



SPUNYARN

HARDWAY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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I'm guessing someone is in trouble, something doesn't look quite right??

CRUISER RACING COMES TO AN END THIS SEASON - EXCEPT BOXING DAY!

What a great sailing season we have had! A lively racing series coupled with a series of well-attended rallies have put a smile on many faces this year.

A few new boats joined in the racing at the beginning of the year, with Ghengis Khan winning the opening series for the slow fleet, which included an abandoned race (lack of wind), a collision or two, a wrapped spinnaker and a grounding.

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The newly renovated launch was not yet ready and the Quay Lane Boatyard launch was conscripted, but unfortunately broke down on one return trip, leaving some crew scrambling for alternative arrangements! The series had twelve entries with Pink Lime winning the fast fleet overall.

The Spring Series attracted a total of seventeen boats with winners being Pink Lime and newbie winner of the slow fleet, Capricho.

The Early Summer Series winners were Wicked Suzie (fast fleet) and Boomerang (slow fleet).

The Summer Series was won by Kerry Jeanne (fast fleet) and Pappatachi (slow fleet).

The final Autumn Series was won by Cloud Nine (fast fleet) and Capricho (slow fleet).

The Ladies Harbour Race was won by Claire Woodford on Wicked Suzie for the second year running. Six boats turned out in reasonable winds on an evening when England were playing!

The return of the Single-Handed Race saw Gary Bowers on Kerry Jeanne take victory with a strong showing from Steve Simmons who was the only one to launch a spinnaker.

The Solent Series saw Aidos winning overall, having beaten an entry list of some eighteen boats.

Keeping it in the family, Jack Roberts won the newly created Ladies / Crew Race to Cowes. Perhaps next year we will just call it the Crew Race..

The overall Harbour Series was another prize for Kerry Jeanne in the fast fleet and Boomerang in the slow fleet.

Lastly in the Pursuit Race, Moonshine managed to keep the lead at the final hooter.

Under the NHC handicap system the prizes have been spread amongst the fleet. Kerry Jeanne won all of the VPRS series races, which were scored as an alternative. Prizes will of course be presented at the Annual Dinner and Dance.

The Inter-club series was well attended by Hardway boats but unfortunately the other two clubs fielded very few entries, apart from the first event (In the harbour) which attracted 10 Portchester boats.

Unsurprisingly we won the overall series and retained the trophy. Next year may be an even less well attended series, with Fareham having pulled out...

We were joined by a small number of Squibs for some of the Wednesday races, adding to the numbers on the water, and a little bit more shouting when rounding marks...

Special thanks to Jackie and her various helpers in the race box, and to Tony and Dave who managed the bulk of the launch driving, in some, at times, very inclement weather!

Here's looking forward to a similarly enjoyable season next year!

Mike Kemp, Cruiser Captain





Yet another Extraordinary General Meeting this year.

Despite a brisk Northerly wind and chilly conditions, 106 voting members found the time to attend a second extraordinary general meeting to change a rule in the club constitution. Earlier in the morning chairs were set out, expecting only just enough to make the required quorum of thirty members, so it was a pleasant surprise to see so many making the effort to attend.

The reason for calling the meeting was that the bank wanted written into the rules who could borrow money and pledge security on behalf of the club (in relation to the house purchase). This already exists by virtue of the 1925 trustees act to which our rulebook refers. Despite the best efforts of our solicitor to convince the bank that the current rule was suffice, the bank would not be swayed and before any finance was handed over, the bank wanted it written into the rules. Banks have been over cautious since the turmoil of the financial crisis in 2008 and even now will err on the side of caution. The rule change now names the positions of the people who can borrow money and therefore who the bank can go after should the club default on the loan.

The meeting took all of ten minutes from the opening bell to the close. After an explanation of the reasons for calling the meeting and presenting the word changes, the members voted in favour of the proposal with the majority for and one recorded as against.

I would like to thank all the members who attended the meeting and moved the club one step closer to purchasing 101 Priory Road.

Mike Roberts - Commodore



TRAFALGAR DINNER

75 members (some dressed for a nautical occasion) sat down to a three course meal supplied by the galley for the Trafalgar Dinner. In true Hardway tradition the meal was followed with a toast to Admiral Nelson and a fierce re-enactment of the battle ensued using party poppers for ammunition.

Thank you to Dave, Jan, Paula and Tony for organising the event, the galley ladies for their efforts - considering it was their first big occasion to cater for with large numbers and to the volunteers following the meal who cleared the club room of party popper shrapnel before leaving.



Steve giving his best Carly Seager impression!



A SUCCESSFUL SPOOKY HALLOWEEN



Enjoyed by young and old, members got 'into the spirit' of Halloween dressing up in elaborate costumes. Organised fun and games with music kept the children amused

A big thankyou to Tor and Mike for organising such a fantastic evening and to the galley for embracing the opportunity to serve some ghoulish treats.

I appreciate all the lovely photos that have been sent in, unfortunately due to data protection it is impossible to display them (If you haven't already please sign the consent forms available in the club and online).



Ready, Steady!



Lift Out

Sunshine and blue skies to start the day, which soon became a changing picture of rolling cloud and increasing winds. Despite this everything went like clockwork and boats were placed safe and sound.

Thanks to Antony Frasle, Team Bannister and their merry men!



Working the safety gear!

Park at your Peril!



An appeal to the membership, as experienced yachtsmen I can't express the importance of working out your tides prior to travel.
(Thank you Norman for sending in the pictures of a particularly high tide at Hardway.)



**IF YOU'RE
THE LAST
ONE OUT ...**



**TURN
OFF THE LIGHTS**

KEITH'S CRACKS

I can't stop singing
"The Green, Green Grass Of Home."
My Doctor said it sounds like
Tom Jones syndrome.
"Is it common?" I asked.
"It's not unusual," he replied...



BONFIRE NIGHT

**SATURDAY 10TH
NOVEMBER**

BONFIRE LIT AT 7:30 PM

BRING YOUR OWN

FIREWORKS

SOUP AND HOTDOGS ON SALE

CHRISTMAS DRAW



WIN

WIN

WIN



SUN 16TH DEC

**FREE MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE FROM
1.30PM**

DRAW STARTS 3.00PM

**RAFFLE BOARD AVAILABLE BEHIND THE
BAR 50P PER SQUARE**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS

£5 per head



Please bring a wrapped present labelled with your child's name up to the value of £10.

PARTY

Saturday 8th December 1.30 pm



**Entertainment
Santa's Grotto**

FOOD

**magic
music**

Please purchase an A4 colouring sheet from behind the bar, one per child.
Each child must decorate their sheet and return it to the bar or to Erika Dyke **before 2nd December**.
There will be a prize for the best picture in each age group.
Any child without a returned sheet will not be able to have food at the party.



**Sat 17th Nov Interclub Quiz
away @ Portsmouth Offshore
Group, Weevil Lane.**

**Sat 8th Dec Hardway SC Quiz
1930 Start**

HARDWAY SAILING CLUB PRIZEGIVING

DINNER



AND



DANCE

SATURDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2018

@ GOSPORT MASONIC HALL, CLARENCE RD, GOSPORT.

1830 hrs for a 1900 hrs

Tickets £25 available

from Erika Dyke & Sue Roberts

Menu

Erie and onion chutney cooked on a puff pastry base served on a bed of mixed salad

**Beef bourguignon (whole piece of slow cooked steak) cooked in a bourguignon sauce with shallots and chantey carrots
Served on a bed of creamy mash with seasonal vegetables**

Individual chocolate tarts served with freshly whipped cream and fresh raspberry's

Cheese and biscuits

Tea or coffee

Vegetarian and gluten free options are available on request

Members and /or guests attending only the prizegiving and dance afterwards will be charged £6 per head

WHATS ON IN DECEMBER

Sat 8th Dec Children's Christmas Party

Sun 16th Dec Christmas Draw

**Wed 26th Dec Boxing Day Paper Boat Race
Cruiser & Dinghy Race**

Bar will NOT be
open on Tuesday
evening for the
winter months



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