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SOCIAL DIARY 2016

All start at 19:30 hours unless given otherwise

30 October	RNLI Christmas Sale 12noon - 2pm
12 November	Laying Up Supper
26 November	RNLI Christmas Sale 12 noon - 2pm
26 November	Annual Prize Giving
03 December	Cadet Christmas Party
11 December	Annual General Meeting 15:00
25 December	Christmas Drinks at the Clubhouse TBA



Coffee Mornings



Hilde's very popular Quality coffees

the **First** Tuesday every month - 10.30am throughout the year

Ladies & Gentlemen are ALL invited to join us for coffee, biscuits and a chat.

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Thanks to Matthew Bradley for setting up and maintaining your new web site.





Rear Commodore (House)

Marina Odey

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The last few months have been busy as usual with open events, curry night, and dinghy weeks. They were all very well supported by members either by entering or volunteering.

I must say a special thanks to all my catering volunteers, all of whom worked tirelessly especially over dinghy weeks.

The laying up supper is being organised for next month so watch out for the info and sign up sheet which will be posted soon.

A quiz night and Board game evening are being planned.

We have a busy time approaching with the potential refurbishments of the changing rooms, to increase the size of the ladies and make better use of the space in the gents, with additional showers in each. A copy of the plans will be posted on the notice board.

These alterations will mean that the club will be inaccessible for a period of time, we hope this will be January.

John Lewthwaite and the History group have compiled a great book which is available in the club house. In this book is a wealth of history about the club and who was who and who did what. If you have a moment please do have a look.

Marina, Rear Commodore



More news about HHSC History Group

About one year ago a group of members lead by Club's historiographer, John Lewthwaite decided to try to put together a formal summary of the Club's history starting with its formation by Col. Alston in 1930. This would provide a complement to the booklet prepared in 1980; the Club's 50th Jubilee year.

A Year-by-Year summary was prepared with each page listing those serving on management and on supporting committees. Significant events in each year were also listed, together with occasional lists of members and their boats. The details were taken from the Minutes of Club meetings, AGM reports and in more recent years from the Club's journals. Thereby a *Yearly Summary Sheets* document has been prepared which is now complete.

A bound volume has been placed in the Club's bookshelf and it is intended to update this as the years progress. This can be read any time at the club - but not taken away please.

During the course of this study, it became apparent to the members of the Group that additional information was available from their memories of the past. It was considered that these personal reflections should be bound in a separate volume which has been entitled *Selection of Past Members and Events*. This has included background details on previous senior members and their boats, in particular Colonel Alston about whom little had been documented. This additional volume is in preparation and the Group would welcome inputs from all members.

The next meeting of the Group is planned for Thursday 10 November 2016 at 2.30pm in the Club House.

John Lewthwaite imaa.co@ntlworld.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS - *Joined since July 2016*

Family

Paula Darlison, Bruce Hutsby & Charlotte
Simon & Caroline Phillips, Ben & Jess
Richard & Jo Comerford & Aidan

Cadet

Daniel Vartan

Student

Will Jones

Cadet Representative Abby West

Cadet sailing at the club has been particularly busy over the past few months. The 29th of July saw a team challenge evening where groups competed across two different activities – a paddleboarding duck relay as well as sailing orienteering, a new cadet activity for this year. Despite the strong wind and waves, some excellent oppie handling was shown for the orienteering in order to collect letters from different locations on the water.

During August, two very successful dinghy weeks took place. The quality of racing this year was really impressive, with particularly strong Topper and Tera fleets. It was great to watch such a large number of cadets putting into practice everything they have learnt through the training and race coaching that the club offers, whilst having lots of fun at the same time. Thanks need to go again to Luke and the dinghy week team for organising one of the club's biggest and best events.

Outside of these events, several cadets took part in both national and world championships this summer across different classes, achieving some fantastic results, so well done to them. Club racing, especially the coached novice races, also continues to be popular.

The season is far from over – as I write this there are still oppie sessions to happen and many races to be sailed, so don't put your sailing kit away just yet! On the 17th of September, Hill Head will be sending lots of cadets once more to the RYA's annual Hampshire Onboard Festival, where those that have recently learnt to sail through the club will have the chance to take part in several fun activities and different water sports to celebrate their success.

Don't forget there is still one more cadet sailing event to happen on the 28th of October. Whilst I will not be able to be at the club for this one, it will still be going ahead so please support it and look out for advertising in the next few weeks with details of how to sign up.

This is unfortunately the last time I will be writing as the cadet sailing rep at the club. I need to say a massive thank you again to everyone that has supported the cadet events over the past 4 years, whether you are a member that has given up their time to help me make them happen, or a cadet that has come along to make it worth our effort.

I am pleased to say that Daniel Shillaker will be taking on the role next year, with support from some other members as well. Whilst Dan will no doubt have his own ideas of where he wants to take the cadet sailing events, I am sure they will be just as successful (if not more so!). Please continue to participate and help him in the same way you have helped me, and I look forward to catching up with everyone next summer!

Abby West, Sailing Cadet Rep. abby.west@hotmail.co.uk 😊



Accidents do happen!!

As a cruiser owner I think I speak for most other owners when I say we all accept that accidents will happen when moving to and from our moorings. The Haven is particularly restricted especially when there is a wind blowing and nature takes over!

Amongst MOST of us there is an unwritten rule/agreement that should you hit another boat on its mooring the very least you do is have a word with the owner to let him/her know what has happened and offer help to put good any damage done. I have owned a cruiser on and off for the last 25 odd years and, to my knowledge, nobody has ever held anything against anyone who has owned up to such an accident.

What a shame the person who hit 'Full Circle' on her mooring, probably during the first two weeks of June, was apparently not aware of this 'agreement'!

Hoping you are reading this, and feeling duly embarrassed; she was left with some ugly black scuff marks on the hull (now cleaned off) and about 2ft (.75 metre!) of the port side bow toe rail cracked and broken. Particularly annoying as I spent a lot of time this last winter smartening up said toe rail.

Peter Hamnett peter.hamnett1@ntlworld.com



Another season is drawing to a close with only the Folly Final Fling to look forward to.

Rallies and racing have been well attended in the main, despite the usual variable weather.

We held rally dinners in East Cowes, Bembridge, Langstone, and Lymington with between 8 and 25 attendees and completed six races.

Something like 20 different boats – mostly from the Haven - have joined our races and rallies and many have made other significant voyages on their own. Others have struggled to find time to sail amongst the competing demands of work, children, and grandchildren. Andrew and Anne Knight visited Christchurch Sailing Club in their boat, David Ansley Watson suffered a rudder stock failure in his boat White Fang but I believe that is now repaired. And Matthew West completed his trip around Britain in his Trimaran Wandering Glider.

The picture is from our Chichester rally in July when there was no room in Northney Marina so we rafted up at anchor instead. I think we might forget the visit to the pub next year and raft up overnight somewhere quiet like the Thorney Channel and have a party on the boats. We really need at least two of the bigger boats with two good anchors each to secure the raft at all four corners.

Sea Reach has done well in her first season of racing helped by a favourable NHC base number which is gradually creeping up to something more realistic. But John Wardale and Karen Boothroyd in Stormfinch and Andrew and Anne Knight in Maillot Jaune are hot on our heels.

Sue and I have logged just short of 1500 miles in our first full season with the new boat crossing to Normandy twice and cruising down channel to Fowey in Cornwall and managing two bank holiday trips to Weymouth. The boat is properly back in commission now after her four year lay-up in Chatham before we bought her. But there is still a lot to do to get her up to tip top condition. And last weekend beating into a rough force six in the West Solent one of the genoa sheets parted. If you've never heard it 14mm double braid goes with quite a bang.

Dave Ellis Cruiser Captain



RNLI

CHRISTMAS CARDS CALENDAR/DIARIES ETC

ON SALE IN THE CLUBHOUSE

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER AND SATURDAY 26 NOVEMBER

12 NOON - 2.00 PM BOTH DAYS

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HARBOUR MASTERS REPORT

John Wardale Harbourmaster@hillheadsc.org.uk



Well it's been a busy old time, work has been progressing well on Moorhen, I struggled to get the old shaft and cutlass bearing out of the boat spent in excess of four hours at it one day. One would imagine a boatyard cost would be fairly high for that job. (The surveyor back in 2006 advised that the cutlass bearing be removed when I got the boat.) But that's a large job which including prop shaft removal which I didn't fancy doing at the time. The shaft and prop were taken to Hamble props for refurbishing where they found the old 30 year old shaft was worn that in turn needed replacing, the prop was trued up and rebalanced. I finally managed to get the new cutlass bearing in once the prop tube had been re-polished - all these parts were ordered from the web and took time. This in turn was carried out when I had the time.

The gantry was removed from the vessel and taken to be modified by a firm in Gosport and they have also manufactured new winch handles. Moorhen's decks have been repainted with non-slip paint, the wooden floor boards have also been refurbished and the bottom has been re antifouled. I'm in the process of replacing the wooden strip to the rear of the wheelhouse and giving the grab rails a lick of sadoline.

The anodes have been replaced and the gantry has been retested. I have made up some docking arms for the trailer to make life easier when I remove the boat for essential maintenance.

The boundary fence a joining the car park was temporary repaired as it was broken due to vehicles colliding with it. The fence boundary weeds have been doused with weed killer. The spit-side dinghy park around Moorhen and at the top slipway has been strimmed.

I have replaced the winch warning signs at the top of the main slipway as the old ones were tatty. All the club static winches have had their wires re-oiled with preservative.

Some week ago Force 4 Chandlery in Bursledon suffered from a fire so I managed to top up my store with lots of bargains for the club including masses of smoke damaged rope which will save the club in the long run as well as getting some extra antifouling for the future.

I have acquired some heavy duty chain to replace the Alston mark when time allows. Having spoken to various members the grab handles alongside the slipway will be replaced as time allows. I have managed to have a purge on the spit slipway and fill and repoint the slipway as there were gaps appearing, there has been some new additions of ring bots added as some were beyond repair. The club slipway has been repointed too and the top level re-skimmed as the top surface was breaking up.

I have repaired a board from the main club slipway as there was one that had popped out.

I have been slowly replacing the locking mechanisms for my store doors which are suffering from the effects of too much salt spray.

One point that was raised to me by a member **you should be aware** of the various ring bolts and hoops that are used for securing cruisers down on the new concrete area. All these items are not on the path and you need to look where you are going.

The pontoon will make its way up to the top of the haven for the Winter in mid November as it has done so previously.

Earlier in the year part of the cruiser slipway quay wall started to fall to bits, some of the sleepers numbering four disappeared due to high tides some of these were later recovered, sadly one was missing I have since replaced this with a generous donation from Portsmouth harbour. These were refastened and I have placed another corner fender to hide the sharp edges.

John Wardale Hon. Harbourmaster

FREE-ADS (boats and parts) for MEMBERS

RS TERA SPORT £1,100 ono Hill Head

Bought from Brand New (2011)

Racing kicker (6:1)

Dacron sport sail (number 1762)

Trolley and cover (somewhat frayed)

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ALTERNATIVE NAUTICAL TERMS

George Hands

[Mainsheets
April 2002 p17]

Aye Aye	way way of of saying saying, yes, yes.
Berth	mooring usually approached by Braille.
Canvas	cloth to remove skin from knuckles.
Capsize	internal diameter of hat.
Catalogue	manufacturers list of redundant items or parts.
Chart	datum at the crease.
Clam	sea creature that lives inside a pair of hinged ashtrays.
Compass	instrument for detecting metal parts
Compass Rose	found in red buoy district.
Deck Scrubber	device which spreads spots of dirt over the whole deck.
Deck Shoe	resists slipping except in a marine environment.
Deviation	course steered from the pub.
Double ender	boat that is neither coming nor going
Figurehead	decorative dummy found on sailing boats.
Fitting Out	summer preparations for winter storage.
Torch	tube for storing dud batteries.
Fo'c'sl	cb'n fr'th'st fr'd.
Galley	boat used for economy
Hydrophobia	measure of sanity.
Oilskin	epidermal condition suffered by engineers.
Propeller	underwater winch for collecting ropes.
Quarantine	four masted plague vessel.
Yacht racing	aquatic contact sport.
Radar	electronic nautical game, avoiding the blips.
Schooner	drinking vessel.
Seabag	ageing mermaid.
Shower	standing naked near a large wet dog.
Spinnaker	used to slow the yacht by immersion in the sea
Wake	horizontal track of the boat, or ceremony held if vertical!
Windlass	sailing yachts female crew.



The Annual Prize Giving Saturday 26th November starting at 19:30.



All winners of prizes will be given warning either by telephone or email, but it would be great to continue with our usual outstanding turnout from members!

NOTE: If you haven't already returned last year's trophies please do so ASAP. Please put them in the boxes in the training room.

Reminder for you please



! ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING !



SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER 15:00

Note: This is a different day from earlier years

COPY DATE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE

It has been increasingly difficult acquiring copy for Mainsheets magazines. So it has been agreed that only TWO copies per annum will be issued. Hopefully in April and October commencing 2017. Please try and send your items on time. **Next issue copy date - 20 March 2017**

Thank you E-mail: editor@hillheadsc.org.uk



Popeye



MY POPEYE PROJECT
 BY GEORGE TURNER age 11
 OCTOBER 2016
Episode Two



The gunwales and all the timber trim were in a very poor state and needed replacing.



During my half term holiday in February I started the strip and refit.

New hardwood was going to cost more than £95 and I was told that I could use close-grained Scandinavian pine which cost £24 of my pocket money.

I filled the central gutter with expanding foam and fibreglass then painted with bilge and locker paint.

The paint would have cost £18 but since it was in a dented tin 'YOU BOAT Chandlery' in Gosport let me have it for £10.

The new hole to starboard of the centreboard housing is for a self bailer.



Andersen self-bailer £50 new bought for £9 on Ebay.



BEFORE



All the other materials for the overhaul were from old left-over tins in my grandpa's garage.



AFTER



The transom rudder and outboard mount done and new wooden blocks being made in DT class at school with the help of Mr. Kettlewell.

The name and logo stickers kindly made by Shaun & Sheila at Image Xpress in Stubbington.



Refitting the thwarts.



Fitting the ancient Red Ensign bought from the old Chandlery Barge at Bursledon and newly rigged with a clean sail.



I bought a plastic tarpaulin for £2 from B&Q and made the boat cover on my grandma's sewing machine.





I re-rigged Popeye with a balanced lug, with the yard mount 1/3rd along its length and the tack mounted forward of the mast so there is almost an even length of sail from top to bottom ahead of the mast. The sail area in front of the mast helps balance the sail area aft, thus the name, so sheeting loads are lighter.



Preparing to launch from Hill Head beach for the maiden voyage



Up with the Ensign and setting off.



Off to Hill Head Harbour and her mooring at HHSC



Sailing at last!



George will be due for an award for the best overall article for the year in Mainsheets





MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE AND CAKE DAY 2016

Well, that was a busy day and it has been wonderful to see so many people. Thank you to all of you who supported this fantastic event. There has been enormous work behind the scenes this year and we faced huge challenges with the car parking and ongoing work on the beach. Fortunately, the contractors have been incredibly accommodating to ensure the event could go ahead with as little disruption as possible and hopefully you all managed to park (although it might have been a little further away than you would have ideally liked).

I am sure you will want to hear that our initial fundraising total from entry and raffle donations is an amazing £4071.

THANK YOU - this will make a difference.
Lorraine, Sue and Sue.



We are Macmillan.
Cancer Support

Thanks to Lorraine White for the photo

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Free-Ads can also be shown on the website members page should you so wish.

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