

The Shrimper



October 2021

AGM Friday 19th November 2021 1930hrs

Bar open after meeting

Racing summary 2021 from 30 May to date

After a somewhat grizzly spring, sailors were keenly anticipating a joyous summer weatherwise. The club now up and running for the all important post race enquiries over a pint or two.

When is a Bay race, (30 May), not a Bay race? When the OOD decides conditions are too dodgy at the end of the stone pier, so Bay 1 became 2 races in the harbour. Won by Dave Reason (Laser) with 2 bullets, Ady (Finn) 2nd, John Bartley (D Zero) 3rd. Obviously the usual hotshots could have handled the conditions to and from the Bay, but for them of lesser experience, maybe not? To quote the late Tubby Bennet from the club's early days "there's hardy, and there's foolhardy"?

6 races in Summer series starting June 13 saw Dan Webb (Laser) from Shotley sailing club, come out on top with commendable 13 points tally, 2nd Ady (Finn), 3rd Duncan Wrigley (Laser) who proved "you gotta do the races to get the places". Amongst a fleet of 21 boats in a couple of races was seen the rare sight of Gav Antliff and Barry Male chancing their luck in Lasers, hmmm..?



Bay race 2 on Aug 1 had the innovative OOD introduce 2 fleets, a fast and not so fast? John Bartley in his brand new D Zero zoomed away to win from Dave Reason (Laser) 2nd and Matt Hart (Laser) Shotley SC 3rd. Was great to see 4 Lasers from Shotley SC taking part. Andy Webb in his new Solution class, and Louis Bartley in dad's old D Zero found the conditions not quite to their liking? In the not so fast fleet India Webb (Laser radial) Just pipped Robbie May (Solo) Jack Monk in his solo found the conditions off the end of stone pier a tad unfriendly and wisely opted for a tow back ashore by resourceful rescue rib driver Nick Aldridge.

For the annual Horsey island windward slog there, and sleigh ride back home on Aug 15, conditions were such that only 10 boats entered, and 2 rescue ribs in attendance was a good call (Well done Mick & Penny). Very occasional hotshot James Goodfellow putting in a championship training show (Solo) 1st, Dylan Wrigley (who he)? Crewed by dad Duncan in a club L2000 spinnaker flew (literally) all the way home 2nd, Dan Webb (Laser) Shotley SC 3rd. Robbie May and Jonners in a hurricane 5.9 were screaming around the course at high speed but not feeling sure about where they should actually be going kept them off the podium. Also, Pete Holbrook showing incredible speed in his RS300 unfortunately spent too much time swimming, which sunk his podium chances. To quote the evergreen, unflappable Dave Richardson (Laser) 5th, “ yeah, it was a little bit exciting”

Bay Race 3 on Aug 23 must have been a pensioners breeze for the 7 competitors, Didge Everett (Finn) 1st, Dan Webb (Laser) Shotley SC 2nd, Ady Pells (Finn) 3rd. John Bartley found that even brand new boats can have problems which pushed him back from potential winner to 4th.

Bay Race 4 on Aug 29 Saw Andy Webb debut with his new RS Aero 7 (yeah sounds like a plane don't it) giving a display of blitzing speed combined with spectacular capsizing, what a show! However, star of the day was Josh Reason,(Laser) who, despite a show stopping capsize still managed to win the race. He's mixing it with the big boys from now on? John Bartley (D Zero) 2nd, Fin Webb (Laser) 3rd.



Andy Webb battling with Ady Pells

Dave Reason chasing the Master Didge Everett

Only 9 boats entered the pursuit race on Sep12 to try and prove the handicapper wrong. Duncan Wrigley (Laser) did just that! Proving he ain't bin sailing for ~50 years for nothing and got a good start and once ahead stayed there for the whole 59 minutes, has he been sandbagging or what? Mind you, it was a nice Alma friendly breeze? Fin Webb (Laser) 2nd couldn't quite close him down and Pete Holbrook (RS300) 3rd likewise.

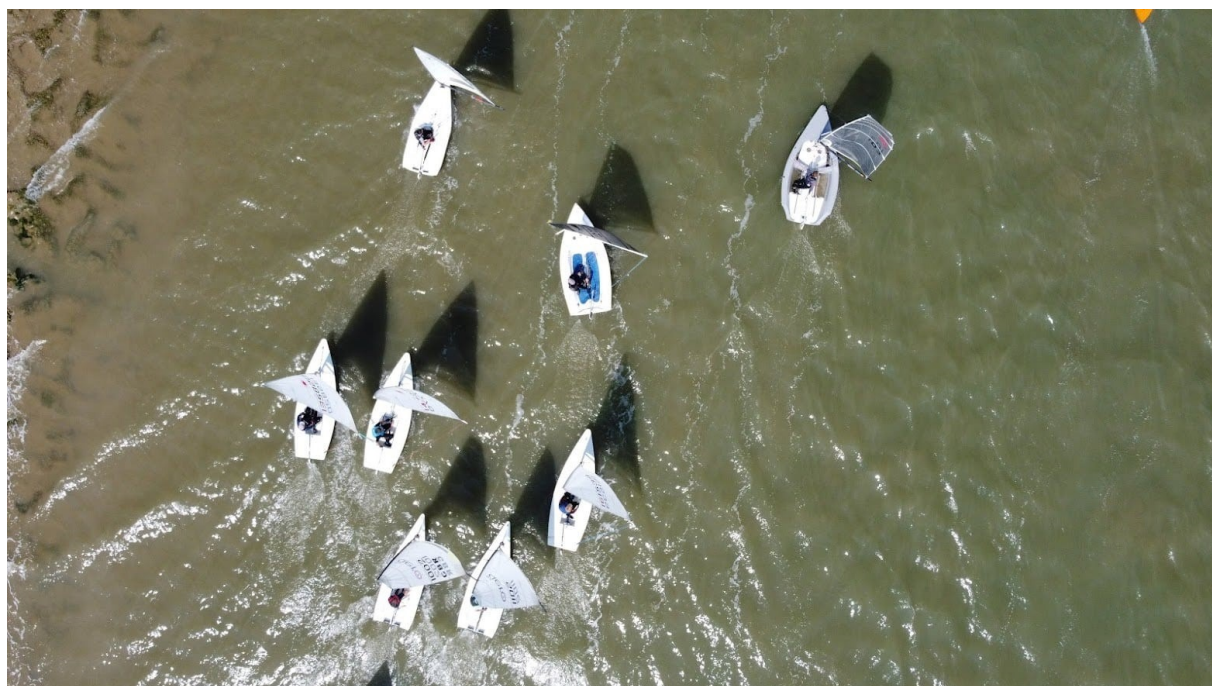
We are currently 6 races into the 8 race Autumn series with 17 boats so far competing. Andy Webb (RS Aero7) yeah, I know, it does sound like a plane... looking to run away with it, with 4 wins in the bag. (is his dad OOD?) But, when the breeze piped up on race 6 he reverted to his blitzing speed/ dive, dive, dive mode. So with 2 races to go it's looking like a 3 way contest between Andy(Mig15), John Bartley(D Zero) and Ady Pells (Finn). But Dave Reason (Laser), who won race 6 could yet make a late gallop down the outside. Races 7&8 are on Oct 24 12:30 start. So why not come down the club, have a beer and place your money on who you think's gonna get it.

HTSC on Tour

Walton & Frinton 101st Annual Regatta August 2021

Five of the regular club racing scene , Webbs, Andy Finn & India, Reasons Dave and Josh, decided to head to pastures new for the second week of August and sample the delights of our neighbouring Walton and Frinton Yacht club and take part in their 101st Annual regatta.

Racing was held over five days, conditions were challenging in new ways, the wind gods played ball, no drifters, all of us suffered a capsize at some point, Josh Reason had an epic fall from the saddle when he lost his mast during a heavy rain squall, Dave Reason is still carrying an unhealed flesh wound from his final day capsize in the gusty conditions. The other challengers were predominantly based on navigation of all things, the courses were set following the daily pre-race competitor briefing, one memorable course for me had nine individual race marks scattered around the backwaters with twelve different legs, recognition and visualisation are two words that spring to mind, and to be honest, it made a great change to the usual format of regatta racing around simple course where the buoys are in site.



The sixty plus entry was split into three starting groups based on the speed of the boat, Dave and myself in Class one, both of us took a drumming from the locals, there's always next year. Class two saw Finley Webb and Josh putting in a solid performance, Finley was defending his win from last season and slogged it out with W & F YC local and former club member here John Summerfield, unfortunately for Fin John revelled in the breeze having only recently transitioned to a Laser Radial rig and was able to take overall victory by a narrow margin, Fin needs to practice his course memory skills !

In Class three it was India Webb sailing a Laser 4.7 that had the best overall result of the week, possibly a photographic memory, or a secret drone feeding back live race mark information, she settled in to the unfamiliar territory and had a full on ding dong with the locals delivering consistent results all week and it all went down to the last race for overall victory, a mark rounding incident with her main rival could have spelt disaster, however her opponent conceded to be at fault, India went into overdrive and won that final race by a good margin and take overall victory.

W & F YC were fantastic hosts, the event was run extremely well, good sponsorship, live music, good food and beer and a really friendly bunch of people, new friendships were forged. Will we be back next year ? I think so.....

Andy Webb



Finn & India with their
trophy haul

TEAM HTSC



Royal Harwich Yacht Club Junior Race Week August 2021

Three members travelled to RHYC for the weeks junior event, Finley Webb, Josh Reason, and Evie May. Finley and Josh may have exerted themselves too hard at Walton and Frinton recently as they were unable to obtain a similar success but not all was lost for the clubs pride thanks to Evie May. Our onsite correspondent (Nick May), reported.

‘Having lost every race on days one and two Evie dug deep and as the storm clouds descended on days three and four the firsts and seconds started to fall into place. A little river squall is nothing to a HTSC cadet trained on the edges of the North Sea. Proud dad unsuccessfully held back the tears as she was announced the winner of the Slow fleet (Terra) by couple of points on the final day’



Evie taking the inside line & Collecting the Tera Champions trophy

Royal Harwich Laser and Solo Open 2021 October 2021

Dave, Ben, & Josh attended this one day event. Four back to back races that were initially raced in very light winds, filling in latter. Ben taking the highest position, 4th in the event starting with two 4th positions then a 1st to finish, (a 6th in the third race was discarded). Dave finished in 8th and John 12th out of a fleet of 18 boats.

Thanks for Volunteering as Race Support

The club's thanks are due to Pat, Len & Graham for doing a stalwart job thus far with the race management, and, yes we will make the new hut even more palatial for you guys. Also grateful thanks to Robbie, Jon (and daughter), John R, Clive C, Mick, Jack, Nick and anyone I've forgotten for your superb efforts with safety ribs.

HTSC Sailing for 2021

Winter series starting Sunday 7th November and Boxing Day race to come, no Boxing day race last year, so hope we'll have a monster turnout for this one!

Looking ahead, sailing wise, the club is looking good with several new faces and variety of boats in the club. Levels of ability, age and fitness cover a wide spectrum, so whatever your level you'll always find someone to have a good race against.

We now have a sprucey new starting hut, yep, new steps an' all so anyone interested in helping out with race management would be most helpful?



To finish off the starting hut we will be installing new stainless steel fence posts together with stainless wire to complement the outside. Then the inside to be fitted out to ensure the race management benefits from some added comfort. Congratulations to John Bartley, Frances Vincent, and Doug Tovell for their work on this project

BOAT PARK

Many thanks to all members who have volunteered to keep the dinghy park tidy. If you have a boat in the compound please keep the area around your boat tidy,



Social Committee Upcoming Events

Please note due to Covid we will be capping all popular seated events with food to 64: this allows for 8 tables of 8 with enough space to be seated comfortably. As we are a member's club, members will be given preference. We do appreciate members like to invite their friends and family to events so a second list will be made with any non-members who would like to attend should a space arise. Cut off dates will be on the list which will be placed in the bar area as normal. If there are spaces to fill, non-members will be contacted once the list has been taken down. Please come along and place your name on the list for the events you would like to attend in person. Thank you for your understanding during this Covid time.

Friday 29nd October – Quiz Night – 7:30 pm for a 8pm start

Come and join in our quiz! Get a team together and pit your brains against the quiz master to see who can beat the best.

If you would like to come along, please put your name on the list which will be up in the club bar from the 12th October 2021.



Saturday 13th November 2021 – Laying Up Supper

Come along and celebrate what a fantastic sailing season our hardy sailors have had this year!

Bets are on for who gets the toilet seat!

Chris Green will be cooking up storm in the galley:

Tomato soup to start

Sausage, beans, mash and onion gravy

Meringue ice cream log with cream for dessert

The meal will cost £7 per person and as always let us know of any dietary requirements before the event. Names on the list which will be up in the club bar from Friday 29th October 2021. Don't forget to put non-members names down on the separate sheet with a contact telephone number so I can get hold of them if there are spaces to fill.



Annual General Meeting

Friday 19th November 2021 –

Come along and support the club. Volunteers are always welcome for the various roles we have open, so don't be shy let us know who you are and how you can help your club.



Club Christmas Decoration Night

Wednesday 01st December 2021 –

Come and join in the festive mood when we dress the clubhouse for Christmas. Mulled wine and mince pies will be on offer for all those who help out.



Christmas Dinner

Sunday 19th December 2021 –

This year Christmas dinner will be cooked by our very own Mrs Chris Green, Santa and her trusty elves! To avoid disappointment please put your names on the list in the club bar which will be up on the 19th November 2021 after the AGM. Please remember we are capped to 64 this year and members will get priority.



Bucks Fizz on arrival or non-alcoholic equivalent

Starter - Prawn Cocktail

Main - Christmas dinner with all the trimmings

Desert - Christmas Pudding or Meringue ice cream and fruit

Cheese board

£20 per Person and as always let us know of any dietary requirements before the event. Don't forget to put non-members names down on the separate sheet with a contact telephone number so I can get hold of them if there are spaces to fill.

Christmas Eve Carols

Friday 24th December 2021

Come along and join in with a sing song and little bit of Christmas cheer, and beer.



Boxing Day Race

Sunday 26th December 2021

Come and watch or join in our intrepid sailors race on boxing day



Be warmed with the traditional mince pies and hot mulled wine.

See what you can win in the Boxing Day raffle, drawn in the afternoon.

Raffle squares available to purchase from the bar from Wednesday 1st December.

Social Committee is currently made up of Laura Ashworth, Kim Webb, Tracy & Katy Reason and Chris Green, but we welcome any help and ideas from anyone. If you see us about stop and say hello and pass on any ideas you might have for a social event for the club all ideas welcome.

Volunteers Needed!

The Club is always looking for volunteers to staff the bar on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays and to assist with Race Officer and Safety Boat cover for races. Most, if not all, prospective members indicate on their membership forms that they are interested in volunteering but, possibly, feel a little daunted at the prospect of just turning up to do jobs for which they have not been fully briefed or trained. With that in mind, we are proposing some information and training sessions for new members so that they feel able to volunteer. Those who have not volunteered for a while will be welcome to attend these sessions for refresher training. Watch your emails for details of these training sessions and, in the meantime, if you would like to volunteer, please do get in touch with Mick Verrier (training@htsc.co.uk or 07812 522937).



HTSC RYA Training Centre News

Happily, we can report that our RYA Training Centre is back in action. Jon Bliss and Di Bush delivered a Powerboat Level 2 course and added three new RIB drivers to our team – we are always looking for more though, so do get in touch if you are interested. Our team of sailing instructors, led by Duncan, delivered sail training during the month of July and, although the weather and the availability of volunteers restricted what we could offer, several enthusiastic new sailors were able to get out and start learning the ropes. It was lovely to see the Club's training fleet back on the water and we are now planning for next season.

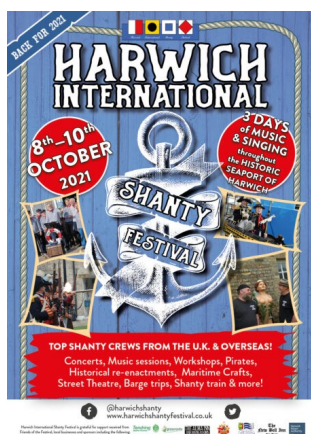




3 Laser 2000's during a training session

Harwich International Shanty Festival

The Club was an important venue for the Shanty Festival this year, as it attempted (successfully, as it turned out) to come back from last year's cancellation. The Club saw sessions on Thursday and Sunday, the Friends' Reception and an open concert on Friday, Bones Workshops and a series of open shanty performances across Saturday and Sunday, and there always seemed to be a good number of people enjoying the show. Bar Manager, Adrian Pells, is to be congratulated on a succession of good ales (most of which were rapidly consumed) and the Festival and Club committees share gratitude to a host of volunteers who staffed the bar, including Annaliese, Duncan, Dave Reason, Gavin, Mark, Bernie, Frances and Jonners (if we have missed anyone, please don't be offended). The Festival was a resounding success and a great comeback, and the HISF Committee are extremely grateful to HTSC for the use of the Club and for all the members' hard work over the weekend.



CLUB COMMUNICATIONS.

Have we got the right email address to contact you regarding club activities? Send an email to membership@htsc.co.uk to confirm your email. To join the club whatsapp group contact the club during bar opening Wednesday & Friday Evening plus Sunday Afternoon ***Help us to keep you easily informed of all club happenings and events***