



HURST CASTLE SAILING CLUB

Newsletter June 2024

Dear Members

Sailing seems to have really got going, at last. There have been plenty of successful events at the club recently. Here you will find brief reports and some up date on future events. Newsletters may be a bit shorter over the summer because water activities take precedence, even for the editor.

Sailing Report

The club's orienteering event for the Nelson Cup took place on Wednesday May 29th with challenging conditions early on.

The winners were: First: Geoff A and Pete S
 Second: Angus R and Peter U
 Third: Michael D

The weather improved considerably afterwards for a barbecue which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Racing on Saturdays and Wednesdays (Early series) is well underway. The racing on Wednesday June 12th will be followed by a fish and chip supper – See the Ad Hoc Sailing or Wednesday Racing WhatsApps for how to book your supper.

The QE11 Pursuit Race took place, as planned on Saturday June 8th in near perfect conditions with nine boats taking part.

Today (Monday) the potter to Tanners Lane was touch and go because of the strong weather conditions. However, delaying the start by 30 minutes and trusting in the forecast of a reduced wind paid off. An excellent trip was made

there and back by 11 boats in all from both HCSC and KYC. That was 23 people plus 4 support boats and their crew. Tired but happy was a fitting description!

Friday 14th is set for a sail to the beach and breakfast on the Spit with our friends from Yarmouth sailing Club – an early start but worth it.

There are still vacancies for Support Boat and Officer of the Day duties for future activities. Please have a look at the rota on the web site and offer where you can.

Update on Social Events from Mike L

Saturday 15 June: Christchurch SC attending with BBQ & Band. Unfortunately, this event has had to be **cancelled**.

Skittles Evening & Quiz Night.

The dates of these events have been **changed**.

The Quiz will now be on Saturday 28 September (not Saturday 19 October as published).

Skittles Evening will now be on Friday 18 October (not Fri 27 September as published).

Information from our Treasurer, Alan B

Hello,

I would like to share with you some of the challenges that I have faced since taking over the role of Treasurer at the beginning of the year and how you can help me make things run smoothly.

I need to identify the purpose of payments made into the bank account. The bank statement includes the name of the account from which the payment came, so unless your name is different, you do not need to include your name in the Reference Field. However, it should give the purpose of the payment, for example: for Membership Subscriptions “Subscription”, For Dinghy Park: “DP123” where 123 is your dinghy park space. For other payments “Locker”, “Engine Store” or “Training” etc. can be used.

For Boat hire, use “Dinghy Hire or “Kayak Hire”. Please could I encourage you to pay promptly: currently we are owed £200 by people who have forgotten to pay for their boat hire. If your payment is delayed, could you include the date of hire in the Reference Field.

Note that we have two bank accounts, please could you make payments into the account ending in 5740.

If you are unsure, please email me at treasurer@hcsc.org.uk with more information.

Thank you for your assistance in making everything as easy as possible, so that I can spend more time sailing.

Sustainability with the agreement of the General committee, Sheila is following up on the pros and cons of Solar Panels. Further information later in the year.

Website Development - Information from the Vice Commodore

Website performance issues

Our current Website is approaching its 10th anniversary and the General Committee has approved a major redesign to improve the look and feel (including user navigation) of the site as well as improving its presentation on mobile devices. The new Website is scheduled to go live at the end of February 2025 ready for the new sailing season. Unfortunately, because of the project and other IT upgrades being undertaken to support the redesign we have experienced recent issues with connectivity to both the whole website and specifically the Webcam and Sail wave results page. The development team are working diligently with our website developer to resolve these issues as they arise and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Our donation to RNLI on the occasion of their anniversary.

Jim P took on the main role of organising this and sent the following report to our local press.

HURST CASTLE SAILING CLUB CELEBRATES RNLI 200th ANNIVERSARY

Hurst Castle Sailing Club, based in Keyhaven, has held a Special Coffee Morning and Boat Jumble to raise funds for the RNLI. These events raised a total of £1200 which was presented to the RNLI Lymington Station in a ceremony on Monday 13th May. In presenting the cheque to Al Mackay, Lifeboat Operations Manager at Lymington, Paul Moxey, Commodore of Hurst Castle SC said that, "As a small self-help sailing club of 400 members, we wanted to help the RNLI in their very special anniversary year. The two fund raising events are a big thank-you from our Club to an organisation dedicated to saving lives at sea'

For more information about the RNLI and its 200th Anniversary go to www.rnli.org.uk/about-us/history. To find out more about Hurst Castle Sailing Club go to www.hcsc.org.uk or contact secretary@hcsc.org.uk

Paul Moxey, Commodore HCSC, presenting the cheque for £1200 to Al Mackay Lifeboat Operations Manager at Lymington with the RNLI lifeboat, 'David Bradley', a B Class Atlantic 85, in the background.



So that's your news for this month. Happy sailing!

J.W. Editor