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SOCIAL DIARY 2012

All start at 19:30 hours unless given otherwise

18 February	Social Event
19 February	Pancake Day at HHSC from 12:30
29 February	Cruiser Leap Year Social 20:00
10 March	Murder Mystery Night
21 April	St George's Supper
26 May	Social Event
16 June	Salmon & Strawberries
21 July	Social Event
27 July	Olympic Ceremony & Social
15 September	Social Event
06 October	New members Evening
27 October	Trafalgar Night
10 November	Laying Up Supper
24 November	Annual Prize Giving
01 December	Annual General Meeting 15:00
08 December	Carols & Christmas Songs
18 December	Children's Christmas Party TBA
25 December	Bar Open 12-14:00 for Christmas drinks

Coffee Mornings



Hilde's very popular Quality coffees
the **First** Tuesday every month
at 10.30am throughout the year.



**Ladies AND Gentlemen ALL are invited to come
and join us for coffee, biscuits and a chat.
Hope to see you there!**

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Commodore Bob McManus

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As this is my first report of the new Club Year I should like to start by thanking all those members who turned out for the AGM and also to those who voted to make me the Commodore. To those who could not make it to the AGM let me assure you that I am keen to ensure that the wishes of all members are taken into consideration when the Management Committee makes decisions on how to run the Club and spend your money.

The AGM

The Management Committee had worked hard to plan the AGM and present their individual reports and plans clearly yet succinctly. This was necessary as there were a couple of controversial rule changes to be discussed and there was more than one nomination for the post of Commodore. These controversies seemed to bring out the members with 107 attending including representatives of all interests. Many of the attendees were keen to make their point of view heard so that the meeting was longer than most of recent years closing not long before 18:00.

The rule change affecting the conditions of dispersal of assets should the Club discontinue operations, although most unlikely, was necessary to allow us to continue to develop the Club and receive financial support from the RYA. An extended Management Committee worked hard to agree a form of words with the RYA and Sport England which would be acceptable to our members. There was lengthy discussion and following a vote it was agreed that Rule 30 would be amended to allow the Club boats to be passed to another Sailing Club, or returned to the RYA in the unlikely event of HHSC discontinuing operations. As many of you were unable to attend the AGM, and it has to be said that if you had all tried to attend we would have had to organize a public address system to broadcast the proceedings outside, I feel I should reiterate part of my statement to the meeting prior to the vote for Commodore in effect 4 pledges to the members.

If I am fortunate enough to be chosen as your Commodore for 2012 I would Manage HHSC in accordance with the remit given by this AGM. There are also 3 items that would be high on my agenda for encouragement:

- 1. HHSC is now recognized as a leading training and sailing establishment in the local area, and the management committee is looking at the next stages of development through a Development sub Committee.*
- 2. With nearly 900 members it is surprising that such a small percentage of the members get involved in running the club. I would encourage all members to join in.*
- 3. A recent analysis of the membership and financial statistics over the last 15 years showed that the training and encouragement we give to budding new sailors is paying handsome dividends both in membership numbers and improved Club finances. (see page 26 for more details)*



2012 PAYING-IN NIGHTS



THURSDAY 26 JANUARY & TUESDAY 31 JANUARY
From 7.30 pm to 22.30 pm

We would encourage all members to use paying-in nights.
It really does help the Club save on man hours and postage costs.

So why not come down and have a drink with other members whilst paying your subscription and finalising your mooring/dinghy parking arrangements? We look forward to seeing you!



Please bring your renewal form and membership card with you.



Management Committee.

The Rule Book under Rule 9 states that the Management Committee, although ultimately responsible for the Club Buildings, the Dinghy parks and the Haven and the Moorings it discharges these responsibilities through the various Club Committees. To ensure that these responsibilities are being done to the best effect the Management Committee meets on a monthly basis when the Club Committees and Officers report on plans and progress along with cost against budget. In this way the plans and budget approved at the AGM are monitored to confirm that the remit given by the AGM is being adhered to.

The Management Committee is also the primary interface with interested outside bodies such as Fareham Borough Council and Hampshire County Council, our Landlords and of course the RYA as our sports governing body.

Voluntary Duties

The Club manages to provide excellent facilities at reasonable cost by everyone doing voluntary duties and here is my first appeal. At the AGM the posts of Secretary to the Management Committee and to the House Committee were not filled we would now like to find 2 people to undertake these tasks. The Committees generally only meet once a month and then for about 2 hours between 20:00 and 22:00. The people reporting to the Committees usually provide the secretary with electronic copies of their reports, but of course some reports stimulate discussion, but again these can be recorded and only the relevant parts have to be transcribed into the minutes. As you can see these positions do not entail a great many hours of work, but do give a greater insight into how the club works and where it is going and at the same time the opportunity to make contact with new potential friends.

May I encourage you all to consider taking on either of these roles and if you want further information contact me for the Management Committee or Andrew Knight the Rear Commodore for the House Committee positions.

The member's page of the club website gives direct access to e-mail addresses

CCTV

You will remember that on 2 occasions last year the Safety Boat fuel store was broken into and its contents stolen, apart from the not insignificant cost of replacement it caused the Sailing Commodore a significant additional task to replace the fuel tanks etc, and this to be done at very short notice to avoid having to cancel racing on the following weekend. It was therefore decided to install Closed Circuit TV Camera surveillance on the fuel store.

This surveillance is now working with one camera observing the Club entrance and the fuel store with 2 more viewing the dinghy parks and the Haven, also the Club room including the Bar where in the past we have had break-ins resulting in significant loss. It is hoped that the final 2 cameras will enable views of the sea to be shown on the website.

Therefore you should be aware that you are on camera when at the Club - so smile! There are statutory notices up warning others that CCTV is in operation.

The data is stored securely on site and only a couple of people can access this data and both will need to be in attendance to enable access to be achieved.



Procedures are being developed to enable the Club to demonstrate that it is operating in compliance with The Data Protection Act.

Should you believe that someone has taken some of your sailing equipment it may be possible that the system has captured the incident on camera in which case please contact the Commodore or the Vice Commodore urgently. It has to be said that coverage is not 100% so we cannot guarantee to be able to help get your stuff back and storage capacity is limited so check your boats regularly. That is the positive aspects, but the negative is that you are all being recorded in the vicinity of the Club so if you want to do something that you would prefer someone else to not know about then don't do it near the Club.

Wishing you all a great year on the water in 2012

Bob McManus, Commodore

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Cruiser Class Notes

Christmas is over, everyone is back at work, and I know that many of the cruiser owners are busy with their fitting out. A few major mechanical components of my boat are showing their age and will have to be replaced. I have my work cut out getting it all done in time for the start of the season. So if you can't find me at the club over the next few weeks try the boatyard at Wicormarine where I will no doubt be hunched over the back of the engine and muttering darkly about shaft couplings and engine mounts.



The new flag officers and committees are putting the finishing touches to the new season's fixture list and we intend to stage a full programme of cruiser events. I am planning an informal social evening on Wednesday 29th February to mark the leap year and celebrate the extra day of fitting out time. After that there will be the normal start of season cruiser social on Friday 23rd March and if there are no last minute changes to the fixture list the first race – for the Jubilee Jug – will be held on Saturday 21st April. If I can get Close Encounter's propeller re-connected to her engine in time then Sue and I will be there defending our trophy.

There will be a few changes in the fleet this year. Trevor Andrews has a new boat, a Legend 36, sister ship to Paul Benstead's Quixotic Fantasy – and Lonely Cloud may have a new owner soon. Mike Ablett is the new owner of Pavel Lewtowski's Juno 18 Boomerang, and is busy fitting her out in the Haven. Some of the boats which recently joined the fleet such as Peter Hamnett's Full Circle and Mark Minshull's Squirrel have been turning up more regularly at cruiser events and posting some respectable race results. I hope to see you all, new boats and old, new owners and old on our races and rallies this year.

Dave Ellis, Cruiser Captain

Don't forget to keep looking at <http://www.hillheadsc.org.uk>





Vice Commodore (Sailing)

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Happy New Year Everyone!

Well I am back! This time in the Vice Commodore role, one which actually I think I have enjoyed the most out of all my roles over the years, so once again you can look forward to an excellent year of vibrant, progressive and fulfilling sailing activities which really hit the spot for everyone's needs.

I would like to start by thanking the many members who attended the Sailing club on Friday 2nd December; I was overwhelmed by what was organised and it was great to be there talking to the many people with whom I have worked over the years I have been at the club. As many of you know I do this because I love sailing and I love seeing other people enter the sport and see them flourish, in what I feel is a great environment at Hill Head. I will always be the first to be spearheading the development of club activities, so that you all have something you can enjoy. Thank you for the lovely messages too in the wonderful book that was made for me!

Now onto 2012!

The Line up! Well of course this entire organisation does not come from me alone, we have an excellent team lined up for the coming season and I am pleased to outline them here:

The Sailing Committee

Sailing Secretary	Julie Thorpe	Dinghy Parking	André Ozanne
RYA Principal	Dan Wills	Moorings Chairman	Tony Wardale
Principal Race Officer	Tim Johnson	Child Protection	Paul Daysh
Race Results	Chris Clarke	Youth Coordinator	Margaret Hyde
Open Meeting Coordinator	Les Fish	Scout Liaison	Les Agate
Safety Boat Bosun	Rob West	Fixtures List	Holly Knight
Asst. Safety Boat Bosun	David A Pearce	Website & Mainsheets	Ann Perrett
Club Boat Bosun	Simon Jones	Cadet Representative	Billy Vennis-Ozanne

The Training Sub-team

RYA Principal	Dan Wills	Chief Sailing Instructor	Margaret Hyde
Chief Powerboat Instructor	Andrew Knight	Senior Instructor	Richard Whiteley
Instructor	Guy Bradbury		

Each of these individuals has personal responsibilities and I ask that members liaise directly on the correct subject with the right team member. Members can contact me about anything and I will answer or deal with your queries or direct you to the correct person.

The Fixtures & Rosters

Your fixtures list will soon be with you and once again it follows the same format identifying all of your activities for the year. This calendar is a masterpiece of work and I must thank Holly Knight for ensuring the coordination of the input for it. It is onerous job and it has been a big help having Holly take care of this.

In addition to the Fixtures as usual the key contacts you may need during the course of the year can be found on the front of the fixtures list, along with key details relating to the racing calendar. Remember the fixtures list is your "Notice of Race" for all club racing.

The Duty Rosters will be created during February and the duties you are allocated will be taken from those you identified on your renewal form. If you have any queries with duties, the coming season and your participation in voluntary duties then please contact me directly.

Dinghy Parking

I am pleased to announce that André Ozanne is your new Dinghy parking coordinator. Along with allocating your dinghies, tenders and trailers into spaces, André is very much looking at how we can utilize our dinghy parks better, so with that in mind please look out for communications along this line asking for members' opinions and advice. The priority is to utilize the limited space in the best possible way and all members should help achieve this!

Club Boats

We now have two new RS Visions at the club that will be used for training and general use by members. The process by which we choose which club boats to have and how many are always decided by several factors; in this instance with our initiatives towards increasing retention in the sport, encouraging dormant members onto the water and enabling people to return to sailing. The RS Visions, with larger double handed boats, can ensure a comfortable and importantly an enjoyable return to Sailing.

I can also confirm that during the course of this year we shall be making modifications to our RS Tera fleet and replacing some older club Toppers for newer options.

I can also confirm that I shall be reviewing the terms of condition on club boats; tightening up the process, so all users of the club boats clearly understand their liabilities when taking them out. There is still some damage that is not correctly reported, so this too will be addressed. Do not worry though, if you do use a club boat and something breaks, it is easy to identify, because of fatigue on the boat part, so members will not be liable for breakages that occur because of wear and tear.

Youth Sailing

2012 will be an excellent opportunity for young people to progress their sailing in either seamanship skills or racing. There will be a number of squads for our recognised classes, enabling young sailors to become part of a team



who work together with coaches to improve sailing, the understanding of your boat and importantly get you used to sailing and help you to become more aware of your sailing needs.

Dinghy Weeks and Open Events should be the types of events that everyone works towards in terms of the commitment you make in your training and allowing that to translate into your general sailing and racing time.

Remember if you are not going to commit to Racing or Recreational Sailing outside the organised training we lay on then there is no point in you doing the training in the first place.

Adult Sailing

We never forget you, so this year we will continue with our initiatives of Adults and Ladies Sessions and Return to Sailing. So if you are an adult who can sail, but do not get out sailing much but want to, then this will be a great opportunity to do so with a group of light hearted people who are all in the same boat "If you pardon the pun"! These will be given by coaches and instructors who will be able to give you the confidence needed in order to sail.

Remember you can hire a club boat or sail your own boat anytime there is a safety boat out on the water, if you have your own boat you can sail when you want! Don't get into the habit of only going out when there is a organised training session on, you will never move on if you do this!

Racing

The Racing programme will follow the same format as in 2011, with some added new races to spice things up. I want the Class Racing to be better attended in 2012 and I will be discussing with the Sailing Committee the Race Classes for the year. I am rather keen to ensure we continue to promote classes which are well attended! Watch this space for more information.

Development


My passion is for ensuring we continue to develop and grow. Never moving on means we decline and that is something I will not let happen to Hill Head. Over the year I will start to unveil some plans and projects the Sailing team have under their belt, so be assured the developments we have planned and want to see progressed, are to ensure continued great sailing, accessibility and ease for members sailing needs!

The Year Ahead:

There will be much going on at the Sailing Club this year, so it is the Sailing Committee's job to ensure that the infrastructure and equipment continue to work and properly provide for you and the organised activities in which you participate. Members are asked to support these events, so please bear in mind that everything you do and participate in is run by volunteers!

I will leave it there for now, but remember you can contact me anytime.

Enjoy the Winter and Spring months and see you all soon

 **Luke Morrison**, Vice Commodore (Sailing)



Rear Commodore Andrew Knight

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This year is, I believe, going to be a very exciting year for the United Kingdom as London host the Olympic Games. I am hoping that our sailing club can also provide some excellent sport and entertainment both on and off the water as the year progresses. The club has assets in the form of the clubhouse, dinghy parks and equipment as well as a fantastic location on the Solent. It has a strong financial position with adequate reserves to cover most unforeseeable eventualities. Its other main resource is the membership on whom it is entirely dependent to run events and the day to day activities of the club. Without the goodwill and hard work of members very little would happen and the club would decline or alternatively significantly higher fees would have to be charged to maintain the levels of activity we currently enjoy. A big thank you to all of you who help and especially to those who give that little bit extra.

We are all busy people and I know that volunteers will only help if they enjoy doing so. So please come and enjoy the facilities that the club offers and when you have a duty, or if there is a working party, mark it in your diary and come and get involved.

I am fully aware that it is frustrating if you are on bar duty and no one comes in to use the premises or if you prepare lunches and sell very few. I also believe that we are not using the most of the bar by not always opening when there are potential customers, for example weekend afternoons when sailing is on. I am hoping that we can devise a scheme where this may be possible, perhaps for a trial period. I am not however suggesting that lunch bar volunteers remain for a protracted period. This is likely to be a rostered extra duty (I can hear the roster organiser groaning at this point and of course we are of course back to our volunteer resource). It is however worth us looking at evening bar usage and if there are evenings where there is very poor usage, is it really worth opening? I should say that I have always been keen on the principle that the bar is open each evening as it provides clarity to the membership. The bar closing on one or two evenings would not however be any worse than volunteers not turning up to open the club.

A similar situation arises with lunches. Sometimes there is good demand while at other times very few lunches are sold. This is dependent on a number of factors, including what other activities are taking place and the weather. A significant factor is in my view a lack of information as to whether lunch will be available. If those who prepare lunch would like to email me with details of what they are preparing a week to ten days before the lunch I will endeavour to publicise within the club. At least those who regularly use the club will be aware as to what is available. Anyway that's enough about potential changes.

I am lucky enough to inherit an established house committee along with a couple of new people. We hope to facilitate the provision of some enjoyable events as the year progresses. There will be some old favourites and hopefully some new themed evenings for your enjoyment. However, the organisation and putting on of events cannot be left to the house committee alone. Social events are dependent on individual members having the idea and commitment to put them on. This can be daunting, worrying and hard work, but ultimately it is enjoyable and satisfying – why else would some of the old regulars put on club suppers year after year? So please, if you have a great idea, get a group of friends together, talk to the house committee and organise the event!

Best wishes Andrew Knight, Rear Commodore (House)

HARBOUR MASTERS REPORT

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Well after a cracking start to the New Year, it would seem that this year has thrown the club's Haven working parties into total chaos. All the tides seem to be out of kilter so I will have to revise them later in the season. Some moorings will be surveyed and replaced as necessary later on.

I have received some good news that the yellow post is finally in the last throes of being made and will be off to the galvanisers shortly. Many thanks to Graham Samuda who has worked tirelessly on it.

I'm in the process of acquiring a flat bed trailer or launching cradle for use on the top slipway; it will hopefully be useful to all. Booking via me as usual. I will let you know when it's likely to be in service.

Apart from the usual jobs things are a bit quiet. I'm hoping to get the local contractor to carry out dredging for us as well as some remedial work around the haven, as this needs heavy plant. Luke has taken care of the application process with the Environment Agency, Natural England and the Marine Management Organisation.

Jobs that were carried out at the end of last year, all winches have been tested for another year and all wires have been renewed. I'm in the process of getting some new winch covers made.

The club's wooden safety boat the Alston was removed at the end of last month to have some essential work carried out on it. It suffered a fair bit of damage coming alongside. It will be out of service for a couple of months having the top sides re-varnished.

John Wardale, Harbourmaster

HHSC Trainee Instructor Oppies 2011		TROPHY AWARDS 2011	
Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Alfie Dancer		Charlie Newbold	
Robert Sterling			
Megan Smart			
James Russ			
Sam Titmuss			
Daniel Shillaker			
Sam Kimbley	Already Awarded		
Charlie Roper	Hari Raval		
Already Awarded	Lottie Johnson		
Becky Johnson	Billy Vennis-Ozanne		
Joe Dancer			
Continued Helpers			
Guy Bradbury, Les Agate, Paul Tate, Fiona & Rob Garth, Shaun Roper, Jeremy Hughes			
RYA Certificates for Development in Oppies			
RYA Level One	RYA Level Two	RYA Level Three	
		Michael Sterling	
Previously awarded:	Previously awarded:	Previously awarded:	
	Robert Sterling, Charlie Roper, James Russ, Gemma Terry, Mary David, Emily David, Amelia Whitford, Gus Jones, Megan Smart, George Carter, Michael Guthrie, Ben Coleman, William Raynor, Ollie Vennis-Ozanne, Leo Buckley, Rtvik Patel.	Neil West, Daniel Terry, James Arber, Miles Elvidge, Tom Thorpe, Daniel Shillaker, Sam Harvey, Toby Whitford, Conal Murray, Sam Kimbley.	
Onboard Certificates			
Emily Dimmock, Michael Guthrie, Isabelle Shaw			
Assistant Instructor Certificates			
Olivia Lade, Abby West, Jack Fitt, Harry Ives, Alasdair West, Beth Fieldsend, Tom Smart			
Youth Development Certificate - HHSC Youth Development Awards 2011			
Level 1	Joe Dancer, Jamie Bushnell, Lottie Johnson, Becky Johnson, Meg Smart, Alfie Dancer, Megan Pound, Ajay Raval, Chris Edwards, Miles Elvidge, Sam Kimbley, Conal Murray, Neil West, Harrison Fry,		
Certificates for	Starting to Race		
	Tom Smart, Charlie Titmuss, Daniel Shillaker, Lucy Bushnell, Hari Raval, Sam Titmuss, Katryna Woodgate, Tom Thorpe.		
Level 2	Awards for gaining Experience		
	Monique Vennis-Ozanne, Chris Ainscow, Gemma Ainscow		
Level 3	Performs to a good standard for the age group		
	Harry Ives, Charlie Newbold, Beth Fieldsend, Ewan West, Alasdair West		
	Already Awarded: Lawrence Crimble, Connie Brocklebank, Tom Charter, Jack Fitt, Lauren Arber		

Mirror Captain, Sally Richardson Mirror@hillheadsc.org.uk

Our planned get together on New Years Eve brought some fiesty, gusty conditions for single-handed sailors. My hat goes off to those who not only turned up at the club but ventured out! Two intrepid sailors took part in the racing. Bob Seymour completed one lap before returning to shore, Al West sailed on and completed 3 laps before capsizing.

Mirror Events

The programme of Mirror Class events forwarded from our Southern Area Representative, Robert Bellfield at Warsash are now on view in a PDF on the Mirror Class page on HHSC website. The Mirror Europeans are being held in Poole 19-24 August followed by the Nationals at Itchenor 28-31 August.

Winter training

Becky and Lottie Johnson have been taking part in the winter training programme hosted by Warsash Sailing Club. They have thoroughly enjoyed the excellent coaching and welcome they have received at Warsash. There are two further sessions planned on the 12th Feb and 26th Feb and if anyone is interested, I'm sure the Johnsons will be happy to give first hand information and experiences.

There is the possibility of a final coaching session occurring at Hill Head on 11th March, further details to follow. For those overwintering their boats at home, be prepared to return your boat to the club early this year if you are interested in taking part.

Mirror Social

An evening "get together" is planned for Friday, 17th February. I hope we can have a look at a new Mirror DVD as a starting point. The link below gives information and a clip:

<http://www.sailracer.co.uk/events/v2-otherorderform.asp?eventid=49037&uid=1>

Mirror Squads and Open

Mirror Squads are again part of the programme for 2012. The dates for your diaries are:


Sat, 28th April - Sat, 19th May - Sat, 30th June - Sun, 9th September.

Details to follow.

Our Open will be the final event as part of the Southern Traveller Series on the 14th October.

Summer BBQ with Warsash

We are also hoping to have a get together with Warsash Mirror sailors sometime in the summer, with some racing/sailing followed by a BBQ. They are thinking of having a passage race to Hill Head, which sounds fun!

 Sally Richardson, Mirror Captain



So You Want to Win the Stig Challenge!

Well in order to help you here is all you need to know to form the perfect strategy to win the Stig Challenge. This information was obtained from a review of the details given by the competitors in the Stig Challenge 2011.

Wind Strength

You may consider that the stronger the wind then the faster the lap time. To a certain extent you would be right! Obviously it is unlikely that you will record a winning time in a Force 2 (but you will win if no one else enters!). However at the other extreme no one has won the Challenge in a Force 7 or above! So there should be a wind strength which will generate maximum speed without being permanently overpowered. Believe it or not just half of the top ten entrants set their lap times in winds in excess of Force 5. Yes, Phil Hyde (1st) and Lez Hardy (2nd) raced in Force 6 wind, but Mike Coombes (3rd), Max Hindry (5th), Lez Hardy (6th) and Mark Hindry (9th) posted their times in Force 4 winds. This seems to suggest that a white knuckle roller coaster ride in big winds may be OK for some, but in gentler winds there is ample scope for you to display all your ultimate sailing skills to figure high in the results (and maybe win!)

Course

There seems to be little to advise you on the Course other than to ensure you race round Alston, Jacqueline and Yellow Post in any order!

Wind Direction

This section may hold the key to a fast time. Let's face it, if you have to beat to windward then it is likely you will be running with the wind behind you in the other direction. Both beating and running are slow points of sailing compared with reaching. So is there a wind direction which enables you to reach both ways?

An analysis of the top ten results reveals that 1st, 2nd and 7th were in a South-Easterly. 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 9th were completed in a Southerly wind, and 8th and 10th were sailed in a South-Westerly. It therefore seems that South-Easterly and Southerly winds offer the best opportunity to race with reaches in both directions. In addition the sea conditions will be better. Any wind with a Westerly element is likely to generate the Solent chop as the wind is blowing against the tide. Of course, having waves can substantially increase your speed. However, if you are surfing down them in one direction then you are more than likely to be sailing into them in the opposite direction.

So far nobody has entered the Challenge in offshore winds. The advantage would be dead flat water, but the downside is that any Northerly wind develops some nasty shifts and adrenalin filled gusts as the wind funnels in, around and over the Clubhouse and other obstructions on the shore.

What Month

The two fastest competitors both recorded their times on the same day in June. Otherwise, out of the top ten, four entries were filed in September,



two entries in October and two in May. This may indicate that the wind is less strong in the Summer months of July and August, but with the trend to uncertain seasonal weather conditions, it is clear that if the wind is blowing then launch and go whatever the month!

In it to Win it !

If you want to win then you have to enter! Yes, this article is primarily about winning, but the Stig Challenge was devised to encourage members of all abilities to have a go! The Stig Challenge should take approximately ten minutes and therefore even by my shady maths, this enables you to record six laps in only an hour! So every month in 2012 treat the Challenge as your own **mini Olympics!**

November 2011 Results

There were two entries for the Stig Challenge in November. In Force 6 North-Westerly winds Lez Hardy in his Laser beat the writer and Brian Collyer in their Buzz by just 4 seconds on corrected time. Well done Lez! Grrrrrrr!

The Challenge in 2012

The sailing Calendar has been published and racing starts on Sunday 11th March 2012. Two whole months without racing! Wrong! The Stig Challenge can be undertaken at any time of the year, so what are you waiting for?! In view of the fact that there are likely to be few takers at this time of year then the entries for the first three months of the year will be combined in one result.

Conclusion

In order to win the Challenge, choose a sunny day with a Force 4-5 South-Easterly, plan your strategy for mark rounding and away you go. Even if you do not win you will have a very pleasant sail.

Good Luck **Guy Bradbury**

Sailing is an Optimistic World

In October I found myself sitting by the side of a sailing coach on a club rib, this being one of the tri club topper training squads. Hill Head, Spinnaker and Christchurch have established this winter training programme to bridge the gap for those sailors wanting to progress to a higher level.

A very informative gentleman filled me in on his background; he had 3 children and all had spent a number of years in Toppers. His youngest daughter was now doing very well sailing and he was spending his time sharing the knowledge he has gained over many years.

We chatted at length about dinghy sailing and its attributes to the development of a young person's character. We all have this in common, in that we are either a parent or have been a child and some have been both and so knowing how it is as a young person, we know it is important to prepare yourself for the big wide world.

Sailing dinghies out from the slip, in close quarter with an easterly swell and a looming shingle bank, into that sometimes erratic Solent chop confronts all sailors with many decisions that can only be answered by the sailor.



It is the person at the helm (and its why this phrase is used so often when we talk about how a country or a multi-national is lead) that has to make the decisions when they are confronted by a maverick wave from the bow of a distant Southampton tug, along with a gust that wafts from nowhere, it is they that make the decision on how much to push the helm down, there is no parent there to hold that tiller and say easy goes it.

Youngsters have in recent times become less able to play outdoors as perceived risk of potential problems have kept them indoors, they are crying out to get away from that xbox or playstation but they perhaps just don't know it. Dinghy racing provides that element of risk and risk taking that is essential for us all to benefit from their experiences.

The physical science of sailing, the tactical nous needed like chess on the water, the physical fitness to deal with variables from competitors, wind, waves, tide and even the course, when an unfortunate sailor gaffs the racing mark sailing downwind with it, now in this situation what do you do! All of it is a great educational cruise.

Hill Head Sailing Club provides, at very fair cost, for such training activities, knowing that as that youngster progresses through to adulthood they become rounded individuals who become doctors, nurses, teachers, scientists, service men and women and they give back to us all, that is the unwritten deal made. As parents and grandparents we put a lot of effort and money into growing youngsters and often it is a balancing act in what to encourage with time factors and costs; whether it be football, netball, scouts, piano etc. It's a hard job, but when you have to make some of these decisions have a thought for Sailing and the things mentioned above, along with the social interactive side.

Dinghy sailing is a single or double-handed sport, but it does have in the way that most sailing clubs operate a team spirit, many people are rostered for sailing activity support and then perhaps sail the next week's race when another team look after the race support. Here's an experiment - pick a club member at random and ask did they learn to sail as a cadet? If yes ask them have if they have an old mate from their early sailing days, then ask the question to anyone, do they have a best mate from junior school!

Julie Thorpe last year started the Novice and Junior race events, which have proved very popular with her encouragement and guidance and am pleased to say that she will be doing the same this year along with some informal Friday evening get-togethers for cadets when the warmer weather approaches.

This club has fabulous resources with Oppies and Teras which are very good value and with a number of cadets venturing out for these cadet races the club boats are a great way to join in.

Many cadets think the Oppie / Optimist is a dull old fashioned boat, but if you want to be surprised at what they can do, type in "Optimist wave" on Youtube and be prepared for an eye opener.

The other fact to bear in mind is that this country's most successful Olympic sailor to date with one silver and three golds sailed an Optimist until he was 15. Of course children need some guidance; very few wake up on their seventh birthday pop into the kitchen and say Dad I want to join a sailing club and sail. It's here that supporters need to plant the acorn for them to grow into Oaks and so I leave that thought with you and look forward to seeing lots of youngsters and oldsters on the water.

To the next time, André Ozanne

La Belles du Ball Solent Hotel & Spa, Whitely, Fareham.

Laying Up Supper
11/11/11

*Ladies in ball gowns and men looking dapper
Mingled with members at the Laying Up Supper
Some said Supper was Super
And others just smiled*


Happy ☺

The 2011 Laying Up Supper faced an uphill battle of rising prices, poor reputation and the need to maintain its position in the club's social calendar as the formal event of the year. It seems this year to have been a resounding success.

Guests were asked to complete a feedback form and they did so in large numbers (53 forms completed) and with great passion.

When asked "Is there anything you would like to see that would make you more likely to come next year" they said:

No Brill *No. Brilliant - thanks!*

No Brill	4	Chocolate Indulgence Sweet
Reduced Bar Prices	4	
Keep Price down	2	
Trevor and Friend (doing Tai Chi)	2	
No Abba and not so loud music	1	
More people	1	
8pm start and invitation	1	
Trevor to Pole Dance	1	
Good write up in Mainsheets	1	
More Dancing	1	
Corkage using Club Wine	1	
More of the magician	1	
Confirmation we don't go back to Collingwood	1	
Welcoming Drinks	1	

When marking 1-5 what they thought of the "Quality of the Food" it scored 4.3 (85%). For Quality of the Venue and Entertainment, both scored 4.2.

TROPHY AWARDS 2011

Race Achievement	Trophy Awarded	Name
Cruiser Racing Awards		
Jubilee Jug	Jubilee Jug	Close Encounter, Dave Ellis
Shamrock Shaker	Shamrock Shaker	Quixotic Fantasy, Paul Benstead
Tony Smith	Tony Smith Award	Wandering Glider, Matthew West
Pipit Plate	Pipit Plate	Not awarded
Charles Brand	Charles Brand Tankard	Wandering Glider, Matthew West
Tankard Race	The Tankard	Wandering Glider, Matthew West
Joshuas Jug	Joshuas Jug	White Fang, David Ansley-Watson
Cruiser Runner up	Cruiser Runner up	Andrew Knight, Maillot Jaune
Overall Champion	The Corrie Tiller	Wandering Glider, Matthew West
Novice Race	Novice Race Tankard	Squirrel, Mark Minshull
Mainsheets Best Sailing article	The Cruiser Keg	David Ellis
Mainsheets Best overall article	Waterford Glass Dinghy	Guy Bradbury

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Joined from October 2011 to January 2012

Gary Thompson	Sailing	Emily Dimmock	Cadet
Jon Steward	Sailing	Julian & Hazel Yeardley	Social

When asked:
 "What one thing would you change
 (if anything)"

Bar Prices	13
Not a Thing	12
Live Band	3
Welcome & Grace	3
Price of House Wine	2
Soft Drink Prices	2
Can we have a raffle	1
DJ Stuck in the past	1
Get rid of market research	1
Include Wine in Price of meal	1
Not bothered with Magician	1
Price	1
Put it on Saturday	1
Separate seating from Dining	1
The Company	



Trevor & Jim Tai Chi Extravaganza

Bar prices were high, but when you are so used to paying the low prices at the club's bar, anything above £2 a pint is high. It certainly did not seem to spoil peoples enjoyment.

I suppose some went home a little more sober than normal but could recall what a great time they had.

Of course a live band would be great, but then would you pay the extra £5 per ticket?!



Our Rising Stars (The Cadet Table)

Judging by the feedback and the fact that we were nearly at full capacity you had better book early for the 2012 event if you do not want to be disappointed.

Your feedback will be used to guide us in making this year's event even better.

Does anyone have a pole I can borrow?

2011 Footy Event at the Hill Head Sailing Club on New Year's Eve

Report by Roger Stollery

The Hill Head SC is on the north-eastern shore of the Solent, just west of Lee-on-Solent, where the River Meon discharges into the sea through a small harbour sheltered from the prevailing south westerly winds. Sailing is only possible close to high tide and there is frantic dinghy launching down the ramp as soon as there is enough water.

Through the enthusiasm and encouragement of Scott Wallis, the Club arranged a Footy event on Boxing Day 2010, which was cold and windless with ice in the harbour. Although only having 6 entries the club regarded it as a success and invited Footy sailors again in 2011, as you will have seen from the NoR in one of Peter Jackson's recent memos.

This year's event was very different with 16-23 mph winds from the WSW forecast and a big swell and breaking waves as the water broke over the shallow ground near the entrance to the River. Everyone in the club was very welcoming as Hugh and Roger arrived before lunch for the 2.30 start, which was determined by the high tide at around 4 o'clock.



After lunch and discussions about hulls, materials, rigs etc, a few of us keen to get sailing launched from the shingle beach to test the conditions in the big waves and found that it was tremendous fun, with the Footys sailing incredibly well once we were in the right rig. The powerful boats like my ICE felt comfortable in the 400 high swing rig, whilst Scott's long thin double diagonal measured Haggerup RANGER opted for a smaller balanced una rig.

Quite a few more boats joined the sailing on the big waves in front of the Club house including MYA secretary, Chris Durant sailing his ANT for the first time in ages and local 11 year old Rhys Morgan sailing my SUPABUG. Roger thoroughly enjoyed the experience of sailing his ICE (and racing it for the first time!) and onlookers were amazed how well these little boats performed even when they disappeared in the trough between 2 huge waves. Surfing down the waves offwind was great fun, but perhaps the most amazing performance was sailing to windward parallel to the waves where one could sail downhill for an extended time with an added boost to the already wonderful performance.

As the starting time approached, more and more local Footys joined the fun, but some found that their rigs were too big to sail in the exposed conditions and race officer David Perkins set a long triangular course inside the harbour.

There was a total of 12 entries mainly home-made chine boats including RAZORS etc. Apparently one of them was started just a couple of days before the event; a magnificent effort! There was a dedicated rescue boat, lots of spectators and family team supporters and several club members recording the scores and checking the order where the leading boats were lapping those further back in the 3 lap race.

Hugh got the best start and sailed away to win Race 1 easily, with Roger 2nd and Scott 3rd. There was a short break whilst a simple windward-leeward course was set closer to the launching ramp from which we were sailing, as many had found great difficulty in judging the rounding of the distant windward mark. In the Race 2 Hugh was leading, but missed

the 'starting line gate' on the first lap and had to go back. This allowed Roger to take the lead and win with Hugh 2nd and with another young member taking 3rd place with SUPABUG. By this time some of the dinghies, who had been racing had got into trouble and were returning to the launching ramp and this caused some difficulty with them being slightly out of control and sailing in the Footy racing area.




As some of the organisers were getting cold and it was starting to get dark, it was decided to call a halt to racing.

This did not prevent a few of us returning to the exposed open water and having tremendous fun sailing in those big waves. Whilst the waves are so big and the boats so small there seems to be very little effect on the performance, as they don't pitch up and down as they would with small waves, but just cream along.

This was not just the end of the event because despite the fact that there was no entry fee, the club had prizes to present. Young Commodore Luke Morrison presented prizes to Amy Barr, the first Hill Head SC skipper, the rescue boat team, a bottle of wine for Hugh, who was declared 2nd and a magnificent glass trophy for Roger as the 'last race winner' broke the tie.

Hill Head SC created a very friendly event and a lot of enthusiasm for these little boats and intend to run another event in 2012, so the Footy class must put this on the official class calendar. The actual date is determined by the tide times and the date will be fixed in due course but will be sometime in the Christmas holiday. David Perkins, Luke Morrison and his team were congratulated for creating a very enjoyable and well-supported event.



 Thanks to Adrian Whyntie for the Footy Photos.

Spear Throwers and Jousters Darts Final

The 21st December the eve of the longest night this year saw Sheila Ward's and Martin Feasey's team square up. With Brian Wild gallivanting off to Tasmania, the Club's Indoor Sports co-ordinator had to become a long distance, indoor, overseas sports co-ordinator. Brian's impeccable organisation worked a treat. Raffle prizes were laid out alongside the Piston Darts trophy to entice a great sized crowd of supporters to chance their luck, and £51 was raised for prizes and the scrumptious food prepared and offered by Pat Dyer and Roger Norman.

The long distance plan was to play the singles and a doubles game then breaking for a bite and drink at 9. With some very accurate and high scoring throws by both teams all the singles and doubles games had been completed before 9. Unlike some of the early rounds of the competition there was no lulling around those illustrious doubles for 10 minutes, I guess that's why these teams were in the final. With very close finishes Martin's team pipped Sheila's and wrapped it up before the all v all. Sheila, Brian and Stuart gave warm congratulations to Martin, Liam and Mike.



As Brian is down under, Tony Provis turned the evening on its head and suggested the finalists take on the mob with a mind blowing 1001. This proved to be great fun the mob gave the finalist a good running and were a tad unlikely not to ace them.

Andrew Knight presented the prizes in his new role as House Commodore and on behalf of Brian I send his thanks for this and to all who have competed, helped, drunk at the bar and supported this activity.

Finally a 'Good onya mate' to Brian.

Regards, The Stand-in local Indoor Sports Co-Ordinator

Hill Head Beach Hut Association Cadet Sponsorship

The Hill Head Beach Hut Association have again agreed to sponsor a cadet for the 2012 season. This is the third year this has occurred. The lucky cadets in 2011 were Michael Guthrie, who came via Titchfield Sea Scouts and in 2010 Daniel Terry who came via Crofton School.

The sponsorship pays for the cadet membership, 6 oppie sessions and an RYA Stage 1/2 course. Both the boys have become competent sailors. Daniel was followed by his sister Gemma who has also become a very competent sailor; both of them sailed in the inter club team racing in 2011.

Hill Head is very pleased that this link with the Beach Hut Association is encouraging someone into the sport that may not have had such an opportunity. If you know of someone that would like to apply please email.

Margaret Hyde Youth_coordinator@hillheadsc.org.uk

The Cadet Christmas Party

The Cadet Christmas Party took off in full swing with a range of activities set up by a number of parents and helpers.

Blindfolded Pin the wind at the centre of effort on the painted boat's sail taxed adults and youngsters alike. Chain sinnet knotting team racing hauled in the crowds along with hat, flying machine and boat shaped biscuit making.



A couple of thirsty parents opened up the bar and started the festive cheer for the club. Colin Thorpe did a fabulous set of Sea Shanties to serenade the eating activities and the arrival by sea of the old Salty claws. With festive lights festooned upon Salty's vessel he had some last minute navigational difficulties, only by the quick thinking cadets did Salty realise that he was heading for Lee with a sharpish gybe he came ashore with the treasure.

Salty reported back that HHSC has some marvellous young sailors who said they can't wait to get out in the spring time in Oppies and Teras. Salty Claws had heard of Optimists especially those ones thinking they were receiving an ipad for Christmas, but he hadn't heard of a boat called a Tera but he said, he'd met in a few!

Salty's helpers Harvey and Sue did a fine job in finding 35 youngsters amongst the festivities to unite them with some RNLi presents from the treasure trove. So with the young ones heading off, the next age range of Cadets headed in to the club.

Salty headed off as the wind was picking up and it looked like perfect conditions for a quick Stig lap and tour along the bay.

He slipped in a quick Stig in Santa's disguise. It was blowing a good 5 SSE and he whizzed round in his old tub at 6 min and 18 seconds. He reckons he is in with a chance with a 1459 PY; still he will bow down for the prize as he will be busy during prize giving 2012 with the next batch of children's goodies.

Salty left the party in good hands with Margaret at the helm with a wide range of physical games to keep them actively festive. A good turnout of helpers made the early evening a well-run HHSC event. Thanks to all.
To the next - Salty Claws' Bosun

Two Men and a Woman in a Boat !

With apologies to Jerome K Jerome



It's early in December. On parting the curtains the new day is murky. There appears to be a bitter wind and even the trees seem reluctant to let go of their last remaining leaves. The warmth of the duvet provides a very compelling argument to stay put. Perhaps the day will appear much brighter with the prospect of the heady aromas of grilling bacon and percolating coffee. Unfortunately I snap out of such pleasant thoughts as I remember that many weeks ago I had made a commitment and that day had now arrived. What could possibly drag me out of the cosiness of my pit? Was it the prospect of a final blast for the year, up and down the Solent? Had a skipper asked me to make up the numbers in a yacht competing in the Winter Series? Was it a pre Christmas family knees up? No, much more exciting than any of these, it was the 2011 RYA Club and Coach Conference!

After the gloom and drizzle of the drive to Hamble, the new headquarters of the RYA was a haven of warmth and free coffee! Dan Wills arrived just after me and we registered before taking stock of the array of promotional and coaching aids freely provided by the RYA. All seemed well, but wait a minute, where was Margaret Hyde? Had she forgotten? Had she turned up at the wrong venue? No! With seconds to spare, Margaret ensured that Hill Head S C had three members in attendance. No other club had such high representation.

So, what was this Conference about? By way of background, it is one of eight similar meetings held throughout the country. The RYA hosts this event annually to update and inspire club coaches, RYA club principals, race coaches and anyone with an interest in promoting sailing. This conference was led by the RYA High Performance Manager and the RYA Southern Development Officer. This all sounds like names and job titles for the boys, but after listening to them for just a few minutes the forty or so delegates soon appreciated that the speakers were fully focused on the importance of promoting people to sail and providing the means for our top sailors to win World and Olympic medals. Our sport receives a substantial amount of money from Sport England. Go on to the RYA website to see just how much, and where the money is utilised. Sport England has limited funds and will not fritter money away on a sport that has little impact on the general public. Therefore the RYA needs to show Sport England that sailing deserves its support, and it provides data showing the number of people who sample sailing and, importantly the number of people who not only try it, but who take up the sport. In addition the continued supremacy of our top sailors is the icing on the cake.

In the current economic climate it is unknown what funding will be available in the years following the Olympics in July 2012. The RYA seems to be working very hard to make sure that sailing has a good case, if not better, than any other sport. It is clear that without the same level of funding (let alone any increase to offset inflation) then cuts will have to be made.

The average club sailor may struggle to realise how this may have any impact on their position, but, consider this; the facilities at Hill Head SC are maintained by our subscriptions. If we have fewer members then we have less subscription income and the Committee may have to reduce our expenses which we presently take for granted, or increase your subscription. This may make our Club less appealing to prospective members and slowly the Club may begin to stagnate.

"I am a Club sailor. I don't get the benefit of any RYA grants." Actually, you do! The RYA provides Coaching grants for both adults and juniors and our Club attracts new members because coaching is available. New members mean more racing, the more boats on the water attracts even more new members. The subscription income from new members is helping to keep your subscription at a very reasonable level.

So the morning session involved the discussion in small groups of what makes a healthy racing and training club and whether the awarding of a Volvo Champion Club status requires modification. In addition, what improvements can Clubs make to increase participation? A free exchange of views followed with every delegate pointing out what was good and worked at their own clubs. Although we have a common interest in our respective clubs it was fascinating to learn that it appears that no two clubs are alike. Every club has attributes but also has drawbacks (I wish we did not dry out!)

It was extremely reassuring that Hill Head SC seems to have adopted or at least considered the majority of the discussion themes. It is good to know that we have been working on the right lines! It was made clear to the delegates that our suggestions and input would be an important part of the RYA's consultation and proposals for improvement.

After our blue sky thinking of the morning session, we were treated to an inspiring coaching session by Tim Hulse on Preparing and Running a Tactics session. Tim obviously enjoys instructing as he came along after coaching rugby in the morning at Havant RFC! Tim is the National Training Coach for the Laser 4.7 and he has coached the Laser fleet at Hill Head SC. As with the best instructors, he broke the information down into bite size chunks, so of course it all made sense. Why can't I apply the same thought process when I am racing?! Hopefully, as this article is being read by Club members, then you are already smitten by the sailing bug, but ask yourself, do you make enough of your boat, your Club and the available facilities? Do you encourage family, friends, neighbours or indeed anyone with whom you come into contact to try out our sport? If not, then with the prospect of a sack full of sailing gold medals in 2012 there is no better time to spread the word.

When we departed the warmth of RYA headquarters, we ran to our cars to avoid the worst of the sheets of rain slanting in from Southampton Water. Two Men and a Woman in a boat? Not on this occasion, but it had been a good day.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL STATISTICS - 1995 TO 2010

The beauty of being a Trustee is that, as an invited member of the Management Committee, one is aware of everything that is happening in the Club without having any short term responsibilities, not even having to vote (most of the time). This does not mean that one cannot add to the discussion. Therefore it has been interesting to watch and take part in the discussions on several occasions when controversial proposals have been made to the Committee. Notable examples have been the conflicting cases put forward when a grant to buy more club boats has been identified.

The opposing views have always been put forward with great passion and emotion. I sometimes felt that some of the points put forward would not stand up to closer scrutiny and the final decision was taken more from an emotional feeling than based upon fact. When I suggested that we should examine our records to determine the facts you can guess who was given the task of analysing the records.

The membership secretary reports regularly to management what is happening to the membership numbers and the annual report contained in a single spread sheet goes back as far as 1995, so that was the start of the period chosen to analyse, the end being the last set of annual accounts available i.e. 2010. It did take some time to dig out the annual financial reports from the archives. To speed up the analysis it was decided to look at the records every 5 years during this period. As it turned out the primary results only needed to consider the start and end dates.

It is quite evident from the numbers that HHSC has changed over the last 15 years, although the total fee paying membership, (this takes no account of the cost of that membership nor of the number of people involved in each membership) has remained similar over the period. The make up of the membership however has changed.

Fee paying membership has averaged 458 over the period with a small variation of +/- 50 with the greatest extremes in 1995 and 1997. Total membership numbers have risen from about 600 to nearly 900.

Sailing membership however has fallen from nearly 200 to about 135. Family membership during the same period has risen from fewer than 100 to nearly 200, and children now make up nearly 30% of the total membership whereas at the start of the period it was 11.7%.

The effect of these changes on the financial situation is as follows:

Membership subscription income has increased by twice that of the rate of inflation.

Dinghy berthing fees have also increased at twice the rate of inflation.

This is an impressive improvement of the Club's financial position, particularly when one considers that the increase in fees are usually tied to the rate of inflation and we have substantially increased the number of club owned boats during the period.

Although the membership of HHSC has changed over the last 15 years it probably has reached a new plateau. The space we have available to store dinghies is fixed and although the dinghy berthing officer has been imaginative in filling this space to the maximum it is unlikely that more dinghies can be comfortably accommodated. To progress further will require further changes and these are now being considered under the heading of a Development Plan.

Bob McManus Commodore - former Trustee

Rooster RS Tera Open training and Race day October 2011

Hill Head Sailing club organised a training day on Saturday which attracted over 30 sailors, with sailing conditions sent from heaven; the only issue was seeing the mark flags flying in the sun-reflected wavelets. Dan Alldis, John Piatt, Charly Capon and Tracey Jacobs arranged some superb training exercises which saw some of the local and



visiting sailors prosper with new found confidence. The chance to sail amongst a good sized fleet has an inspiring effect; the day was finished off with a number of mini races and a de-briefing.

Race day woke with only a whisper of wind and eyes were fixed upon the Rooster Sailing flag, the race team willing it to fly a little fuller. The start was postponed and the race team kept on their toes and set a trapezoid course as the wind built. With the Pros starting first and a long first beat out into mid Solent the Pros made short shrift with the building wind. Brothers Yann and Tristan possibly chatting about local conditions gave them a 1,2 with the rest of the fleet close on their sterns. The sports set off with a great start, Liam Willis from Lymington, Joshua Boniface and Alex Butler from Hayling carving out through the fleet on the first lap contesting hard, with Alex keeping everything together and fine display of lee bowing to cross the line first. The finishing line had to be moved as the wind dropped to torment the sailors and the race team, the mid fleet being tested by a strong tide.

Some hasty mark moving and a shorter windward/leeward course got proceedings underway. George Catchpole took a shine to this new course and worked hard at keeping an advantage over Josh Bakker. Sports were also raring to go on this new course, Billy Vennis Ozanne was on fire after finishing 4th with an OCS in the first race, flying up the first beat creating a commanding lead over Ossian Bracegirdle and Henry Jameson to take local boat line honours.

27 3rd Race saw the Pros with the line hotly contended and this time 1st place was taken by Anya Green from Hayling with George on her heels

and Luke Bailey pushing hard. With some great manoeuvring around the sport fleet on their beat. Sports started with a hard fought start for the committee boat end, Henry, Alex and Billy contesting hard up the first beat; Billy rounded first and kept position to the finish first, followed closely by Henry and Alex.

With Tristan and George very close on points these two had all to play in the fourth and last race, George showing good consistency finishing third just pipping Tristan on points for overall victory.

Very gracefully the Pros allowed all four races to have a new winner and Luke Bailey from Emsworth took line honours.

Sports were just as close on points with Alex, Billy and Henry all up for an event win. Four OCS's gives an idea of the pressure on the start, Alex getting a clean start along with Henry at the port end forged ahead. Alex's consistency gave him the race and the event, followed by Billy one point behind and Henry one point further back.

Commendation must go to all Hill Head sailors with a 100% finish ratio this surely shows enjoyment and commitment and determination. Hats off to Meg Smart, Tom Thorpe, Harriett Brocklebank, Jaisila Patel, James Russ, Flynn Luxton, Sam Kimberly, Daniel Shilaker and Robert Sterling. Local Sailor Gemma Ainscow received the Achievement award, sailing in a new model boat kindly loaned from RS sailing for the event. Prizes sponsored by Rooster Sailing with tea and some tasty cakes finished a superb two day event. Thanks to all the volunteers at Hill Head Sailing club for the same commitment that the sailors gave and thanks to RS sailing and Rooster Sailing for sponsorship, look forward to seeing you and many more next year.

To the next, André Ozanne

Development Awards		TROPHY AWARDS 2011 continued	
Race/Achievement	Trophy Awarded	Name	
High Quality Dinghy Sailing outside HHSC	Vice Commodore's Cup	Charly Capon	
Best Cadet	The Cadet Cup	Abby West	
Best Crew	The Crew Cup	Joseph Fenwick	
Perseverance Award - L2 course from beginner / continue sailing	Perseverance Cups (3)	Christine Russ, Shaun Roper, Jeremy Hughes	
Perseverance Award	Perseverance Bowl	Catherine West	
Improvement through year	Development Award, Adult	Mike Chant	
Improvement through year	Development Award, Cadet	Anna Mackay	
Endeavour Award	Endeavour Tankard	John Etheridge	
Ladies Endeavour Award	The Ladies Cup	Julia Mackay	
Effort and Commitment	Combination Whistle	Julie Thorpe	
Beginner starting racing, completed races/commitment	Top Dog Mirror	Bob Seymour	
Beginner starting racing, completed races/commitment	Top Dog Topper	Julia Mackay	
Beginner starting racing, completed races/commitment	Top Dog Laser	Tom Charter	
Continuous Effort/completed races	Top Dog RS Feva	Not awarded	
Effort and Commitment	Combination Whistle	Julie Thorpe	
Beginner starting racing, completed races/commitment	Top Dog Mirror	Bob Seymour	

Development Awards continued

Race/Achievement	Trophy Awarded	Name
Beginner starting racing, completed races/commitment	Top Dog Topper	Julia Mackay
Beginner starting racing, completed races/commitment	Top Dog Laser	Tom Charter
Continuous Effort/completed races	Top Dog RS Feva	Not awarded
Continuous Effort/completed races	Top Dog RS Tera	Daniel Shillaker
Commitment/effort racing	Lady Fair Jug	Les Agate
Commitment/effort windsurfing	Challenge Board Sail Trophy	Liam Feasey
Leading by example	Leaders Cup	Guy Bradbury
High quality Open Events outside HHSC	The Clamerkin Shield	Steph Webber
Handicap Cup races (All In)		
Hill Head Hangover	Hangover Tankard	Not awarded
Youth Trophy	The Youth Trophy	Clare Mackay
Fifi Flyer	Fifi Flyer	Mike Coombes
J. S. Alston Handicap	J. S. Alston Trophy	Steve Cockerill
Gareth Ellis Youth Race	Gareth Ellis Trophy	Abby West
Easter Bunny Pursuit	'The Chaser' - plus bunny	Joe Hindry
Wilson Houlder Race	Wilson Houlder Trophy	Mark Hindry
RNLI Burgee Race	RNLI Burgee	Ian Morgan
Short Course (One Off)	"One Off" Tankard	Ian Morgan
Mums and Dads Race	Bates Bowl	Simon & Sally Shillaker
Stan Reucroft Memorial Race	Stan Reucroft Trophy	Mike Ellis
Remembrance Sunday Race	Glassware	Ian Morgan
Stig Challenge	BIG MAN Trophy	Phil Hyde
Laser Team Racing	Minute Trophy	Not awarded
Triangulation Trophy	Triangulation Trophy	Simon Mason/Simon Davis
Handicap Series Winners		
Early Bird Fast Series	Champagne Bucket	Ian Morgan
Early Bird Slow Series	Early Bird Trophy	Carol Hindry
Easter Series Large handicap	Easter Series Large handicap Trophy	Dean Pepperell
Easter Series Small handicap	Easter Series Small Handicap Trophy	Deb Young
Cuckoo Cup Fast Handicap	Cuckoo Cup	David Vines
Cuckoo Cup Slow Handicap	1937 Cup	Carol Hindry
Morning Series - Fast	1938 'Lid' Tankard	Max Hindry
Morning Series - Slow	1937 Half Tankard	Ian Martindale
Autumn Series, Large Handicap	Glassware - Perm. Trophy	Lez Hardy
Autumn Series, Small Handicap	Glassware - Perm. Trophy	Billy Vennis-Ozanne
Evening Duskers Series, Small Handicap Haven Cup	Evening Duskers Series, Small Handicap Haven Cup	Chloe Barr
Evening Duskers Series, Large Handicap Kappa Cup	Evening Duskers Series, Large Handicap Kappa Cup	Max Hindry

Race/Achievement	Trophy Awarded	Name
Handicap Series Winners contd		
Late Spring Series, Small Handicap	Late Spring Series Small Handicap Trophy	Carol Hindry
Late Spring Series, Large Handicap	Late Spring series Large Handicap Trophy	Paul Sadler
Summer Solstice Series, Small Handicap Haven Hull	Summer Solstice Series, Small Handicap Haven Hull	Abby West
Summer Solstice Series, Large HHSC Handicap Yellow Flag Cup	Summer Solstice Series, Large HHSC Handicap Yellow Flag Cup	Ian Morgan
Pinks Pot, Large Handicap	The Pinks Pot	Lez Hardy
James Laverty, Small Handicap	James Laverty Cup	Deb Young
Master Series 'All In'	SS Boat Trophy (Fast) Masters Cup (small cup)	Chris Litt (Fast) Les Agate (Slow)
Cadet Series 'All In'	Cadet Trophy (Fast) G1938 Tankard (w/o lid) Slow	Max Hindry Billy Vennis-Ozanne
Winter Series	Large Handicap Trophy	Dean Pepperell 2010
Winter Series	Small Handicap Trophy	Georgina Thurlby 2010
Frostbite Series	Large Handicap Trophy	Joe Salisbury 2010
Frostbite Series	Small Handicap Trophy	Chloe Barr 2010
Class Mixed Handicap		
A Series, Small Handicap	Giblet Ore Trophy	Judi Thurlby
A Series, Large Handicap	Ratsey Cup	Not awarded
B Series, Small Handicap	Berthon Cup	Helen Audsley
B Series, Large Handicap	Brians Bell	Hannah Burke/Lucy Searle
C Series, Small Handicap	Clipper Cup	Not awarded
C Series, Large Handicap	Crofton Cup	Steve & Sarah Cockerill
D Series, Small Handicap	Small Handicap Trophy	Helen Audsley
D Series, Large Handicap	Crewsaver Cup	Grant Shaw
E Series, Small Handicap		Christopher Clarke
E Series, Large Handicap		Not awarded
F Series, Small Handicap		Judi Thurlby
F Series, Large Handicap		Mike Coombs
Slow Handicap, Overall Champion	Operation Solo finalist	1st. Judi Thurlby 2nd. Helen Audsley 3rd. Deb Young
Fast Handicap, Overall Champion		Not Awarded
Class Races		
Mirror Class A	Commodore's Cup	Sue Vines
Mirror Class B	Treasurer's Trophy	David Vines
Mirror Class C		Not awarded
Mirror Class D		Margaret Hyde
Mirror Class E		Richard Whiteley
Mirror Class F		Margaret Hyde
Mirror Class Champion	Meon Mirror	1st place 2nd place 3rd place
		Margaret Hyde Bob McManus Richard Whiteley

Race/Achievement	Trophy Awarded	Name
Class Races continued		
Topper Class A	Sea Spray Trophy	Abby West
Topper Class B	Ann Burns Trophy	Amy Barr
Topper Class C	1938 Cup	Not awarded
Topper Class D	Solent Cup	Abby West
Topper Class E		Chloe Barr
Topper Class F		Abby West
Topper Class Champion	Swinburn Cup	1st place. Abby West 2nd place. Carol Hindry
Laser Class A	1936 G/L Cup	Ian Morgan
Laser Class B	Rainbow Tankard	Phil Hyde
Laser Class C	EC Viney Trophy	Kerry Morgan
Laser Class D	Quinnel Cup	Lez Hardy
Laser Class E		Ian Morgan
Laser Class F		Max Hindry
Laser Class Champion	L/C Champion Trophy	1st place. Lez Hardy 2nd place. Max Hindry 3rd place. Ian Morgan
RS Feva Class A	Frigate Cup	Not awarded
RS Feva Class B	Series Trophy	Not awarded
RS Feva Class C	Series Trophy	Not awarded
RS Feva Class D	Series Trophy	Not Awarded
RS Feva Class E	Series Trophy	Cameron Webber/ Joseph Fenwick
RS Feva Class F	Series Trophy	Simon & Daniel Shillaker
RS Feva Class Champion	The Series Champion Trophy	Cameron Webber/ Joseph Fenwick
Short Course Racing		
All In - 1st Series	Weybridge Cup	Lez Hardy
All In 2nd Series	Croudace Cup	Mark Hindry
All In 3rd Series	Anne Meech Cup	Abby West
Short Course Racing, 1st Youth	Meon Mug	Max Hindry
1st Small Handicap Winner	2 Up Cup	Judt Thurlby
1st Large Handicap Winner	Hayward Trophy	Howard Piper
Oppie Trophies		
Best Oppie Sailor	HHSC Oppie Cup	Sam Titmuss
Most improved Oppie Sailor	Most Improved Oppie Cup	Ben Coleman
The Oppie Picture	Outstanding commitment to Oppie organization	Richard Pound
Oppie Painted Sail	Oppie Best Newcomer	William Rayner
Best Tera	Half Pint Tankard	Billy Vennis-Ozanne
Most Improved Tera	Half Pint Tankard	James Russ



FREE-ADS for MEMBERS

Sadly, I must part company with my Lonely Cloud, a 1973 bilge keel, 23ft Westerly Pageant. I have had her since 1997 and sailed as far as Cherbourg and Alderney as well as around the Solent area.

You will not find a finer version of this popular and trustworthy yacht. The hull was professionally painted with Awlgrip, giving it a unique glister and minimum maintenance. A new Jabsco toilet was fitted in 2002 followed in 2003 by the replacement of all halyards.

In 2004 a new Yanmar engine was installed by a main dealer. At the same time all the engine, cabin and navigation lights wiring was replaced and a new switchbox fitted.

The last survey was in 2007 (report available) following a major service ashore which included the fitting of a new Harken mainsheet track and sprayhood.

Last year (2010) I brought the halyards back to the cockpit and fitted a single line reef and new Lewmar winch.

This year, 2011, I replaced all the cabin cushions (£2000) and the engine was serviced by the main agents.

The sails have been valeted each year and the hull antifouled annually.

The inventory includes a Navman VHF/DSC radio (2006), NASA log and depth gauge, Plastimo bulkhead compass(2003), Plastimo Roller Reefing, twin batteries, warps, fenders, dodgers, horseshoe lifebuoy, Danbuoy, twin gas bottles, Fire blanket, Radar Reflector and cockpit cushions



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Bembridge 2011

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