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HARDWAY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

10th Edition October 2018



Marchwood Yacht Club, Southampton Water

welcomed Hardway members for a last minute organised rally. Ten boats gathered on their pontoon and were greeted with a friendly welcome. Most members opted to relax on board with a few drinks whilst a few others feeling more energetic chose to take a scenic walk along the shore up to Eling Tide Mill, where they stopped at Eling

Sailing Club for a beverage before returning.

In the evening all 21 members (including two who dodged the M27 closure to arrive by car!) congregated in the yacht club where the caterers had prepared a three course meal and offered to open up the following morning especially for our members to start the day with a cooked breakfast.

Thank you to Marchwood Yacht Club for your warm welcome and generous hospitality.



Folly Jolly & Ladies/Crew Race

A lively breeze was enough inspiration to see seven boats venture to the start line for the annual ladies race event followed by a rally at the Folly Inn, Cowes. This year there was a slight variation in the format of the race with the additional option of a crew member because there are some ladies who are regular racers. A couple of hours zig zagging the Solent resulted in Kerry Jeane helmed by Jack Roberts picking up the winners spot, so congratulations to Jack who will have the privilege of being the first male name on the ladies trophy.

The rally attracted a further seven boats, a total of fourteen Hardway burgees flying high. Evening entertainment had the crew of Bon Vivant, Jazzmine, Nutcracker and Karis dancing on the tables (quite literally!). Great weekend, great company, thanks to everyone and a special thank you to Mike & Jackie for starting the race.



Boris and Betty Barnacle









Farewell to HSC Ted and Avril Sutton

Having reached an age where the physical aspects of boat owning and sailing become difficult and with great regret, earlier this year, Avril and I decided to sell 'Helen' our much loved Sadler 29, owned since 1991. In June, the new owner took her off to Faversham in Kent and without a boat now, and living some 80 miles away, we will not renew our

membership for next season.

I first discovered the delights of Hardway in the late 1950s when crewing for friends from a Thames-side dinghy racing club, who kept cruising yachts on Gosport Boat Yard moorings. This encouraged me to buy a 19ft Caprice and join HSC in the Winter of 1962/3 when the harbour was so frozen, Dockyard tugs were breaking up ice floes.

Subsequent marriage and starting a family took our minds off sailing for a few years but we bought a Seawych kit in 1979, hurriedly put it all together to cross the Channel for our Summer holiday that year. With two growing boys, we next bought a 25ft Tomahawk and this extended our cruising range and comfort aboard for the next few years. We finally bought 'Helen' in 1991, and found her a delightful boat to sail during the last 27 years. Many adventures and thousands of miles safely cruised will continue to provide lots of happy memories but Hardway Sailing Club will always be at their core. HSC has provided us with an ideal base for sailing activities over these years and we will always be grateful to those who had the inspiration to start up the club after WWII and all those with the energy to expand its facilities to the current impressive stage.

Portsmouth Harbour is a wonderful place to keep a boat. Central to the fabulous cruising ground of the Solent, sheltered from most directions, easy access at all stages of the tide and full of historic interest, HSC provides a unique range of facilities for members whether they be only social, attracted by the bar or boat owners from dinghies, cruising or racing yacht enthusiasts. The newly extended

clubhouse is one of the best we have seen along both sides of the Channel and the friendly atmosphere in the club appeals to the full range of old and new, big and small boat owners.

Over the years, we made many friends at the club and we would like to wish happy, safe sailing to them and all members in future years.

My mate went into the pub the other day, with a roll of tarmac under his arm, and asked for a pint of lager and one for the road...

HSC Training 2018/2019

Autumn / Winter / Spring

The following courses we will endeavor to make available:-

- 1] SRC VHF This is a requirement if you use a marine radio
- **2] RYA Safety Boat** Must have Power Boat 2, 1st Aid & driving experience
- 3] RYA 1st Aid
- 4] RYA Power Boat 2
- 5] Club Race Officer or Assistant CRO A small amount of sailing knowledge required
- 6] General knowledge for sailing a cruiser

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

trainingofficer@hardwaysailingclub.co.uk

John Stutchfield - HSC Training Officer

APPEAL!

The sailing club has purchased more prizegiving trophies for cruiser races this year and the committee are looking to the membership for suggestions of appropriate names we can give them

There will be new Trophies for:

- Early Spring Series Fast Fleet
- Early Spring Series Slow Fleet
- Half Wight Race
- Overall Wednesday Series Slow Fleet

If you have any thoughts please contact Mike Kemp

cruisercaptain@hardwaysailingclub.co.uk





Five teams fought it out in the second Portsmouth Pull challenge rowing race - 10km around historic Portsmouth Harbour.

What a fantastic race! Big thanks to Sir Robin Knox-Johnston (Clipper Race Founder and Chairman) for making the presentation to race winners, #teamhardway (Adam, Flint, Jim, Pete, & Steve). The five teams put in an impressive effort and the race was exciting from start to finish. Team Hardway set an incredible new course record of 1:05:55 - who's going to take their crown next year! It's not too late to sponsor the teams - they did themselves proud.

Well done to John, Vikki and the whole Oarsome Chance team - you put on a brilliant Portsmouth Pull race day.

Massive thanks to everyone who took part raising vital funds to run our programs including teams from GCA Sailing, Clipper Round the World Yacht Race, Seahorse

Bar & Restaurant, Hardway Sailing Club.

Could you smash the course record next year and raise vital funds for our work with young people?

You can register your interest for the Portsmouth Pull 2019 at events@oarsomechance.org

For more information visit https://oarsomechance.org/article/the-portsmouth-pull-for-oarsome-chance



Sir Robin Knox-Johnston presents Team Hardway with the handmade oar as winner's of the Portsmouth Pull.

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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Dear Member,

Notice is hereby given that a Extraordinary General Meeting of Hardway Sailing Club will be held on

Sunday 28th October 2018 at 1200hrs

To discuss the detail of and vote on a rule change required by the bank to enable the club to conclude the purchase of

101 Priory Road, Gosport, Hants.

(The house adjacent to the pedestrian access gate to the club)

The venue will be **Hardway Sailing Club**

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The bar will be closed prior to the meeting and will open once the meetings business is concluded.

Michael Roberts

Sue Charles

Commodore

Hon Secretary



Crane Lift Out

Saturday 27th October

As you will be aware the time is fast approaching for boats to be lifted into the compound for the winter. If you are one of those affected, please ensure you attend at the requested time for the safety brief and are available throughout the day to help ALL members to safely block or







SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

BONFIRE LIT AT 7:30 PM

BRING YOUR OWN





Every member is responsible for

CLUB SECURITY

Don't forget to close gates and doors behind you!



