

The Shrimper



April 2022

Dear Members

Following on from our last newsletter in October last year a flurry of activity has occurred in many areas of the club as we transition from lockdown to becoming a fully active club again.

The first was the AGM was held on the 19th November with new committee members, shuffling of positions as well as returning members to the committee. The complete list of fine upstanding volunteers is listed further on.

It's a good sign when even the winter weather didnt stop the water activities in particular club racing , possibly it was a good time to subtly suggest that new sailing gear needed for Christmas to keep their loved ones warm? Fortunately the bar was always warm during its usual openings of Wednesday and Friday evening and Sunday afternoon. Not excluding the well supported social activities that the new social committee laid on for members and guests.

Christmas, Boxing Day, and New years eve saw the club filled with members wet both inside and out with an excellent raffle arranged by Ady Pells and all delivered in accordance to the applicable restrictions. Although mark rounding on the water might not have always stuck to the 2 metre separation. New years day kicked in with traditional energetic bike ride to prepare for the 2022 season. There are two classifications really A & B

Bernie and myself were invited by Shotley Sailing Club Commodore Tom Claydon and his wife Nicki as guests to their annual dinner and dance, in March, which we attended although this did unfortunately coincide with our own laying up supper. A fun evening was had and it was good to talk with various sailors about the benefit of both clubs joining in each others sailings calendar.

Following on from some high winds and tides that occurred in February a work party was called for by Robbie May to clear the sand ready for the first race.



Last picture with extra beef needed for traction. Obscured to avoid identity of beefy members!

The club had to start the year by replacing a safety boat outboard, as pictured fitted to club RIB. The previous outboard being around 18 years old, and was past being a reliable safety boat engine. If anybody knows of somebody who would be interested in 18 year old Suzuki 60HP 4 stroke to repair (oil and water issue) then please contact Robbie May on robertcmay6@btinternet.com



A special thank you goes out to all the members who have stepped up to assist the race management, man the bar, help out during social events, and assist with dinghy compound clean ups. Always looing and welcoming new members to volunteering where they get to meet and enjoy the company of other members.

Got a few hours to spare? Initially good to come to club on Sunday from midday to mid afternoon. Alternatively there is a list of contacts on the clubs website www.htsc.co.uk, post a comment on facebook 'Harwich Town Sailing Club'.

Hoping we all have a good Spring and Summer

Best Regards

Mark Holbrook

AGM APOINTEES

President	Betty Holbrook MBE
Commodore -	Mark Holbrook
Vice Commodore -	Ady Pells
Rear Commodore -	Clive Fowler
Honorary Sailing Secretary -	John Bartley
Honorary Membership Secretary -	Denise Everett
Honorary Dinghy Park Secretary -	Didge Everett
Honorary Sail Training & Development —	Mick Verrier
Honorary Treasurer -	Sarah Davies
Honorary Secretary	Frances Vincent
Committee members	Dave Richardson, Andy Webb, Di Bush, Ian McCrea, & Robbie May
Social Committee	Chris Green, Kim Webb, & Tracey Reason
Sailing Committee	Andy Webb, Dave Richardson, Dave Reason, Mark Holbrook, Di Bush, Didge Everett, Ady Pells, & Robbie May

Sailing Report October 21 to Present

Since the October newsletter, the Autumn Series came to an almost predictable end with the Webb rocketship (aka Aero 7) comfortably bringing it home. Not plain sailing



December 5th Winter Series - Picture taken by Duncan Wrigley

though as Ady Pells (Finn) was hot on his heels only 6.5 points behind, with John Bartley (D-Zero) only a further half point behind. Well done to Andy as he begins to master his new acquisition.

The Boxing Day Open brought the 2021 season to a suitably exciting end. It attracted a respectable 12 sailors, mainly the usual suspects including John Bliss, two Webbs, two Bartleys, three Reasons, two Finns (well, they are like a family), a Richardson and a Holbrook (Snr). The tide and wind were friendly with a steady Force 3, gusting 4. Webb got off to a flyer but slow starter Bartley managed (through sheer luck) to slot into a nice lift on the first beat to round the windward mark near to the front. He gradually managed to overtake the Pells Finn and gradually increased his lead to eventually finish about one minute ahead of the Finn. Dave Reason stamped his authority on the Lasers



and kept the other five Lasers behind him, pushing the front runners all the way. Webb fell back slightly but rallied well at the end.

Pat Webb - Enjoying the wonderful new starting hut as Boxing Day Race Officer



When the handicap positions were eventually (and soberly) worked out in the bar, it was a dead heat between Dave Reason and John Bartley for a well-deserved joint first. Andy Webb took third with Ady Pells fourth. Fin Webb (Laser Radial) finished top of the 'youngsters', beating Ben Reason (Laser) and Louis Bartley (D-Zero blue). A fantastic day finished off with a suitably sensible session in the bar.

*John Bartley & Dave Reason being presented
as joint winners of the Boxing Day Race*

The 2022 season got underway with 10 sailors entering an early couple of Spring Series races. Andy Webb managed to talk (bribe?) the race officer Len Smith into setting a beautiful reaching course which was tailor-made for the Aero7. He streaked away in the first race and was almost a leg up by the end of the first lap. Didge Everett in his Finn tried to make some impression on this lead but gradually fell back, with Webb finishing over two minutes up over the faster boat. Dave Reason was in good form, keeping up a semblance of pressure whilst Ady Pells needed to recover from OCS at the start. Finishing positions in the first race were Andy Webb (country mile springs to mind), Didge Everett and the Dave Reason. The second race was closer with Ady Pells staying ahead of the Webb Aero7 on the water and Dave Reason not far behind. Not enough on handicap though, with the final positions being Andy Webb, Dave Reason and Ady Pells. So Webb currently looking strong for the series.



So all looking forward to a promising season. Many thanks to all of the volunteers who make the racing possible, both the race officers and rescue boat crews. If any of you would like to help with any aspect of the racing we'd be delighted to see you; contact sailing@htsc.co.uk.

HTSC Sailors on Tour

Alton Water Frostbite series saw three HTSC competitors, Ady Pells, Dave Reason & Josh Reason attend the series which went through both little and very high winds through the series.

However at the end Ady Pells won the Fast/asymmetric class, with Dave Reason coming 2nd and Josh Reason coming 4th in the Laser series



Dave Reason checking his sail tell tales



Ady Pells tight around the mark



Josh Reason holding off the competition



Josh Reason using the clean air

HTSC RYA Training Centre News



Training activity has already begun for the current season, with Di Bush training three more RIB drivers to add to our team – we are hoping to run another course in the next few weeks and already have at least two trainees lined up (you know who you are!) – but we have room for more!

First Aid training is being organised for the 14th May and Mark is in the process of contacting people who require this, but if you are interested please do let us know.

We are also in the process of arranging, in conjunction with the RYA, a Sailing Instructors' course, with the object of securing the future of the Training Centre for another couple of decades; again, we have a list of willing candidates but we are happy to hear from anyone else who is interested.

Information on sail training for juniors and adults will be published once we have the

HTSC dinghy Park report April 2022

Overall the dinghy park is in pretty good order, certainly more boats in there this April than the same time during last few years, lets hope this translates into more boats taking part in club's sailing activities.

The observant among you will have seen the grass has been kept trimmed between rows of boats (mainly thanks to Ady) and I've had a go at overgrown vegetation our side of the fence, lets hope the council do their side?

There will be the **annual spring boat park tidy up on Sun April 24th, starting 10:30**, chance to burn the calories off

before the St Georges Day Dinner!. If you have any motorised gardening gear, strimmers, mowers, etc, please come along and join in the fun, just helping to move boats for the mowers is most useful. I would expect everyone who has a boat in the park to check their boat CAN be moved, ie; the trailer isn't broken or seized up BEFORE Apr 24th. You will not be held in the highest esteem if it can't!



The club has to pay TDC a hefty rent for the boat park, so obviously anyone with a boat (or boats) in the park has to pay their bit! £1.10p a week for a monohull dinghy is dirt cheap boat storage, and I wish everyone would check up on what they signed up for when they filled in their boat park application form? It's there on the club website, the bottom line is, if you haven't paid, your boat could be sold and disposed of to recover the debt! Please remember the boat park sec does not make the rules, he only has the lousy job of trying to implement them.

The club will incur some expense this year for fencepost replacements, along the Wellington Road fence (especially Nick's graveyard corner). Any member with concrete fencepost expertise would be welcomed to advise or help with this project. You will have all seen the new starting office, railings and steps, (it's far too palatial to be called a starting hut now) is very near complete. Comments from Joe Public, on the transformation so far, have been most encouraging.

See loads of you on Sunday Apr 24th 10:30.

Didge, Hon Boat Park Sec.

New look starting hut completed



Social Committee

Fingers crossed we have seen the last of the Covid lockdowns, it's now time to make up for lost time, HTSC members have certainly stepped up to the challenge!

It started in October as we bid farewell to another amazing sailing season with the laying up supper, sausage n mash, plenty of alcohol and great conversation.

Next was Christmas lunch, a four-course meal plenty of alcohol, a great time was had by all.

Burns Night supper was next with the brilliant Graham addressing the haggis. Sadly, Graham is hanging up his bagpipes, so any takers for next year!

Next came the fitting out with a fish and chips supper to kick off another great year of sailing.

We haven't just eaten and drunk, we have also stretched our minds. Tracy has produced two brilliant quizzes which have been enjoyed by many, at the same time supported local charities.

We are in the process of setting up a book club, which will meet monthly.

This is just what the social team has done. Both Ady and Sarah have hosted meals. Ady with his outstanding three course Italian meal and Sarah with her lunchtime chilli.

So from Tracy, Kim and Chris thanks for the support you have given us and watch this space!

So what's next?

St Georges Day Sunday lunch
Saturday 24th of April,

Pimms on arrival,
Roast Beef with all the trimmings
Apple Crumble
Cheese Board

Contact Chris on 07554018184 if not booked!



Quiz night
SATURDAY 7th May



Ploughman's Lunch

Sunday 22nd May



Obituaries

It is with great sadness that we have to report the loss of two member in 2022.

Graham Crame

Graham, has together with his wife Elizabeth and daughter Naomi been members of the sailing club for many years and enjoyed the social aspects of the club. Graeme was a very charitable person who has for many years been involved with charitable missions driving truck loads of gift to less fortunate throughout Europe.

Alan Storey

Alan has been a member of the club for many years, a musical mariner. As well as enjoying the social side of the club Alan entertained many of the membership playing within groups as Waxies Dargle, and the Golden Rivets, performing at club social events as well as the shanty festival. Alan having retired as a Trinity House/Haven Authority pilot spent many years sailing on yachts throughout the British Isles and Northern Europe

There will be a Musical Tribute for Alan on Saturday 21st May at 7.30pm where many of the musicians that played or enjoyed music with Alan will be performing many of Alans favourite music

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS.

Have we got the right email address to contact you regarding club activities?

If your not getting emails from the club send an email to commodore@htsc.co.uk and we will get your email added to the list.

The club has a Whatsapp group which is also used to announce events and pass club information to its members. If you use whatsapp and would like to be added please email you details to commodore@htsc.co.uk

Help us to keep you easily informed of all club happenings and events

Festival of The Seas 2022 Saturday 18th June

The Festival of the Seas is a parade of both yachts and dinghies to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. There will be a parade of yachts starting from off Shotley, passing Ha'penny pier, then off Languard Fort back to Shotley.

There will also be a parade of dinghies and gigs starting off Harwich beach, parading along the seafront, then also heading to Languard fort with a return to Harwich Beach.

There are prizes for best dressed boats and costumes.

The club will be open with music and presentations after the event.

This event will be a great publicity event to have so much on water activity to promote the club and the activities we can provide.

We are looking for a few members to assist the management of the parade, if you are free on Saturday 18th June and would like to help the club please contact Mark on 07768201651

HTSC IN THE PAST



*Irene' built by helm & founding
cadet member Ivan Holmes*



*Alex and Flora McKinnon in the first years of
the club forming. Note the lack of starting hut
and also what looks like a tree in the
compound!*



Launching the safety boat used to be a once a year activity.



The Beachmaster John Wrigley consulting with a racing competitor. During the graduate Week in 1968.



First Club bar with Olly Walton and Don Fowler serving



Mirror Fleet from Circa 1970's



Paddling competition during cadet week 2002?

Need to know more of the names pictured above ? Best to come to the club bar Wednesday , Friday evening or Sunday afternoon and find out .