

SPUNYARN

HARDWAY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Combined
Harbour
Regatta







The Combined Harbour Regatta was hosted by Hardway this year and saw four Portsmouth Harbour clubs, Portchester Sailing Club, Fareham Sailing & Motorboat Club and Portsmouth Sailing Club coming together for a friendly rivalry on the water. Kicking off at 1100 were the cruisers and squibs with an impressive fleet of 21 boats. Followed hot on their tails at 1115, the dinghies slightly down on numbers with 9 in total, but what they lacked in numbers they made up for with enthusiasm. Well done 'Team Hardway' who were yet again victorious overall for cruisers, and congratulations to Portchester who triumphed in the dinghies.

Whilst competitors were out on the water the Big Noise Samba Band supported LOUDLY from the shore.

Later in the afternoon the fun events took place, including swimming, rowing, optimist and blindfolded sticky bun racing, followed with a Hog Roast to reenergize the weary sailors.

The prizes of Glass Tumblers, Wine, Chandlery Vouchers and Medals were presented followed by live music by Hard Shoulder.

KEITH'S CRACKS

A mate of mine is a dairy farmer.

The other day he counted all his cows and there were 198...

But when he rounded them up, he had 200!



Thanks goes to the organizers of the event, and to those who volunteered their time on the day, which enabled the event to run seamlessly and a success.

EGM REPORT

The management committee called a extraordinary general meeting to discuss the potential purchase of 101 Priory Road, the house adjacent to the club pedestrian gate. This meeting took place on Friday 1st June, and the members present voted in favour of the proposal.

Details of the proposal and it's impact on the members will be sent by post to each member once current negotiations have been concluded, as this newsletter is easily accessible to view and download from the club website and Facebook page it was necessary to keep this article brief, because the meeting voted to leave the negotiations in the hands of the club trustees and it would not be in the interest of the club to broadcast a figure that we are willing to pay prior to meeting with the

agents, as previously this has always given any competition the upper hand and consequently the club has lost out.

Next month we should be in a more favorable position to tell you more about the purchase.

Mike Roberts
Commodore



Boris and Betty Barnacle







First Solent Race for the Col Hicks Trophy & Rally to Cowes took place with light winds and glorious

sunshine (except for a brief shower in the afternoon which didn't dampen spirits.

Nine boats jostled at the start off Haslar sea wall, in order to line up for a casual drift over the start line. Shortened course chosen, near enough a straight sail to the finish off Cowes, passing Norris to starboard on the way proved challenging, with the tide sweeping a couple of boats down tide of the mark consequently ending their race with little wind to track up tide to pass them correctly.

Congratulations to 'Team Swallow' on Brise de Mer.

The day was followed by a few drinks on the pontoon at Shephards and later a boogie in The Anchor.

Solent Series R1 Col Hicks Start: Start 1, Finishes: Place Class NHC1 Elapsed Corrected Points Boat 1.0 Brise De Mer Moody 346 0.887 1.30.30 1.20.16 Blue Shark Contessa 32 0.884 1.36.15 1.25.05 Sadler 29 0.854 1.43.14 1.28.10 Aidos 3.0 Oceanis 311 0.953 1.36.14 1.31.43 4.0 Phoenix Kerry Jeanne Sigma 33 1.014 1.32.00 1.33.17 Sadler 32 0.780 2.00.43 1.34.10 Samradha 6.0 Falcon Van De Stadt 34 0.912 1.59.43 1.49.11 Wicked Suzie Dehler 34 0.976 DNF 10.0 Sun Odyssey 34.2 0.937 RET 10.0 Tiger Moon







An impromptu gathering of a few participants dining in The Fountain, West Cowes.



The return of Going Afloat has been hotly anticipated, and it certainly hasn't disappointed.

For the Going Afloat team it's been a big success aided by the perfect wind and sunshine, which has been better than anyone could have hoped for.

Well done to all those who have taken part and helped out.

If you are interested in joining the fun please contact Steve Jayne for more details.

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I've been asked to submit a quick account of my 'Pontoon Talk' which I hold in the Club of an evening coordinated by the Training officer, John Stutchfield. I don't talk about Pontoons' what I do provide is a session on etiquette of berthing, methods of securing and slipping a berth under all conditions of tide/wind strength. My sessions take about an hour and a half (I need to get back to reading my papers!). I set it at Day Skipper level thus ALL club members will benefit from it.

What I shall say in this short dit is the use of cleats in 'Public' berths, meaning, the club pontoon and other berths where craft may raft up alongside, if you have your own private finger berth where no other craft might want to use/share a cleat then you can do as you wish, saying that I'd suggest using a round turn & two half hitches in most circumstances.

It frustrates me when I stroll along the club pontoon and observe the methods that 99% of member use to secure their craft, In my book there are a hundred 'right' ways to achieve a task in sailing, only one wrong, the one that doesn't work, what I see is WRONG.

The latest parlance is to use the expression 'OXO' when describing how to make fast a line to a cleat, meaning to take a complete round turn, followed by a 'across the top (the X) then another round turn, hence OXO (Fig A). If two or more lines are 'oxo'ed then it clogs up the cleats, add a few more and it becomes pathetic. Should another craft need to use that cleat to manoeuvre then it seriously adds complications to any slipping plan.

Members should consider 'dipping' bowlines on cleats (Fig B), by using bowlines the same cleat can have dozens on lines, all easily slip able.

I would not suggest or recommend as shown in (Fig C), this too can 'bung up' a cleat and prevent other craft from using the cleat to slip a berth'

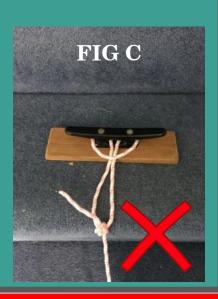
My 'teach ins' touch on the above etiquette at the start, the rest is all about the correct use of springs, a discussion on prop wash which causes prop walk and the use of fenders to assist in slipping berths, plus a few ideas on short/ singled crewed boat handling.

Feedback has been very positive, and it's free.......

Dave Watling Yachtmaster Instructor dwsailing@ntlworld.com







Polite Reminder from - Queen's Harbour Master Portsmouth

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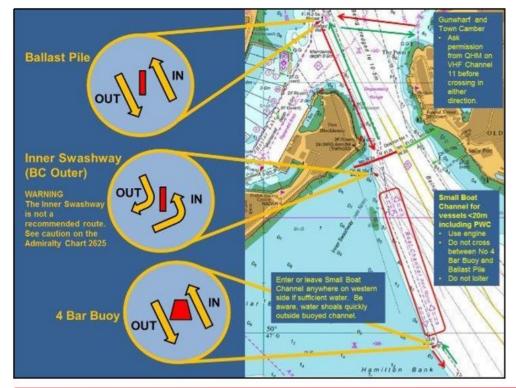
PORTSMOUTH HARBOUR ENTRANCE - APPROACH CHANNEL, SMALL BOAT CHANNEL, SWASHWAY AND INNER SWASHWAY

As regular users of the harbour it worth an early season reminder, that with the arrival of the Queen Elizabeth Class Carrier, that the General Direction in relation to the use of the Small Boat Channel was updated in last Autumn.

The Portsmouth Harbour entrance and main approach channel is considered a narrow channel in accordance with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions and Sea (COLREGS) and as such, all mariners are reminded that in accordance with Rule 9(b) "a vessel of less than 20 metres in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway".

Vessels under 20m are to use the Small Boat Channel which is General Direction 02/17: Portsmouth Harbour Entrance-Approach Channel, Small Boat Channel, Swashway and Inner Swashway, full details of this can be read here:

 $\frac{https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/qhm/portsmouth/local-notices/general-directions/2017/1702-portsmouth-harbour-entrance}{}$



This image is listed in the General Direction but advises some of the key points of the Small Boat Channel.

It is also worth mentioning that shipping movements, tidal information etc are published daily via the Queens Harbour Master Webpage: https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/ghm/portsmouth

Thank you and safe boating.

Becky Walford. Port Safety Officer Assistant, QHM Portsmouth.

