



HURST CASTLE SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER September 2025

Dear ,

Hello. After the August break, it took a little while to get going again, so apologies for the lateness of the September newsletter. You will find information here about sailing and social events in the near future so read on quickly to make sure that you don't miss out. You will also find news about HCSC in August and photos of some of the events. There is some **very important** information about the new online system for booking club boats. Please read this. Another email later this month will give you more detailed information.

SAILING NEWS from Anne, Rear Commodore Sailing



We have had some very successful and well attended sailing events over the summer, with the local Pottering being particularly popular. This is the first season of it being organised by the triumvirate of Mary McA, Mark S and Bob FG so thank you to them. The weather has been very changeable and gusty this season, with Storm Floris et al, preventing us

enjoying both some of our time-tabled dinghy races and our longer distance Potters, masterminded with precision again this year by Nick G.

The Junior Sailing Week in July organised and run by Peter L. proved very popular this summer with a record number of participants.

There are still 2 months of our season to run, comprising a variety of about 28 sailing events, all of which need volunteer support to allow them to go ahead. Just a couple of clicks away on the website is the Events and Duty rota indicating spaces remaining for the opportunity to get some practice .

There are also 7 sessions of the Beginners and Improvers dinghy sail Training throughout September and October, details in your Programme of Events booklet and on the website.

The Cruisers had to adapt their programme this season as well: the unpredictable weather caused cancellation of Kevin Wheeler's July rally to Poole. Undaunted, Kevin shortly afterwards led an impromptu midweek gathering of 5 club boats to Bembridge for a very enjoyable supper at Brading Haven Yacht Club before an early morning departure in blustery conditions to catch the tide out of Bembridge and, for some, a hard beat with wind against tide back up the Solent. The weather was much kinder for Robin and Roxanne Ford's August bank holiday weekend rally to Bucklers Hard with the traditional barbeque. The final rally in the programme is a gathering organised by Mark Sheppard on 20th September at Island Harbour.

Photo from Terry of the departure to Alum Bay.



PANGALACTIC LYMINGTON RIVER SCOW CHAMPIONSHIPS

Three of our members, Shannon and Ash D and John C competed in this 2-day event. Ash sent the following report–

It was a tough 2 days, Saturday was very windy but lighter on Sunday. We had our 1st scow capsize but carried on racing as Shannon bailed us out. We finished 5th in the Double Handed fleet, but John C excelled with 3rd overall in the Single Handed and first Master.

Club congratulations to all three!

BOOKING CLUB BOATS ONLINE

The Club is introducing an online booking system for all Club Boats. This system will enable members to book Club Boats without having to go to the Clubhouse.

The online booking system will operate from **Monday 6th October 2025**. The current diary-based system will cease to operate from that day. Also, from that day all payments for the hire of Club Boats will be by direct bank transfer. No cash payments will be accepted. Details of the Club's bank account for bank transfers are shown in the online booking system.

There will be an initial registration process to go through in order to be signed up for the online booking system. You will be able to **register** from **Monday 15th September** but please continue to use the Clubhouse diary-based booking service until 6th October.

Registration will be done via the 'On the Water' section of the Club website (www.hcsc.org.uk). The registration link on the website will be live from 15th September.

Notes for guidance on registering for the online booking system will be sent out shortly to all members via email.

We hope you will find the online booking system more convenient, particularly for members who are not local to the Clubhouse.

Jim Page, Chair, IT Steering Group.

trustee2@hcsc.org.uk

SUSTAINABILITY NEWS, from Sheila

The environment agency have informed us recently that the NFDC have secured funding for beach recycling works on Hurst Spit to commence in October.

Hurst Spit 2 Lymington Project

The summer newsletter came out at the end of July. You can access it on their website HurstSpit2Lymington@environment-agency.gov.uk. There is one last public information session at the Bridge Community Centre, Sea Road, Milford on Sea on September 18th from 10.00 to 13.00 hours.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Wednesday 17 September Chinese Potter & Takeaway

After the potter we will be having a Chinese Takeaway from around 7pm. All are welcome, potterers and non potterers alike.

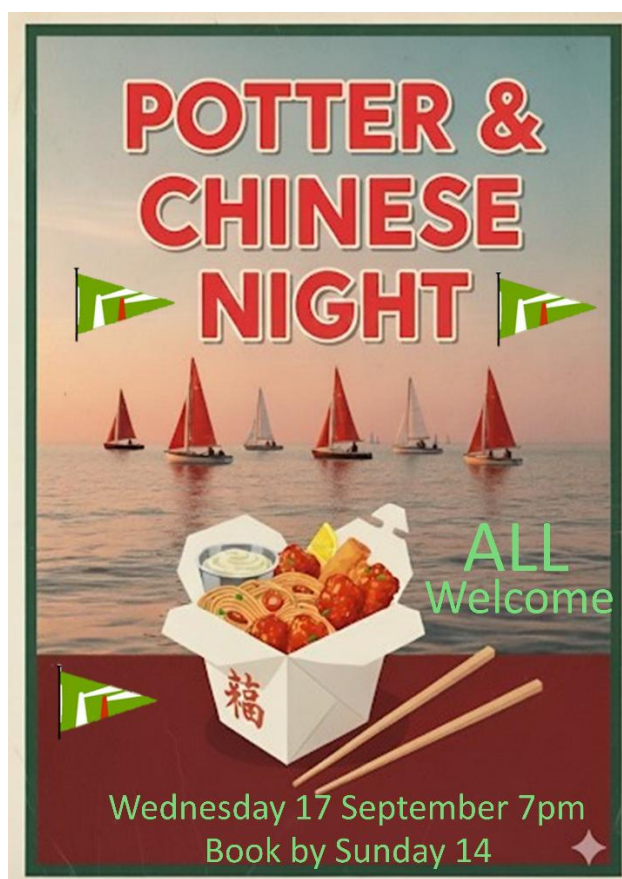
Please choose your menu from the two options below (please note that the veggie option is 50p less) and complete the sign-up sheet in the club or email your request to woodford.terry@gmail.com.

Please do this and pay by Sunday 14th.

We would be delighted to see some of our junior sailors as well. The meal will go ahead whatever the weather!

You can pay by sum up at a coffee morning or by bank transfer. (Cash only as a last resort please) For payment by bank transfer please give the reference "Chinese" to Hurst Castle SC, Sort code 30-95-32 account number 07375740 - and email woodford.terry@gmail.com

Meat Box A 2 BBQ meaty ribs 3x big spicy chicken wings 1 box noodles and beansprout 3 crispy chicken balls + sweet & sour sauce dip free prawn crackers £15.00 per box	Vege Box B Crispy Tofu (bean curd) with sweet and sour sauce dip Veg Egg fried rice 1 box noodles and beansprouts Deep fry fine green beans £14.50 per box
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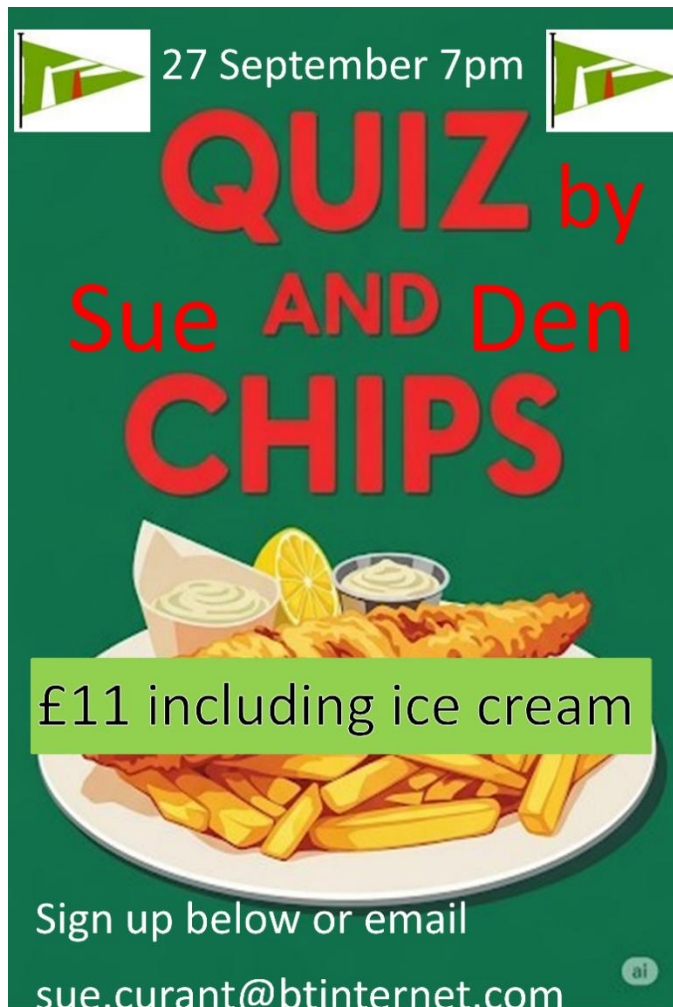
QUIZ NIGHT

Do join us for the HCSC Quiz and Chips supper on Saturday 27th September. The quiz will start at 7pm and we will have a break for fish and chips followed by ice cream at about 8pm after which we will

continue the quiz, before concluding by around 9.30pm. Sue and Den will be our quiz masters. The cost will be £11.00. No need to find yourself a team, each table will be a team so find a table and team to join when you arrive.

Bring your choice of liquid refreshments and glasses. If you wish to use club glasses please wash and put them away before you go.

If you would like to come please use the sign-up sheet at the club or email sue.curant@btinternet.com by 17 September. Please save this date and pay by Sum Up, at a coffee morning or by bank transfer – reference “Quiz” to Hurst Castle SC, Sort code 30-95-32 account number 07375740 - and email sue.curant@btinternet.com to confirm you have paid.



A green poster for a quiz event. At the top, it says '27 September 7pm' flanked by two small green and white flag icons. The main title 'QUIZ by Sue AND Den CHIPS' is in large red letters. Below the title is an illustration of a plate of fish and chips, a lemon wedge, and two small cups of sauce. A green banner across the middle of the illustration says '£11 including ice cream'. At the bottom, it says 'Sign up below or email' followed by the email address 'sue.curant@btinternet.com'. A small 'ai' logo is in the bottom right corner.

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MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING SEPTEMBER 30TH 2025. This is a nationwide event which we have supported before. It has been agreed by the committee that the proceeds from our Coffee morning on the day will be given to that charity. It will be "Coffee and Cakes" and not just biscuits, in return for your donation. We will also need donations of cakes to serve and/or to sell. Yes, first you donate a cake, then you buy back a slice of it. That's the way it works.

OCTOBER WORKING PARTY – DATE CHANGE

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Did you see the Lymington Times' piece on our junior sailing? A good piece of publicity for us.

CLUBHOUSE AND GROUNDS

There have been some local thefts of engines recently so take care with security. Also we do recommend that members' own kayaks on the racks be padlocked because they are very accessible from the car park.

Bins Local residents have probably heard enough about bins so sorry to return again to this boring topic. Peter has obtained a concession from NFDC in the shape of wheelie bins. We still need to use the plastic bags – clear for recycling and the green ones for waste - so no change there. However the bags will go into the bins and be put out on Wednesday evening for collection the next day. This should solve the problem of seagulls and others attacking the plastic bags. We do have to pay for our collections so please be sparing about what you put in the green bags. On the bright side, Peter has ascertained that NFDC is still cheaper than the private collectors that you might see around.

PHOTOS FROM AUGUST EVENTS.







Best wishes,
Andy P, Commodore.
Jean W Editor.