



HURST CASTLE SAILING CLUB

Newsletter June 2021

Hello again. Welcome to another newsletter. All being well, this will be the last until the autumn. July, August and September are really for sailing! If the government's plans can go ahead, we will also be able to meet in a larger group indoors as from June 21st. See below for details and also keep an eye on the website in case there are hiccups along the way.

COVID 19: I am sure we are all living in hopes that life will soon go back to normal. It is still very important that we follow the government guidelines and requirements. When you come to the club please use the NHS QR or email attheclub@hcsc.org.uk Be aware of contact contamination and use sanitiser. It is available in Adam and Eve. If you are using the shower, please open the ceiling lights to encourage the circulation of air. The controls are on the wall in Adam and Eve. If you use the club boats follow the sanitising procedure which is posted on the veranda. The equipment is stored under the east end of the clubhouse.



Even outside, be aware of maintaining social distance.

Of course we hope that no-one is going to get Covid 19 but if you have any of its symptoms after being at the club please email admin@hcsc.org.uk so that we can send a warning to other members who might have been there at the same time.

THE CLUBHOUSE: Working party: First and most important, Peter H is hoping to hold a working party on Sunday June 6th, starting at about 10.00 a.m. There

are lots of outside maintenance jobs that we could not see to last year because of the lockdowns. Now that we can have up to 30 people in a group out of doors, we should be able to get on with them. As you will know, indoors we can only have groups of six – perhaps two groups- but that will be enough to start to bring the clubhouse back to life. Sorry, there will not be a soup and bread lunch this time but we can run to coffee and biscuits to keep everyone going. Bring a packed lunch. To help Peter’s organisation, please email him or me to let us know if you can come. House@hcsc.org.uk or Commodore@hcsc.org.uk

At the moment, the changing rooms, toilets, showers and the veranda are all available for members to use. We can have up to 6 people in the clubhouse in one group but it would be too complicated to have more than one group unless everyone is sitting down and staying with their group – think of how it is if you have lunch in a pub at the moment.

Subject to there being no changes to the government road map, as from June 21st we will be able to use the club “as normal”. However, that is still not certain. In the meantime. Louise D has stocked up the coffee club provisions so that members can make a tea or coffee.

SAILING : Those recent strong winds resulted in the cancellation of most sailing, including the Schisan Pursuit Race, and the Bembridge and East Solent Cruise was postponed to the following week. However, racing has got going, and some ad hoc sailors have been out, posting photos on the WhatsApp group for the rest of us. A small group recently sailed along the coast as far as Tanners Lane.



Refresher/Beginners training on Thursday mornings has been well attended. If you would like to join email Ian on ian@day-li.com . Junior sailing has also

started so email Ian if you have a junior who would like to join in. If you were on the mailing list last year, but have not seen any reminder emails recently, that's because you didn't reply to the mail asking if you wanted to participate this year! This is another chance to get on the mailing list for the weekly sessions – email Ian at ian@day-li.com

Amy H has sent the following advice for checks before going sailing.

Seago Life Jackets: have you checked yours lately? I have not used mine for several years so Geoff has looked at it. Things to look out for:

- a) Is there a whistle?
- b) Are the straps secure?
- c) Is the manual tube clear so that it can be inflated and deflated? We inflated it and left it overnight to check for leaks or wear. Then it was deflated manually.
- d) CO2 cylinders are fitted to do either of two operations. 1) it can be operated by pulling a toggle. This is useful to inflate before entering the water. 2) the second is a self inflating system which operates on entering the water. Which is yours? There are instructions attached to the jacket which can be used to indicate if the cylinders need replacing.

Happy and Safe Sailing!

Amy and Geoff.

SOCIAL : Again, we live in hopes that we will be able to resume the programme. The good news is that the Social Committee met this week and have made tentative plans.

The first “social” event is likely to be the **Dance on the Lawn** on July 10th. Being an outdoor event, this might well be able to go ahead subject to numbers if necessary. The social committee plan to keep it a bit smaller this year with only members and their personal guests attending. There will be recorded music and, yes, we have remembered to renew the licence for that.

Then there is the **BBQ** at the end of junior sailing week on July 30th. Although it is mainly for the juniors and their parents, older members will be welcome to

attend, paying a small fee for their burgers, hot dogs etc. More information later.

The following day, July 31st, we will have our **Annual Regatta**, with opportunities for all levels of sailors. Perhaps the junior will feel emboldened too. We always have a grand tea afterwards so will be looking for members to bring cakes, scones, sandwiches, general finger food. The social committee will do the organising and make the drinks. Do come if you can. It will be another chance to get together and feel the clubhouse has come to life again.

Coffee mornings: have already resumed on Tuesdays! All out doors at the moment, until we hear otherwise. It has been really good to see people and the smiles on their faces. We are now making the coffee for you again so you don't have to bring your own. Thanks to Betty V for organising a system and setting up the rota again.

Pottering: During June and July two of the potterers' outings have extra sociability attached – fish and chips and a breakfast outing. See the programme for details

“Allo, Allo”: Remember the French night we were going to have all those months ago? More than a year, in fact. Some of you had already paid for it and we still have your money! It is still on the ideas list and on the minds of the social committee for re scheduling. But if you would like your ticket money back email me – commodore@hcsc.org.uk

News of a member's boat reluctantly for sale:-

Wanderer Sailing Dinghy For Sale

14ft Wanderer (Sail No 1307) for sale.

Comes with mainsail, jib and spinnaker (+boom)

Launching trolley and road trailer (Combi)

Outboard bracket; boat cover; paddles

After owning this lovely boat for over 20 years (stored at HCSC and washed down after each and every use), I'm selling with regret, but chronic knee injury forces my hand.

Price £2,500

Please contact: Phil Merivale

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To End on a happy note: Being on the water is good for your mental and physical health and on the whole great for social distancing. So I and the Committee wish you and us good weather and activities during this season. We hope that the end of the season will see us “back to normal”

. News letter will re commence in the autumn. Have fun and keep yourselves and others safe.



Jean Woods (Commodore)