



SPUNYARN

HARDWAY SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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JUNIOR WEEK Class of 2018

Junior Week is a fond memory I have from childhood, catching up with friends that you wouldn't see all year due to circumstance or distance. Some of which I'm still in touch with today, some 35 years later.

For those members either new to the club or who haven't had the privilege of joining a Junior week, it is an opportunity to spend time with your children or grand children familiarising them with various sailing activities and growing their confidence on the water whilst meeting friends and having fun!

The format of the week is generally Monday an introduction to learning knots, rigging dinghies, race box, points of sailing, effects of wind and tide etc with an afternoon sail to start putting it into practice (Those less confident pairing with the more experienced). Tuesday is a trip to Treasure Shore further up Portsmouth Harbour by any means possible (rowing/sailing/motoring) to collect some booty. Wednesday on the water gaining confidence with a few games for the more experienced like ball tag. Thursday there is a mass exodus of yachts and motor boats to the shores of Priory Bay a beautiful private sandy beach on the Isle of Wight for what can only be described as D-Day landings when some 40 odd boats arrive all anchoring and trying to flag a lift ashore for BBQs, swimming, beach games etc. Finally, Friday a mini Regatta of dinghy racing with a Presentation and Disco to finish, but as with all things sailing events are subject to change due to weather. (5 PAGE SPECIAL)

This year the weather was exceptional in comparison to previous years and with a solid turn out of 50 children, they all finished the week with colour on their face and beaming smiles with friendships forged. I think the montage of photos attached to this article sum up the enjoyment and success in a nutshell!

The week relies on volunteers to ensure a smooth and safe operation including safety boat crews, galley refreshments, race box lookouts, pontoon tally collectors, dinghy riggers to name but a few, which are all spearheaded by 'The Adams' family, headed by Paul. A big thanks to all those who find time throughout the week to help and a special thank you to Paul and family on behalf of the parents, grand parents and sailing club.

So if after reading this you feel like you've missed out (which you have!) and feel like you would like to join the fun or simply volunteer your time, please mark it in your calendar for August 2019 (confirmed date to follow) and keep an eye out for details and registering forms nearer the time.



YOUNG APPRENTICE!



MOTHERS' MEETING!



FRIENDLY RIVALRY!



NOW WHERE IS THE TREASURE?



I LEFT IT HERE SOMEWHERE?





IT'S IN THE SAND?





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12th August 2018

Hi all,

Cowes Week is now over and that always makes me feel like the end of the season is approaching. But there are still plenty of events to come, and with the summer we're having it will be a while yet before things start to wind down. It has certainly been a good year so far with competitive racing and memorable rallies under hot sunny skies and warm balmy evenings. Although at the time of writing it's raining and has cooled down somewhat! We still have the remainder of the Summer Series and the Autumn Sunday series to go, and the Ladies / Crew race to Cowes and the Folly Jolly over the weekend of 8th/9th September.

Club racing has been very popular this year with good turnouts for the Wednesday evening and weekend Solent races, and we are totally dominating the Inter-Club series, partly due to poor turnouts from the other two clubs. Unfortunately Fareham will no longer be involved next year, as their current membership is generally not so inclined towards racing, and we are looking into involving other harbour clubs to replace them. Portchester are still keen to carry on although they still don't seem to be turning out in any great numbers. There is one more Inter-Club race to come on the 1st of September – round the cans in the Solent.

As always, handicapping is a point of discussion and as always, I am keen to come up with the fairest workable system that we can. It is worth pointing out that the NHC results have reached a point where most boats have a rating which reflects their performance, and I note that recent results under NHC are similar to those produced by VPRS. I am keeping an open mind about next year's system however, and as I've already mentioned in the last newsletter, everyone will be given a chance to vote for their preferred system for next year.

Good luck to all.



Mike Kemp
Cruiser Captain HSC

Boris and Betty Barnacle



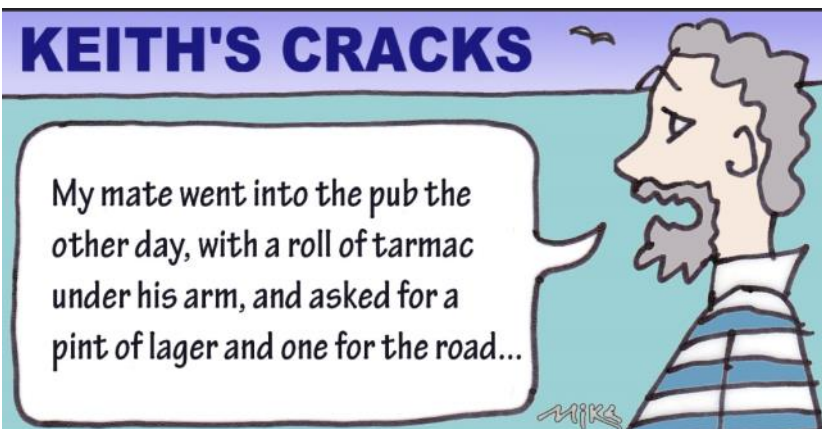
Island Harbour Rally

Island Harbour Rally coincides with the Cowes week finale and fireworks, so it tends to be a popular rally. This year roughly 20 boats ventured out however, the weather was less kind on the Friday morning with 30knots of wind and torrential rain a couple of boats were forced to turn back off Gilkicker (although one undeterred set out again Saturday to arrive in time for the BBQ). A great spectacle of the Red Arrows, the three Queens cruise ships and fireworks could be viewed along the Solent, although the majority of our members opted to watch safely moored up at Island Harbour.

As the forecast was less favourable again Sunday some opted to leave earlier on the Saturday whilst a few of us started the day with a cooked breakfast in Breezes restaurant followed by a bus trip into West Cowes for the day followed by another BBQ in the evening and fortunately the weather held off.

The return trip Sunday was not as predicted previously and a pleasant dry sail home only to see rain on the return to the mooring.

Thank you to Steve and Beverley for organising the berths.





QUIZ NIGHT

SAT 13TH OCTOBER

1900 FOR 1930

WORKPARTY

Please come with
the appropriate
clothing and a
selection of basic
tools.



- Do you live in Gosport?
- Do you enjoy the company of young people?
- Could you offer your spare bedroom to a young lodger so that they can stay in Gosport?

If so, please get in touch today.

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DINGHIES ROUND UP



Summer is sheeting hard on and dinghy sailors are sheeting out before the gust, the wind of change has blown through the dinghy fleet and old timers like Jeff Jackson are back in the most modern of dinghies with composite carbon epoxy structure that weighs only 30 kilos, YES 30 kilos. Gary Beany bowers hopped into the Aero and instantly got to grips with it and being a single hander he found it to work well for him. 4 club members have put money on the table and boats are already out racing. The light weight construction using aircraft technology to build them are proving to be easy to sail . Some members are gathering during the week and getting their wetsuit wet on a Thursday evening, it's quite an organic group that just rock up and take their kids out on the water. It's a members driven thing where WE GO SAILING. Rules expert Chris Watts lives within a seagull perch of the club and is quite happy to give anyone a pointer towards staying inside or using the rules, to the max. RS Visions ,Pico's and Toppers are available and the back office team keep them tip top so take one out. Don't let the summer sail past without a blast if your interested in an Aero at a £1000 discount the door is still open.

Mike lee dinghy Captain

Trafalgar Dinner

Saturday October 20th

1900 for 1930 £18ea

Starter. Choice of Baked Camembert served with red onion chutney, salad garnish
Or Prawn cocktail.

Mains. Roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, and veg selection
Or Vegetarian option roast butternut squash, stuffed with spicy cous, cous.

Dessert. Homemade Churros with hot chocolate sauce, and a fruit kebab
Or chocolate orange cake, served with vanilla ice cream.

Nautical attire positively encouraged

Please find details and list on the club noticeboard or
contact

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Members to book by end of September then open to visitors

Closing date: 13-10-2018

All cancellations after this date will still be charged

Please clear items
in compound at
least 1 week
BEFORE Lift Out
Thank You!

**WORLD'S
BIGGEST
COFFEE
MORNING**



10am—12noon
Donations of cake
gratefully received

WHATS ON IN OCTOBER

Sun 7 Oct 1100 Cruisers Autumn Series Race5

Sat 13 Oct 1930 Quiz Night

Sun 14 Oct 1100 Cruisers Pursuit Race

Sat 20 Oct 1930 Trafalgar Dinner

Sat 27 Oct Lift out Cruisers

Sun 28 Oct Daylight Saving Time ends



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