face?
- What type of clothing will I be wearing?

Lifejackets come in many shapes and sizes but there are integral safety features that all designs will have in common.

Some features are optional extras, which may not be included when you buy a lifejacket off the shelf.

Make sure you know what your lifejacket includes and familiarise yourself with how it works

Look for ISO approved jackets as they insist on specific safety features



Crewsaver®

Safer By Design®

IF YOU OWN AN OLDER JACKET WITH THE FIRING DEVICE SHOWN THEY HAVE PROVED TO BE FAULTY AND SHOULD BE DISPOSED OF IMMEDIATELY!

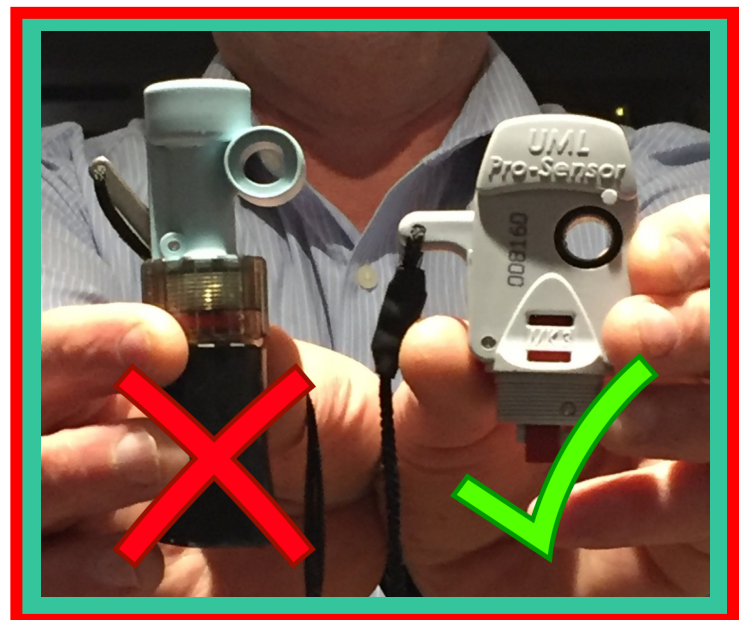
Maintenance & housekeeping

- Importance of adjusting jacket straps regularly to suit clothing
- Rinse with fresh water regularly (removing firing capsule first)
- Checking your lifejacket for wear—is it fit for purpose?
- Check the webbing for tears and twists
- Check buckles are in working order
- Check if the lifejacket is armed
- Check the chamber itself is in working order
- Check expiry dates on firing capsule
- Rearming kit if stored on board should be kept in a dry sealed bag not just retail packaging to avoid moisture contamination
- Service annually led by qualified body

If in doubt refer to the Crewsaver website for guidance on care and maintenance of your jackets

www.crewsaver.com/uk/

The club would like to thank Guy and Hazel



WORK PARTY DUTY

IT'S ALL IN THE COMMUNICATION!

This year there are 405 members eligible to do work party duty. That's 405 people who, amongst countless others, put in hard work to keep the club running and costs down. However, that also means 405 forms to process, always assuming the forms were received, and jobs to allocate. (To put it into perspective that's the same amount as there are pupils in a primary school). Hopefully most of the members will be ok with their allocated tasks but if anyone has a problem please **LET ME KNOW A.S.A.P!** I will try my best to help, but please remember duties are allocated on a first come first served basis.

My email is erikadyke.hsc@virginmedia.com

Call or text 07752124030. Or Tony Batt 07531441170

The idea of doing Duty Member or Work Party might not fill you with excitement but it is a good opportunity to give something back, meet other members and find out a little about what makes HSC work. Each small part doing its bit is what makes the boat sail smoothly.

REMEMBER:

Work party day – runs from 0900 to 1600. Please bring suitable clothing, and tools if you have them.

Duty member – 1000 to 1600 with a working lunch.

You will have received a letter with your new membership cards and duties are displayed in the clubhouse and on the HSC website. Contact me if you are not sure.

NO FURTHER REMINDERS WILL BE SENT and it is up to you to notify me or the club secretary in advance if you are unable to attend. You may be given an alternative duty if one is available if not you will be required to pay £70.00. **FAILURE TO ATTEND (without prior notice) will result in a £140.00 waiver charge.**

Boris and Betty Barnacle



CRANE IN IS A SUCCESS

Spring has sprung (someone just needs to inform Mother Nature!). As luck would have it the day stayed dry with light winds, and all went without any hitches, thanks to everybody pulling together to share the load (not literally).

A special thanks to Dave, Jean, Keith, Nigel Bannister and Anthony Frasle (ably assisted by their newly appointed apprentice Luke) who not only work tirelessly on the day, but starting on the previous day by moving the fencing right through to replacing it on completion after. They also spend hours throughout the year booking and organising to make the whole operation possible.



TOILET REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

The project is nearing completion the cubicles are in the process of being fitted, followed by the sanitary wear. The roof vents for the extraction system have been installed and the electricians due to finish in the near future.

DAVE DAVIES

GENTS



LADIES





POPPY WITH HER BASKET.



LISTEN CAREFULLY
I WILL SAY THIS ONLY ONCE!.

Easter Egg Hunt

The children were tasked leading up to the event with purchasing a basket from behind the bar and putting their best decorating skills to the test (to be judged on the day)!

On arrival they were asked to pair up and find a full set of matching printed patterned eggs (accompanied by their responsible BIG kid!), keeping their eyes peeled for one of the extra special golden eggs (to receive an additional prize).

Hidden, they could be found anywhere within the clubhouse or direct vicinity, and once they collected their full set of printed eggs, they could take them to Erika or one of her merry helpers to exchange them for chocolate.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS of the best decorated basket - in age groups

11+ Ella Lily Leppard

8,9,10 Emma Partington

5,6,7 Dylan Leppard

4 and under Poppy Stoppani

Many thanks to Erika Dyke and her family for organising this fun family event.



ELLIOTT WITH A GOLDEN EGG



ELLA LILY WITH HER BASKET.

The Face of the Future!

General Data Protection Regulations -

Data Protection law in the UK will undergo some significant changes with the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations (commonly referred to as the GDPR). The GDPR will replace the Data Protection Act from 25 May 2018.

Consequently, photos and videos of members, and their boats at club events for the purposes of displaying on the club's website and official social media pages or using in the club newsletter, we as a club are required to seek the member's consent on their membership application form and each membership renewal form (the member may withdraw their consent at any time).

The difference now being, you must opt in to agreeing for the display of photos that you are in, as opposed to previously when you had to opt out.

Some members may be aware on this years renewal forms there was a tick box added to gain consent for the above, however it would seem apparent that the vast majority of the membership had completely failed to notice the relevant section (either that or we are an exceptionally shy club!)

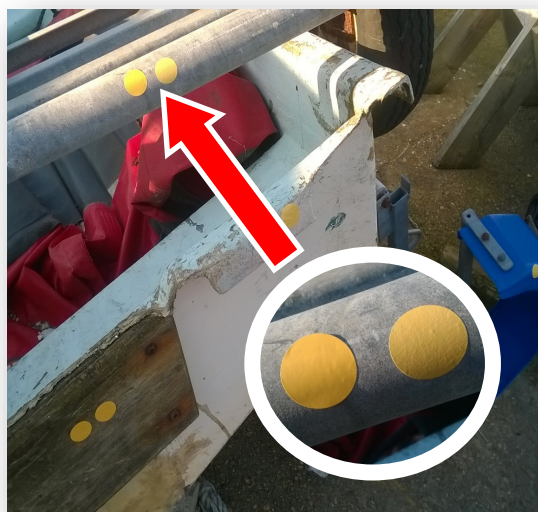
For the purposes of avoiding future Spunyard newsletters being awash with smiley faces could I appeal to the membership that if you are happy to give photo consent, please find the time to print the form **Hardway Sailing Club GDPR Consent Form** on the club website and complete all the fields and address it to the Publicity Officer and send it to the club by post or drop it in by hand at your convenience.

Thank you in advance!



HAVE YOU BEEN STICKERED!

STORAGE OFFICER - ED PASCOE



You may have noticed yellow dots on various vessels around the top flat (inset photo) and also the toast racks. These are on vessels that have been observed in an unseaworthy condition for a number of months and also dumped on the top flat. I first started counting wrecks last year to build up a good picture, since then Members have come to me after the AGM stating that they know of many vessels that are not used and that it is a shame that these are taking up good spaces. Some members have been unable to get their dinghies out of racks on the flat, hemmed in by other boats dumped with no name or number. The Rules are clear in Nos 27,30 31, and 32 about marking, and usage, but it might be that we need to change the Rule which currently states that people only have to use their boats twice a

year. Technically, such abuse could be leading to no use at all or 2 forced descents to the Club to paddle a tender in the toast racks out to the end of the main pontoon and 1m beyond. This is a situation which we will be bringing up at the Sailing Committee and onto Management, as with people vying for spaces, and a three year waiting list, the Club Committee want to be acting in the interests of sailors who want to sail. Anyone who comes down twice a year could possibly also be deemed a Social Member. I'm also exploring the possibility of moving people from good sea-side spaces further up the hill if they do not use their tenders.

We're also moving back to stickers which members will have to come and pick up in person on one of their sails from the Club, and any vessel that does not have its sticker applied will be considered "not stuck" with the sticker as per rules, and possibly lead to investigation as to whether they have even come to the Club. Stickers will be given out by the Duty Officer who will check that dues have been paid and give out the corresponding quantity. Such stickers will look like the yellow one in the photo (right) for dinghies, and with a smaller version for Outboards though we have done some tests on outboards with the large one and think a smaller outboard version will look nicer. Stickers must be applied by the member themselves but their number is to be written in with a supplied pen by the Duty Officer. A change of tender or craft is fine, and a new sticker can be obtained the same way. I am hopeful that identification of boats will thus be made easier, (as it is not now except in 10% of cases) and that this might also allow us to monitor usage more accurately. If you know of any abuse of spaces, then please contact me in confidence.

storage@hardwaysailingclub.co.uk



Cowes Rally & Solent Series Race 1

Saturday 12th May

HW 1009 2235

Please come & join other members for a fun weekend away to Cowes. You can arrive at your own leisure, or if you're feeling adventurous take part in the club race starting at 1100hrs on Saturday, finishing at the destination. Novices up to seasoned racers welcome, all competing for the prestigious Col Hicks Trophy.

Meeting in the evening over drinks and a leisurely sail back on Sunday.

Sailing instructions for the race will be displayed on the club noticeboard and website a week prior to the event, or can be emailed on request.

A list will also be displayed on the noticeboard for you to add your name and boat details, 10 berths have been provisionally booked at Shephards Wharf (if you are unable to get to the club before, please contact us via email and we will do it for you).

Any queries, sailing instructions or bookings please contact:-

Mike Kemp Cruiser Captain

cruisercaptain@hardwaysailingclub.co.uk



Sadler 29 1990 bilge keel version of this classic family cruising yacht, ready for season with many extras to Sadler's original inventory. Unsinkable and easy to sail single handed. Owner reluctantly contemplating selling this lovely and well maintained boat due to age and arthritic joints and will provide instruction if required. £21,000

Full details and inventory on request.

Tel 01494 675220

KEITH'S CRACKS

A lad went into school on world book day, wearing a pair of ear muffs, a silver necklace, and a cycle helmet, carrying a toaster under his arm, an electric toothbrush in one hand and a computer mouse in the other... His teacher asked which book he had come as, and he replied "The Argos Catalogue"!



Remember to
book a berth on
the Cowes
Rally!

WHATS ON IN MAY

Tue 1st Dinghy Spring Race 3

Wed 2nd Cruiser Spring Race 2

Sun 6th Cruiser Early Spring Race 5

Tue 8th Dinghy Spring Race 4

Wed 9th Cruiser Spring Race 3

Sat 12th Cowes Rally & Solent Series Race 1

Tue 15th Dinghy Spring Race 5

Wed 16th Cruiser Spring Race 4

Tue 22nd Dinghy Spring Race 6

Wed 23rd Interclub Race 1 in Harbour

Tue 29th Dinghy Early Summer Race 1

Wed 30th Cruiser Spring Race 5



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