



HURST CASTLE SAILING CLUB

FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Apologies if you have already received this newsletter. Owing to a technical hitch – not our usual administrator sending it out, only an amateur- some people have received it twice and some not at all. What a learning curve!

Hello, again. One twelfth of the year gone already! Not much happens in January, especially such a grey and cloudy one, so this is only a brief up date.

Do read on -there is news of a club event in February



The usual suspects have been out sailing and kept us up to date on WhatsApp.

Guess who?

Winter Talk February 9th at 19.00 hours in the clubhouse

With the lifting of government restrictions and a generally greater feeling of confidence in the face of Omicron, we have decided to go ahead with the scheduled winter talk.

Vince Sutherland "The Art of Safety-boating"

Vince has been running support boats out of Lymington since 1989. He is an RYA advanced powerboat instructor, Yacht-master Offshore, National/Olympic mark layer and was recently awarded The Queen's Community Medal for services to sailing. It will be an interesting talk, lasting about an hour. Coffee and biscuits will be provided afterwards. Do come. Support our programme organisers and our speaker. Sociability is guaranteed.

Further winter Talks

Paul Jepson will be speaking on Dinghy Cruising on March 9th at 19.00 hours.

Nick Griffin will give his previously postponed talk on Racing on April 16th.

Some sad news Long standing members will remember Paul Hickman who was an active sailor and Treasurer of the club for a long time. Paul has been ill for some years and has recently died. We send our best wishes to his wife, Gill.

Bobbie Cowdell, wife of Ron, also passed away at the beginning of December, again after a long illness. When I joined HCSC Ron was leader of the potterers and on one occasion patiently guided me through the creeks. Bobbie came to our social events. Ron is still a regular at the coffee mornings where friendships go a long way back.

Launch Supper As part of "getting back to Normal" and assuming no more variants come along, we hope to mark the start of season, like we always used to do. Keep Saturday, April 23d free. Should this be a sit down meal with 50 people in one room? A buffet? A lunchtime event? Getting the safest combination is tricky. You can let us know your views by emailing commodore@hcsc.org.uk

Committee News Did I say nothing much happens in January? Not for your committee. We have been busy and getting busier preparing for the AGM. March 19th in case you have forgotten. Paul G has finalised last year's accounts; the programme and development plan are ready. The notice about the AGM will reach you in the middle of this month, mostly by email. Life calms down after the AGM and with the start of sailing, though boat and clubhouse maintenance come to the fore with better weather.

We have had some offers to stand for the committee. THANKYOU. More are welcome. Especially for Commodore..... I will leave you to think about that.

There are some jobs that could be done outside the committee - like editing the newsletter. Or leading on environmental issues. If you think you could offer some time or a skill, we would be glad to hear from you.

An Appeal from Dinghy Park Admin

Ahead of sending out the offers to allocate a space in the Club dinghy park for 2022-23, this is an appeal to those of you with a space, to consider if you are still able or interested in using your boat/kayak sufficiently to meet the active use requirement rule. As every year, these Rules are printed on the Dinghy Park forms mailed to you, and it would be appreciated if space holders would read them to avoid any misunderstanding - spaces aren't allocated to a family in perpetuity! We now have a waiting list for both dinghy spaces and places on the Racking, with new members willing to volunteer and support the club events but without a space.

For Sale Dinghy Trolley for Sale

3 Wheel trolley with high handle suitable for scow or slightly larger dinghy. Very easy to push on and off the beach. Both main wheels have solid tyres so no risk of flat tyres! On view in the dinghy park at No 76. Only £150.

Contact: **A. Fillingham on 07930 480008**

Gull (Sail no 2945) for Sale. £6,995.00

We are selling the Gull we bought in **July 2019**. It is in excellent condition and has hardly been used due to the Covid restrictions. The sails are always kept in our home and are 'as new'.

In addition to the standard outfit the following extras are included:

- Launching trailer
 - Centre main block
 - Slab reefing system
 - Twin metal bailers
 - Hawk overboom cover
- For more information. **Call P. Brewster on 07836598928**

- Road trailer with lighting
- Furling head sail
- Outboard pad
- Padded toe straps

Have you noticed the spring flowers? And occasional sunshine? If you are feeling rusty about sailing, look forward to Ian's refresher training in the spring.



More Training: The RYA is offering on-line training for members who want to learn about organising racing or to increase their confidence. It is in bite sized modules and is FREE. If you would like to join in contact commodore@hcsc.org.uk for the link.

Dinghy and Watersport Show February 26th and 27th at Farnborough. Don't forget the show. Get your tickets in advance: www.dinghyshow.org.uk

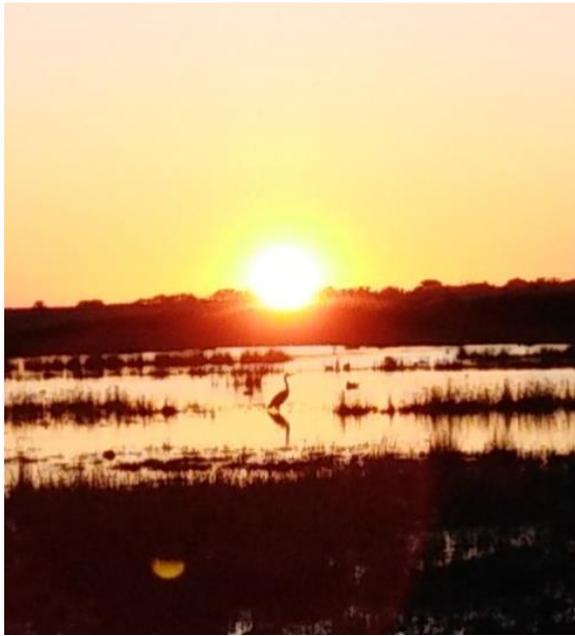


Photo of our lovely marshes, courtesy of Paul R.

Hope to see you on February 9th.

Jean Woods (Commodore)