



HURST CASTLE SAILING CLUB

NEWSLETTER, October 2025

Dear Members,

Hello...September went quickly so here we are again with a newsletter. This time there is more in the way of information and fewer photos. September was not the best of months for sailing. Blame the weather. However, October can be nice so get out on the water if you can. We also have other events in the coming month and the well known HCSC working party for putting the clubhouse to rights and settling it for the winter. See below for the details. There is also some general housekeeping and HCSC admin news. If you like to hire the club boats make sure you read Jim's notice about the new procedure.

SAILING There is still plenty to do in October. Dinghy training continues on Thursdays and racing on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Saturday October 4th will see another Push the Boat Out day when support is available for people who feel they need it and there are two local potters still to come. October 25th sees the famous HCSC CDM trophy races when dairy milk chocolate becomes the all important factor.

There was some racing in the last month:





FINANCIAL NEWS from Steve L

Subscriptions Reminder

It's that time of year again for a gentle reminder about the subscriptions due on 1st January. As with everything in the club, volunteers give up their time to manage this process and it is a very busy time for our Treasurer and Membership Secretary. It would make life so much easier for them if all members could take time to ensure they have standing orders set up for the correct amounts.

Just a reminder then:

Amounts, including suggested donation element:

Single Memberships £75

Joint and Family Memberships* £120

Student Memberships £25

(* please remember that that up to year in which youngsters turn 18 years no subs are now charged for children)

Bank details:-

Hurst Castle Sailing Club

Lloyds Bank

Sorting code: 309532

Account number: 07375740

Due: 1st January. Please don't pay in December as this adds extra complication to our year end accounts.

Sadly, as a membership, we didn't do very well with this year's payments, and there was a lot of unnecessary extra work involved, so

could I ask that you do your bit and just check that your payments are properly set up for the coming January.

Thank you very much.

Insurance

I wonder whether any member has a background in General Insurance? We are due to undertake a three-yearly review of the club's insurance policy next summer and I would like to get together a small working party to help me with this. Apart from some one from the Sailing and House Committees, another member with specific insurance experience would be most helpful.

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Membership Details

A request from our Membership Secretary - if you have recently changed your landline or mobile number, or even moved house, could you please let our Membership Secretary have your new details. We have had several instances recently where we have needed to contact members and have found that their details are out of date.
membership@hcsc.org.uk

SOCIAL EVENTS

Skittles Change of Date Please cancel the programmed date, Friday October 17th, in your diary. Our social group are working on a replacement date – likely to be in January 2026.

However, we have an additional event, thanks to Peter and Sis – a **Beetle drive** at the clubhouse on November 15th, starting at 19.00 hours. This will be a bit of fun with an entry charge of about £2 which will go to charity. So do come along. Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Recent Events



Sue and Den organised the quiz night on Saturday September 27th and it was a great success. Reports are that there was more fun than brain cudgelling.

Hot off the press is news of the McMillan coffee morning on Tuesday September 30th. There were so many cakes and such a selection that some have been frozen for another time. Thanks to Pete D for taking a lead on this. We raised £275.29.



Whilst on the subject of charitable donations, Wendy S reports that your donations of used printer cartridges raised £19.70 for the RNLI when she last sent them in. Wendy does this quietly in the background but keeps the HCSC contribution going.

BOOKING THE CLUB BOATS from Jim

Just a reminder that the online booking system for Club Boats will go live from **Monday 6th October**. The current manual diary system will cease to operate from that date.

All payments for the hire of Club Boats will be via direct bank transfer from that day. No cash payments will be accepted. Details of the Club's bank account for bank transfers are shown in the online booking system.

Access to the booking system will be via the 'On the Water' section of the Club website www.hcsc.org.uk

Please note, members must first register to use the booking system. Registration is also via the 'On the Water' section of the Club website. Instructions on how to register were sent to all members via email on 11th September.

Notes for guidance on using the booking service will be sent to members once they have registered .

HOUSE NEWS from Peter

Working party Reminder of the **change of date**- it is now **26th October**. Start about 9.15 am as there is an hour change that night, which means everyone should be up early! Please can you bring any tools/screws/etc with you - just in case needed ! This year we will have a BIG list! Watch notice board for the details !

Rubbish We now have two wheelie bins . But please put rubbish into NFDC sacks as before and if full put into bin by side of clubhouse, both clear and green I will sort it out .

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

The Hurst Spit to Lymington project is holding a webinar for the public. You will need to register to attend and you can submit questions in advance. Here are the details:

“Following on from the success and interest through the community drop ins, we are holding a further online webinar for members of the public, please feel free to share the link to this webinar with your members.

We are holding a webinar on **Thursday 16th October 7-8.30pm**.

This session will provide an opportunity to hear directly from the team addressing key topics raised by members of the public.

During the webinar the team will respond to questions submitted in advance, so we encourage you to submit yours.

Please email up to **three questions by midday, Tuesday 7 October** to: hurstspit2lymington@environment-agency.gov.uk

Your input will help shape this webinar!

Please click on the link below to register for the webinar.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/52c731a3-eeef-49c4-bd64-14c702b3947c@770a2450-0227-4c62-90c7-4e38537f1102>

For more information about the Strategy visit www.hurstspit2lymington.co.uk “

TIME AND TIDE



The Time and Tide Bell can be found at Morecombe Bay. It tolls as the tide rises and falls and its symbol is intended to remind us of changes in our climate. The temperature of UK coastal water has been rising since the 1990's.

We wish you happy sailing and kayaking in the last few weeks of the season.

J.W (Editor)

