



# SPUNYARN

HARDWAY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## The club has gone 'Bug' crazy!

A generation of members who have grown up at the sailing club find themselves recapturing their youth through their children, who are now themselves becoming keen sailors with a little encouragement. They have invested financially in the latest ideal sailing dinghy a 'BUG' to create a small fleet keen on developing their skills.

The hope is to expand the fleet next season as there are now four boats (and growing) each owned by members. Next year they can become involved in some class racing on a Tuesday night.

The Sailing Committee has re-evaluated the club owned dinghy fleet and agreed by next year to sell a couple of the less used dinghies and replace them with a Bug and a two man dinghy, possibly a fibre glass Mirror.....so watch this space!



## BITTEN BY 'THE BUG!'



## Bug Fun and easy to sail youth training boat

The Bug is a confidence inspiring junior training boat that is highly versatile. She can be sailed, rowed or motored with an optional outboard motor, thus providing the ability to be a trainer, a tender, and adventure boat or a racer. Renowned for its outstanding upwind performance and superior downwind control, it combines performance and style all while maintaining an incredibly stable platform. An exceptional design for those looking to enhance their sailing skills and, if they wish, eventually compete in racing events. The windsurfer-like agility and quickness will keep your young sailor hooked.





**David Kirby** who has been to the club many times as crew (over the years) has made three trips with the Clipper organisation and has written a lyrical piece about sailing at night in mid ocean ,

Note; AWA is apparent wind angle; AWS is apparent wind speed

*MANY THANKS TO DAVID FOR WRITING THE ARTICLE AND PETER FOR SENDING IT IN.*

# Sailing at night

*I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky*

*And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by.*

These words written by John Masefield can only be understood if you've seen the sky at night from the middle of a black ocean. Everything is clearer and more extensive than you can see on land and crew mates point out the stars. There's Polaris the star that never moves, and there's Sirius, and Venus brighter than ever before and there's the Milky Way full and well defined.

Sailing at night is a unique experience, you lay in your bunk in a tortured half sleep but the hand that touches your shoulder startles you just the same "you're on watch in twenty minutes". You fall out of the bunk, struggle into your foulies, climb the companion way and clip on. You look up and for a moment you are transfixed by the myriad stars above you.

Then the darkness calls your name followed by "you're on the helm."

You work your way aft, past the other watch and under the traveller and you stand up next to the shadowy figure on the helm, identified only when he speaks.

"You can clip on here, Course, speed, AWA, AWS, there are no other vessels in the vicinity, it's heavy going, the boat is yours."

You fight the wheel to bring the numbers right: compass OK, AWA is OK, AWS is OK , you quickly glance up and there she is, the star that will guide you, for when she is in the right position , equidistant between shroud and mast, all the numbers come right. She beckons you: follow me, follow me, and she leads you as she has led countless sailors in the past.

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Wind and sea conspire to separate you from your guiding star, they move the boat and your star moves from position or disappears completely and you fight to bring her back, equidistant between shroud and mast. She leads you again and you need her.

But her help comes at a price. Ignore her for moment and she deserts you, when you look back she is not there, she punishes you for looking elsewhere, and you work the wheel hard to find her again, and bring her to her rightful position equidistant between shroud and mast. Not for you the banter between crewmates in the dark or the laser dolphins streaking alongside the boat or the fiery shooting stars, for you there must be no other. Like a jealous lover your star demands your total attention, you cannot for one moment consider another, she has captured you.

Follow me, follow me.

When your helm time is finished you offer your star to your replacement, he may use her or find a star of his own. You clip your way back along the boat thanking your star. Will you use her again? Maybe never, that depends on position and course, time and weather. You thank her anyway and return to the red eerie light below.

*And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow rover*

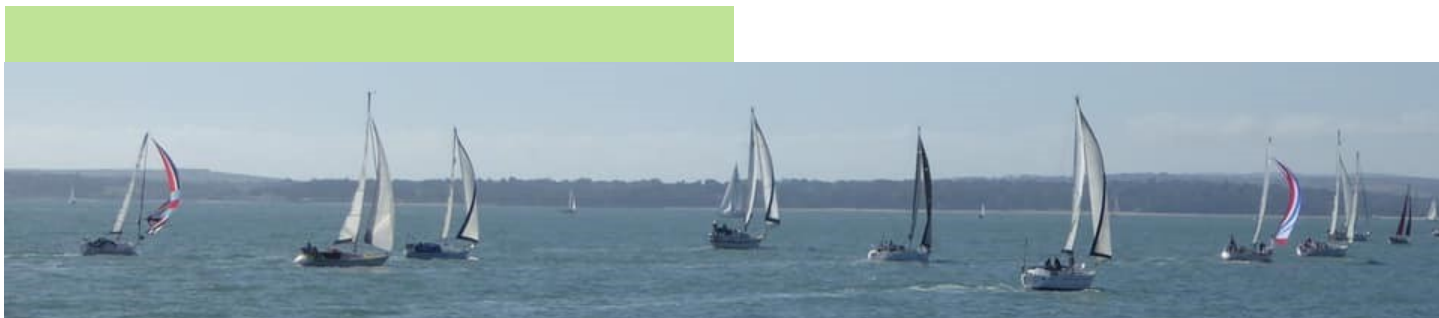
*And quiet sleep and sweet dreams when the long trick is over.*

## KEITH'S CRACKS

I went shopping for some camouflage trousers.

I couldn't find any...





## FOLLY JOLLY & CREW RACE

Seven boats on the start line off Haslar sea wall. Light winds and strong tide would prove to be too much of a challenge for the slower boats rounding an up tide mark became impossible. Three faster boats stuck with it and the fastest finishing in 3 hours 35 minutes.

Congratulations to Hayley Mizen overall winner.

The evening racers and cruisers alike gathered in Breezes for a hearty meal and of course just 'one or two' drinks.



# Hardway

**have retained the  
Inter-Club trophy for  
another year!**

**Well done to everyone who  
took part..**





# MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL



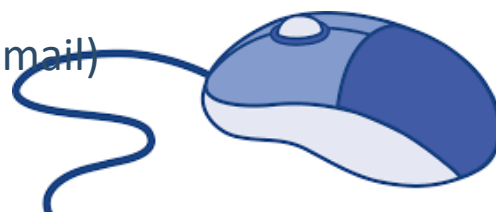
Please be aware online membership renewal will be going live via the club website from January 2020.

We therefore ask any member who has not registered on the club website to do so as soon as possible.

(excluding those members who opted out of email)

Thanks in Advance

[www.hardwaysailingclub.co.uk](http://www.hardwaysailingclub.co.uk)



**PLEASE HELP US  
TIDY UP  
THE COMPOUND**

**TO BE CLEARED BY**

**FRI 25TH OCT**

Please could all dinghies/kayaks using summer storage and any other items temporarily stored be removed from the compound by the date above in preparation for the Cruiser lift in.

**Junior Week 2020**  
will be week  
commencing  
**Monday 3rd**  
**August.**



# COME FOR COFFEE AND CAKE

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

**Fri 11th October**

**1000am - 1200 noon**



**To be held in the Sailing Club. Donations of raffle prizes and cakes would be gratefully accepted on the day or by contacting me on 02392589305 or 07855058928. Please come along to support this good cause and bring all your friends. Thanks in advance Jan.**

12th October  
1930 start

£1 per person  
Cash prizes

(Use of electronic devices will be monitored)

HSC Interclub Quiz





Prize for the fancy dress

# HALLOWEEN PARTY



FOOD

DISCO

GAMES

£5 per child

(tickets purchased from behind the bar, cash only)

Saturday 26th October

7PM

PLEASE STATE WHEN BOOKING WHAT SANDWICH YOUR CHILD WOULD  
LIKE.....

HAM, CHEESE, CHOCOLATE SPREAD, TUNA MAYO



Congratulations to  
Mr & Mrs  
Travis Darrington who tied the  
knot on the 4th October

