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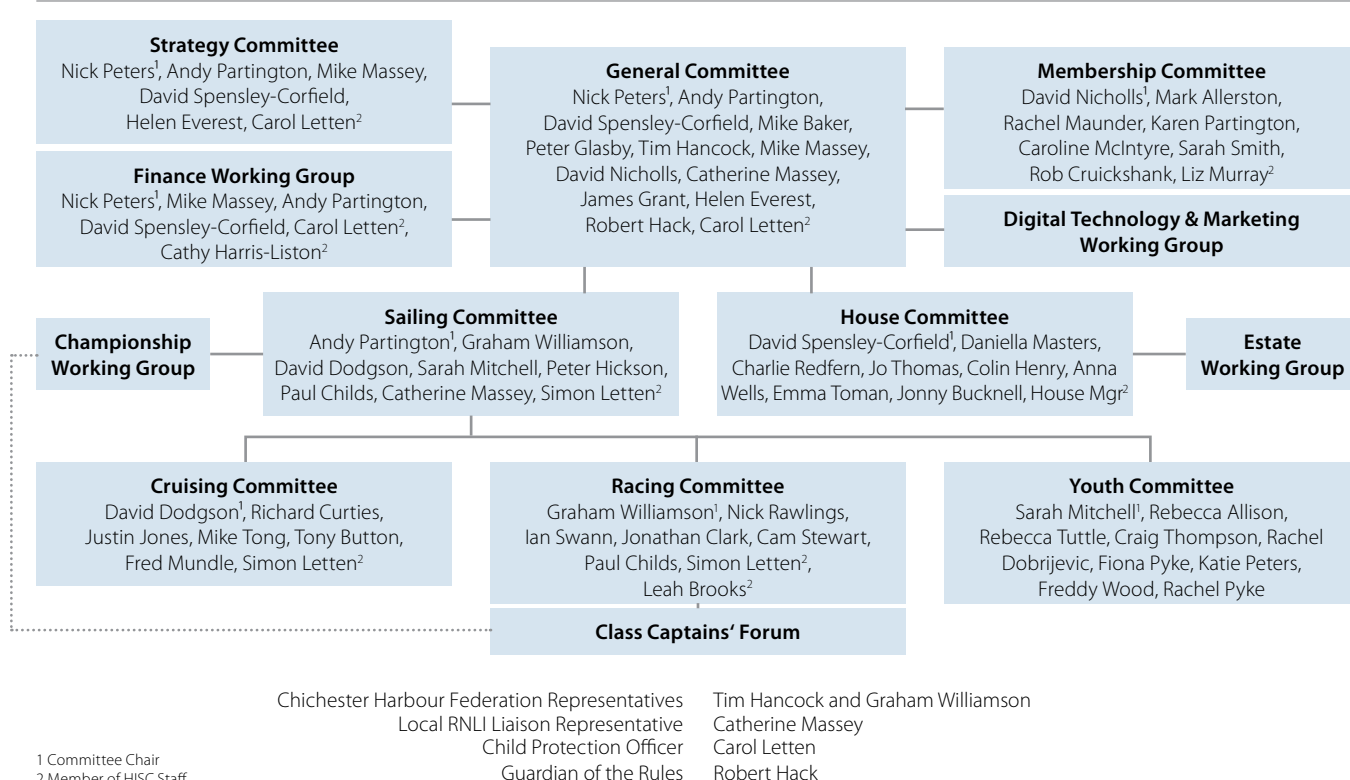
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THE OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

As updated in 2017, the Objects of the Club shall be to promote excellence in racing under sail and to encourage cruising under sail and/or power through:

- Developing and nurturing a club culture based on social interaction, member engagement, team spirit and safety.
- Facilitating and encouraging participation and enjoyment of all forms of sailing.
- Inspiring current and future generations in the pursuit of sailing excellence.
- Offering world class events and championships.
- Ensuring financial sustainability for the club, its resources and facilities.
- Protecting and sustaining our local natural environment.

Life Honorary Members

Sir Ben Ainslie, Michael Atkin, Mike Baker, Ian Barker, Marie Bishop, Barry Blaydes, Richard Brett, Nora Bright, Richard Burley, Rod Carr, Valerie Catchpole, Irina Cook, Judy Covell, Paul Covell, Mark Covell, Frank Dunster, Peter Glasby, Simon Hiscocks, Iris Long, Pam Marrs, Michael McIntyre, Gerald New, Roger Palmer, Iain Percy, Shirley Robertson, Patrick Veal, Ian Walker.

Welcome

Nick Peters

Commodore



Welcome to the 2018 HISC Yearbook!

These pages are packed with information that will help you get the best from our wonderful club. It's a snapshot of HISC life created by the members for the members. We hope you enjoy it.

HISC is magical in its unique and stunning setting and we are also proud of our community that is wide, supportive and welcoming; spanning all generations, across all walks of life. Could this be your year to try a new class or activity, volunteer to help a committee or work group, or just hang out and make new friends?

2017 was a challenging and ultimately a very successful year. Especially memorable was the fantastic fundraising generosity of a number of our members, that helped pay for our new pontoon. Such generosity was truly inspiring to experience and turned a real challenge into a successful outcome - a big thank you. Also, we owe a debt of thanks to our many unsung heroes who volunteered

to run some great championships. We received excellent feedback throughout one of our busiest seasons.

Success on the water is a welcome feature of HISC life and 2017 was no exception. Many of our members scored well, whether on the race course, in club activities, or just lucking out on the weather for the summer cruise! You will find a flavour of this success in these pages, and also, I hope some inspiration to make 2018 one to remember.

We do however have much to learn from an extensive recent survey of participation trends in sailing, commissioned by British Marine and the RYA. Some challenging trends were highlighted, and today's sailing clubs now find themselves competing for a rapidly evolving audience. Leisure activity choices have become more varied and accessible, and often less expensive than sailing both in time and cost. Furthermore, our younger generations are thinking,

communicating and spending differently. Changing and improving our offering is vital to maintaining the appeal of our sport and many sailing clubs are slow to respond to our changing world.

As a result, 2018 will see HISC making continued changes. For example, we will seek to attract more activity and functions during mid-week and off-season periods to help safeguard our financial future. As this yearbook demonstrates our offering to new members is second to none, and we continue to attract a healthy inflow.

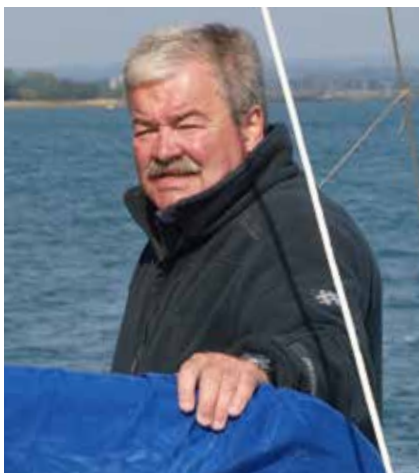
So why not make 2018 your year at the club to set some goals, bumble the boat, pump up the paddleboard, and meet some new friends? We look forward to seeing you on, in or by the water this season.

There has never been a better time to enjoy Hayling Island Sailing Club!

Nick Peters, March 2018

HISC Honorary Members 2018

Rod Carr



Rod Carr needs no introduction for most of our members. Rod enjoyed a stellar career in the sport of sailing that saw him serve as CEO of the Royal Yachting Association from 2000 to 2010, having previously been the RYA's Racing Manager and Performance Director, the Sailing Team Manager for the Atlanta Olympic Games and Team Coach in Los Angeles, Seoul and Barcelona. Rod was also the British Olympic Association's Deputy Chef de Mission for the whole of Team GB at the Sydney Olympics. Rod was the architect of the RYA's World Class Performance Programme, which has seen unrivalled medal success for sailing on the world stage, boosted by the introduction of National Lottery funding for elite sport in 1997. Rod was awarded a CBE for services to sailing in the 2010 Queen's Birthday Honours

List. In 2013 Rod was appointed Chair of UK Sport, where he was hugely involved in the British Olympic and Paralympic sports at elite level. Rod has been a member of HISC for many years, keeping his Catamaran "Duet" on the moorings. At the end of 2016, Rod offered some of his valuable time and copious experience and was promptly co-opted onto the HISC Strategy Committee. He was instrumental in suggesting the committee adopt the VMOST framework to guide our ongoing strategy. Rod has been a constant help in prodding and guiding our thinking in addressing the future issues and challenges of the club.

Gerald New



Well known to many at HISC and a hugely supportive volunteer behind the scenes at the club, Gerald New first sailed on a Jumperhead catamaran,

at the age of 12 or 13, with the then National Champion Jack Palmer, who was father of a schoolmate of his. Gerald spent his early sailing career crewing in Albacores and Hornets at Locks Sailing Club, Portsmouth, before rebuilding his own dinghy, Hornet number 408. Gerald sold this to finance a trip to Norway to compete in the Flying Dutchman Europeans and continued to sail FDs, 505's and Fireballs. Work in the aircraft industry in Europe and the Far East took Gerald abroad for many years with sailing taking a back seat. A career in technical publications brought Gerald in touch with the early days of the internet and he set up sailweb.co.uk in 1997 which led to the production of a number of websites for sailing clubs and class associations including a young Iain Percy after he won gold in Sydney 2000! Sailweb was merged into a web start-up, MadForSailing.com with Mark Chisnell, Andy Rice and James Boyd. This was a bright star however that burned out in the 'dot.com' boom. Sailweb was re-launched and ran as the UK/European area of the International website Sail-World.com until resuming as an independent operation in 2010. Gerald first produced a website for HISC in 1997 and has maintained it tirelessly since from wherever he was in the world. When back in the UK Gerald raced Flying 15s and Solos regularly at HISC. Gerald has recently retired, but is continuing to produce Sailweb.co.uk and maintaining a number of websites including the new HISC website.



There has never been a better time to join HISC!

David Nicholls, **Membership Chairman**

Hayling Island Sailing Club actively welcomes new members across all ages, sailing abilities and class of dinghy or cruiser. The club offers some of the finest sailing, shore and social facilities anywhere in the country, and supports a wide range of sailing-related activities, including dinghy racing and cruising, sailing training, youth sailing, boardsports, cruiser and social sailing.



The club sits in a stunning position at the entrance to Chichester Harbour with access to the water at all states of the tide. With a modern clubhouse, HISC has wide and welcoming balconies, beaches and picnic areas as well as a barista cafe, large bar and restaurant, snack bar plus comfortable onsite accommodation, modern changing rooms, meeting rooms and training facilities.

HISC is particularly keen to attract actively racing sailors – the joining fee is currently waived for new members.

Members who own active class boats are given priority for boat park spaces at the club and whilst the boat park is always at capacity, there is a constant turnover of boats requiring spaces as well as regular assessment of boat usage to ensure new spaces are created. Potential new members of the HISC active racing classes are encouraged to speak to the relevant class captains to discuss boat park spaces.

For families wishing to take up an activity that will embrace all ages, HISC offers fun and engaging water-based events for toddlers through to adults, a special Women on Water initiative as well as an exciting and competitive dinghy racing and cruiser scene for anyone willing to give it a go. The club has an extensive hire boat fleet of over 30 boats to make access to the water as easy and hassle-free as possible; everything from children's boats to family picnic boats and brand new racing dinghies are available to rent for the day.

Membership forms can be downloaded from the HISC website or picked up from the club office. All potential new members are invited to a briefing event to learn about the club and its activities, after which applications are processed and probationary one-year membership confirmed. New members are invited to a New Members reception and after their initial probationary year are asked to request a proposer and seconder to endorse their full membership application.

In addition there is a winter membership category for youth sailors taking part in the HISC Youth Winter Training Squads.

The day-to-day management of the Club is in the hands of the full-time staff, but HISC members play a major role in helping run events and many other activities, and everyone between the ages of 18 and 69 is asked to contribute at least a couple of days a year to help run the Club's sailing activities.

Whether you sail a dinghy, wind-surfer or keel boat, whether you race or cruise, our considerable depth of experience enables us to offer the best possible facilities, from organised racing and cruising events to a comprehensive menu in our restaurant; you will be impressed with our facilities and, most of all, our friendly club atmosphere.

For anyone keen to enjoy great sailing together with a vibrant social scene, call the office now on 02392 463768 or visit www.hisc.co.uk to complete your membership application.

New to HISC?

Often our new members ask us how they can get fully involved, learn the skills they need and make the most of their Club membership. See which of these statements relates to you.



I am new to sailing, how do I get started?

Adult

Congratulations as an adult learning to sail, this is a big step but don't worry we are here to help you take those first steps.

Sailing is a skill like many other skills, it has the advantage of taking place outside, whilst we sail in all weathers, it is good to have nice winds and some sunshine for your first experience.

We can book you onto one of our Adult RYA courses which are tailored to fit in with your lifestyle. So whether you want to learn at weekends or during the week, we can arrange

a suitable course with you. All our instructors are RYA qualified and they are experts at what they do.

We have a specific Women on Water (WOW) group. Whilst it is open to all adults it is aimed at the mums and fits in nicely with the school day. It is also a great way to meet like-minded sailors and it takes place on Thursday mornings (10am to 1pm) with a friendly lunch afterwards.

Child 8-16

For all the kids that want to get involved, we have our RYA Stage courses. These take place at weekends and during school holidays. It is a great way for them to meet other members of a similar age. Our big introduction

to sailing week takes place during May half term. See the Youth section starting on page 62 for more details.

Child under 8

HISC is a great place for youngsters and many of our winners started off with their first sailing experiences on the beach, messing around in boats and having fun. Make sure you get booked in for our legendary Family Fun Week in the school holidays which is dedicated to having fun on the water.

Additionally, we have regular 'Seals' sessions in the lagoon where all the parents gather with boats, windsurfers, kayaks and the kids learn whilst making new friends.



I think I would like to be on the water but dinghy sailing doesn't really appeal

That is fine but have you tried windsurfing, paddle boarding or kayaking? We have all of these at the club for you to try. Pick a nice summer's day and come down to feel how great it is to be on the water, exploring the harbour.

I can already sail and I would like to get into racing

Great – you are in the right place. We have lots of great sailors at HISC and it is the place to challenge yourself and learn from the very best. We have racing from March through to

December, with everything from round the cans on a Wednesday night, Sprint racing at weekends, to open meeting standard racing during 'Pennant Weekends' – there will be something for you.

Thursday evenings are our cruiser and RS Elite keelboat nights and a great buzz can be heard from the bar afterwards when everyone gathers to discuss the racing, have a beer and a catch up.

Speak to the Class Captain for the class that you sail and they will be able to give you top tips on the waters, tides and courses at HISC.

Visit the bar any night of the week and speak to some of the racers that can be found propping up the bar. They are always keen to offer advice and assistance to new members.

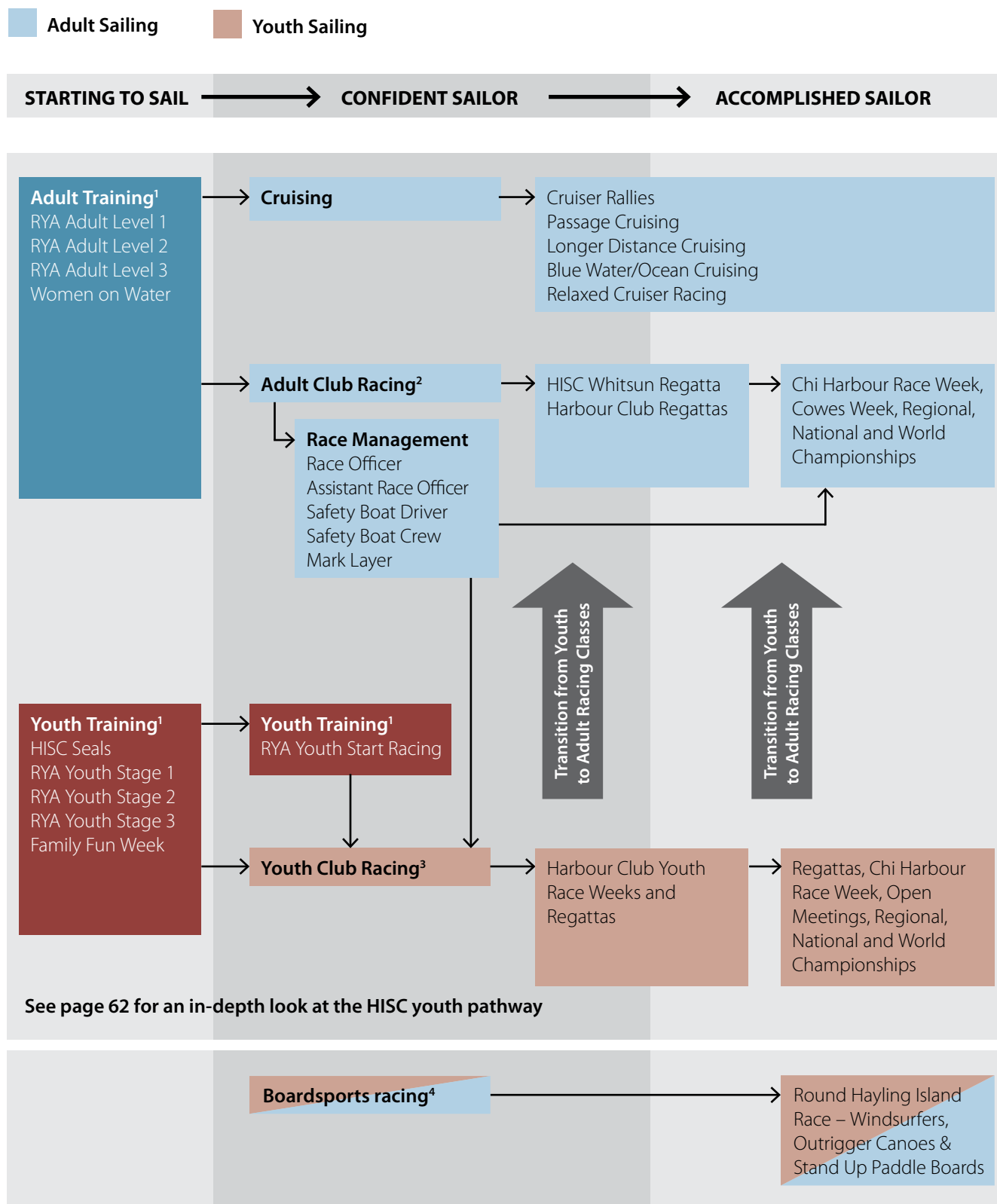
I have a cruising boat and would like to join a gentle and sociable sailing scene

Then our Social Sailing Club is for you. This is a group of likeminded sailors who like to sail in company in the quieter times of the summer. They organise weekday rallies all over the Solent and are very welcoming to new members.



The HISC pathway

Progression from beginner to regatta winner



1 For Training Information see page 76
2 For Racing Information see page 15

3 For details of Youth Racing see page 62
4 For details of Boardsports Activities see page 53

The Stokes journey at HISC

Linda Stokes

We first came to HISC on a sunny May Bank holiday in 2013. My husband, Mark was a sailor but the children and I were pretty new to it. A friend of mine who was a member, had told us how fabulous HISC was, how it was great for the children, a really relaxing place. They had a static caravan and pretty much spent their summers down here. Before we knew it we had signed up to HISC, put a deposit on a caravan and were ready to start our new adventure!



Our priority was to get the kids on board, if they were happy, we would be happy! We bought 2 RS Teras for our eldest children, Grace and Archie, who at the time were 12 and 10 and set about getting them on the water. We took part in Youth Training Week, Family Fun Week and Youth Race Week as well having one to one lessons with Melvyn Cooper and tried to get involved as much as we could.

By 2014, the eldest two were settled into the sailing and our caravan had arrived. Mark and I decided we needed a boat, after all, Mark was the sailor!

We bought an RS200 and for the first few months, our capsizing skills were much improved! We started taking part in the Sunday races, Chichester Harbour Race Week and we even entered the Nationals that were being held at HISC that year.

Time for our youngest. From the age of 7 we started getting him out on the water as much as we could, just to have fun. When he turned 8, I organised a series of training days in his Oppie to get him started on the water so that he would be happy and more confident to take part in Youth



HISC has been so great for us as a family. We have no regrets, it has been an incredible journey.'

Training Week and Youth Race Week. I was delighted with the amount of people that wanted to take part in this, the emphasis being on just having fun on the water. Ben made some great friends during these training sessions and is now thriving in his RS Tera.



I was not a confident sailor, my first sailing experience left me underneath a capsized boat in the Med and I was terrified. All the time we had been members of HISC I had been travelling to a lake in Ringwood to take part in a Women on Water session. In September 2015 I started up the first weekly Women on Water sessions at HISC as a trial to see if we could take it forward. It was a huge success and I am really pleased to say that it is going from strength to strength. I have made some great friends through it, we have a lot of fun on the water and as a result of the excellent coaches both my sailing and all the other ladies sailing has much improved.

So where are we in 2018? Last year I took on the role as RS Aero class

captain at HISC. The Aero is such an exhilarating, fast, fun boat and great for all the family with the interchangeable rigs. Mark and I both sail one and I am hoping that I can grow the class this year especially in the youth fleet. Mark and I continue to sail the RS200 and I'm looking forward to getting back out on the water when it warms up a bit. Archie, after sailing the RS Tera moved into the RS Feva fleet and is now sailing the 29er, it looks terrifying to me, but he seems to love it! Ben is sailing the RS Tera and is looking forward to taking part in the World Championships taking place in Weymouth this year. Many of the friends that he initially started sailing with at HISC will also be taking part, making it a fun and sociable event for all of us. Grace doesn't sail so much

anymore but she still loves coming down and seeing her friends and last year she was able to help teach in events such as Youth Training Week and Family Fun week.

HISC has been so great for us as a family. It has allowed us to do things together, get the kids outside and away from the dreaded electrical devices! We have all made some great friends and learnt so many new skills. The best thing is that the sun always seems to shine on the balcony and there are sunsets like you have never seen before. I can't begin to imagine what we would be doing had we not taken that leap 5 years ago to join HISC as a family. We have no regrets, it has been an incredible journey.



The A34 Yacht Squadron

How a group of 'youths' from Birmingham infiltrated Hayling Island Sailing Club and never left!



Jonny Costard & Simon Payne

It was Cadet sailing in the mid 1970s that first attracted a group of youths from Birmingham to venture down to the South Coast – initially a Cadet open meeting held at HISC and then the following year it was the lure of sunshine, parties and fun at the HISC Youth Race Week that reined them in!

The group – including many well-known members still here today! – sailed from Olton Mere Sailing Club on a reservoir in Solihull near Birmingham; a 'puddle with fluky winds and lacking

in water often in the summer'! Many of the group were regular Cadet circuit sailors who took part in events around the country including West Kirby, Frensham Ponds, Broxbourne and always culminating in the Cadet Nationals which took place each year at Burnham at the start of the Summer Holidays. The Nationals normally marked the end of the circuit for the Birmingham sailors, so they decided to visit the South Coast to extend their season and have a go in some of the southern circuit events.

Apparently 'Team Brum' decided they stood a chance against the local HISC Cadet sailors and came down to shake it up bit! Amongst those who ventured down the A34 from Birmingham were Rob and Greg Wells, James and Rob Yearsley, Simon Payne, Mark Ripley, Jonny Costard, the Billingham brothers, Victoria and Lucy Rowbotham (Payne & Wrigley), Mike Newcombe, Dave and his sister Fiona Tulloch, Ian Fiddaman, Richard Watton, Mark Bradbury, John Herewood and Kate Sultch. A few older sailors accompanied them including Ted Hill, Andrew Dain and Paul Ripley. The four King brothers also hailed from Solihull but they had a family connection with HISC and had been coming to the club since they were very young children with their parents and grandparents who had been members since the 1950s and had a caravan on the Hollies.

The Local HISC cadet sailors at the time included Paul and Belinda Cutbill, the Catchpoles, Alison Baker, Mandy Hatfield, the Rizzi sisters, Carol Masterman, Tim and Joe Hancock, Oliver Nelson, the Stone sisters, Helen Palmer, Allison McKeown – to mention just a few!



Robbie Wells & Victoria Payne

On one memorable HISC Youth Race Week with the racing off East Head, a squall hit the fleet and with just one rescue boat afloat (a clinker called Selene), but not yet on the race course, the sailors experienced an interesting moment with carnage afloat! Not something the reservoir sailors were normally used to! The bonding that went on HISC Youth Race Week was strong!

Apparently when the group were thinking of a name for themselves, Frank Dunster asked them what linked Solihull with HISC and the answer of course was the A34! Frank added 'Yacht Squadron' to it to give it a bit of finesse!

As the sailors grew older and progressed out of Cadets they started sailing with some of the HISC members often in Flying Fifteens but also in 505s, Tempests, Fireballs, 420s etc. Other sailors from Olton Mere were enticed down by the summer long events schedule of Mengeham Regatta, Hayling Regatta, HISC Youth Week and Federation Week. Stories of great sailing on the water and riotous parties off the water for most of the summer were a powerful draw.

The overall feeling was of how welcoming HISC and its members were for the young sailors driving down from Birmingham each weekend in time for last orders at the bar. A number of members put the youngsters up in their houses, loaned boats and equipment and the club tolerated (and probably enjoyed!) their parties and high jinks! The A34 Yacht Squadron claim to be the founders of the popular HISC New Year's Eve Party!

A couple of names stand out in particular; Mops Millard-Barnes and Frank Dunster, both of whom opened their houses to accommodate the sailors before a few of them sub-let a caravan



Greg Wells

on the Hollies. Mops also hosted parties and sailing trips on her yacht and Frank was always a constant on the water, his Hayling Rescue (yes, he's been doing it that long!) ready to rescue the sailors as well as trips to other sailing clubs for parties and entertainment. Mops also used the A34 Yacht Squadron sailors to help her in her role promoting Youth sailing at the club, using them to assist in coaching the younger sailors to sail and race. Charles Sanderson, whose yacht was moored at Hayling, hosted many of the Birmingham lads on his yacht for offshore racing including some Fastnets.

It wasn't all Hayling based either, there were regular winter laying up suppers in Olton Mere and trips up north by Hayling members to see the wrestling in Solihull!

It was also Frank who assigned the Rear Commodore titles to many of the Yacht Squadron members including

Rear Comm Pimms and Giggles (Victoria Payne), Rear Comm Number 4 Engine (Lucy Wrigley) – a reference to a drinking game! Rear Comm Junior (Robbie Wells), Rear Comm Martini (Kate Sultch), Rear Comm Bullshit – later changed to Victor Mature (James Yearsley) and Rear Comm Dwellings & Houses (Richard Walton).

A recent gathering of the A34 Yacht Squadron at HISC revealed just how many have maintained a lifelong connection with the club – many moving to live within staggering distance of the HISC bar! And others choosing to have caravans and holidays houses to re-live the endless HISC summers of partying and a bit of sailing, now with their children and friends!

Undoubtedly it was a win, win situation with the club benefitting hugely from the enthusiastic and fun-loving Birmingham sailors, whilst HISC provided the perfect location for brilliant sailing, on-site party venues, friendly locals and 'posh' girls to cap it all!

This is very much a starter article about the A34 Yacht Squadron and the Archive team would love to hear more of your stories and thoughts. There have also been other 'large' ready-made groups who have joined HISC 'en-masse' and we'd love to hear from these groups also and profile them in future yearbooks.



Frank, Hayling Rescue, mid 80s

Racing information

Graham Williamson

Rear Commodore Racing



Racing sailing boats is a passion at Hayling Island Sailing Club. As in most walks of life, every individual has a preference for the kind of racing that they wish to do, and in order to cater for these preferences, HISC provides a full and varied racing programme, which ensures that no matter what class or type of boat you sail, and at whatever level you wish to compete, there will be something in the programme for you.

The racing format at HISC is varied throughout the season, and includes:

- Class racing
- Handicap racing
- Pursuit racing
- Short course sprint racing
- Long distance racing
- Sea racing in Hayling Bay
- Harbour racing within Chichester Harbour
- Team racing
- Tournament racing (knockout)
- Open Meeting racing
- Regional, National, European and World Championships

Within these formats, there is targeted racing for Juniors in Optimist, RS Tera and RS Feva, Youths in 29er (see page 62) and adult beginners either in their own boats or club hire boats (see page 80).

Class starts are laid on for Solo, Fireball, RS200, Foiling Moth, RS Elite and Flying Fifteen.

Alongside the club's established class racing, there are separate starts for Fast, Medium and Slow handicap fleets which regularly include Laser, RS Aero, Tasar, RS700, RS800, Merlin Rocket, International 14 and, on Thursday evenings, Cruisers. Detailed information on starts and

handicap divisions are to be found on pages 18–19. Figures 1 and 2 opposite show the race day participation amongst the top 10 classes raced at HISC.

Racing is combined with a vibrant social programme with regular bands, discos, balls, themed dinners, comedy nights and much more – there is never a quiet weekend at HISC!

Club racing takes place every weekend between March and December, and is run by club members who undertake the race management and safety cover. Training in the skills needed to safely run racing is provided through a mix of



mentoring by experienced members, and formal courses available in-house.

Saturdays

Most Saturdays, there is a Handicap Race for all-comers, with the exception of the Solo fleet, which has a separate class start. Typically, races last 60 to 75 minutes.

Saturday Sprints

On six Saturdays each year, a high-adrenalin Sprint Race series is programmed. This consists of fast and furious short course racing for any class that guarantees a minimum of eight starters – several 15 to 20 minute races are run back to back inside the harbour.

Sundays

With the exception of the Open Winter Series (one race then roast lunch!), two races are run on Sundays, each about an hour long. There are class starts for Solo, Fireball and Moth as well as separate starts for Fast, Medium and Slow Handicap.

Dinghy Wednesdays

From late spring to early autumn, an extremely popular Wednesday

evening series is run. The Fast, Medium and Slow Handicap series offers some excellent racing in a gorgeous setting – what better way to break up the working week?

Keelboat Thursdays

The Sundowner Series for RS Elites and Cruisers happens on Thursday evenings followed up by an idyllic post-race glass of Pimm's or cold beer with supper on the balcony as the sun sets over the harbour. Elite racing is inside the harbour whilst Cruisers venture out into the bay.

Bank Holidays

HISC runs its famous and very popular Open Charity Pursuit Races on each bank holiday throughout the year.

Pennant Weekends

Pennant Weekends are standalone series run monthly over open-meeting style courses, often in Hayling Bay. The four-race series comprises two races on Saturday afternoon followed by a big party, and two races on Sunday morning with one discard. The weekend prize giving is held in the bar after racing on Sunday.

Whitsun Regatta

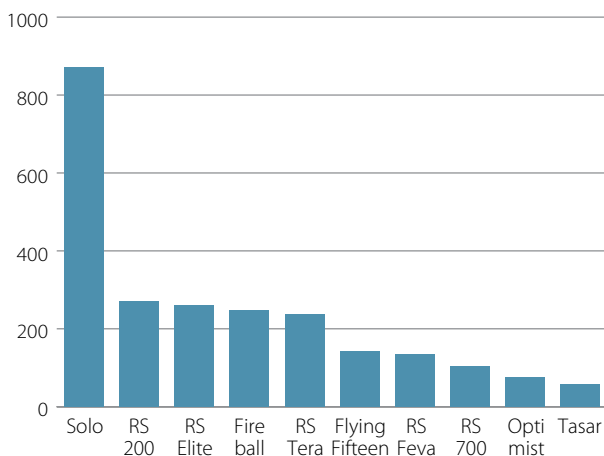
Now in its second year, our Open Regatta is a three-day festival of racing taking place over the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend 26–28 May. It is an all-inclusive opportunity for both adult and youth racing classes, with a busy social calendar for competitors and families alongside. Racing includes a mix of harbour short-course and championship style racing in Hayling Bay. The final day will be an all-in Charity Pursuit race in aid of *Hayling Rescue*. The Regatta includes a lively social programme with live music and fun youth activities. The Whitsun Regatta is an annual fixture.

Other popular events include the Commodore's Trophy and Team Racing which are detailed on page 26.

Whatever your interest, there is racing to suit everyone at Hayling Island Sailing Club; speak to the Class Captains, any member of the Racing Committee or the HISC Sailing Secretary for more information.

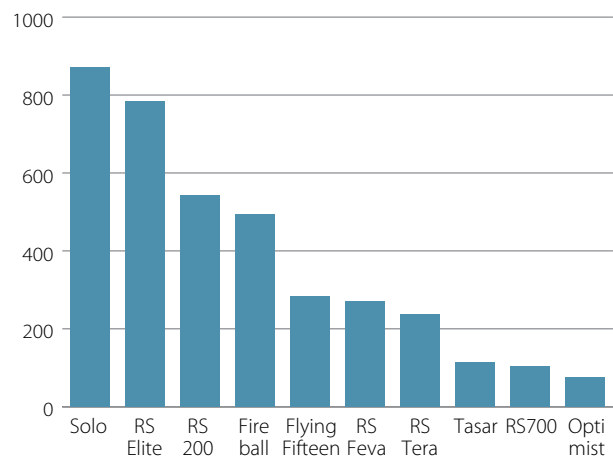
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Figure 1 – Top 10 classes raceday participations by boat over the 12 month period from Oct 2016 to Sep 2017
























Data collected from club results only by Racing Committee, presented monthly to General Committee

Figure 2 – Top 10 classes raceday participations by people over the 12 month period from Oct 2016 to Sep 2017



The racing classes at HISC

Something for everyone along the HISC pathway

JUNIOR	YOUTH	ADULT	TECHNICAL	KEELBOAT
REGULARLY RACED IN CLASS				
Optimist 	29er single trapeze 	Solo 	Foiling Moth 	RS Elite 
RS Tera 		Fireball Single trapeze 		Flying Fifteen 
RS Feva 		RS200 		
REGULARLY RACED IN HANDICAP				
		Tasar 	RS700 Single trapeze 	Cruiser Thursday evenings 
	Laser 4.7 & Radial 	Laser Standard & Radial 	Merlin Rocket 	
	RS Aero 5&7 	RS Aero 7&9 	RS800 Twin trapeze 	
		RS Venture Club Hire boats available 	2000 	
OTHER CLASSES RACED IN HANDICAP				
		International 14	49er	
		Laser 4000	Musto Skiff	
		Wayfarer		
		B14		
		Osprey		
		505		
		RS400		
		Streaker		



Single hander



Single-hander Asymmetric



Multi-crew No spinnaker



Multi-crew Spinnaker











Multi-crew Asymmetric

Race start times and class flags

For details of Youth Racing please refer to page 62

Bi-monthly Spring, Summer and Autumn Series March – October

	Class	Flag	Warning Signal ¹	No. of races	Intended race area
Saturday pm	General Handicap	Pennant 4 	1355	1	Harbour
	Solo	Pennant 6 	1400	1	
Sunday am	Solo	Pennant 6 	1055	2	Harbour or, in suitable conditions, Bay ²
	Medium Handicap	Pennant 4 	1100	2	
	Slow Handicap	Pennant 5 	1100	2	
	Fireball	Pennant 9 	1105	2	
	Fast Handicap	Flag F 	1110	2	
	International Moth	Pennant 8 	1110	2	

March–April Series: 24 March – 29 April
July–August Series: 30 June – 26 August

May–June Series: 5 May – 24 June
September–October Series: 1 September – 14 October

Pennant Weekends

Saturday Committee Boat 1	Flying Fifteen	Pennant 9 	1355	2	Bay ²
	Medium Handicap	Pennant 4 	1400	2	
	Fast Handicap	Flag F 	1405	2	
	International Moth	Pennant 8 	1405	2	
	RS Elite	Pennant 7 	1410	2	
Saturday Committee Boat 2	Solo	Pennant 6 	1355	2	Bay ² or, in unsuitable conditions, Harbour
	RS200	Flag R 	1400	2	
	Slow Handicap	Pennant 5 	1405	2	
Sunday Committee Boat 1	Flying Fifteen	Pennant 9 	1055	2	Bay ²
	Medium Handicap	Pennant 4 	1100	2	
	Fast Handicap	Flag F 	1105	2	
	International Moth	Pennant 8 	1105	2	
	RS Elite	Pennant 7 	1110	2	
Sunday Committee Boat 2	Solo	Pennant 6 	1055	2	Bay ² or, in unsuitable conditions, Harbour
	RS200	Flag R 	1100	2	
	Slow Handicap	Pennant 5 	1105	2	

Saturday Sprint Series




As determined by each class – communicated by the relevant Class Captain

HW usually in the Harbour

Thursday Evening Series 19 April – 2 August

Thursday Sundowner	RS Elite	Pennant 7 	1855	1	Harbour
	Cruiser Handicap	Pennant 4 	1900	1	Clubline start, Bay course

Wednesday Evening Series 11 April – 5 September









			Warning Signal		No. of races	Race area
			11 Apr–8 Aug	22 Aug–5 Sep		
Wednesday	Fast Handicap	Flag F 	1855	1825	1	Harbour
	Medium Handicap	Pennant 4 	1900	1830	1	
	Slow Handicap	Pennant 5 	1905	1835	1	

¹ The second race (if scheduled) will start asap after the first race has completed (i.e. back to back).

² Bay races will start at the time scheduled – please allow enough time to reach the start area.

Race start times and class flags (continued)

Open Winter Series 3 November – 16 December

	Class	Flag	Warning Signal	No. of races	Intended race area
Saturday	General Handicap	Pennant 4 	1325	1	Harbour
Sunday	Solo	Pennant 6 	1055	1	
	Medium Handicap	Pennant 4 	1100	1	
	Slow Handicap	Pennant 5 	1100	1	
	Fireball	Pennant 9 	1105	1	
	RS Elite	Pennant 7 	1110	1	
	Fast Handicap	Flag F 	1115	1	
	International Moth	Pennant 8 	1115	1	

Allocation of classes to handicap divisions

Class	Bi-monthly Spring, Summer, Autumn Series						Pennant Weekend				Evening			Open Winter Series				
	Saturday		Sunday				Saturday and Sunday				Wednesday			Sat	Sunday			
	General Handicap	Class Racing	Fast Handicap	Medium Handicap	Slow Handicap	Class Racing	Fast Handicap	Medium Handicap	Slow Handicap	Class Racing	Fast Handicap	Medium Handicap	Slow Handicap	General Handicap	Fast Handicap	Medium Handicap	Slow Handicap	Class Racing
Int Moth (Foils)	●					●				●	●			●				●
49er	●		●				●				●			●	●			
Int 14	●		●				●				●			●	●			
RS800	●		●				●				●			●	●			
RS700	●		●				●				●			●	●			
Musto Skiff	●		●				●				●			●	●			
B14	●		●				●				●			●	●			
505	●			●				●				●		●		●		
Int Canoe (Std)	●			●				●				●		●		●		
29er	●			●				●				●		●		●		
Vortex	●			●				●				●		●		●		
RS400	●			●				●				●		●		●		
4000	●			●				●				●		●		●		
RS600	●			●				●				●		●		●		
Osprey	●			●				●				●		●		●		
Fireball	●					●		●				●		●				●
Contender	●			●				●				●		●		●		
Merlin Rocket	●			●				●				●		●		●		
RS100	●			●				●				●		●		●		
RS Elite	●			●						●		●		●				●
Flying Fifteen	●			●						●		●		●		●		
Tasar	●			●				●				●		●		●		
RS Aero 9	●				●				●			●		●			●	
RS Aero 7	●				●				●			●		●			●	
420	●				●				●			●		●			●	
RS Vision	●				●				●			●		●			●	
Scorpion	●				●				●			●		●			●	
Finn	●				●				●			●		●			●	
RS200	●				●				●	●		●		●			●	
2000	●				●				●			●		●			●	
National 12	●				●				●			●		●			●	
Wayfarer	●				●				●				●	●			●	
RS Venture	●				●				●				●	●			●	
Laser	●				●				●				●	●			●	
Laser Radial	●				●				●				●	●			●	
Graduate	●				●				●				●	●			●	
Europe	●				●				●				●	●			●	
RS Aero 5	●				●				●				●	●			●	
Streaker	●				●				●				●	●			●	
Solo		●				●				●				●				●
Laser 4.7	●				●				●				●	●			●	
Mirror	●				●				●				●	●			●	
RS Feva	●				●				●				●	●			●	
Topper	●				●				●				●	●			●	

Club calendar 2018

March 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 HW: 1049 HT: 4.9	2 Social Sailing: Lunch at HISC HW: 1135 HT: 5.0	3 HISC 29er Winter Training HISC Tera Winter Training HW: 1219 HT: 5.0	4 HISC 29er Winter Training HISC Tera Winter Training HW: 1301 HT: 5.0
5 HW: 1343 HT: 4.9	6 HW: 1425 HT: 4.7	7 HW: 1508 HT: 4.5	8 HW: 1554 HT: 4.2	9 HW: 1645 HT: 3.9	10 Archive Film Evening Topper UKJS HW: 1748 HT: 3.7	11 Mothers' Day Topper UKJS HW: 0618 HT: 3.7
12 HW: 0741 HT: 3.7	13 HW: 0855 HT: 3.9	14 HW: 0947 HT: 4.1	15 HW: 1026 HT: 4.3	16 HW: 1059 HT: 4.5	17 St Patrick's Party HISC Tera Winter Training RYA RSX Squad HW: 1131 HT: 4.6	18 Opening Handicap Race HISC Tera Winter Training RYA RSX Squad HW: 1205 HT: 4.7
19 HW: 1241 HT: 4.8	20 HW: 1318 HT: 4.8	21 HW: 1356 HT: 4.7	22 HW: 1439 HT: 4.6	23 HW: 1532 HT: 4.4	24 Apres Ski Night & Band Solo Mar/Apr Series 1 Handicap Race 29er Grand Prix RYA Techno Squad HW: 1638 HT: 4.1	25 BST Starts (Clocks go forward) Mar/Apr Series 1 29er Grand Prix RYA Techno Squad HW: 1850 HT: 4.0
26 HW: 0722 HT: 4.0	27 HW: 0842 HT: 4.0	28 HW: 0959 HT: 4.3	29 HW: 1059 HT: 4.5	30 Moules Frites Night HW: 1146 HT: 4.7	31 Teen Race Second Hand Sale Youth Work Party Pennant Weekend HW: 1225 HT: 4.9	

April 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 April Easter Egg Hunt Pennant Weekend HW: 1303 HT: 4.9
2 Easter Monday Family Treasure Hunt Pursuit Race HW: 1341 HT: 4.9	3 Optimist & RS Tera Sprints HW: 1420 HT: 4.8	4 Optimist & RS Tera Sprints HW: 1500 HT: 4.7	5 RS Feva Sprints HW: 1539 HT: 4.5	6 Social Sailing: Spring General Meeting 11am RS Feva Sprints HW: 1619 HT: 4.3	7 Dave's Commonwealth Games Night Solo Mar/Apr Series 2 Handicap Race HW: 1704 HT: 4.0	8 Youth Spring Energiser 1 Mar/Apr Series 2 HW: 1758 HT: 3.8
9 HW: 0616 HT: 3.6	10 HW: 0737 HT: 3.5	11 Wed Early 1 HW: 0910 HT: 3.7	12 HW: 1010 HT: 4.0	13 HW: 1051 HT: 4.2	14 Optimist & RS Tera Sprints Sprint 1 HW: 1126 HT: 4.4	15 Youth Spring Energiser 2 Mar/Apr Series 3 HW: 1201 HT: 4.6
16 HW: 1238 HT: 4.8	17 HW: 1318 HT: 4.8	18 Wed Early 2 HW: 1359 HT: 4.9	19 Social Sailing: Lunch at Chichester YC Sundowner Early 1 RS Elite HW: 1442 HT: 4.8	20 HW: 1530 HT: 4.7	21 Spring General Meeting Boardsports 1 Solo Mar/Apr Series 3 Handicap Race HW: 1625 HT: 4.5	22 Youth Spring Energiser 3 Mar/Apr Series 4 HW: 1728 HT: 4.3
23 HW: 1834 HT: 4.2	24 HW: 0700 HT: 4.0	25 Wed Early 3 HW: 0820 HT: 4.0	26 Social Sailing: Lunch at Itchenor SC WOW Sundowner Early 2 RS Elite HW: 0949 HT: 4.2	27 HW: 1051 HT: 4.4	28 Rust Remover Solo Mar/Apr Series 4 Handicap Race RS Reunion Event HW: 1136 HT: 4.6	29 Red Ribbon Training Club Youth Spring Energiser 4 Mar/Apr Series 5 RS Reunion Event HW: 1211 HT: 4.7
30 HW: 1244 HT: 4.7						

Club Racing Start Times
 Saturday Handicap Race 2pm
 Sunday Club Racing Series 11am
 Pennant Weekend Saturday 2pm
 Pennant Weekend Sunday 11am

Youth Racing
 Wednesday Evening Race
 Thursday Sundowner Race

10am Briefing, 11am
 7pm
 7pm

May 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Social Sailing: Lunch at Dell Quay SC HW: 1321 HT: 4.7	2 Wed Early 4 HW: 1359 HT: 4.7	3 WOW Sundowner Early 3 RS Elite HW: 1437 HT: 4.6	4 HW: 1514 HT: 4.5	5 Live Band Teen Race Pennant Weekend HW: 1551 HT: 4.3	6 Pennant Weekend HW: 1632 HT: 4.1
7 Early May Bank Holiday Youth sailaway Pursuit Race HW: 1720 HT: 4.0	8 HW: 1817 HT: 3.8	9 Wed Early 5 HW: 0636 HT: 3.7	10 Social Sailing: Lunch at Haslar Lightship WOW Sundowner Early 1 Cruiser Sundowner Early 4 RS Elite HW: 0750 HT: 3.7	11 HW: 0912 HT: 3.9	12 Youth Sailing Solo May/June Series 1 FF Southern, including the Bulwark Trophy Handicap Race HW: 1005 HT: 4.2	13 FF Southern, including the Bulwark Trophy Red Ribbon Training Club Youth Spring Energiser 5 May/June Series 1 Moth OM HW: 1047 HT: 4.4
14 Social Sailing: Port Solent, Bembridge, Seaview (4 days) HW: 1128 HT: 4.6	15 HW: 1210 HT: 4.8	16 Wed Early 6 HW: 1255 HT: 4.8	17 WOW Sundowner Early 2 Cruiser Sundowner Early 5 RS Elite HW: 1342 HT: 4.9	18 Adult & Youth Team Racing Event WOW HW: 1432 HT: 4.8	19 Boardsports 2 WOW RS Tera & RS Feva Sprints Sprint 2 HW: 1525 HT: 4.8	20 WOW Youth Spring Energiser 6 May/June Series 2 HW: 1620 HT: 4.6
21 HW: 1719 HT: 4.5	22 HW: 1818 HT: 4.3	23 Wed Early 7 HW: 0640 HT: 4.1	24 WOW Sundowner Early 3 Cruiser Sundowner Early 6 RS Elite HW: 0751 HT: 4.0	25 HW: 0922 HT: 4.1	26 Live Band Boardsports 3 Youth Sailing Whitsun Regatta HW: 1028 HT: 4.3	27 Whitsun Regatta HW: 1113 HT: 4.4
28 Spring Bank Holiday Youth Sailaway Pursuit Race HW: 1149 HT: 4.5	29 Social Sailing: Folly Jaunt (4 days) Youth Training Week HW: 1223 HT: 4.6	30 Wed Early 8 Youth Training Week HW: 1300 HT: 4.6	31 Sundowner Early 4 Cruiser Sundowner Early 7 RS Elite Youth Training Week HW: 1339 HT: 4.6			

June 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 June Youth Training Week HW: 1417 HT: 4.5	2 Summer Ball Teen Race Pennant Weekend HW: 1454 HT: 4.5	3 Pennant Weekend HW: 1529 HT: 4.4
4 HW: 1608 HT: 4.3	5 HW: 1652 HT: 4.1	6 Wed Early 9 HW: 1742 HT: 4.1	7 WOW Sundowner Early 5 Cruiser Sundowner Early 8 RS Elite HW: 1837 HT: 4.0	8 Adult & Youth Team Racing Event HW: 0659 HT: 3.9	9 Youth Sailing RS Tera & RS Feva Sprints Solo May/June Series 2 Handicap Race Solo Tyler Trophy HW: 0806 HT: 4.0	10 Youth Summer Sizzler 1 May/June Series 3 Solo Tyler Trophy HW: 0914 HT: 4.2
11 HW: 1009 HT: 4.4	12 Social Sailing: Blooming June Week (6 days) HW: 1057 HT: 4.6	13 Wed Early 10 HW: 1144 HT: 4.7	14 WOW Sundowner Early 6 Cruiser Sundowner Late 1 RS Elite HW: 1233 HT: 4.8	15 HW: 1327 HT: 4.9	16 Party Night Seals Joe Leonard Memorial Event Boardsports 4 Merlin & Scorpion OM HW: 1422 HT: 4.9	17 Red Ribbon Training Club Youth Summer Sizzler 2 May/June Series 4 Merlin & Scorpion OM HW: 1517 HT: 4.8
18 HW: 1611 HT: 4.8	19 HW: 1704 HT: 4.6	20 Wed Early 11 HW: 1756 HT: 4.5	21 WOW Sundowner Late 1 Cruiser Sundowner Late 2 RS Elite HW: 1851 HT: 4.3	22 Laser Masters HW: 0715 HT: 4.1	23 Youth Sailing Solo May/June Series 3 Handicap Race Laser Masters HW: 0827 HT: 4.0	24 Youth Summer Sizzler 3 May/June Series 5 Laser Masters HW: 0950 HT: 4.1
25 HW: 1043 HT: 4.2	26 HW: 1123 HT: 4.3	27 Social Sailing: Poole Week (7 days) Wed Late 1 HW: 1201 HT: 4.4	28 WOW Sundowner Late 2 Cruiser Sundowner Late 3 RS Elite RS200 Youth Championship HW: 1240 HT: 4.4	29 RS200 Youth Championship HW: 1320 HT: 4.5	30 Red Ribbon Training Club Optimist OM Boardsports 5 Solo May/June Series 4 Handicap Race HW: 1358 HT: 4.5	

Club Racing Start Times

Saturday Handicap Race	2pm	Youth Racing	10am Briefing, 11am
Sunday Club Racing Series	11am	Wednesday Evening Race	7pm
Pennant Weekend Saturday	2pm	Thursday Sundowner Race	7pm
Pennant Weekend Sunday	11am		

July 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 July Youth Summer Sizzler 4 Optimist OM Jul/Aug Series 1 HW: 1433 HT: 4.5
2 HW: 1507 HT: 4.4	3 HW: 1542 HT: 4.4	4 Wed Late 2 HW: 1623 HT: 4.3	5 Sundowner Late 3 Cruiser Sundowner Late 4 RS Elite HW: 1709 HT: 4.2	6 RS Elite Youth Challenge HW: 1801 HT: 4.2	7 Paella Night Teen Race Pennant Weekend HW: 1857 HT: 4.2	8 Pennant Weekend HW: 0723 HT: 4.0
9 HW: 0832 HT: 4.2	10 HW: 0938 HT: 4.4	11 Wed Late 3 HW: 1033 HT: 4.6	12 Sundowner Late 4 Cruiser Sundowner Late 5 RS Elite HW: 1124 HT: 4.7	13 HW: 1216 HT: 4.8	14 Youth Sailing Seals RS Tera OM Thorney Race HW: 1311 HT: 4.9	15 Youth Summer Sizzler 5 RS Tera OM Jul/Aug Series 2 HW: 1407 HT: 4.9
16 Social Sailing: Harbour Week HW: 1500 HT: 4.9	17 HW: 1549 HT: 4.8	18 Wed Late 4 HW: 1637 HT: 4.7	19 Sundowner Late 5 Cruiser Sundowner Late 6 RS Elite HW: 1725 HT: 4.5	20 HW: 1815 HT: 4.3	21 Live Singer Boardsports 6 Solo Jul/Aug Series 1 Handicap Race HW: 1910 HT: 4.1	22 Youth Summer Sizzler 6 Jul/Aug Series 3 Solo Nationals HW: 0740 HT: 3.9
23 Solo Nationals HW: 0856 HT: 3.9	24 Solo Nationals HW: 1011 HT: 4.0	25 Red Ribbon Regatta Wed Late 5 Solo Nationals HW: 1102 HT: 4.2	26 Sundowner Late 6 Cruiser Sundowner Late 7 RS Elite Red Ribbon Regatta Solo Nationals HW: 1143 HT: 4.3	27 Red Ribbon Regatta Solo Nationals HW: 1222 HT: 4.4	28 Beach Party Solo Jul/Aug Series 2 Youth Sailing Weekend Handicap Race HW: 1300 HT: 4.5	29 Youth Sailing Weekend MRSC Regatta 29er Nationals HW: 1336 HT: 4.5
30 29er Nationals HW: 1409 HT: 4.5	31 29er Nationals HW: 1441 HT: 4.5					

August 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 Wed Late 6 29er Nationals HW: 1514 HT: 4.5	2 Sundowner Late 7 Cruiser Sundowner Late 8 RS Elite 29er Nationals HW: 1551 HT: 4.4	3 HW: 1633 HT: 4.3	4 Solo Jul/Aug Series 3 Handicap Race HW: 1724 HT: 4.2	5 Youth Activity Jul/Aug Series 4 HW: 1822 HT: 4.1
6 HW: 0651 HT: 4.0	7 HW: 0802 HT: 4.1	8 Wed Late 7 HW: 0917 HT: 4.3	9 HW: 1019 HT: 4.5	10 HW: 1112 HT: 4.7	11 Boardsports 7 Solo Jul/Aug Series 4 Youth Sailing Handicap Race HW: 1203 HT: 4.9	12 Seals Glyn Charles Pursuit Race HW: 1255 HT: 5.0
13 CHRW Band Social Sailing: Mini Medina (4 days) Chichester Harbour Race Week HW: 1346 HT: 5.0	14 Chichester Harbour Race Week HW: 1433 HT: 5.0	15 CHRW Afternoon BBQ & Band Chichester Harbour Race Week HW: 1518 HT: 4.9	16 CHRW Disco Chichester Harbour Race Week HW: 1603 HT: 4.7	17 Chichester Harbour Race Week HW: 1648 HT: 4.5	18 Youth Beach Party Solo Jul/Aug Series 5 Youth Activity Weekend Handicap Race HW: 1737 HT: 4.3	19 Youth Activity Weekend Jul/Aug Series 5 HW: 1830 HT: 4.0
20 Family Fun Week HW: 0701 HT: 3.8	21 Family Fun Week HW: 0814 HT: 3.7	22 Wed Late 8 Family Fun Week HW: 0940 HT: 3.8	23 Family Fun Week HW: 1044 HT: 4.1	24 Family Fun Week HW: 1127 HT: 4.3	25 Live Band Boardsports 8 Solo Jul/Aug Series 6 Handicap Race HW: 1204 HT: 4.4	26 All American Diner Night Cock of the Harbour Pursuit Race HW: 1237 HT: 4.5
27 Summer Bank Holiday The Big Bay Race Youth Race Week HW: 1309 HT: 4.6	28 Youth Race Week HW: 1340 HT: 4.6	29 Wed Late 9 Youth Race Week HW: 1411 HT: 4.6	30 Youth Race Week HW: 1443 HT: 4.6	31 Youth Race Week HW: 1517 HT: 4.5		

Club Racing Start Times

Saturday Handicap Race	2pm
Sunday Club Racing Series	11am
Pennant Weekend Saturday	2pm
Pennant Weekend Sunday	11am

Youth Racing	10am Briefing, 11am
Wednesday Evening Race to 8 Aug	7pm
Wednesday Evening Race from 22 Aug	6.30pm
Thursday Sundowner Race	7pm

September 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Cheese & Wine Night Teen Race Seals Pennant Weekend HW: 1556 HT: 4.4	2 Pennant Weekend HW: 1647 HT: 4.2
3 HW: 1752 HT: 4.1	4 HW: 1902 HT: 4.1	5 Wed Late 10 HW: 0743 HT: 4.0	6 WOW HW: 0902 HT: 4.2	7 Tasar Nationals Contender Nationals HW: 1009 HT: 4.5	8 Solo Sep/Oct Series 1 Youth Sailing Handicap Race Tasar Nationals Contender Nationals HW: 1104 HT: 4.8	9 Social Sailing: Solent Rivers (6 days) Youth Autumn Equinox 1 MRSC Rowans Pursuit Race Cruiser Regatta Cup Tasar Nationals Contender Nationals HW: 1152 HT: 5.0
10 Contender Nationals HW: 1237 HT: 5.1	11 HW: 1321 HT: 5.1	12 HW: 1404 HT: 5.0	13 WOW HW: 1446 HT: 4.9	14 HW: 1528 HT: 4.7	15 Live Band Commodores Trophy Club 29er transition training HW: 1611 HT: 4.5	16 Bart's Bash HW: 1658 HT: 4.2
17 HW: 1749 HT: 3.9	18 HW: 0623 HT: 3.8	19 HW: 0734 HT: 3.7	20 WOW HW: 0903 HT: 3.8	21 HW: 1019 HT: 4.0	22 Live Band Youth Sailing Solo Sep/Oct Series 2 Handicap Race Round Hayling Windsurf Race HW: 1103 HT: 4.3	23 Youth Autumn Equinox 2 Sep/Oct Series 1 Windsurf/Boardsports Festival HW: 1137 HT: 4.5
24 HW: 1207 HT: 4.6	25 HW: 1236 HT: 4.7	26 HW: 1307 HT: 4.8	27 Social Sailing: Lunch at CYC WOW HW: 1340 HT: 4.8	28 505 Euro Cup HW: 1413 HT: 4.7	29 RS Tera & RS Feva Sprints Sprint 3 505 Euro Cup HW: 1447 HT: 4.7	30 Annual General Meeting Youth Autumn Equinox 3 Sep/Oct Series 2 505 Euro Cup HW: 1527 HT: 4.5

October 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 HW: 1621 HT: 4.3	2 HW: 1732 HT: 4.1	3 HW: 1844 HT: 4.0	4 HW: 0728 HT: 4.1	5 Social Sailing: Lunch at HISC HW: 0848 HT: 4.2	6 Youth Sailing Solo Sep/Oct Series 3 Handicap Race RS Feva Grand Prix HW: 1001 HT: 4.5	7 Youth Autumn Equinox 4 Sep/Oct Series 3 RS Feva Grand Prix HW: 1056 HT: 4.8
8 HW: 1140 HT: 5.0	9 HW: 1219 HT: 5.1	10 HW: 1257 HT: 5.1	11 Social Sailing: Lunch at Itchenor HW: 1337 HT: 5.0	12 HW: 1416 HT: 4.9	13 Oktoberfest Sparkes Trophy Solo Sep/Oct Series 4 Handicap Race HW: 1456 HT: 4.7	14 Youth Autumn Equinox 5 Sep/Oct Series 4 Nab Cup HW: 1536 HT: 4.5
15 HW: 1618 HT: 4.2	16 HW: 1706 HT: 4.0	17 HW: 1804 HT: 3.7	18 HW: 0651 HT: 3.7	19 HW: 0813 HT: 3.8	20 End of Season Party Teen Race Pennant Weekend HW: 0932 HT: 4.0	21 Pennant Weekend HW: 1023 HT: 4.3
22 Youth Sprints HW: 1059 HT: 4.5	23 Youth Sprints HW: 1130 HT: 4.7	24 Youth Sprints HW: 1200 HT: 4.8	25 Youth Sprints HW: 1234 HT: 4.9	26 Trafalgar Night Youth Sprints HW: 1309 HT: 4.9	27 Kids Halloween Party Optimist & RS Tera Sprints Sprint 4 HW: 1347 HT: 4.9	28 BST Ends (Clocks go back) Youth Autumn Equinox 6 Harbour Challenge HW: 1326 HT: 4.8
29 HW: 1412 HT: 4.6	30 HW: 1511 HT: 4.4	31 HW: 1620 HT: 4.2	Club Racing Start Times Saturday Handicap Race 2pm Sunday Club Racing Series 11am Pennant Weekend Saturday 2pm Pennant Weekend Sunday 11am		Youth Racing Wednesday Evening Race	10am Briefing, 11am 6.30pm

November 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 HW: 1729 HT: 4.1	2 Social Sailing: AGM 11am HW: 1841 HT: 4.1	3 Bonfire & Fireworks Nov/Dec Series 1 HW: 0731 HT: 4.3	4 Youth Winter Firecracker 1 RS Elite Crabber's Nip 1 Nov/Dec Series 1 HW: 0847 HT: 4.6
5 HW: 0942 HT: 4.8	6 HW: 1024 HT: 4.9	7 HW: 1059 HT: 5.0	8 HW: 1133 HT: 5.0	9 HW: 1211 HT: 4.9	10 Youth Sprints Nov/Dec Series 2 HW: 1250 HT: 4.8	11 Youth Winter Firecracker 2 RS Elite Crabber's Nip 2 Nov/Dec Series 2 HW: 1328 HT: 4.7
12 HW: 1405 HT: 4.5	13 HW: 1443 HT: 4.3	14 HW: 1528 HT: 4.1	15 HW: 1622 HT: 3.9	16 HW: 1724 HT: 3.8	17 Comedy Night Nov/Dec Series 3 HW: 1837 HT: 3.8	18 Youth Winter Firecracker 3 RS Elite Crabber's Nip 3 Nov/Dec Series 3 HW: 0730 HT: 4.0
19 HW: 0831 HT: 4.2	20 HW: 0914 HT: 4.5	21 HW: 0951 HT: 4.7	22 HW: 10.26 HT: 4.9	23 HW: 1103 HT: 4.9	24 Nov/Dec Series 4 HW: 1143 HT: 5.0	25 Youth Winter Firecracker 4 RS Elite Crabber's Nip 4 Nov/Dec Series 4 HW: 1227 HT: 4.9
26 HW: 1313 HT: 4.9	27 HW: 1404 HT: 4.7	28 HW: 1504 HT: 4.6	29 HW: 1609 HT: 4.4	30 HW: 1714 HT: 4.3		

December 2018

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 Children's Christmas Party Nov/Dec Series 5 HW: 1820 HT: 4.2	2 Christmas Fair Youth Winter Firecracker 5 RS Elite Crabber's Nip 5 Nov/Dec Series 5 HW: 0705 HT: 4.4
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31 New Year's Eve Party HW: 1857 HT: 4.1						

Club Racing Start Times

Saturday Nov/Dec Series

Sunday Nov/Dec Series

Youth Firecracker Series

1.30pm

11am

10am briefing, 11am start

Open events 2018



24 & 25 March	29er Grand Prix
2 April	Easter Charity Pursuit Race – <i>in aid of RNLI</i>
28 & 29 April	RS Reunion
7 May	Early May Bank Holiday Charity Pursuit Race – <i>in aid of Alzheimer's Society</i>
12 & 13 May	Flying Fifteen Southern's inc FF Bulwark Trophy
26 & 27 May	Whitsun Regatta
28 May	Spring Charity Pursuit Race – <i>in aid of Hayling Rescue</i>
9 & 10 June	Solo Tyler Trophy
16 & 17 June	Merlin, Scorpion & Fireball Open Meeting
22, 23 & 24 June	Laser Masters
28 & 29 June	RS200 Youth Championship
30 June & 1 July	Optimist Open Meeting
14 & 15 July	RS Tera Open Meeting
22–27 July	Solo National Championship
29 July – 2 August	29er National Championship
12 August	Glyn Charles Charity Pursuit Race – <i>in aid of John Merricks Sailing Trust</i>
13–17 August	Chichester Harbour Race Week
26 August	Cock of the Harbour Charity Pursuit Race – <i>in aid of Hayling Island Sail Training Trust</i>
27–31 August	Youth Race Week
7–10 September	Contender National Championship
7–9 September	Tasar National Championship
16 September	Bart's Bash – <i>in aid of Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation</i>
22 & 23 September	Round Hayling Windsurf Race & Board Sports Weekend
28–30 September	505 Euro Cup
6 & 7 October	RS Feva Grand Prix
13 & 14 October	Sparkes Trophy & Nab Cup
23 December	Christmas Cracker Pursuit Race – <i>in aid of Friends of Chichester Harbour</i>
3 November to 16 December	November & December Open Winter Series
4 November - 16 December	Youth Fire Cracker Open Series

Commodore's Trophy and Team Racing

Andy Partington
Vice Commodore Sailing



The Commodore's Trophy is a hugely popular annual event where we run short course racing in a single class of boat – we use the club RS Venture fleet as these enable us to easily provide racing on level terms.

All club members are welcome to participate if they have some experience of racing. We love to see representatives from all of our club racing fleets, our cruising fleet, youth sailors and we usually get a good number of all female crews as the event incorporates the Ladies Trophy. Many people put crews together with their friends and family as well. A crew/team consists of between

three and five people, who all sail a RS Venture together. Youth teams often have four or five in their crew, adults usually only sail with three people, but it is your choice.

The event also includes the parent and child trophy, with special prizes for family teams. The Ladies Trophy is a very keenly contested part of the event with a good number of ladies entering and enjoying the spirit of the event as well as some competitive and exciting racing.

The format for the racing is a series of quick fifteen minute races on a short course located in front of the club to enable popular spectating

and commentary from the balcony. All crews entered sail in a number of races and then the top performing crews progress through to semi-finals and finals. The quick turnaround between each race, ensures we maximise racing time and keep the format lively and entertaining. There is always a great deal of 'chat' on the balcony during and after the racing involving spectators and competitors – there is never a dull moment and it's a fun and inclusive event for all. The Commodore's Trophy will take place on Saturday 15 September.

Why not get a team together and register for the event this year?





Team racing, also known as teams racing, is a popular form of dinghy racing that many of our members may have experienced if they sailed at school or university.

At HISC we usually run three boat team racing with all the boats being of one class to ensure they are reasonably evenly matched. The results of each team are combined to decide the winner – as opposed to fleet racing where boats are scored on an individual basis. The low points scoring system is used in team racing: a boat

that finishes 1st earns 1 point, a boat that finishes 2nd earns 2 points, and so on – with the winning team decided by adding together the points of all the boats in each team. The team with the fewest points wins.

The Racing Committee have been keen to develop more team racing

at HISC for both our youth and adult members. In 2017 we ran a Friday evening team racing competition with racing in both RS Fevas (for the youth) and RS Ventures. Due to its popularity, the plan is to run two similar events in 2018 on Friday evenings during the summer on Friday 18 May and Friday 8 June.

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HISC – a world-class championship venue

As one of only four RYA coastal Centres of Excellence, Hayling Island Sailing Club is one of the leading sailing clubs in the UK. Founded in 1921 with some 3,000 members, the club has a permanent staff of more than 20 with an additional pool of temporary staff and highly skilled volunteers for major events.

Situated on a private peninsula of golden sand at the entrance to Chichester Harbour, the club enjoys a unique micro climate which provides ideal dinghy racing conditions in some of Britain's best sailing waters. Sailing is possible at all stages of the tide throughout the year.

With over 50 years' experience of organising National, International and Olympic training and selection events, HISC has the capability and track record to successfully host ISAF accredited championships attracting 400+ entries.



Photo: RYA

The club has played a leading role in British sailing, encouraging innovation and development and nurturing many generations of sailing champions including five Olympic medallists.

Some of the major championships HISC has successfully hosted in recent years include:

- RYA Youth Championships
- Laser World Championships
- RS Feva World Championship
- Solo National Championship
- International Moth National and World Championships
- RS200 National Championship
- 29er National Championship

The Venue

HISC offers access to two superb sailing areas; the sheltered waters of Chichester Harbour and the open water of Hayling Bay.

In addition the club offers:

- Highly experienced race management team
- Fully qualified International Race Officers
- Three committee boats, 11 safety boats, moorings, pontoon and ferry service
- Maintenance facilities
- On-site chandlery
- Scrutineer's shed for boat and sail measuring
- 360° race control tower
- Online registration and entry system
- Fast results processing and publishing
- Extensive balcony views of the race area
- Free space for boat and car parking
- Three launch and recovery areas with winches and hoists
- Numerous wash down and water points
- Chains for boat security
- Large wet snack bar, extensive restaurant and bar facilities
- Disabled facilities



Photo: RYA

Onshore Facilities:

- Accommodation to sleep 80 (see page 101)
- Dining room with covers for 200
- Bar with capacity for 300
- Barista style coffee bar
- Wet snack bar & BBQ facilities
- Conference facilities for up to 150
- Car parking for 300 cars
- Camper van parking
- Internet access and free wifi
- First aid room
- Training rooms
- Extensive modern changing rooms with under floor heating
- Security lockers for personal belongings
- Houses, campsite and caravan parks to rent within walking distance of club
- Race management facilities
- Private sandy beach for families
- Two local marinas



Thank you for a brilliant event this weekend. The conditions were fantastic but the race and shore teams did an outstanding job – a number of sailors told me how much they enjoyed the weekend and how well HISC delivered the event. Eight races in mixed conditions then pack up in the sun and leave by 3:15pm...amazing.

Paul Hammett
Chairman 29er UK Association
29er Grand Prix March 2017



Dear HISC – It was wonderful – very slick race management and great fun on shore. We will definitely be back...it is great to see HISC as it should be – busy with sailors. Thanks to you all and your teams for all the effort that you put in before, during and after these events.

Heather Chipperfield
RS Class Association

The local area

With spectacular views of Chichester Harbour, the South Downs and the Isle of Wight, Hayling Island Sailing Club is located on a sandy peninsula known as Sandy Point. Hayling Island is a true island with road bridge access to the mainland and a foot passenger ferry to the nearby historic waterside city of Portsmouth. The Roman city of Chichester with its spectacular Cathedral and nearby Roman Palace are easily accessible for sight-seeing, shopping and restaurants.

The island boasts over 3 miles of beaches overlooking the world famous sailing waters of the Solent and Isle of Wight. Extensive opportunities exist for sailing, windsurfing, power boating, jet skiing, paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking and swimming.

Hayling Island enjoys fast links to international airports, ferry ports and the UK motorway system.



Photo: RYA

RYA Youth Nationals 2017 at HISC



After five days of challenging racing at the 2017 RYA Youth Nationals, champions were crowned across 12 classes.

380 sailors were tested in an array of conditions on the waters of Hayling Island, with all except the 29er silver fleet completing a full series.

There were outstanding performances in all classes, some Championships won with a race, or even a day, to spare whilst others came down to the wire.

The Youth Nationals, which spans five days of competition, is the premier event on the youth racing calendar with the best of the best vying for selection to represent Britain on an international stage as well as for a UK Youth Squad place.

The event played host to a royal audience as HRH The Princess Royal, President of the Royal Yachting Association, observed proceedings from the water before coming ashore to meet RS:X and Techno sailors following their final race.

Tim Hancock PRO for the event commented, "It's been a pleasure having all the youth sailors at Hayling Island Sailing Club, and to see their level of skill and professionalism. It's been fantastic! We have been fortunate with the weather this week, with sunshine every day and wind from 5 to 20 knots giving a full range of conditions to the

380 sailors. HISC has, once again, proved to be an ideal location for hosting such a large event. Slick event organisation, including the reorganisation of the boatpark, multiple launching areas, extensive onshore facilities as well as the huge support from members and volunteers have all contributed to the success of the week."





It's been an absolutely fantastic week at Hayling Island...the club and the volunteers are outstanding and have really supported a wonderful event...the weather has cooperated, and the standard of sailing has been the highest I think I've ever seen. It's been a brilliant event.

**Mark Nicholls, Event Director,
Youth Racing Manager, RYA**



From an organisational point of view hosting the RYA Youth Nationals involved:

- Clearing the member's dinghies ready for the visiting boats
- Launching and mooring the 40+ support RIBs
- Launching and fuelling 11 HISC RIBs every day
- Ferrying race crews out to the 40 plus support RIBs and committee boats each day
- Maintaining and ensuring all racing buoys are fully working and in the right boats each day
- Charging and keeping track of radios, race kit, first aid kits and support items
- Ensuring RIB drivers and safety crew are all present and correct and in the right boats each day
- Maintaining and restocking the committee boats each day
- Assisting volunteers, RYA staff and officials, photographers and media
- Supplying and managing breakfasts and lunches for staff, safety crews, 70+ volunteers, 379 sailors, parents and coaches and pasta for all the sailors after racing
- Tidying and maintaining the club for members and visitors alike -as well for VIP guests including HRH the Princess Royal
- Putting the club dinghies back in the dinghy park ready for the Easter Weekend once everyone had gone!



Volunteering at HISC

Your Club Needs You!

The General Committee

The vibrant success of HISC both on and off the water depends to a large measure on the members who volunteer their time and talents to help organise and support a wide range of activities. The Club greatly values and appreciates all who give their time and expertise, and the feedback from those who do volunteer speaks of satisfaction at being able to contribute to helping the enjoyment of others. But there is always room for more volunteers!

So, to help members who might be thinking about this, we have drawn up a list of the main activities that members can help with, together with a summary of what's involved and how to find out more. Please think about whether you can give some time to any of these.

Flag Officers

The Club is always keen to welcome members who are interested in serving in one of the key positions of responsibility:

- Commodore
- Vice Commodore Sailing
- Vice Commodore House
- Rear Commodore Finance
- Rear Commodore Racing
- Rear Commodore Cruising
- Rear Commodore Youth
- Chair of Membership Committee

Time commitment: Organisation and oversight of Club activities, committee chairmanship, 6–10 meetings annually, attendance at AGM and SGM.

How to: Appointment is by election. Current appointees will be happy to tell you more.

Member-elected representatives

These representatives help ensure that the Club's committees have their fingers on the pulse of members' views and concerns.

- General Committee – 3 positions
- Sailing Committee – 2 positions
- House Committee – 2 positions



The Club's gardens and dunes are all funded by the Club and cultivated by the volunteer gardening workforce

Time commitment: 6–10 meetings annually, ex-committee work in support of Flag Officers.

How to: Appointment is by election. Current appointees and Flag Officers will be happy to tell you more.

Co-opted roles

Members who volunteer to bring their interests and talents to support the work of committees:

- Club Racing Committee – 6 positions
- Cruising Committee – 4 positions
- Youth Committee – 6 positions
- Membership Committee – 5 positions
- Class Captains' Committee

Time commitment: 4 – 6 meetings annually, ex-committee work in support of Flag Officers. Membership

Committee members hold regular welcome briefings for new members.

How to: Appointment is by Committee Chairs who will be happy to tell you more.

Club sailing duties

Members between the ages of 18 and 69 are asked to give up some time each year to help run Club sailing activities ashore and afloat:

- Club Race Officers
- Assistant Race Officers
- Safety Boat drivers
- Safety Boat crews
- Race Box team
- Beach management

Time commitment: A minimum of 2 days annually, but many members give more.

How to: Select dates in DutyMan, which goes on-line each January.



Open Meetings and Championships:

HISC's excellent reputation as a venue for major sailing events relies on the willingness of members to offer their support in many roles.

- Race officers
- Assistant Race Officers
- Safety Leader
- Crew Safety Leader
- Mark layers
- Shore tally team
- Race box team
- Protest committees

Time commitment: Events typically last a day, a weekend or a week. It's helpful if members commit to the whole event, but there are always vacancies for those who can only do a day or two of the longer events.

How to: Select dates on DutyMan which goes live in January.

Social Sailing

Organise a mid-week sailing or social event for the Social Sailing group.

Time commitment: 2-3 days.

How to: Speak to Mike Tong, Social Sailing Class Captain.

Youth Sailing

Become involved in helping organise and run events in the Club's youth sailing programme (Family Fun Week, Youth Race Week, etc).

Time commitment: variable from a day to a week.

How to: Speak to Sarah Mitchell, Rear Commodore Youth.

Thursday Club instructors

Qualified dinghy sailing instructors are always required to help the Club's outreach sailing training for local young people which runs from March to September.

Time commitment: 2 hours on a Thursday afternoon after school.

How to: Speak to Mike Baker, Trustee.

Archives management

Help the small team which is cataloguing the Club's many records and photographs, including arranging displays of historic material in support of Club events.

Time commitment: 2-3 hours per week, mostly during the winter.

How to: Speak to Belinda Cook or Léonie Austin.

Club Working parties

Join other members organised to repair sea defences, maintain launching slipways, tidy up the site, clear sand etc.

Time commitment: 3 – 4 hours, typically on a Saturday morning in the winter (coffee, soup and rolls provided!).

How to: Watch out for notice of working parties on the Club website, weekly email newsletter and Facebook pages.

Christmas Fair

Help organise the Club's annual Christmas Fair which raises money for charities.

Time commitment: a few days in November/December.

How to: Speak to Emma Toman.

Lost property sale

Help organise the sale of lost property normally held alongside the Christmas Fair and which raises money towards the fund to celebrate the Club's centenary in 2021.

Time commitment: a few days in November/December.

How to: Speak to Pam Marrs.

Nearly new sale

Help organise the sale of nearly new sailing clothing held in the Spring.

Time commitment: a few days in February/March.

How to: Contact Anna Wells.

Gardening

Join one of the teams that cultivate the Club's gardens and dunes.

Time commitment: Working parties are held during the Spring and Autumn.

How to: Speak to Carlyne Curties or Jan Wareham.

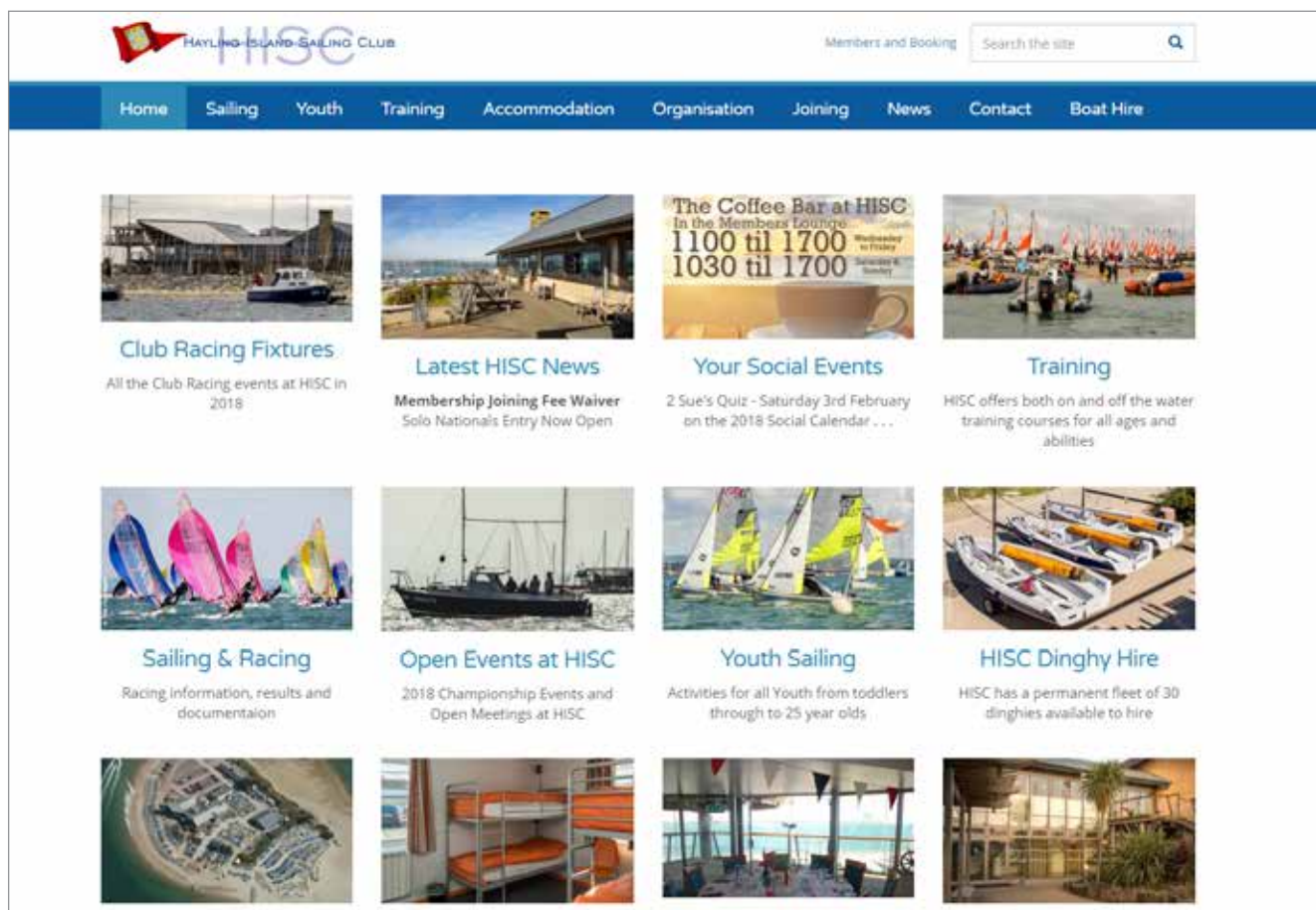
500 Club

Join the team that runs the 500 Club that raises money used for monthly prizes for members and to fund projects deemed of benefit to Club members.

Time commitment: An hour or so each month to manage the draw, and occasional meetings to discuss projects to be funded.

How to: Speak to Pam Marrs.

Stay in touch



Website

Our website at www.hisc.co.uk is your first point of reference for all club information. The site has recently been re-launched and is now fully responsive to the device you are using, so no matter whether you are viewing on a mobile phone, a tablet or a PC you should get an excellent experience and be able to find the information you need. All current news, events, socials and club racing are on the site.

You should also register for your Members Account which is accessible from the 'Members and Booking' link in the top section of the website. If you are a member you will have received an email about registering for an account, if you haven't received this please contact the office. This account will allow you to book club events, both sailing and social, and you can top up your club card – it's easy to use and only takes a few seconds to

book events. It will also provide links to information such as committee meeting minutes, club policies and annual accounts and very importantly, you can change any of your personal details such as telephone number, address, email via this secure online account.

Please use your members account, it's open 24 hours, unlike the office - and it will save the club money, and you time.

Email Newsletter

All members are automatically opted into our weekly email newsletter. This normally comes out on a Thursday and contains really useful information about what is going on when, news from committees, tide times and any special offers. It's sent directly to your registered email address.

Yahoo Newsgroup

Other short or urgent messages are often sent out by members and the crew on our Yahoo group email. This is a monitored service and all emails are approved by a moderator before being posted to the group. To join, send an email from your preferred email account to: HISC_General_News-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive a message from Yahoo to which you must reply. Once you have joined, you can post messages by emailing HISC_General_News@yahoogroups.com.

Social Media

HISC has various Facebook groups and pages with the main one being Hayling Island SC (HISC). There are also groups for HISC Events, Boardsports, HISC Club Racing, HISC Youth, Hayling Island Fireballs and for other classes and groups within the club. These are a great way to stay in touch with areas



Members' log-in page



HISC communications on Facebook and Twitter



of the club's activities that interest you the most. A quick search of Facebook will bring up all the relevant pages and groups – feel free to join any that interest you.

Why not post some of your great experiences at HISC this year on Social Media?

Our Twitter account is HISC@HaylingIslandSC, please follow us for lots on interesting sailing tweets, please post using hash tag

#HaylingIslandSC for anything you'd like to share.

Mailings

There are two printed mailings sent to members each year, the HISC Calendar in the Autumn and the HISC Yearbook in the Spring. All voting information is sent via email.

Word of Mouth

Come down to the club, say hello to your fellow members in the bar, snack bar or restaurant. You'll be amazed

what you might find out, there are many friendly faces and members who welcome having a chat over a coffee or something stronger. All the flag officers welcome having a chat with members, please find out who they are – their pictures are in the lobby and they are at the club on a regular basis, please come and find them and have a chat.

Weather

For tidal information and actual weather/wind conditions please visit chimet.co.uk.

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Solos at HISC

David Moseley
Solo Class Captain

Welcome to the Hayling fleet of the National Solo Class. The Solo is one of the most popular single handed racing dinghies in the UK. Designed by Jack Holt in 1956 the popularity of the Solo is firmly established with sail numbers approaching 6000.



Photo: Peter Hickson

The National class has a comprehensive program of open meetings and regional Championships with 50–60 Solos regularly attending the Super Series events. In addition there are four inland Championships (Winter, Spring, Inland and End of Season) and a National Championship. These events can have entries of over 100 boats.

Why might you ask is a 60 year old design with a reputation as an old man's boat (totally wrong as you will find out after racing a Solo in Hayling Bay in a force 5–6) be so successful against competition from much more modern designs? Well Jack Holt seemed to get the basics just right and designed a boat which could be sailed

by someone of just about any age weight or ability. Much development of the Solo has taken place over the sixty years while still keeping true to the original concept. Stiffer hulls made of GRP, improved cockpit layouts and much more powerful rigs has made the Solo the boat it is today, a robust and affordable single hander which has attracted some of the best dinghy sailors in the country. With around 100 new boats being built each year there is a thriving second hand market, a very active Class Association and a friendly and laid back atmosphere among the sailors (off the water that is). Hayling Island Sailing Club has the largest Solo fleet in the UK with 70 registered boats. Our ages range from

18 to 80 and weights from 70 kilos to – well some will admit to 90 Kilos but it may be a bit more. In ability we go from professional sailors to some who have only just taken up sailing and we all race together – for the first leg anyway. In 2017 we had another great sailing season with average turnouts of 10+, the highest in the club by a large margin. Apart from the regular Saturday and Sunday points series and the Pennant Weekends, we had 5 Sprint days, a training day, two handicap events, the Golden Jubilee Trophy and the Dell Quay Dash when everyone had a chance to win a cup. In addition there were two Solo open meetings, the Tyler Trophy and the Pusinelli Trophy. The latter, normally



Photo: Chris Turner



Well Jack Holt seemed to get the basics just right and designed a boat which could be sailed by someone of just about any age weight or ability.

held at the Olympic sailing centre at Weymouth was run at HISC in 2017. With over 60 entries it attracted a very strong field and was won by Charlie Cumbley the Solo National Champion. Hayling was also put on the map at the Nationals at Royal Torbay YC, winning the fleet prize.

This year we have another very full program with the highlight being the Solo National Championship which is coming to HISC Sunday 22 to Friday 27 July 2018, with six days of superb top notch big fleet racing. Last time the Nationals were at HISC we had 115 entries; this year we are hoping for more. If you don't own a Solo you can still join in as boats will be available for



Photo: Chris Turner

charter through the NSCA. If you are interested in joining the HISC Solo fleet please contact myself, David Moseley or any of the Solo sailors. For more information on the class and some

great videos look at the NSCA web site, www.solosailing.org.uk

Contact Class Captain David Moseley email solocaptain@hisc.co.uk



Photo: Peter Hickson

RS Elite – keelboat racing with a social whirl

Paul Fisk

RS Elite Class Captain



The 2017 season started in earnest, combining a mix of Sprint Racing and Pennant Weekends for teams keen to get into shape with the prospect of a home fixture for the National Championship.

Top six at the Nationals was an all HISC affair with *Wombat* (55 – Russell Peters, Greg Wells, Mark Darling) first, *Foudafafa* (76 – Mike McIntyre, Simon Childs, Caroline McIntyre) in second and *More T Vicar* (67 – Ossie Stewart, Ian Tillett, Tom Stewart) in third.

2017 Sprint Champions were *Foudafafa* with *Shaken Not Stirred* (7 – Colin Smith, Paul Smith, Anna Wells) in second and *Legs Eleven* (11 – Paul Fisk, Martin Grady, Pippa Jubb) third. The Pennant Series was won by *Shaken Not Stirred*,

Wombat second and *Foudafafa* third. Sundowner Early series winners were *Lazy Daisy* (66 – Andy Partington, Gareth Edwards, Karen Partington) and *Shaken Not Stirred* took the Sundowner Late series. Autumn Crabber's Nip champions were *Legs Eleven* followed by *Shaken Not Stirred* and *More T Vicar*.

Expeditions in 2017 included a trip to Bembridge/Seaview for the inaugural RS Elite East Wight Open Meeting where *Way To Blue* (24 – Nick Peters, Mike McIntyre, Kate Peters) excelled in

the light winds to win. In August the Elite gang once again descended on the Isle of Wight for Cowes Week where Freddie Peters proved impossible to catch in *No Riff Raff* (20).

As is the norm with the RS Elite fleet, the sailing programme was very well supported with everyone enjoying a busy social whirl wherever they went.

The new season

2018 sees the usual mix of Sprint Saturdays, Pennant Weekends and



RS Elite Youth Challenge

Following last year's inaugural Youth Challenge, which was enjoyed by all, we will again be running a match race style event on the evening of Friday 6 July. If you would like to take part or help out please let Leah in the HISC office know.

Thursday evening Sundowners as well as the Whitsun Regatta. Further afield, the Southern Area Championship will be jointly hosted by Bembridge Sailing Club and Seaview Yacht Club and the National Championship will be contested at the end of June on the shores of Belfast Lough at the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club where hangovers, as well as rig settings, will undoubtedly be finely tuned. Regular fixtures include Cowes Week and Chichester Harbour Race Week with the season rounded off with the Crabber's Nip Autumn Series. We are hoping a new fixture for this year will be the Eastern Area Championship hosted by the Royal Burnham Yacht Club as part of Burnham Week over the bank holiday weekend in August.

HISC dry sailing

This year will see the introduction of dry sailing for RS Elites from the HISC beach. A bold and exciting step for the Club which will see boats stored ashore on the north beach on purpose built launching trollies. The initiative will make a significant contribution to the Club's finances and the fleet's socialbility with a number of boats moving to the Club from MDL Sparkes. The launch and recovery service will be tailored to the RS Elite racing programme – typically, the Marine Department will launch boats ready for Thursday evening or weekend racing with each boat being berthed on one of the 10 RS Elite swinging moorings and then hauled out on Monday morning for storage ashore. The Marine Team's admirable commitment to ensuring the Club can

and will provide a high-quality level of service coupled with the cooperation and commitment from the RS Elite owners, means we are confident we can make dry sailing work well for everyone at HISC.

New members

We are delighted to welcome new members to the Club and/or RS Elite fleet, William Booth, Mark Holliday, Willem Winke and Aiden Mitchell – we look forward to seeing them and their partners on the water and in the bar.

For further information about the RS Elite fleet at HISC, visit the Class page on the HISC website or get in touch with Class Captain Paul Fisk who is often to be found in the bar after racing, or email rselitecaptain@hisc.co.uk



Photo: Peter Hickson

Nip and tuck racing downwind at the HISC National Championship 2017

HISC Fireball sailing

Nick Hurst

Fireball Class Captain

HISC's active and growing Fireball fleet is looking forward to an exciting and action-packed 2018 season.



Photo: Peter Hickson

Fireballs doing what they do best – three-sail reaching

2017 has seen the success of the HISC Fireball fleet continue. Largely due to the efforts of my predecessor, but without the support of the sailors, Chris' efforts would have been in vain. I have been sailing Fireballs for over ten years now and I have no plans to change anytime soon. Yep – that's me in the silly hat.



Photo: Chris Turner

Distinctive hat

People often ask why the Fireball, a 1962-designed two-person, single trapeze and symmetric spinnaker design, remains so popular in an age of off-the-peg asymmetric designs. What attracts so many of the country's leading sailors to the class? Why is the class sailed all over the world? Why, when so many new classes burst onto the scene but often quickly disappear, does the

Fireball's appeal endure? The answer may be found within the HISC fleet.

The Fireball appeals to all ages and can be sailed by both genders – at either end of the boat. Just look at who sails at the club. A growing number of teenagers mix with adults who often have decades of sailing experience. Several active fleet members first sailed Fireballs in the 1960s. Novices sail with those who have great international experience and who will happily dispense advice. What bonds them together? A boat that is fun to sail! More than that, as the wind increases the sailing experience becomes simply exhilarating. In 'bang-for-buck' terms, the Fireball is peerless. There is nothing quite like a stunningly fast three-sail reach across the relatively flat waters of the harbour or surfing the waves in Hayling Bay!

Despite the 'speed-machine' look, the Fireball is actually very forgiving. The Fireball is 'easy to sail but hard to sail well' which is why sailors of varying experience all find it such a joy. There are those who will point to the symmetric spinnaker as a negative but that is actually part of the appeal. Yes, there's a skill set to master, but it is far

more rewarding than an asymmetric kite. Fireballs are also relatively cheap to buy and examples may be found to suit any pocket. Further, FRP boats will last a long time in top condition – the 2016 European championship was won by the same boat that claimed the championship in 2002!

Many will have noticed that not all Fireballs are modern, white FRP-built hulls outwardly similar although actually sporting varying rigs to accommodate different crew weights.



Photo: Chris Turner

Tom Payne & Alice Powell



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Fireballs for all ages – total age here somewhere north of 300 years I think

Some are built in that rather old-fashioned, but aesthetically pleasing to the eye, material called 'wood'. Fireball sailing offers a broad church and older, wooden boats have their supporters. Some of our members prefer to cruise their lovely vintage boats and may often be seen sailing single-handed around the harbour. One such boat, Fireball 2, harks back to the class's earliest days and to HISC's place in Fireball history. Not only did HISC host the first-ever Fireball race, a year later the club hosted the inaugural UK National Championship and, in 1966, the first World Championship. Fireball is in the club's DNA.

It's not all about being on the water though. The fleet has developed a training programme under the leadership of David Sayce which offers assistance to sailors reflecting their experience and addressing areas for improvement. Neither is it all about sailing. The Fireball fleet regularly gathers for social events usually centred around local restaurants. More events are planned!

Reflecting the fleet's position as one of the UK's leading fleets, HISC Fireballers' put a lot back into the class. Steve Chesney is a past Commodore of Fireball International, Chris Turner is Chairman of the UK Fireball Association

and Simon Benson, John Piatt, Sophia Benson and Nick Hurst are all UKFA committee members. Consequently, the fleet is always at the forefront of Fireball matters and is in a great position to influence debate.

For those interested in joining the class, the HISC fleet has its own Facebook page (Hayling Island Fireballs). Further information may be found at the UKFA website (fireballsailing.org.uk) and that of Fireball International's (fireball-international.com).

The class captain, Nick Hurst, may be contacted at **fireballcaptain@hisc.co.uk**



These two? Less than 50 years between them



Simon Benson & John Piatt



RS200s at HISC

Cameron Stewart

RS200 Class Captain

The RS200 is a modern two-handed dinghy, perfect for everyone from serious sailors to families.

HISC is home to the largest fleet of RS200s on the globe and 2017 saw the club's sailors perform exceptionally within the class both at home and at open Regattas; including a hard-fought victory at the National Championships for HISC's own, Ben Palmer, sailing with Amy Seabright.

The RS200 offers just the right combination of easy handling, and exciting sailing that makes the boat suitable and enjoyable for sailors of any ability and age. This year our emphasis is on getting as many people sailing as possible whilst increasing the number of regular weekend sailors.

The RS200 offers a very balanced playing field with not much difference in performance between newer and older boats and the current active fleet at HISC consists of a healthy mix of age, ability and experience.

Whilst the class offers some of the best competitive racing available, the club also has more informal sailing opportunities such as Saturday and Sunday club racing, sprint racing (short fast paced racing) and Pennant Weekend racing. Sprint racing has proved to be particularly popular with the RS200 class at HISC and is usually very well attended. As a class we are very close to our neighbours at Itchenor Sailing Club, and often join together for combined fleet racing; with the 2 largest RS200 fleets in the UK this usually results in exciting racing opportunities. For those willing to

brave the cold the class also offers a 'Southern Coaching Series' with events at our neighbouring clubs in the harbour during the winter.

2018 has plenty of exciting events planned for the RS200 including the National Championship which is being held at the RS Games in Weymouth. Closer to home, HISC will host individual starts for the RS200's at the 'Whitsun Regatta 2018' and 'Chichester Harbour Race Week'.

We also have the RS Reunion Regatta sponsored by RS & GJW Marine taking place on 28 & 29 April 2018.

This event is open to all RS sailors but particularly those who were sailing in the first 10 years of RS racing. There will be fun racing in the harbour including a fleet start for the RS200. Saturday night will feature a Black-Tie Dinner with a live band. This is a one-off event and a great



Photo: Peter Hickson

opportunity to sail with old friends and recapture the RS spirit of the 90's.

Also taking place this year is the RS200 Youth Championship on 28 & 29 June

At the other end of the spectrum HISC are hosting the RS200 Youth Championship, usually a mid-week

event to help all our sailors celebrate the end of their exams in style. With prizes for GCSE, A Level and Students. Mark Covell will DJ on the Thursday night which promises to be an amazing evening.

If you're new to the class at HISC, please do not hesitate to get in

contact with the class captain (rs200captain@hisc.co.uk) for any questions you may have about fixtures & training or to register an interest as a helm or crew, whatever your experience. General Class communication is through email, and you can also find us on Facebook at 'HISC RS200 Fleet'.



Photo: Peter Hickson

70+ years of Flying Fifteens

David Nicholls

Flying Fifteen Class Captain



Flying Fifteens enjoyed yet another great season in the 70 year history of the fleet at HISC. Various events were held to celebrate the 70th Anniversary including a dinner at the club, compèred by ex FF International Commodore, and FF Champion, Greg Wells.

The Class National Championships were held in Falmouth under the burgee of RCYC. The unusually late fixture in September attracted 51 boats (6 from HISC) and HISC fielded the winners; Richard Lovering and Matt Alvarado; Charles Apthorp and Alan Green came second and ex HISC sailors Jeremy Davy and Martin Huett were third.

A busy 2017 season came to a dramatic close when Charles Apthorp and

Jonathan Clark won the final Open Race of the year, the HISC Christmas Cracker Pursuit: a gruelling and complicated two-hour pursuit race against all the usual suspects in Moths, Fireballs, International 14s, Solos, Merlin's etc. The club fleet has welcomed three new boats in 2017, 3652 Mike Partridge and Clare Davis, 3564 Mark Nicholson and crew plus Ian Stark and crew in their Windebank. All three boats will be very welcome to race in 2018.

Greg Wells



Plans for 2018

As usual HISC has a full programme of exciting events in 2018 including the famous monthly Pennant Series from March to October, excluding August. HISC is hosting the Flying Fifteen Southern's combined with the Open Trophy; the 'Bulwark' on 12 and 13 May 2018. As the Nationals are in Ireland this may well be the best attended sea regatta of 2018 so don't miss out. The club is also repeating an Open Whitsun

series regatta on 26th and 27th May with an open Pursuit Race on 28th May.

This year we will be running Sprint series racing on the same days as the RS Elites. By popular demand these multiple short fire race days are firmly back in the calendar. The HISC fleet are also keen to have a couple of training days in 2018, with more details to be included in the weekly HISC newsletter on this once they have been set up.



Come and join the fleet

Fed up with swimming around your boat? Why not come and race a Flying Fifteen with the stability of 150kg keel! Fed up with only being able to race in perfect conditions? Fifteens perform well in 5 to 30 knots of breeze! Bored with lack lustre off wind sailing? The FF's symmetric spinnaker gives the Fifteen brilliant performance off the wind, planeing in a force 3! Unlike some keelboats, there is no need to take a book to read on the run! Fed up with racing a menagerie of other boats with questionable handicaps? Come and join our fleet racing in a strict one design class with boat speed being very even across boats of varying ages and makes. Fed up with not being the correct weight for your chosen boat? Fifteen crew weights range from 24 stone to 30 stone all up and all are competitive!

This year FF owners will be very happy to take newcomers for a test sail. Just contact the class captain or sailing secretary to set up a test sail.

Class Captain, David Nicholls,
email flyingfifteencaptain@hisc.co.uk



David Nicholls catches up with National Champions Matt Alvarado & Richard Lovering

What are your goals, looking forward? Do they include the 2019 Worlds?

Yes, we plan to do the same regattas as in previous years, Southern, Inlands and the HISC programme. Whatever we can do, we'd like to qualify for the Worlds in Ireland and have a good go at that one. We want to do the big events as they are just great. It would be a highlight for us to finish on the podium at a world champs. If not Ireland, then we are really excited about the 2021 event in Australia, as long as we have the money to go!

What are the main ingredients in your wins in 2017 and 2015?

I cannot really remember what we did especially well in 2015 but we aimed for consistency and keeping it clean which is always good. For our 2017 campaign, we did a lot of work at the end of 2016 and early 2017 designing a new high-aspect-ratio jib. Once we pulled in the new jib we knew we had to design a new mainsail as well. I think this new package has made a big difference to our speed and height up wind and our result in Falmouth. We are holding lanes and have different modes which are quick.

What impact has the new jib had?

I think the jib sheets a little closer to

the centre line of the boat this is why we did a new mainsail. I think it will power up the boat a little earlier with the longer luff length. The sail looks a lot better on the boat.

Describe your rig set-up – mast, rake, mainsail, etc?

We like raking when we need to. It's all about how the tiller feels in my hand. If I have to hold it tight then we rake, so you might see us changing it up and down before start just to see how it feels. Always trying to keep the mainsail sheeted on the centre line but if the boat feels stalled give it a little crack to build speed, also keeping the boat flat. We also think ram position is important – never ram it too much as this feels like it locks the boat up too much. We also think a lot about our forestay sag and rig tension across wind range. You can have the whole picture when you use Hyde sails!

Describe how you work together in the boat, especially tactics?

We always make a plan on what we think we should do up the first beat which side we think is paying with wind and tide. We do a lot of wind bearing just to find out what's going on, then we check the line bearing and work out what end is favoured at that time. We keep a close

eye on the wind bearings just to make sure it has not shifted. After the start, we want to be in phase, Matt is then always talking about speed, height and compass bearing. If we are looking at tacking we talk a lot about lanes we can hold as well high modes and speed. We have sailed together for a while and have a similar approach now to boat on boat and fleet tactics. I take over commentary and tactics downwind when calling pressure and what I think is happening. If we have quite a few waves to steer through and surf I am also talking about my steering so Matt knows what to do with the pole. I guess it's a good split in the boat, I do the helm stuff, Matt looks after rig, jib and spinnaker.

How do you build up to a major championship?

We did not do much sailing before this Nationals. I think we sailed once or twice since the Southern. I was busy with Solo sailing, Cowes Week and the SB20 Worlds. Also fitting in a family holiday to Spain. So I think we were fresh and ready to get sailing again.

Before a major regatta we'd normally try and find out as much as possible about the venue tide, coastline,



prevailing winds, etc. A few days out we'll start to look at forecast. I also make sure everything is perfect on the boat so there are no gear breakages. We also use our championship sails at least once or twice, make sure they are just right and good for race one. I guess we just want as few surprises when we get to an event, make sure it all goes smoothly, low stress, lots of tea.

How would you attract more young blood into the class?

For me all I can say is it's a great boat, very close racing, you make a mistake and you pay for it. It's a mental challenge and physical in the breeze too. The boat speaks for itself but it's good to try and get as many youngsters trying the boat. HISC sailors welcome guest crews of all ages. If they try the boat once or twice I am sure they will be hooked.

How do you respond to the charge that the Fifteen is an old man's boat, or a heavy guy's boat?

People need to get over this. Matt and myself are about 27.5 stone, 170kgs, plus or minus. Previous World Champions lighter and heavier than us. We think you can sail the boat happily at 25 stone and be competitive up the wind range and down. You will need to be fit to hike hard upwind but you will have massive gains downwind in all conditions. You can also be pretty big and heavy as the boat carries the weight really well. So there is quite a difference in weights across the class that are fast.

It's not an old man's boat but it has that reputation because the average age of the Fifteen sailor is higher, but that is also the case for dinghy sailing UK wide. Is that due to cost or time. Many of the current fleet started racing the FF in their 20s. They still love the boat 30 years on.

Thanks guys, best of luck to you in 2018 and beyond.



RS700s at HISC

Rob Dickinson

RS700 Class Captain

Hayling Island Sailing Club has been the home of the RS700 for 17 years and currently has a fleet of twenty boats with a diverse membership from both new owners and regular National and European competitors.



The fleet provides newcomers with excellent and friendly support, as well as help and advice about sailing this exciting boat and technical support on how to set your boat up for maximum ease of sailing and optimum performance.

The sheltered, flat waters of Chichester Harbour are a great place to get to grips with the RS700 and its unique one-handed kite pump system which makes hoisting and lowering the spinnaker very manageable, even on your first sail. In lighter winds the boat can be sailed sitting on the wing bar as you get used to the feel of the boat, before venturing onto the trapeze.

Sailing downwind on the trapeze with the kite flying is a fantastic feeling and guaranteed to generate an enormous grin.

Racing the RS700 is great fun too, and in any wind from five to twenty five knots plus there is close racing to be

had throughout the fleet as this is a one design class, which helps to keep the cost down too. The fleet takes part in club racing on the weekend. More adventurous conditions can be found on the Pennant weekends with racing in Hayling Bay, and these are strongly supported by the fleet.

Our sailors make up the mainstay of the RS700 Nationals, and with a great 2nd hand market there has never been a better time to own a RS700, so come and join us on the water.

Contact Rob Dickinson
rs700captain@hisc.co.uk



RS800s at HISC

Jeremy Williamson
RS800 Class Captain



Photo: Peter Hickson

The RS800 is a high-performance twin trapeze skiff that allows both men and women to experience the thrill of exciting sailing and racing, without breaking the bank or having to worry about any of the usual constraints associated with high-performance skiff sailing.

The RS800 has a full carbon-fibre mast and by minimising weight and drag in the hull, it is powered to exceptional speeds using a manageable size rig. The result is a skiff that delivers the kind of performance most sailboat racers dream about, with highly competitive racing in big fleets and a very sociable class which caters to the mixed-gender crew, parent and child, youth team and pretty much any other combination you can think of.

Utilising a simple, yet effective performance equalisation system that takes into account helm and crew weight and leverage, the class ensures close high speed racing for teams of all shapes and sizes. The system really works and is an integral part of the success of this fleet.

Although the boat has seen one or two, non-performance enhancing, updates, such as a new deck layout and most recently a new ultra-modern mainsail design, it has remained true to its original ethos as a strict manufacturer's one design. With very high build quality standards, this means that well-maintained older boats remain competitive and can be picked up from as little as £1,000. That's an awful lot of bang for the buck!

Hayling Island Sailing Club is the spiritual home of the RS800, as much of the original testing and development work took place in the harbour and out in Hayling Bay.

After a few relatively quiet years, the HISC RS800 fleet completely exploded through 2017, regenerating itself with new teams in both brand new and well-seasoned kit, with boats competing regularly in club racing and open harbour events or simply having a blast around the enticing and safe harbour!

HISC is a regular venue on the RS800's ultra-competitive racing circuit and the club has hosted the National Championships no fewer than four times in the class's relatively short history, most recently in August 2016.



Photo: Peter Hickson

There is also an active fleet that regularly sails from Itchenor, meaning the RS800 is a familiar sight in the Harbour and Itchenor Sailing Club is the venue for the official class training weekends throughout the year. The two fleets often collaborate in self-led training sessions or fun racing, boosting the racing numbers even further.

For more information about the boat, the racing circuit, training etc. go to www.rs800.org or email the Class Captain: rs800captain@hisc.co.uk

HISC Merlin Rockets

Judith Massey
Merlin Rocket Class Captain

Photo: Rob O'Neill



The HISC Merlin Rocket fleet has been regularly racing at the club since 2006 and there are now ten Merlins registered at the club and racing in the medium handicap category. Excellent boat on boat racing between Merlins is enjoyed, with the extra interest of racing against the clock to beat world class Flying Fifteens and a very good

Tasar. The Merlin fleet at HISC is typical of the class with many female helms/crews, husband/wife and parent/child combinations, which makes for better socials too!

HISC Merlins are an active class both on and off the water, and if you are interested in joining us, or simply

would like to have a go, please have a word with Judith Massey or any of the HISC Merlin sailors. We look forward to seeing you in 2018.

More information about the boat can be found on the class association website www.merlinrocket.co.uk or email merlinrocketcaptain@hisc.co.uk

Photo: Peter Hickson



International Moth

Graham Simmonds

Moth Class Captain



Photo: Peter Hickson

The boat

The first Moth emerged in 1928 when the late Len Morris built a cat rigged (single sail) flat bottomed scow to sail on Andersons' Inlet at Inverloch, a seaside resort, 130km from Melbourne in Australia. At much the same time, 1930 in fact, the American Moth Class was started by captain Van Sant of Atlantic city. The American Moth, so it turned out, was of similar dimensions to the Australian Inverloch class.

Over much the same period as the Moth class was becoming established in Australia, the International Moth spread from the USA to England and Europe. Modifications to align both the Australian Moth and the overseas Moth were made over a period of time culminating with the establishment of the International Moth Class Association (IMCA) by the IYRU in 1972 bound by the restrictions of the class (with metric measurement conversions) operating today.

Foiling

The first foiling Moth we know of was Frank Raison's wooden scow in 1974. In 2002 John Illett, an Australian Moth builder built the first in-line foiler as we know it today. Rohan Veal bought the first production boat and brought it to the Worlds in 2003. After much consternation and argument the class adopted foils for good.

The fleet

There are approximately 20 Moths registered at Hayling Island SC and it is one of the most active fleets in the club. We have some top level sailors at the club including the 2016 European Champion, Mike Lennon and David Smithwhite who managed to get into the Gold Fleet at the 2017 Worlds in Garda in a 230 boat fleet.

We also benefit having Mike as a top sailmaker for the class – Lennon Performance. He is very free with his advice and is a great benefit to us all.

Mike also launched his own Moth design in 2017.

The sailing

We race when the tide and conditions suits us – low water is for those who know the harbour well as replacing a main foil costs over £2500! We sail off the PY handicap of 499. The bay offers excellent sailing on a low water weekend.

Of interest to some, there are perhaps half a dozen Moth sailors who sail regularly during the week as well as at weekends. There is a dedicated Facebook group for the Hayling Moth Fleet which is where we organise these midweek and weekend outings. Please search for the "HMS Hayling Moth Squadron".

In 2018, some of the fleet will be attending the Worlds in Bermuda at the end of March. There are a full set of open meetings organised for 2018 including a one day event at HISC on 13 May. Other highlights are the UK Nationals at Thorpe Bay SC 11–14 July and the Europeans in Sweden 18–22 of July.

What next?

If you own a boat already then please contact me and I can invite you down for a trial sail at the Club. The launching and facilities at HISC suit the Moth perfectly and you will get a chance to try them for yourself.

If you are thinking of buying a Moth, then the best thing to do is to pop down one weekend and come and talk to us. You can come and see the different designs sailing and see if there are any for sale.

Contact Graham Simmonds
mothcaptain@hisc.co.uk

Laser



Photo: Peter Hickson

The Laser is one of the most popular one-design single handed dinghies in the world and boasts a global fleet of over 210,000. It is a robust and simple-to-rig boat with lasting durability which offers very competitive racing due to the tight class association rules.

The Laser Standard refers to the largest of the sail plan rigs and there are smaller rigs called the Laser Radial and

Laser 4.7 which are popular with youth, smaller adults and women sailors. The Laser is an Olympic class that spans the generations and the Laser 4.7 is currently a recognised RYA Junior Class.

HISC has a varying number of Laser sailors depending on the mix of Youth sailors coming through. For 2018 there is a growing enthusiasm for the class amongst some of the single-handed

adult HISC members due to the Masters event being held at the club this year.

HISC successfully hosted the Laser Master National Championship in 2017 as well as the RYA Youth Championships for the Laser Standard and Laser Radial in April 2017 and will be hosting the Laser Master National Championship in June 2018

RS Aero

Linda Stokes
RS Aero Class Captain

HISC hosted the 2017 RS Aero UK Nationals with a whopping 114 entries. All three rigs were well represented and 2017 saw a significant growth in the Youth and Ladies categories, both with over 20% of the total entry. International visitors travelled from France, Germany and Estonia to compete. Over the three day series it was great to experience a full range of conditions of wind strength and sea state over the course area.

The RS Aero comes with three rig options (RS Aero 5, 7 & 9) which typically suit:

- RS Aero 5 – Youths and women
- RS Aero 7 – Women and light men
- RS Aero 9 – Men

There are now over 25 RS Aeros at the club and interest is growing quickly! A number are sailed in the Wednesday evening club racing series and weekend club racing sees increasing

numbers turning out. An objective for 2018 is to increase the numbers out sailing on a weekend so that we have competitive numbers on the water. Many women are turning to these boats as their number one choice for single handed sailing, and in the Women on Water sessions we now have 5 boats sailing each Thursday. We ran a series of training days in 2017 at an intermediate and advanced level and this is something we will repeat in 2018. We will also be running monthly

sprint events starting in 2018 which should be a lot of fun.

The Aero 5 is an ideal youth boat with an active national Youth Squad. We are keen to get more youth sailors into the class. If anyone is interested in trying out a boat, RS Sailing have some demonstrator boats at the club, please contact RS Sailing direct at www.rssailing.com or contact Class Captain, Linda Stokes, email aerocaptain@hisc.co.uk



Tasar

Rod Porteous

Tasar Class Captain

Hayling Island sailing Club will be hosting the 2018 Tasar National Championship and the 2019 World Championship, so it's a great time to consider joining our growing fleet of Tasars.

The Tasar is a 4.5m high performance (PY1023) one-design dinghy with a deep cockpit and wide angled deck designed for comfortable effective hiking by a man and a woman or parent and child. It was designed by Frank Bethwaite a highly skilled Engineer of the Bethwaite family responsible for the successful B14, 29er, 49er, 59er, many of the Australian skiffs and numerous boats within the NS14 development class.

The Tasar has an exceptionally light weight hull at only 68kg, and compares with a Laser 1 at 59Kg and remains significantly lighter than many more modern boats. It is this lightness coupled with a highly efficient rig that provides comfortable upwind planning performance in around 12

knots without the need for a trapeze or spinnaker and remains capable of beating a modern Merlin to the windward mark. Its light weight makes on-shore handling an easy task for mixed crews.

Low rig tension, rotating mast and traveller make for one of the most technically efficient dinghy rigs ever produced giving opportunity to optimise performance across a wide wind range. A simple sail plan does not mean it's an unchallenging boat to race competitively. Optimum crew weights of 140kg work well and there is a minimum weight of 130kg for serious racing events.

Kevlar foam sandwich hulls remain competitive for many years. At the

recent Tasar World Championships in the USA many top performing boats were over 20 years old. Reasonably priced competitive boats are readily available and new boats built under licence to Bethwaite are available from the UK Distributor "Signal Locker". The boat was light years ahead of its time when introduced in 1976 and the class has developed a consistent following of competitive sailors so we are expecting strong attendance at the Nationals in 2018 and Worlds in 2019, so it's the perfect time to consider sailing the Tasar. Fleet captain Rod Porteous (Ex National Champion) will be pleased to loan a boat for a trial sail and guide you through the history of Tasars and the various builders.

Email Rod tasarcaptain@hisc.co.uk



Boardsports at HISC

Chris Witty & Dan Lytton

Class Captain



Photo: Peter Hickson

New in 2017, HISC Boardsports will be coming back with a bang in 2018 with the popular Boardsports Series and the announcement of the new HISC Boardsports Festival. There are two giant days of activity planned on 22–23 September 2018, with the annual Round Hayling Race on the Saturday, a big party Saturday night and back on the water for the Sunday.

The Round Hayling Race is open to windsurfers, SUPs and a number of the canoe classes (OC1, OC2 and OC6). We aim to appeal to both experienced endurance competitors, as well as those less experienced but who would like to get involved.

Saturday 22 September will see a three-leg race from HISC to Langstone Bridge; Langstone Bridge to Hayling Ferry and Hayling Ferry back to HISC, as in previous years. New for 2018 will be the Relay Race Option where three-person teams can do one leg each. Dinner, party and entertainments are being hosted by Hayling Island Sailing Club and accommodation is available for early bookers!

Sunday 23 September will see fun races for all windsurfers, SUPs and all

types of canoes and kayaks to take place in the sheltered waters of West Mud and the HISC lagoon.

Also on Sunday will be the 'Waterman Challenge'; a three stage race to include swimming, paddling and windsurfing! Entries can be either by individuals or teams of three (with one person completing each stage!).

We will once again be running the Boardsports Series this year throughout the summer. We plan to follow a similar format to last year with windsurf and paddleboard fun races on selected Saturday mornings. Bring your own windsurf kit and join in, or if you want to paddle, but don't have any kit, drop us a message or send us an email, and we can arrange some hire kit for you. Check the HISC calendar on pages 20–24 for dates. We start racing at 10am sharp!

As always, if you would like to support the series on shore, would like to join our mailing list or have any comments or queries please email us at boardsports@hisc.co.uk or like our Facebook page 'HISC Boardsports' to stay updated on what's going on!

See you on the water in 2018.

Racing round the island

by John Rees

Way back in the early 80s, might have even been the 70s, there was a windsurfer race, right round our Island. In its heyday there were five hundred entries or more, an impressive sight looking up the Emsworth Channel from HISC as a wall of sails came down the harbour. It dwindled over time then disappeared from the calendar, until a group from HISC, I suspect reminiscing past glories on the balcony, and almost certainly, beer involved, in the evening sunshine, said, let's do it again.

So, in 2009, John Message, Adrian Taylor and Colin Ralph as Principal Race Officer rejuvenated the event from HISC, there were certainly others involved but memories fade. They chose Good Friday as the day, mainly because at Easter you don't need a tide table, which is good for the windsurfing fraternity, but also because there is relatively little going on at HISC. I was some sort of Assistant Race Officer out on the course, possibly trying and failing to anchor



...the race officer starts the race, then informs the safety officer of over 150 missing people, and could he or she just let me know when they have been found.

Lady Georgette off the Ferry Boat Inn, in several hundred feet of water and 25 knots of tide...and we have run the Round Hayling Race every year since.

Over time the event has evolved, windsurfing has declined, although the entries remain roughly constant. Steve West, a lover of all things with a paddle, asked if a bunch of folk on these new things called SUPs could tag along. Steve, with his now wife Mandy Kirby and I windsurfed round Hayling one Easter in about 1982, me without a harness because they had only just come into fashion! Starting at the Red House, now the Inn on the Beach, this remains the only time I have ever windsurfed round the Island!

SUPs have grown in popularity, and three years ago the weather window was right, and following great input from Steve, now as the PRO I was able to send them all the way round, and the event has become one of the most challenging endurance events on the SUP circuit. At some stage, the Outrigger Canoes joined in, those guys are fit, the boats charge round and add a lot of sparkle to the event and we look forward to seeing them again.



Photo: Simon Benson

Having done six of these races as PRO, I have been lucky, with dedicated safety officers, John Barber and I have worked over this event many times. Fids and Nikki Eaves brought Servon along, providing additional manpower and boats to manage the safety. Many others have become regulars, giving up their time, not just as club duties, but also because it is fun to be a part of. For instance, the Three Men in a Boat who have run Lady Georgette for many years and are yet to get her stuck in the mud at Langstone – or they may have done, just not told us, why would they?

So if you would like to be involved in an event which is different from all others the club hosts; one where the race officer starts the race, then informs the safety officer of over 150 missing people, and could he or she just let me know when they have been found. When you could end up anywhere on the island, you cannot see the competitors most of the time, so rely on mobile phones, radios, charts, dead reckoning and hearsay, and an event where the whole team is absolutely

dedicated to the spirit of competition on the water, and one where the vagaries of wind, weather, tide, and time all play a part and have to be absorbed. And most importantly an event can only be called a good one, once every competitor and rescue boat has been counted in at the end of the day, then have a word with me or look it up on DutyMan and join the team!

So what's new for the 10th HISC Round Hayling in 2018?

First off, we are following 2017, and holding the event in September, the water is warmer, and it opens the event up to more club members.

The event is now back "In House" so we as a club have more control over the event, how it is run, what we include and entry fees.

It is a weekend event now, the Round Hayling endurance on Saturday, a more relaxed, varied, close to the club day on Sunday – sprint racing, relays, waterman cross discipline races, swimming, paddling, windsurfing, something for all. Look out for the posters.

The Round the Island itself, weather permitting, still going round, but alongside a rethink of the past gold, silver and bronze fleets, a relay style event, enabling teams not quite prepared for the full challenge to take part.

A festival atmosphere at the club with music and parties, barbecues, trade stands and a bit more spark to the weekend.

And after 10 years, this will be my last on the Race Team, I think we now have a class I can finally see myself racing round in, so its time I gave it a crack!



Photo: Simon Benson

2017 Roll of Honour

Podium places at UK National, European and World Championships

YOUTH CLASSES

World Championships

RS Feva	Henry & Rupert Jameson	Second
RS Tera Sport	Phoebe Peters	Second
RS Tera Pro	Robbie McDonald	Second

European Championships

Optimist (girls)	India Page-Wood	First
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National Championships

RS Feva	Lucy Hewitson (Crew)	First
RS Tera Sport	Ben Tuttle Phoebe Peters	First Second
RS Tera Pro	Robbie McDonald	Second
RYA Youth 29er	James Hammett & James Eales Nick Robins & Billy Vennis-Ozanne	First Second
RYA Youth Spitfire	Tristan Payne (Crew)	Second
29er	Nick Robins & Billy Vennis-Ozanne Emily Covell (Crew)	First Second



ADULT CLASSES

World Championships

49er	James Peters (Helm)	Second
470 (women)	Eilidh McIntyre (Crew)	Second
Match Racing (women)	Imogen Stanley (Crew)	First



European Championships

49er	James Peters (Helm)	Second
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National Championships

RS200	Ben Palmer (Helm) Rob Henderson (Crew)	First Third
RS800	Billy Vennis-Ozanne (Crew) Chris Feibusch (Crew)	First Third
RS Elite	Russell Peters, Greg Wells, Mark Darling Mike & Caroline McIntyre, Simon Childs Ossie Stewart, Ian Tillett, Tom Stewart	First Second Third
Flying Fifteen	Richard Lovering & Matt Alvarado Charles Aphthorp (Helm)	First Second



Harbour tidal strategy

Keith Walker et al

Tidal current is a conveyor belt which is constantly altering our position relative to the next mark (which is not on the conveyor belt). The boats' movement along the tidal conveyor belt effectively modifies the direction and speed of the wind from the land (*ground wind*), resulting in the boats' *sailing wind*. The extent of this modification depends on our location in the Harbour and the state of the tide. A knowledge of how, when and where these effects occur will help us sail the optimum route to the next mark.

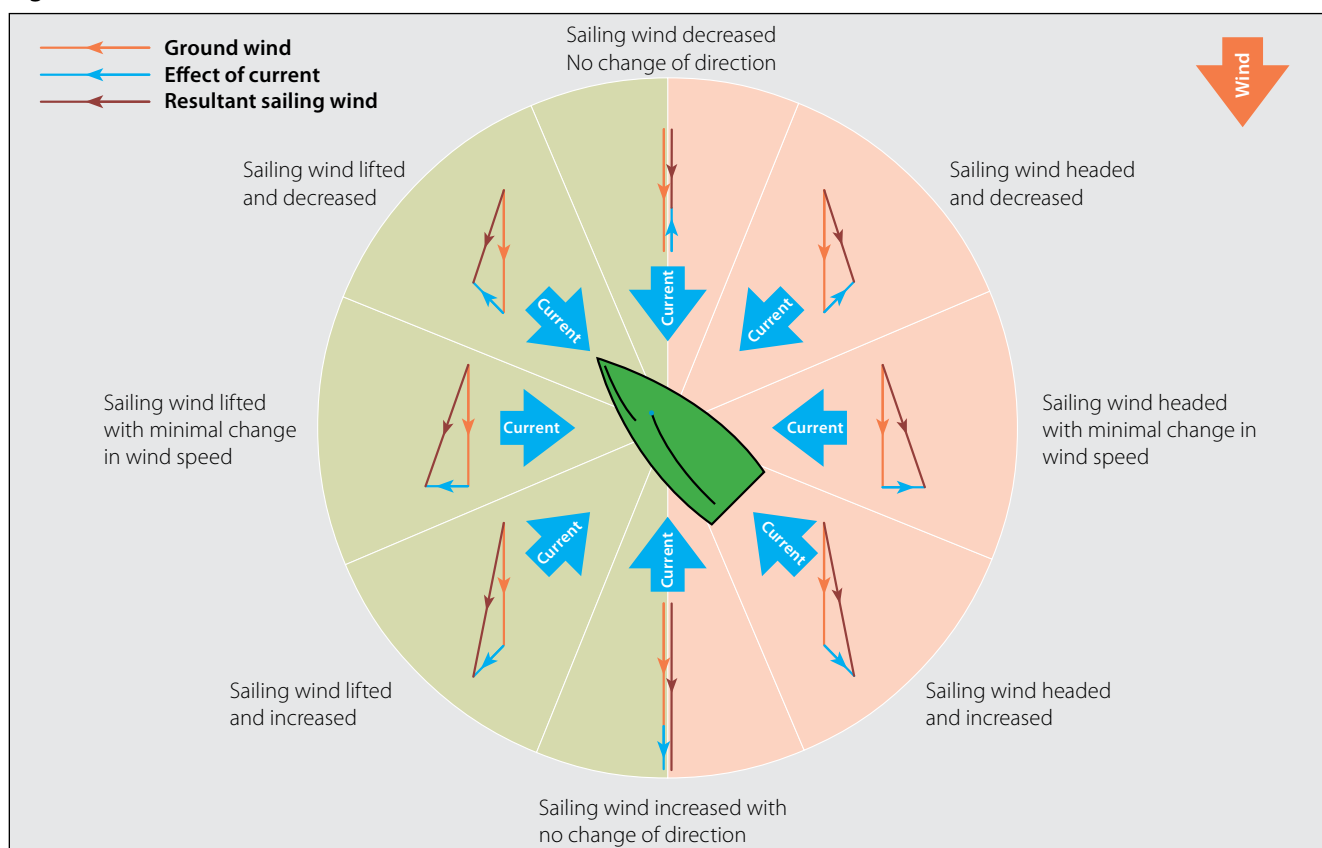
Key to the conundrum is knowing in what direction and at what speed the current will be moving at a given location and time. To this end, the three charts on pages 57 and 58 show a best estimate of current direction and strength either side of High Water.

The data is based on Admiralty tidal data, but mostly on personal experience of sailing in the Harbour for many years.

In **Figure 1** below and **Figure 2** opposite, we look at the effect of the current on the angle of the sailing wind.

An understanding of this general principle, combined with a knowledge of the tidal streams will go some way towards putting together a strategy to help us get round the harbour race course as efficiently as possible.

Figure 1



As a general principle, the sailing wind will be shifted in the direction of the current. As in **Figure 1**, when looking directly upwind, if the current has a right to left component, the sailing wind will be shifted to the left. If it has a left to right component, the sailing wind will be shifted to the right. If it has a component with the wind,

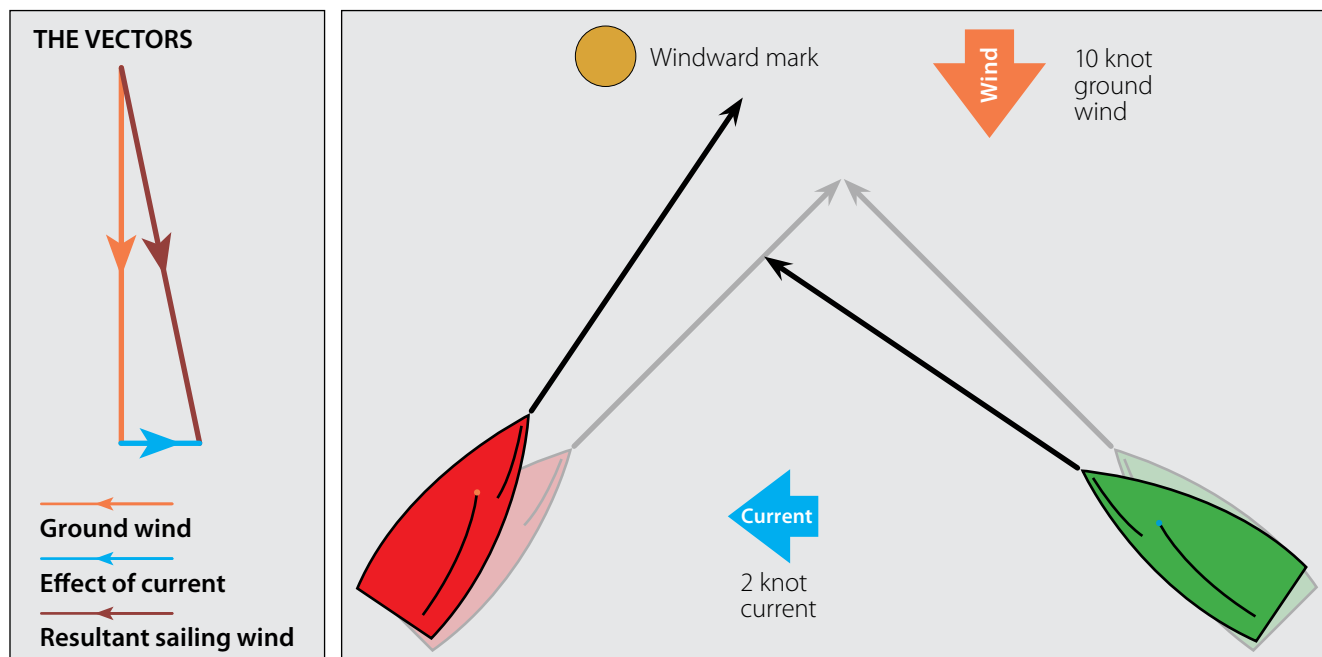
the sailing wind will be lighter than the ground wind, if against, it will be stronger.

The biggest changes in direction and smallest changes in wind speed occur when the current is roughly at right angles to the wind; obviously the stronger the current and/or the lighter

the wind, the greater the changes in the sailing wind. Note the shapes of the triangles.

The biggest changes in wind speed and smallest changes in direction occur when the wind is either with or against the currents; these can be seen as straight or almost straight lines.

Figure 2 – The effect of the current on the wind direction is important when the current is variable across the course

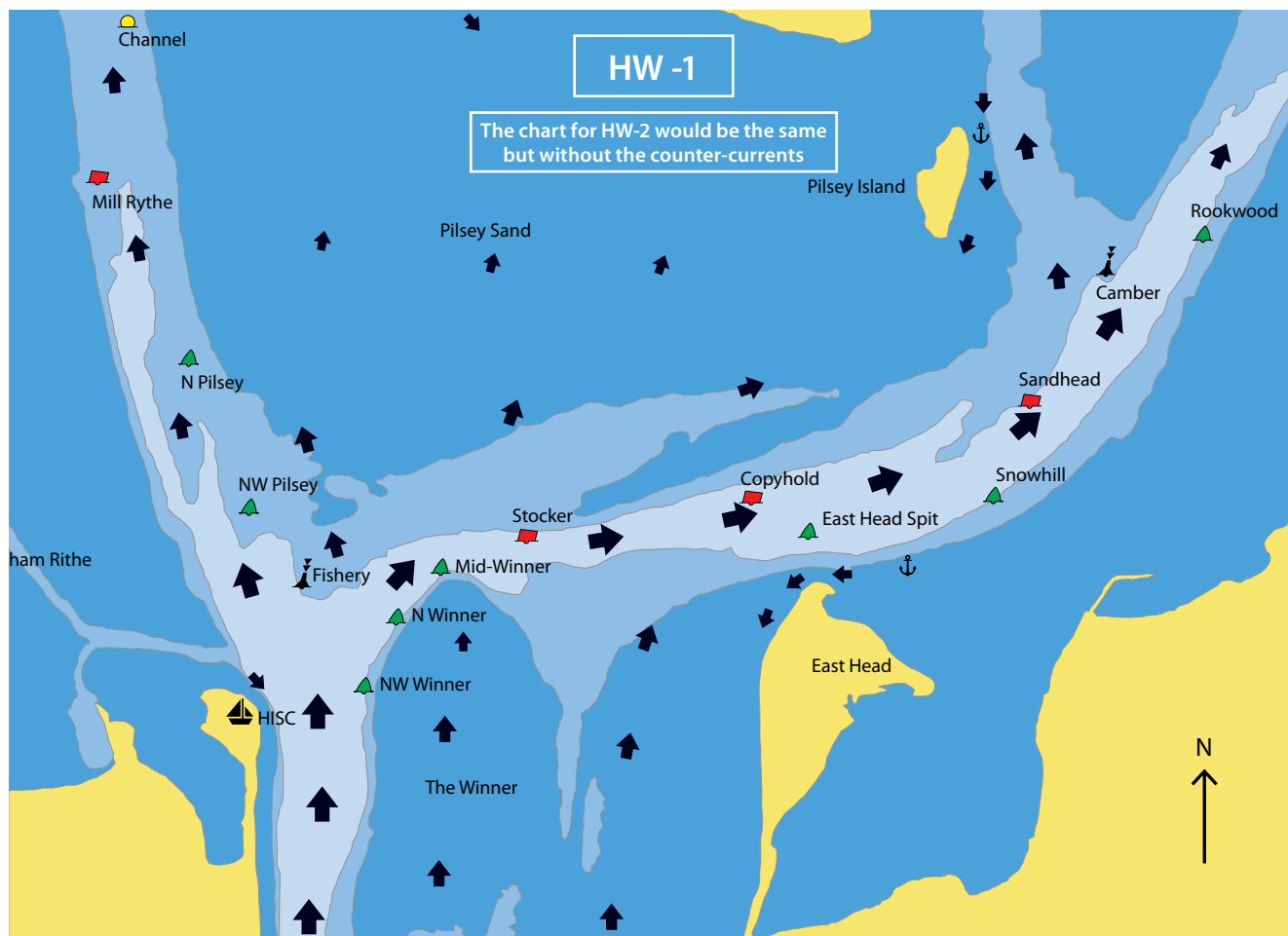


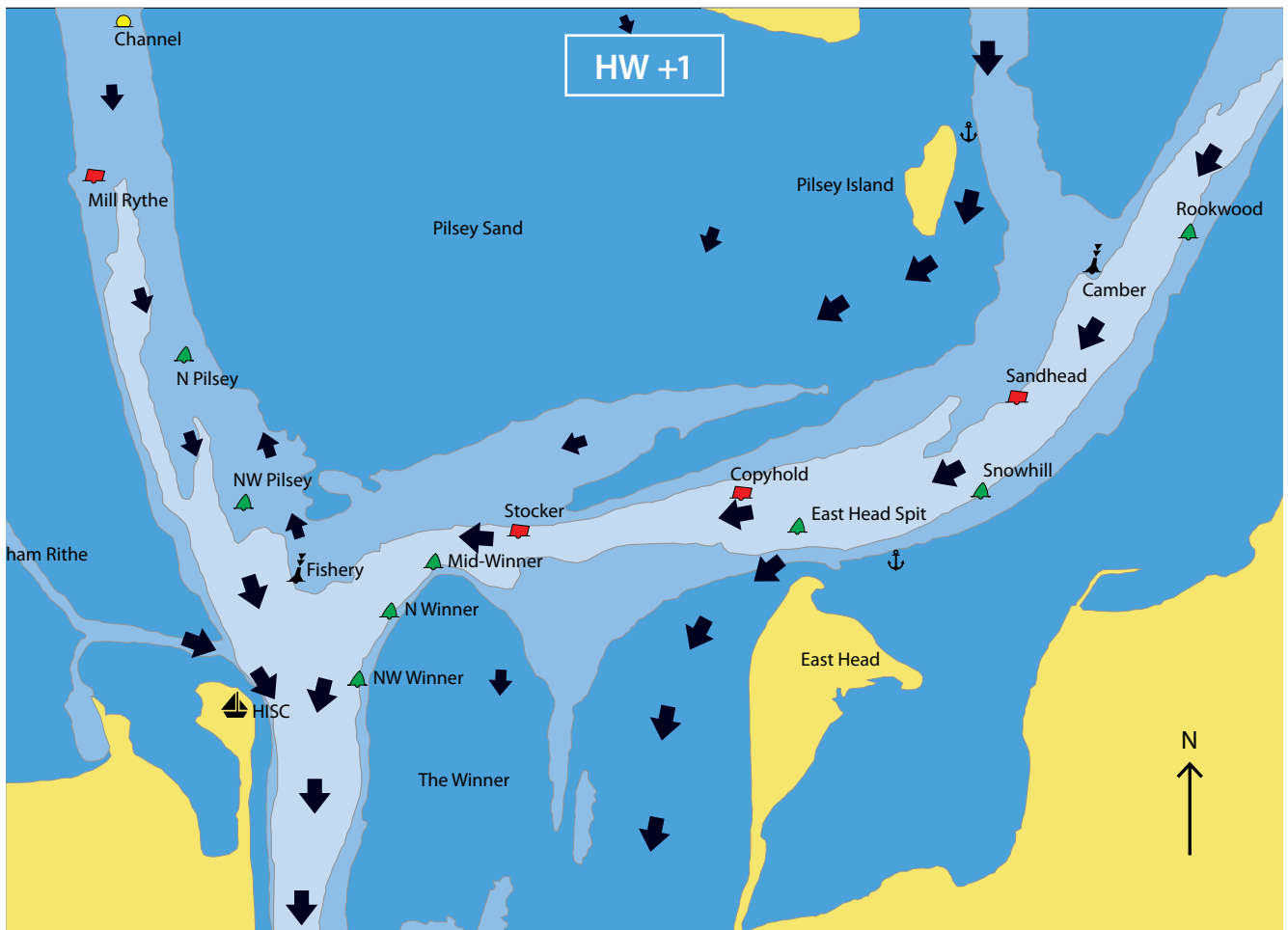
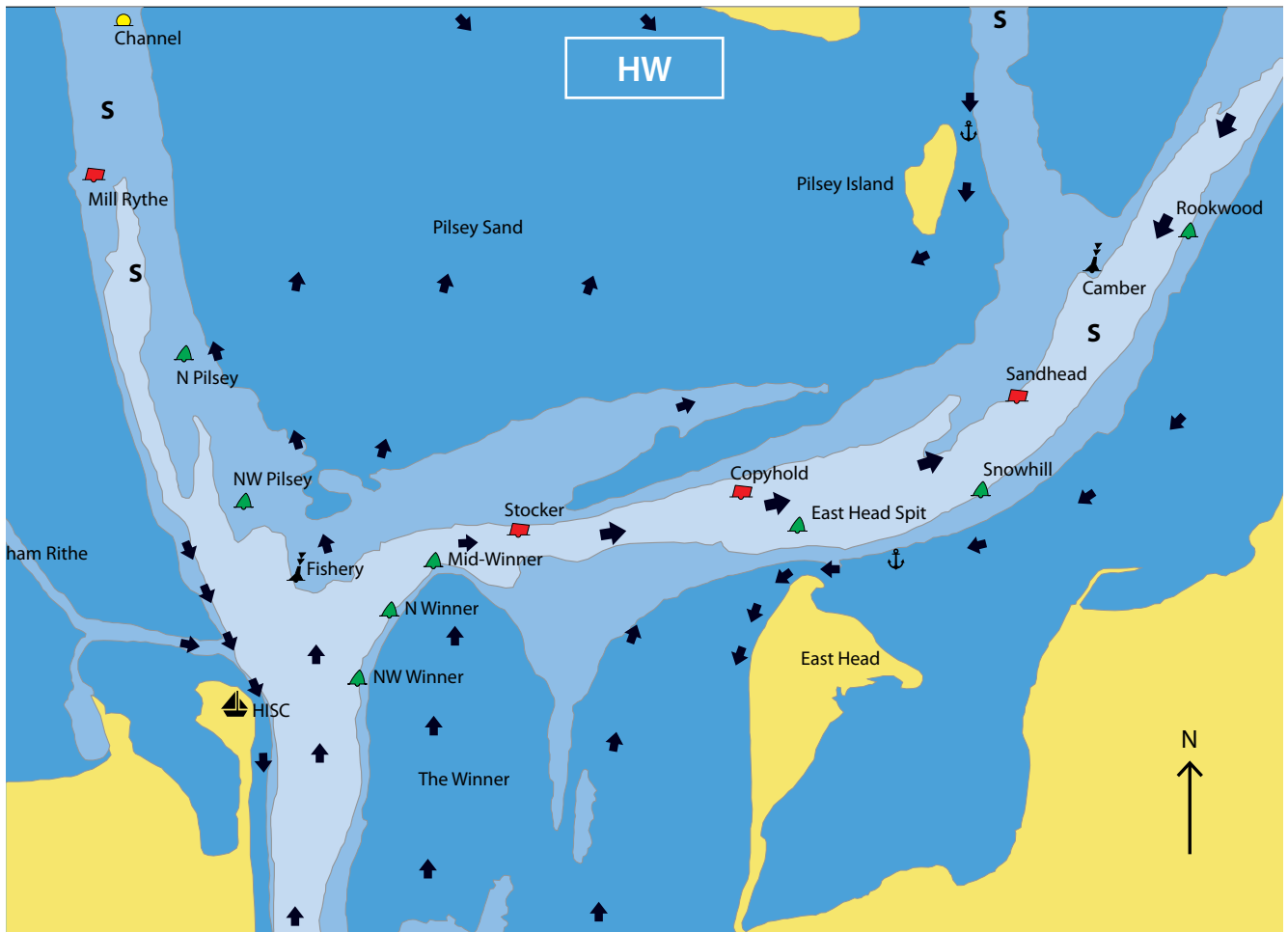
The shaded background boats Red and Green are sailing upwind in 10 knots of northerly wind and tacking through 90°, making identical progress. When they encounter 2 knots of west-going current (90° to the ground

wind), Red's sailing wind is lifted 11° and Green is headed 11° with both boats still tacking through 90°. Red, therefore, is better positioned to take advantage of the new current's effect and will arrive at the windward

mark much more quickly than Green. Furthermore, as both Red and Green are on the same tidal conveyor belt in relation to the port-handed windward mark, care should be taken not to over stand the lay line.

Estimated tidal streams in Chichester Harbour (around Mean HW Springs)





Appliance of the science

We give some thought to our best approach to four typical upwind Harbour courses. Make sure you keep the top ten tips in mind – there are a lot of variables when racing in the Harbour!

Top ten tips

Some useful principles to follow when racing in the Harbour (which also apply at other venues)

- Identify the state of the tide and hence where we will find favourable or unfavourable current
- Identify the effect of the current on the ground wind over the course area – where might we expect to be lifted or headed?
- Always leebow the strongest current where the wind will be lifted
- Minimise weather bow current where the wind will be headed
- Remember that the current does not necessarily change direction on the stroke of High Water – some parts of the Harbour turn earlier and some later
- Both the ebb tide and flood tide usually start inshore first.
- Eddies and counter currents are often to be found inshore first
- Eddies and counter currents are stronger and start earlier during Spring tides. The bigger the tide, the more prominent are these effects.
- On our part of the coast, HW springs occur around the middle of the day. HW Neaps occur in the early evening
- Wind blowing against tide causes a chop. In extreme conditions, it may pay to avoid the worst of the chop to maintain boat speed



Upwind leg from Channel to Sandy

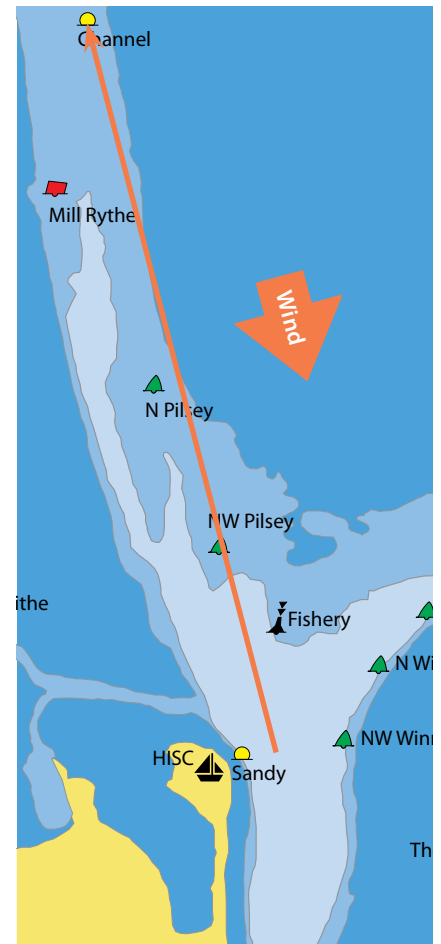
Wind 160° to 200°, tidal stream at HW-2 to HW

- The Spring rate of the flood stream mid-channel near Mill Rythe is 2.0 knots (0.6 knots at Neaps).
- Tidal streams follow the line of the channels except near HW when the current fans out, particularly on the Thorney side of the channel and much more so near the junction with the Chichester Channel and the Winner.
- There is a plateau of slacker water in the shallows on the Thorney side of the channel until in the vicinity of the Pilsey buoys. There is less of a plateau on the Hayling side.
- The narrowest point at which to cross from the Thorney to the Hayling side is roughly mid way between North and North West Pilsey. Crossing the current will reduce the sailing wind and, depending on wind direction, may result in a heading shift (see Fig.1 on page 56). Sail fast and 'fat' to cross the channel as quickly as possible.
- The tidal stream in the southernmost moorings slackens just before HW and a south going back eddy develops. Nearer Sandy this combines with an eddy from the Mengeham channel; the bigger the tide, the greater the prominence of this feature. The eddy gradually expands across the channel and becomes the ebb. The bigger the Spring tide, the greater this feature will be.
- In fine sea breeze weather the wind will tend to clock right during the afternoon and there are often right hand shifts close to the Haying shore.
- Disturbed air off the clubhouse is inevitable as Sandy is approached though the eddy will speed progress through it.

Upwind leg from the east line to Mill Rythe

Wind 340° to 000°, tidal stream at HW-2 to HW

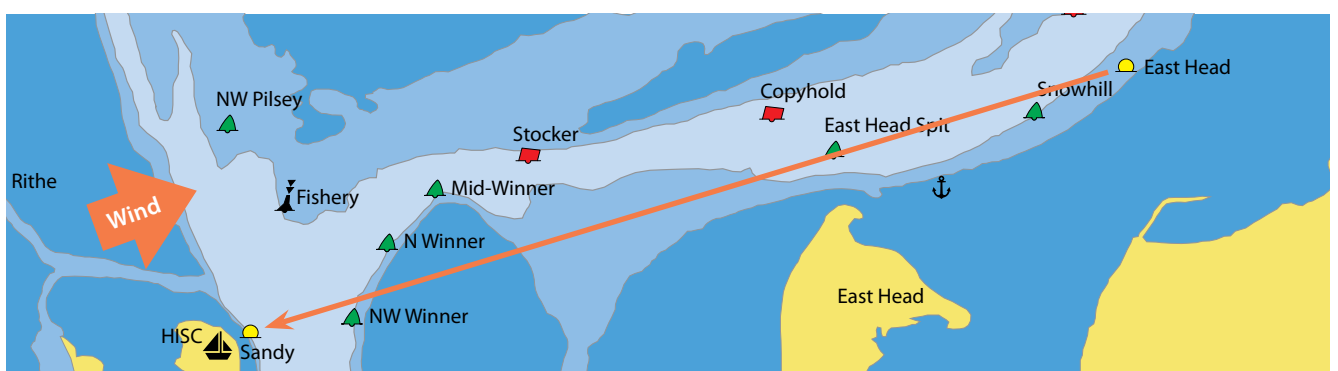
- The Spring rate of the flood stream mid-channel near Mill Rythe is 2.0 knots (0.6 knots at Neaps).
- Depending on wind strength and boat type, the effect of wind over tide chop will need to be considered. In extreme conditions it may pay to avoid the harshest chop even if this marks the most favourable current.
- At the start of this leg avoid the slack water or south going eddy off the club and in the moorings.
- Currents do not suddenly reverse on the stroke of High Water!
- As HW is approached the strongest north going current will be in the vicinity of the Pilsey buoys. In fact this stream will continue northwards well after HW. The bigger the Spring tide the greater this feature will be.
- Expect a wind from this direction to be shifty and full of holes. In fine sea breeze conditions a north westerly will be erratic as this is the direction which will encourage a sea breeze to develop. The wind may shut off completely at times as a preamble to the sea breeze. This will be more likely nearer the harbour entrance



Upwind leg from East Head to Sandy

Wind 230° to 280°, tidal stream HW-2 to HW

- The maximum current rate opposite the Lifeboat Station is 2.8 knots (1.0 knots at Neaps) and at Camber is 1.6 knots. These strong currents are highly divisive – the difference between getting them right and getting them wrong can be triumphal or depressing!
- At HW -2 and the wind at about 230° the best protection from the current is to tuck into, and around East Head. There is no back eddy at this time.
- It would be tempting to beat along the Wittering beach but at HW-2 there would be weather bow current on both tacks and progress would be slow. More effective would be a long port tack towards the Winner, there would be foul current on the way but without the intensity found at the corner of East Head.
- There is less current in the shallows above the Winner but there is likely to be some disturbed air off the land at this point. The shallowest area is south of Mid Winner.
- Once the back eddy off East Head develops at HW-1 and beyond, it becomes tactically more significant.
- Remember that throughout the harbour the bigger the tide, the earlier and more prominent these eddies become.
- Once the wind is at 270° and beyond, the strategy changes because it will be possible to lee bow (on starboard) the current coming through the harbour entrance, though it will be slow going at first weathering the corner
- and the shallows of East Head, particularly so in light airs.
- A more extreme move which sometimes works is a bold port tack across and beyond the Stocker Bank until the starboard tack lay line to Fishery is reached. At this point the lift generated by the very strong lee bow on starboard tack will converge with the lay line to Sandy.
- Anticipate some very disturbed air from the Club.
- Between the wind directions referred to above are some very difficult decisions!

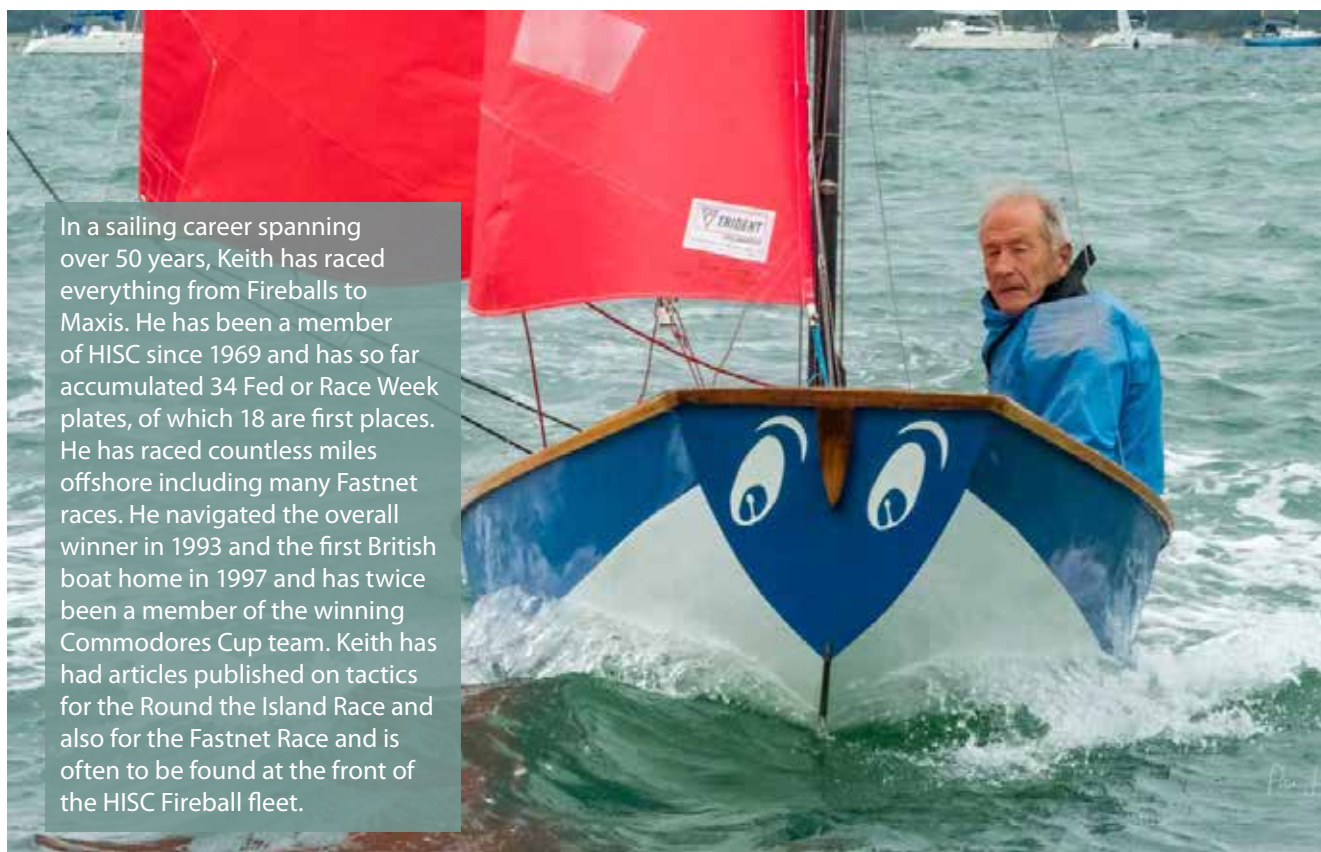




Upwind leg from the vicinity of Fishery to Ella Nore.
Wind 070° to 110°, tidal streams at HW-2 to HW

- At HW-2 the current at Fishery will be heading north. The wind direction could be such that, initially, port tack could have the current on 'the nose' or there may be a fine lee bow current until the Winner is reached.
- Starting off on starboard tack towards the Stocker Bank may look like a bad move, but once in the vicinity of the bank the current will be flowing to the north east therefore port tack from here will offer a strong lee bow current and the wind will be lifted.
- There will be more favourable current along the southern edge of the Stocker Bank.
- Later in the tidal cycle the corner of East Head should be avoided as the back eddy is adverse current.
- The main strategy here is to use the shape of the harbour to best advantage by planning tacks which offer the best lee bow current.

Keith enjoying the delights of Chichester Harbour in his trusty survey vessel!



In a sailing career spanning over 50 years, Keith has raced everything from Fireballs to Maxis. He has been a member of HISC since 1969 and has so far accumulated 34 Fed or Race Week plates, of which 18 are first places. He has raced countless miles offshore including many Fastnet races. He navigated the overall winner in 1993 and the first British boat home in 1997 and has twice been a member of the winning Commodores Cup team. Keith has had articles published on tactics for the Round the Island Race and also for the Fastnet Race and is often to be found at the front of the HISC Fireball fleet.

The HISC Youth Pathway

Sarah Mitchell

Rear Commodore Youth

We are a family club that organises events and activities for all youth members from toddlers through to 18-year olds. We offer a Pathway for Youth which is full of friendly groups and clubs to help enable children to have fun on the water, engage with other kids and make friends. This enables the children to learn to sail and continue to improve their skills, in our amazing and unique environment.



In addition to our Pathway, we also have a full Fun Calendar with events for all the family to enjoy together, so whatever your children's ages there is something for everyone!

For more information and timings where applicable, please visit the youth section of www.hisc.co.uk.

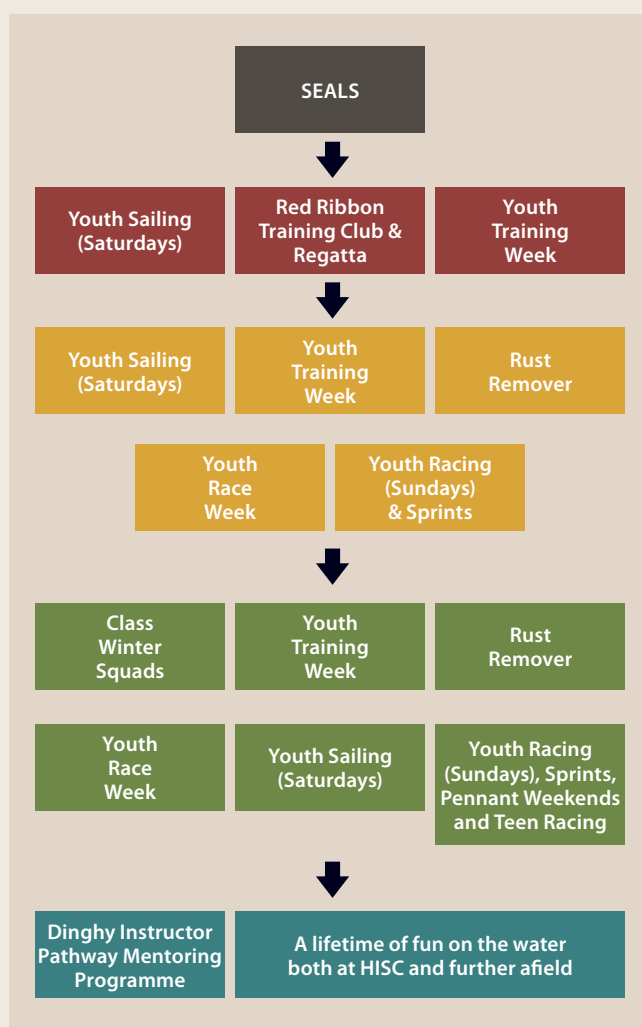
Seals

HISC Seals is a chance for complete novices and younger members (10 and under) to meet new friends and have fun and perhaps take part in some simple games on the water in the safety of the lagoon – 4 sessions are run, usually in July and August. No child is too small to start in the lagoon, even if it is just having a paddle. Everyone gets together and brings along anything from boogie boards, kayaks, paddle boards and dinghies. (dates are published in the HISC calendar). There is a briefing in front of the training rooms and a chance to sign up to use the club Teras or some Oppi on a Rope instruction.

NEW!

Youth Saturdays

On set Saturdays from May to September (dates are in the HISC calendar), we will be running 2-3 hour sessions of seamanship skills. Times will vary to get the best high water, so please check the website and newsletters for session times. With the aid of qualified coaches and experienced parents, children will practice a selection of skills both on and off the water while working through cards to help guide them. The emphasis is on fun, informal learning. Booking is via the HISC office from Wednesdays, with a minimal cost of £2, to go towards an end of season party. Children need RYA stage 2 or similar experience to join in.



Red Ribbon Training Club and Red Ribbon Regatta

This group, organised by the Youth Committee and Melvyn Cooper Sailing was developed to help build children's confidence and to make the transition from the lagoon to West Mud a little easier. Using the children's Sailing CV Melvyn tailors the sessions to suit the children's abilities.

Children need to be ready to leave the lagoon, preferably with RYA stage 2 or similar experience. If their confidence needs bolstering or they are struggling to make the next step, the Red Ribbon Training Club is ideal.

The Red Ribbon Regatta is a 3 day regatta tailored to new racers, run on West Mud, during the best tides. It's a wonderful introduction to racing, a perfect preparation for Bronze Fleet at Youth Race Week. All run by parents of those entered, so a perfect opportunity to get stuck in!

Youth Training Week

For children over 8, Youth Training Week provides the ideal setting for beginners through to early racers. Taking place in the summer half term, the atmosphere is busy and fun and it's an ideal way to make friends. Many of our top teenage sailors honed their skills in Youth Training Week and now come back to train up the next generation. Our instructors are all overseen by a Senior Instructor. Club boats are available for hire for the week.

Rust Remover

The Rust Remover is a one-off training day in the spring to help brush off the



cobwebs and any rust after the winter months – reuniting children both with their friends and with their boats!

Youth Sunday Racing

Dedicated racing for youth classes is held on Sunday mornings throughout the sailing season with a race start of 11am and a pre-race briefing at 9.45am outside the training rooms. This year we are changing the series format and splitting our racing season into 4 series, with a prize giving after each series. We hope this will help with people's busy lives. Newer racers may wish to check the tides, as if the tide is in, racing generally takes place on West Mud, and if not, on Pilsey Sands. Although it won't be counted in the main results, over 18s such as parents and older siblings are welcome to sail with their child or younger sibling and are expected to help facilitate rather than all out race.

The Laser 4.7, RS200 and the 29er classes race with the adults in Sunday

Club Racing; they can receive prizes for top youth in the adult racing. This also applies to sprint events.

Youth Pennant Racing Weekends

Pennant Racing weekends are run like an open meeting but are just for members, with racing results counting for the weekend only rather than counting towards the series. The racing usually consists of three races a day both Saturday and Sunday with prize giving on the Sunday afternoon. The Junior classes, Optimist, RS Tera and RS Feva sail on a youth race course with their own race officer. Briefings are usually 12.45pm on a Saturday and 9.45am on a Sunday.

RS Fevas can also join in with the adult Pennant Racing if they wish to in the slow handicap fleet (usually more experienced racers wanting to sail on bigger courses or out in the Bay). The Laser 4.7, 29er and RS200s sail on the adult course and youth sailors get a separate prize.



NEW!

Teen Racing

This special race is to be held on the Saturday of each Pennant Weekend, and is aimed at allowing the older youths the opportunity to get off the youth course, but not quite on the adult course if they don't fancy it. The Teens will have their own start, own course and finish, while under the watchful eye of the Youth Race Officer. Being a Pennant Saturday there will be something on at the club in the evening where Teens may wish to catch up with their friends.



Photo: Peter Hickson

Youth Sprints

Youth Sprints – an approx. 2 hour racing session with up to 8 short sharp races, has proven very popular in 29ers, Fevas and especially Teras and this year is being rolled out into the Optimists. The RS200 also has sprints and youth are welcome to join in with the adults for these events.

RS Feva Team Racing

As well as sprints the Feva class also has some team racing dates in the calendar which always prove to be very exciting both to take part in and watch.

RS Elite Team/Match Racing

The Elite Fleet have very kindly (and I mean very kindly) allowed the slightly older youth to take over the Elite Fleet for a night of Elite Team/Match Racing, another highly recommended event and an inspiring opportunity to race in the beautiful Elites.

All the dates are on the calendar and additional information is posted from Class Captains via email and Facebook.

Youth Race Week

Youth Race week is an open meeting for the Youth classes and handicap fleets; one of the premier events in the HISC Calendar. It is the ideal event for new pairings to cut their teeth as the quality of the racing is of a very high standard. We always have excellent race officers and a choice of sailing both inside and outside the harbour. There is a popular beginner race series (Bronze Fleet) for novices.

The Thursday night Youth Ball is one of the highlights of the youth social calendar!

Hayling Winter Training Squads

The HISC classes run hugely successful Winter Youth Squad training programmes. They are available for skilled young sailors who want to improve their racing skills and practice throughout the winter. The quality of the coaching is very high and many successful international sailors have trained in the HISC Youth Training Squads.

The most active youth classes at HISC are the Optimist, RS Tera, RS Feva, and 29er and each class has its own class captain who coordinates the training programmes. The squads usually comprise 5 training weekends to help the young sailors progress. The training season runs from October to March. The squads may vary from sailors transitioning to a new class all the way up to RYA Youth Squad sailors. We believe that including everyone in the squad process builds a great team mentality and ensures friends for life. Many of the coaches and assistant coaches are home grown from the HISC pathway system having achieved their RYA Race Coach certificates at the club. To be selected for these squads the sailors must show that they are committed to racing and training.

NEW!

Dinghy Instructor Pathway Mentoring Programme

Being introduced in 2018, the aim of this programme is to provide a mentoring scheme that will assist HISC youth (15 yrs+) prepare for the RYA Dinghy Instructor course and also offer valuable teaching experience to recently qualified RYA Dinghy Instructors post the DI course.

It is known and understood that a 16 year old who has just passed the RYA Dinghy Instructor course does not gain this qualification and instantly become an expert. Hands on teaching practise with an older and more experienced Instructor is invaluable to be a successful and safe DI at HISC.



Photo: Peter Hickson

Fun for all the family



Photo: Peter Hickson

Easter Weekend

The fun starts at Easter, the House Committee run an amazing selection of art and craft activities and there are Easter Egg Hunts and all sorts going on over this Bank Holiday weekend, including an on-the-water Treasure Hunt on Bank Holiday Monday. Most importantly and most fun is the Youth Work Party on the Saturday, traditionally enveloping the Second-Hand Sale. A day not to be missed, especially if you want to keep your boat parking space, (only joking, a bit).

Family Fun Week

The annual HISC Family Fun Week is legendary. You don't have to own a boat to take part, the HISC fleets of hire boats are available to rent for the week, and families with very young babies are welcome to stay on the beach and take part in the shore activities or jump in a safety rib to enjoy the action afloat. The week is aimed at families with children under 10 and is a week-long event of both water and land based fun for all the family. Around 250 people (100 families) can take part. The fun includes harbour treasure hunts, tea up the creek, sand castle competitions, BBQs at East Head, beach games, charades evenings, discos, model boat racing and lots more. Lifelong friendships are made at Family Fun Week as well as gaining new sailing skills and confidence.

NEW! ish

Bank Holiday Sail-aways

Family Sail-aways now replace the previous Youth Pursuit races on Bank Holiday Mondays. The location will depend on tides and forecast but you can expect: Ice Creams at Emsworth; Manhunt at East Head or even Football at Cobnor – keep an eye on the weekly email newsletters for details.

Commodore's Trophy and Bart's Bash

The annual HISC Commodore's Trophy, traditionally sailed in the Club Venture fleet has prizes for 1st Family. Extremely fun to take part in and very sociable, teams all take it in turns, while the waiting sailors listen to the hilarious running commentary from the speakers on the balcony as they watch the racing set close to the clubhouse. Prizes also go to the best fancy dress and the 1st lady helm as well as 1st Family and 1st Youth team!

Bart's Bash is a wonderful opportunity to race with your children. A family orientated race day, Bart's Bash is all about getting families on the water together in a fun and friendly race day where we compete with sailors all around the world!

NEW!

August Activity Days

As we have no Youth Racing scheduled

in at the weekends in August we have some opportunities to have some family fun aimed at all ages. These days will consist of a selection of possible activities including, SUP fun, Tera Challenges, Beach Games, Treasure Hunts, trips to see the Seals and whatever else we can come up with – details in Newsletters nearer the time, and dates are in the HISC calendar

NEW!

Beach Party

As part of our August fun, this year we plan to introduce our first Youth Beach Party to which all our member families are very welcome to attend.

Where Can I See What's On?

The HISC website will have full details and the calendar, but for information nearer to the event please refer to the weekly email Newsletters, and also Facebook. We have pages for HISC Youth, HISC 29er HISC Feva, HISC Tera, HISC Optimist and HISC Seals, which the Class Captains and I update regularly. Contact details for all the Class Captains are on the web site too.

See you on the water.
Sarah Mitchell
Rear Commodore Youth

Seals



The aim of HISC Seals is to get the under 10s happy and confident both on and in the water!

HISC Seals enables complete novices and younger members to meet new friends and learn new water skills in the safety of the lagoon. It runs for four sessions over the summer months. The aim to encourage children and their parents to get on the water in any type of vessel, kayak, paddle board or surfboard and take part in fun games and activities such as collecting plastic balls, treasure hunts, learning to sail with an instructor and sailing around buoys. Lots of awards and spot prizes are given out for new skills achieved by the children, and can include anything from first time in a boat, first time on the helm, or even first tack!

HISC SEALs is deliberately not about racing or training but is all about having fun and getting on the water. Novices are actively encouraged to join in.

HISC Seals can offer the use of club boats to those that do not have their own boat. These include Oppi on a rope which is a very successful way for children to gain in confidence and learn new skills. In 2018 we can again offer some HISC Teras to borrow (free of charge) during the Seals allocated time.

There is no charge for SEALS , Oppi on a Rope or Borrow A Boat. Please just register at the briefing.

SEALS takes place whatever the weather - however the organisers reserve the right cancel the on-water activities and lending of boats if the weather is prohibitive. On shore games take place if at all possible. Please call the office for an update on the morning if in doubt.

HISC Seals is run by volunteers so please do help out where you can! Parents remain responsible for their children at all times, and life jackets are mandatory. HISC Crew and volunteers running these fun events take no responsibility for participants' safety.

Join HISC Seals on Facebook for the latest dates and photos of recent events.



Optimist

Rachel Dobrijevic

Class Captain



This is a great time for the Optimist class at HISC. We started the season with a new class captain (yours truly) and we have a new sub-group of active Optimist parents who have kindly joined the team, big thanks go out to all of them for their hard work last season.

I'm delighted to announce that in the short time since taking over class captain we have secured 12 new boat parking spaces that are in a sheltered position on the beach, these spaces are reserved for the most active club racing sailors to help them build independence and allow them to get their own boat set up and put away at the end of the day. Working with Simon Letten the new Marine Manager we are looking to create more of these spaces in the future as we recognise the need for our youngest sailors to be able to build that independence.



Not only is great racing available during these events but fantastic social activities add to the great atmosphere.

The Optimist dinghy is still the most popular sailing dinghy in the world and rightly so. Sailed by children up to the age of 15 it can be used for mucking about in the HISC lagoon to running an International racing campaign that a budding Olympian would envy. There are few top level International sailors that did not start in this class, with at

least 7 of the Team GB sailors from Rio being ex-Optie sailors. The HISC Optimist fleet has seen a resurgence in numbers over recent years and the sailors (and parents) have been extremely busy during 2017 with a healthy mix of activities at the club and on the National and International circuit. The club held our annual 2 day Open Meeting which was attended by over 60 entries and included as part of the Rooster Southern Traveller Series. However, sailing Optimists is not only about the serious racing opportunities. It is fantastic seeing families together at HISC, enjoying the delights of the lagoon and with children taking their first outings in Optimists, the keenest of mums and dads are squeezing themselves into the front of the boat to give guidance. 2017 even saw David Carr, America's Cup sailor for Land Rover BAR taking his youngest son Dylan out in an Optimist, they really are for everyone! SEALs days are a continued success and will be a highlight for many this year. This is the best place to start your children off with taster sessions in Optimists using the 'oppi on a rope' and then progressing to sailing on their own in the lagoon.

Winter training has been well attended this season and run by some fantastic coaches, including Ellen Morely, Paul Childs and Tristan Payne, who

have supported our youngsters with video footage. The results have been incredible, watching some of our less confident sailors boat handling improve as they throw their boats around in strong winds and rain and still come in smiling has been super! As the nights now get shorter we begin to look forward to racing at the club again during the warmer months. The Youth racing series, the Pennant weekends and ad-hoc Sprint race days provide ample opportunity for friends to meet up at the club and hone their racing skills. The highlights of the club based racing calendar are the Youth Race Week and the Chichester Harbour Race Week. Not only is great racing available during these events but fantastic social activities add to the great atmosphere.

Overall, there are few better ways available to get children into sailing. The boat itself is lightweight and extremely manoeuvrable, easy for children to manage by themselves both on the water and ashore. Boats are available for a low budget to get started and there is also a healthy second hand market for race spec boats. If you are interested in knowing more about the class and the opportunities on offer for your children please do get in touch – you will probably find me on the beach!

RS Tera

Craig Thompson

Class Captain



At HISC we have over 100 RS Teras in our fleet, the sailors of which vary greatly in age and ability, so as a fleet we try to cater for all of their needs. You don't have to own an RS Tera to get involved – HISC have a large number available to hire.

The RS Tera with its bright orange sail is an ideal first boat for children of between 7 to 14 years of age. It is available with two rig sizes; the Sport for standard sailing and racing and the Pro which is a fully battened larger sail for older and more advanced children.

RS Tera sailors often start sailing in our sheltered lagoon, a very safe place to find your way around the boat and to practice capsizing! HISC Seals in the lagoon is a great way to get younger children confident on the water whilst making new friends and having lots of fun.

Our hugely successful Red Ribbon Training Club (see website for details) will continue in 2018, for those less confident young sailors, allowing them to make a smooth transition from the lagoon to sailing on West Mud. In 2018 we will have Youth Sailing on

Saturdays, for all children who have attained either RYA stage 2 or have equivalent experience. A logbook of 'boat-handling skills' will be practiced through games on high tide over West Mud and members with coaching experience will lead activities. The cost is £2 per week, which will go towards prizes. Sailors will be able to register their place by phoning the office from the Wednesday before.

On Sundays in 2018, the RS Teras will be encouraged to sail in the Sunday Youth Racing Series: the Spring Energiser Series in April and May, the Summer Sizzler Series in June and July, the Autumn Equinox Series in September and October and finally the Firecracker Series in November and December. Each individual series will have a separate RS Tera start and of course, prizes. Once a month, in the season, there are also Pennant

Weekends where racing takes place on both Saturday and Sunday with prizes awarded at the end of the weekend.

Sprint Racing for the RS Tera fleet is added to the calendar whenever we can, mainly during holidays and half terms, and also occasional Saturdays. Sprint Racing involves between 6 – 8 very short races, run back to back, which are great for practicing and building confidence as well as for building strong friendships.

In 2018 HISC is hosting the RS Tera Southern Series on 14th and 15th of July which will attract a large number of visitors; we hope to see a strong HISC fleet out in force that weekend!

Plenty of opportunities abound for RS Tera sailors in the summer holidays. HISC Youth Race Week attracts two fleets of RS Teras; the Bronze Fleet for



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sailors new to racing, and the main fleet for the more experienced sailors. The RS Tera fleet has its own start on the youth course on West Mud for the annual Chichester Harbour Race Week, normally the best tides of the whole summer!

There is a busy Winter Training Program for those RS Tera sailors who have advanced beyond Bronze Fleet and are confident on the water. Winter Training normally takes place once or twice a month on Saturdays and some Sundays from November to March.

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The dates for all the RS Tera events are published on the RS Tera page on the Youth section of HISC website. There is also a Facebook page at HISC Tera.



RS Feva

Fiona Pyke

Class Captain

The RS Feva is the world's best selling two-person dinghy, with an asymmetric spinnaker designed for children to just have fun! It is an RYA supported class, as popular on the training circuit as the racing circuit.



At HISC we have over 40 RS Fevas, and we aim to provide a fun and varied programme for all abilities of youth sailor. Youth Race Week and Chichester Harbour Race Week are key fixtures for the Feva with usually 40+ boats attending. The RS Feva can be sailed by all combinations – boy, girl and mixed teams as well as parent and child. Even novice lady teams love it, as it is so easy to handle. RS Fevas can be rented from the club so anyone can have a go and find out for themselves!



...all abilities of sailor will find something to suit them, from the back of the fleet to potential world champions.

HISC is very proud to have several members who are part of the current National Junior and Class National Squads. We also had great success at a National level in 2017 with Lucy Hewitson crewing the National Champion boat at Torbay and Henry and Rupert Jameson who came 2nd at the World Championships in Holland last year. In all, over 30 HISC juniors sailed at the RS Feva World's in Medemblik – a fantastic turnout for the club!

The popularity of Fevas at HISC has been created by a varied and continuous programme of training and racing; all abilities of sailor will find something to suit them, from the back of the fleet to potential world champions.

Training

Training starts with the Rust Remover at the end of April aimed at those sailors who haven't been out over winter.

In May half term a training course is offered to sailors new to the RS Feva to help them transition from other classes.

RS Fevas are encouraged to attend youth sailing on Saturdays which offers an excellent opportunity to get on the water on a regular basis and hone skills. In the autumn the club offers monthly weekend training sessions, another fantastic opportunity for children to make friends, find their sailing partner, hone their skills and gain confidence to start racing.

Professional young coaches are aided by successful older Feva sailors. A powerful combination, which the kids love.

Racing

Fevas can take part in **Club Racing** every Saturday; a great opportunity to show up the adult fleets!

During the season April–Christmas there is a **Sunday Youth Racing** series, where up to three races are run on windward leeward courses. The races are often sailed in the least tide as possible; with the Fevas positioned away from the adult fleets. It is the perfect environment for the more novice sailors to gain confidence before they take part in the bigger club events. For our experienced sailors they can practice their racing skills to perfection!

In the holidays the popular **Sprint Racing** is often provided. Our members love the fast and furious format; often with up to six races in under two hours!

Fevas take part in the monthly **Pennant Racing** with their own start and prizes given on the day.

On bank holidays Fevas can often be seen scattered throughout the harbour as they join in the **Charity Pursuit Race** with all the other fleets. A great opportunity for the kids to beat their parents!

The highlight of the year is **Youth Race Week** which can see up to 40 Fevas taking part – with lots of laughter being had off and on shore. This week has fun activities each night, culminating in the Youth Race Week Ball. The racing is competitive at the front, back and middle of the fleet.

Fevas have their own separate start at **Chichester Harbour Race Week** and are often the most numerous, and easily the loudest fleet on the water! All the different race combinations are present and they are a fun, supportive and very friendly group.

Several of our members travel to the Feva Grand Prix events, National and World Championships. Many of our current and past sailors have achieved fantastic results with National Champions too numerous to mention. For members just beginning to travel outside the club there is always someone on hand to give advice on where to stay, travel suggestions etc. The parents are a friendly bunch!



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Photo: Peter Newton



29er Class

Lucy Jameson

29er Class Captain



What a year 2017 was for our 29er sailors, so many amazing achievements from the HISC youth sailors. Congratulations to you all! The 29er is an extremely fun, and sometimes challenging, boat to sail. It is sailed all around the world by sailors from about 15 to 20+ years of age, with both male and female only combinations and mixed teams. At HISC we have a very enthusiastic fleet of 29er sailors many of whom have come out of RS Fevas and RS Teras.

The HISC 29er Winter Training has been very popular again this year and we have been really lucky to have a fantastic team of coaches lead by Alain Sign with Paul Childs. It's not an easy task coaching such a spread of ability with complete beginners right up to Youth Squad sailors but every training session has been hugely successful and every boat has improved significantly which is very encouraging to see.

Later this year HISC will play host to the 29er National Championship and

we expect to see lots of our club sailors getting time on the water in preparation; many taking advantage of the less daunting opportunity of taking part in a National Championship on home waters!

As well as seeing a large number of new sailors join the 29er fleet we also bid farewell to the top end of our youth sailors who are moving on; many of these sailors make up the teams of coaches delivering superb coaching to the younger generation coming through. It's very satisfying to see these very talented sailors giving something back to the club, inspiring the next group of youngsters and being part of the pathway for younger sailors.

Come and join us and find out more about our Sprint racing, Winter training squads, events and activities on the HISC website and HISC 29er Facebook page.

email 29ercaptain@hisc.co.uk



Yachts & Yachting Young Sailor of the Year

Lucy Hewitson and her helm Ben Hutton-Penman of Corinthian Otters were chuffed to have been awarded Yachts and Yachting Young Sailor of the Year. They had a season which surpassed all their expectations winning the RS Feva Nationals and then finishing 6th at the Worlds. Until 3 years ago Lucy struggled to do any sport as she had severe scoliosis with a 60 degree curve in her spine. Since undergoing a brand new surgical treatment she has gained in strength culminating in this amazing achievement.

Ben and Lucy enjoyed a fabulous evening hosted by Yachts and Yachting. Lucy was most impressed by Conrad Colman's incredible finish to the Vendee Globe which showed the young pair that anything is possible when you put your mind to it. Lucy will be following this advice as she tries to master the 29er with the help of the excellent training being provided by HISC.



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HISC full circle

We caught up with David – better known as Freddie – Carr to find out about his journey through HISC from 10 year old family member to parent and family member again 20 years later.



Freddie is currently one of the Sailing Team Members at Landrover BAR, part of Sir Ben Ainslie's team whose aim is to bring the America's Cup back to Great Britain, where it all began in 1851.

Freddie joined HISC with his family at the age 10 starting his waterborne adventures in the Lagoon and on West Mud, initially in an Optimist and then a Topper. Freddie remembers the incredible excitement and sense of adventure when he crewed for his dad (Rod Carr) in an old Wayfarer in his first Federation Week. It felt like he was sailing in the most massive boat in the world in the biggest expanse of open water...Chichester Harbour! Freddie talks of this as an almost life-changing experience, going from the confines of the Lagoon and West Mud, out into the waters of Chichester Harbour with an experienced helm, in a large, safe

dinghy – a perfect transition which he would recommend to the many young sailors at HISC today.

Freddie attributes much of his sailing success down to the experience of being able to try out so many boats, helms and crews at HISC. As a 15-year-old Laser sailor he remained open to crewing for other HISC members and reckons you can learn more by crewing for an experienced HISC helm in a weekend club racing or open event than many other supposedly more sophisticated training sessions. Freddie recommends not to get pigeon-holed into one class too early but to take up HISC member offers to crew and helm on as wide a variety of boats as possible. (Visit the RS Elite page 38 to find out more about the class's initiative to take HISC Youth Sailors racing as part of their 3-man teams).

Freddie stopped campaigning his Laser at around 18 years of age having consistently been placed in the top 5 at the RYA Youth Nationals and top 10 in the Laser Nationals. He realised that although he was a more than decent sailor he was not 'world class' like his peer group that included Iain Percy, Ben Ainslie, Bart Simpson and Paul Goodison. He had to face the harsh reality that he was not going to be a single-handed Olympic champion.

Instead Freddie changed direction completely and hung out with the small racing yachts and keel boats in Lymington and the Hamble and followed a route which eventually led to racing in the America's Cup while his peer group battled it out for Olympic medals.

Having lived and worked abroad on a variety of racing projects including the Swedish America's Cup team, Extreme Sailing Series and Luna Rossa AC team, Freddie got the phone call from Ben Ainslie in November 2013 to join the Landrover BAR Team.

Moving back to the UK and settling in Emsworth with his young family, re-joining HISC was the obvious choice. Mason his 8-year-old is a keen participant in the SEALS lagoon sessions and the whole family take part in the annual club Family Fun Week in their 30 year old Mirror Dinghy with 3 year old Dylan in tow. Despite his wife not coming from a sailing background, Freddie notes that she is the first to pack the picnic and beach gear when it's a sunny day and head down to the club where the children can play with their friends, have fun and develop confidence in the water. Bianca totally gets the HISC family atmosphere and the fact that getting young kids used to the water is really safe, fun and easy at HISC.

Freddie admits that his favourite moment is when he's on the club balcony, with the sun going down at the end of a sunny day, beer in hand, standing with his father watching his kids running around enjoying themselves, having spent the day on the water. He loves the fact that three generations of Carr's are all experiencing the HISC magic, full circle from when he was a youngster.



Freddie's overarching childhood memories of HISC are of 8 to 10 continuous years of summers spent sailing in HISC Youth Week followed by Mengeham Week followed by

Fed Week, gaining skills, having fun, spending time with friends and enjoying Chichester Harbour. Things haven't changed much in the last 20 years!



Training information



Photo: Peter Hickson

HISC offers an excellent variety of training courses both on and off the water from RYA courses to HISC's own training programmes designed to help you progress.

Sailing Courses

If you are interested in learning how to sail, Youth and Adult RYA courses can be booked through the office. Dates and prices are shown opposite.

Powerboat Courses

The two day *RYA Powerboat Level 2* is the ideal course for those wanting to learn to drive a powerboat and to drive a rib for club duties.

The *HISC Safety Boat Driver* is a one day course, put together by our own instructors and designed to provide a practical learning experience for

how to handle capsized dinghies as well as towing and other emergency procedures; perfect for those who have completed PB2 but want to learn more.

The one day *HISC Safety Boat Crew* course is aimed at anyone who volunteers as a safety boat crew and would like to learn some useful practical skills; thoroughly recommended!

RYA Shorebased Courses

The one day *First Aid* course includes practical use of a defibrillator and the one-day *VHF Radio* course is highly recommended for anyone going afloat.

Instructor Training

In the training programme you will find two opportunities to take the *RYA Dinghy Instructor Course*. There are several pre-requisites to this course. Firstly, every candidate must pass a Pre-Assessment Day as well as holding a valid First Aid and PB2 Certificate. Candidates also have to complete the RYA Safe and Fun online safeguarding module prior to the course.

Race Management

If you are interested in mark laying or mentoring to become a Race Officer please get in touch with the office.



Photo: Simon Benson

Training dates at a glance

Training Courses for HISC members. Please contact the office on 02392 463768 if you require a mid-week date or a date not listed as we may be able to accommodate you. Courses must be booked in advance by calling the office. All prices are per person.

Date	Course	Length	Time	Fee
March				
Sat 10 Mar	RYA First Aid Course	1 day	0900–1700	£60.00
Sun 11 Mar	HISC Safety Boat Course	1 day	0930–1630	£90.00
Sat 17 & Sun 18 Mar	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
Sat 24 & Sun 25 Mar	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
Sat 31 Mar & Sun 1 Apr	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
April				
Sat 7 & Sun 8 Apr	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
Sat 7 & Sun 8 Apr	RYA Youth Stage 1&2	2 day	0930–1630	£150.00
Tue 10 & Wed 11 Apr	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
Sat 14 & Sun 15 Apr	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
Sat 21 Apr	HISC Safety Boat Course	1 day	0930–1630	£90.00
Thurs 26 Apr – 24 May	Women on Water (WOW)	5 x ½ day	1000–1300	TBA
May				
Sat 5 & Sun 6 May	RYA Youth Stage 1&2	2 day	0930–1630	£150.00
Sat 5 & Sun 6 May	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
Sat 12 May	HISC Safety Boat Course	1 day	0930–1630	£90.00
Fri 18 – Sun 20 May	Women on Water (WOW)	3 day	1000–1500	TBA
Tues 29 May – Fri 1 Jun	Youth Training Week	4 days	0930–1630	TBA
June				
Sat 2 & Sun 3 Jun	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
Sat 2 & Sun 3 Jun	RYA Dinghy Adult Level 1&2	2 day	0930–1630	£150.00
Mon 25 & Tues 26 Jun	RYA Dinghy Adult Level 1&2	2 day	0930–1600	£150.00
Thurs 7 June – 28 Jun	Women on Water (WOW)	4 x ½ day	1000–1300	TBA
Sat 30 Jun	RYA First Aid	1 day	0900–1700	£60.00
July				
Sat 7 & Sun 8 Jul	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
Sun 15 Jul	RYA DI Pre-Assessment Day	1 day	0900–1700	Inc. in course fee
Mon 16 – Fri 20 Jul	RYA Dinghy Instructor Course	5 day	0900–1800	£450.00
August				
Sat 4 & Sun 5 Aug	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
Sun 5 Aug	RYA DI Pre-Assessment Day	1 day	0900–1700	Inc. in course fee
Mon 6 - Fri 10 Aug	RYA Dinghy Instructor Course	5 day	0900–1800	£450.00
Sat 11 & Sun 12 Aug	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
Sat 18 & Sun 19 Aug	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
September				
Sat 1 & Sun 2 Sep	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 day	0930–1630	£190.00
Thurs 6 – 27 Sep	Women on Water (WOW)	4 x ½ day	1000–1300	TBA

Women on Water (WOW) See the feature article on page 79 for details

Date	Length	Time	Fee
Sat 26 April	1 day	1000 - 1500	Own boat £80 for 5 sessions Hire boat £100 for 5 sessions
Thu 3 May	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 10 May	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 17 May	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 24 May	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Fri 18 – Sun 20 May	3 days	1000 - 1500	£150 includes hire boat
Thu 7 June	1 day	1000 - 1500	Own boat £80 for 4 sessions Hire boat £100 for 4 sessions
Thu 14 June	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 21 June	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 28 June	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 6 September	1 day	1000 - 1500	Own boat £80 for 4 sessions Hire boat £100 for 4 sessions
Thu 13 September	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 20 September	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 27 September	1 day	1000 - 1500	



Photo: Melvyn Cooper Sailing

The HISC Dinghy Instructor and Youth Mentee Programme – new for 2018

This is a new mentoring programme that we are launching this year in order to assist HISC youth (15 yrs+) prepare for the RYA Dinghy Instructor (DI) course and also to offer valuable teaching experience to recently qualified RYA Dinghy Instructors post the DI course.

Why is this needed?

It is known and understood that a 16 year old who has just passed the RYA Dinghy Instructor course does not

gain this qualification and instantly become an expert instructor. Hands on teaching practise with an older and more experienced Instructor is invaluable to be a successful and safe DI at HISC.

Who is it available to:

1. Anyone over the age of 15 years old on 1 January 2018 who is planning on taking the RYA Dinghy Instructor course in the next 12 months. (Youth Mentee YM)

2. Anyone who is a qualified RYA Dinghy Instructor and who wishes to gain essential experience of teaching to make themselves more employable. (Dinghy Instructor Mentee IM)

More information about this scheme is available from the HISC office and online at www.hisc.co.uk

Women on Water at HISC

Linda Stokes



Women on Water had a very successful year in 2017 with over 30 women taking part in this really worthwhile initiative.

It was set up to get women out on the water in a relaxed and fun environment. We offer 3 coaches for the 3 weekly groups; improver, improver plus and advanced.

In May 2018 we will be offering a 3 day course where total beginners are also welcome. The emphasis of the sessions is dependent on the weather and tidal conditions and the makeup of experience within the group. Some women just want to gain confidence, others want to improve skills, some want to start racing and others just simply want to get out on the water in a relaxed format.

Above all it's about learning new skills, meeting people, having fun and camaraderie on and off the water. The group meets on a Thursday morning with a briefing at 10.00am and finishing at 1.00pm. We have three coaches confirmed for this year and already there has been strong interest.

The weekend session offers a similar format but welcomes total beginners to take part. Many ladies who take part in this then go on to take part in the weekly sessions.

You don't have to have your own boat to take part; HISC has an extensive fleet of single and double handed dinghies which are available to hire, these include RS Zest, RS Feva, RS Venture and 2000. Many of the women that have taken part in 2017 have improved so much that they have invested in buying new boats including RS Aeros.

The dates for this year's WOW sessions are

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
26 April	7 June	6 September
3 May	14 June	13 September
10 May	21 June	20 September
17 May	28 June	27 September
24 May		

3 day WOW course

18, 19, 20 May

WOW is supported by many wonderful volunteers who give up their Thursday mornings to provide on-water safety cover. If you love being on the water and have your PB2 and would be interested in helping or have any questions regarding WOW please contact the class captain, Linda Stokes, email wow@hisc.co.uk



HISC Hire Boat Fleet

For those people who would like to try out a different dinghy or enjoy sailing but don't want the commitment of buying their own boat then hiring a dinghy offers a great solution.



HISC have a permanent fleet of 34 dinghies that are available for hire by any members. The fleet consists of a range of boats suitable for beginners, children, adults and families comprising of single handers, double handers through to family boats. The fleet is as follows:

	Daily hire rate
Optimist	£20.00
RS Tera	£25.00
RS Zest	£25.00
RS Feva	£30.00
2000	£50.00
RS Venture	£60.00

Skippered RS Venture Hire

For new and novice members, HISC offers private sailing tuition in their fleet of RS Ventures which can take up to 5 people. Participants learn how to rig, launch and recover the boat as well as learning how to helm and crew. This offers a great way for new members to get to know the harbour and the tides. Call the HISC office for more details.



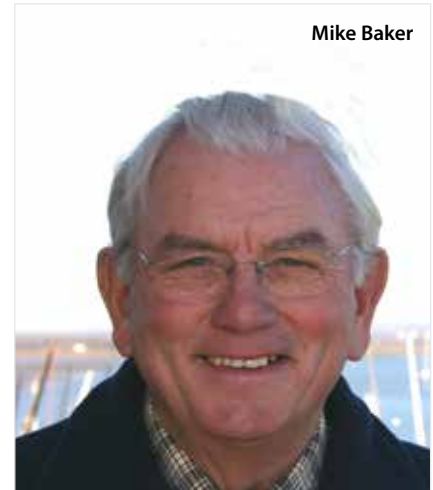
Last year we added three 2000 dinghies to the hire fleet.

The great thing about this design is that it bridges the gap between a stable family dinghy and a popular racing class. The 2000 class has an active association, lots of open meetings and is of course raced a fair bit locally. Many of our neighbouring Harbour clubs have active fleets, and there are always a good number competing in Chichester Harbour Race Week.

As one can see from the list of hire charges, we are very happy for members to hire one to compete in a club race, whether a weekend or a Wednesday evening, it is a mere £30 per race, or £50 for 2 races on a Sunday. Furthermore, we would love to see a member hire one for an entire race series, with the added benefit that you would get used to the boat and get more from the racing. The fee for a series is equivalent to 5 races or £150. No insurance, maintenance or boat park fees to worry about, just pay and go racing! If you would like to explore this further, please contact the office.



HISC Thursday Club passes the 500 mark!



The HISC Thursday Club was launched by HISC Trustee Mike Baker 12 years ago and in 2017 celebrated the incredible achievement of getting 500 children, from all walks of life regardless of their financial position, on the water, learning to sail and passing qualifications.

The HISC Thursday Club is specifically aimed at children who live on Hayling with no easy access to the water and who would not normally get the chance to learn to sail. The Club runs from April to September on Thursday evenings from 4 to 6pm, enabling the participants to gain RYA certificates and finish the season with a sticky bun

party and presentation of awards. The Thursday Club uses a variety of the HISC owned boats to give around 30 children a year (from ages 10-16) access to RYA qualified instructors; the club is run by a team of tireless volunteers for the benefit of local children.

Many of the children who have benefitted from the Thursday Club go on to pass qualifications in sailing and come back to help Mike and the volunteers in future years. Some have made a career in the marine industry, proving that when you are young you may well benefit from opportunities without financial barriers to try new activities that you may be very good at.

The success of the Thursday Club has made a positive impact on HISC and this year the club has bought three 2000 dinghies in order to set up their own hire fleet rather than hiring and borrowing the 32 dinghies that the Thursday Club own.

As a result of the weather, 2017 saw us lose more Thursday training than ever before so Mike is planning to have a two-person dinghy simulator designed which together with the single hander simulator will enable the Thursday Club to set up and run their own Sailing Gymnasium in the scrutineering shed. Donations towards this worthy cause will be gratefully received!



That Thursday Club thing

Abigail Tuttle



Every Thursday from May to the end of September, I rush from school to HISC. I always close my eyes as the barrier opens at HISC and I get my first glance of the sailing conditions as the car drives up the causeway. My first thoughts are what sort of session is it going to be. As we pull into the car park I am ready to jump out of the car and quickly get into my sailing kit.

I was 10 when I joined the Thursday Club. Over the past five years I have learnt a lot, about sailing, about instructing, about participating and about being part of a group of like-

minded people, who just want to get children from 10–18 years old out on the water, sailing, windsurfing, instructing, and having fun. Each session starts at approximately 4pm, as you sign in for a session and pay your fees, the boats are allocated, and tallies issued. Then we rig the boats – parents, children, instructors, safety crew, we all help rig the boats outside the hut; it's a real group effort. All the children get into sailing kit, those with their own, put it on. If you don't have your own, the Thursday Club lend it to you. Everyone uses the club's changing rooms, and we meet back by the Thursday Club hut. The session's Senior Instructor then sets the session plan out for everyone, and we all head off into groups based on ability and the boat you are sailing. We are on the water by 5pm and the aim is to be off the water by 6pm. It's an hour on the water for fun learning, whatever you are doing that particular session.

Sessions include shore based land drills, knot tying practice, rigging practice, launch and recovery practice, as well as on the water sessions. On the water, the sailors, get instruction, tuition, it might be round a course, or on a trip to see the seals, or over to East Head. Each sailor who joins the Thursday Club, however experienced, has to work through their cards. There are four cards; Yellow, Red, White and Green, no one gets to miss a card, however good they are, National Champions to complete beginners, RYA tickets or not, Thursday Club treats all enthusiastic sailors the same! It is a progressive scheme which gives sailors something to work towards and a sense of achievement after completing every step on the card which is signed off by a Dinghy or Senior Instructor. Every sailor at the Thursday Club gets a band to wear around their buoyancy aid, in their current card colour with their name on. This helps the instructors, with names and ability levels.



At the end of each session, as boats come ashore, the sailors on them are expected to complete or assist in the de-rigging process so they can learn how to do it themselves for the future. By everyone helping, it allows the putting away process to be quick enabling people to get away quickly and not have to stand around in wet sailing kit. It's great to get everyone involved, even the non-sailing grown-up helpers join in.

Everyone helping creates a great community feel at the Thursday Club because everyone is working together as volunteers to have a fun and safe time while learning new skills. Over the years the Thursday Club has allowed me to enjoy revisiting many of my sailing skills and learning new things in a relaxed, friendly environment, that avoids the uniformity of racing. While racing can become repetitive, at the Thursday Club, that is not the case. Every week has a variety of activities and you can take part according to what you would like to do that week and your own confidence levels in a safe environment while also being encouraged to push yourself which

keeps learning interesting and covers each aspect needed equally. This year, we have had sailing, windsurfing and paddle boarding as well as a fun in the lagoon session.

At the end of September each year, the Thursday Club draws to a close for the season. The final session is a chance to sign off any last items on the cards, and ends with a party and prize giving. Everyone who has attended gets a mention, those that have completed a card get their certificate, and we all get cake!

I worked through each card and after completing all the cards, I was invited to a meeting with Catherine Massey (an instructor at the Thursday Club) who asked if I was interested in participating in an Assistant Instructor course. I was handed a large pack filled with information and told that I also needed to complete an advanced skill course from the RYA Sailing Scheme. We chose the Seamanship Skills Course as it allows us to sail in a safe way and helps to build foundations for the skills needed to be an instructor. Having completed the course and the required



Everyone helping creates a great community feel at the Thursday Club because everyone is working together as volunteers to have a fun and safe time while learning new skills.

number of hours I was able to become an RYA Assistant Instructor 2 years ago. Since achieving the certificate, I have, volunteered at the Thursday Club and taught new members weekly from May to September; helped teach the local RNLI members to sail so they are better prepared to help sailboats in need and worked at HISC during Youth Training Week last year as an Assistant Instructor. It is an amazing feeling to witness the growth in confidence of people as their sailing skills develop, eventually allowing them to take out a boat on their own or even take a less confident friend out on an RS Feva or RS Quba. No two sessions are the same. It depends on the weather, and the number of participants, the instructors and the tide.

I'm grateful for the opportunities being part of the Thursday Club has given me: working on my own skills, improving other people's sailing skills, and making friends. I plan to take my Dinghy Instructor Course later this year and volunteering weekly at Thursday Club has given me experience in teaching people of all ages and the confidence to take the course.





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HISC Social Sailing

Mike Tong



Lunch at Gins, RSYC

This friendly and lively group of HISC members, under the banner of HISC Social Sailing, gathers together on pre-arranged dates and sails off to various destinations.

We walk, visit pubs, restaurants and other Clubs before returning home. For 2018, six day sailing trips to other clubs are planned as well as a further six multi night visits around the Solent including one to Poole Harbour. On previous form, there will be at least 10 boats each time with between 20 to 40 sailors. During the winter, monthly Friday lunches take place at the club. There is also the "Harbour Week" when activities on shore and around the Harbour are scheduled.

The cruises mainly take place during the week when the waters and the marinas are not so busy and much more peaceful and relaxed.

Any member of HISC can join and, especially for cruises in the harbour, dinghies are very welcome. In 2018 some of the "away" weeks are over weekends with "working" families especially welcome.

The 2018 programme includes cruises in May to Port Solent/Bembridge/Seaview and a Jaunt to The Folly. Blooming June Week and Poole Week are scheduled for June and Harbour Week for July. The August highlight is a Mini Medina cruise with Solent Rivers Week planned for September.

In 2017, there were 100 paying members. For 2018 there is again an

Annual Subscription of £5 per person, payable at the next event to the Captain or the Treasurer. Boat owners' non-member guests are welcome but should be signed in at the Club if coming onto the premises.

For more information, contact the Captain, Mike Tong (02392-466522 mtong@excaliburactuaries.co.uk) or Treasurer Paul Young (07972832018 paul_young@hotmail.com). There is also a very informative web page run by Jane Blaydes www.hiscsocsail.co.uk

Reminders for all events will be e-mailed out on the HISC General Newsletter system.

2017 in pictures



Royal Southampton Yacht Club, Gins Clubhouse, Beaulieu River



East Head



Boathouse 4, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard



The Social Sailing Games



Dell Quay SC for lunch

The Solent and beyond

Situated close to the entrance of Chichester Harbour the club offers excellent opportunities for the cruising yachtsman with easy access to the Solent and beyond.

The Channel Islands, Brittany and West Country are all popular cruising destinations within relatively easy reach although some more adventurous members head further afield.

More locally the Social Sailing Group provides a very full programme of mid week cruising events which this year includes two weekends – see page 86 for more information. For those who want to stay in the harbour a summers evening on the moorings can be magical.

However you cruise, HISC provides an excellent base.

Details on moorings, the ferry, winter layup and other cruising facilities are to be found on page 94.

David Dodgson
Rear Commodore Cruising

Wild Iris goes wild

Mark and Lisa Pollington continue their cruise aboard *Wild Iris* their Sweden 45, crossing the Atlantic with the ARC+

A brief stay in the Mediterranean

The 2017 highlight for *Wild Iris* was undoubtedly crossing the Atlantic. We had had a relaxing summer in the western Mediterranean soaking up Spanish culture, entertaining old friends and family and meeting up with new cruising friends made over the winter in Cartagena. We drank a lot of red wine, ate lots of tapas, but didn't really do much sailing! We were based mainly around the rather beautiful Balearics until moving to the Canaries for autumn. The 600nm Trip from Gibraltar to Isla Graciosa acting as our "qualifying passage" for the ARC+; a shake down cruise to test boats with plenty of time to ready them for the big passage. Hundreds of boats descended on Las Palmas to make preparations, meet new friends and begin the partying! Its hard to describe the ARC+ 19 day, 2,950nm crossing/ rally/race with a stopover in Mindelo, Cape Verde. We updated a daily blog via SatPhone to the ARC website and what follows are a few extracts to give a feel for the emotions.

Transatlantic blog extracts



5th Nov...Busily preparing to cross the Atlantic with ARC+2017, Skipper Mark, his wife Lisa, Neil and Richard are busy coiling rope, folding, stacking, packing, polishing, shopping, cooking, making check lists – endless lists! A first time crossing for them all, excitement is mounting.

Beautiful first evening with 25 kts of wind holding to give an exciting ride under poled out Yankee! Average speed of 9.5 kts...first 24 hour run = 217 nm! Wind dropped...kite up at 7am. Africa ahead!...Gybed...big first for Wild Iris, a new spinnaker and an untested crew.





Surrounded by a pod of dolphins for dinner. Magic!

"Wild Iris, Wild Iris, this is Dongfeng-Kantan, Dongfeng-Kantan...towing an 8nm long high voltage cable...you are on collision course with us." Our tranquil spinnaker run under a moonlit night had just been shattered! All crew on deck for an immediate gybe!

140nm from rhum line to avoid dead calm ahead...flat seas.

The flying fish have been flying all day, one landing in the cabin!...and a lone turtle gently made his way past.

After a 72hr spinnaker run we finished at 05:16. Elated! Tired. Beer for breakfast. (Wild Iris was 2nd boat for the 4.5 day leg 1 to Cape Verde). Very happy crew!"

15th Nov...after a taste of Africa, time to head off into 2090nm of ocean...through the acceleration zone...views of spinnakers and mountains from our stern.

Big routing decision...No wind on rhum line-again! Probably gybe tomorrow!

Searching for wind...Got a spini wrap in the night...not much sleep...but Richard's brunch (Albuquerque style scrambled egg wraps with jalapeños) cheered us all up!

Neil caught our first huge swordfish! Size of a person jumping clear of the water to try to break free. Lengthy fight then line broke!

Huge storm! Just got spini down before force 7 hit...then 3hr Sleigh ride! Lisa's bow work was spot on! Didn't have time for dinner...very bouncy down below...but have made up with two breakfasts!

The mood on Wild Iris is quite emotional and reflective. The highs and lows of the voyage stored and a sense of achievement creeps through the boat. Only 220 miles to go...seems like we are almost there! Talk on board is about our last shared meals, cold beers and showers.

Rum punch and welcome party on arrival at 23:27 30th Nov." (Wild Iris was third overall on corrected time, plus the "best blog photos" submitted during the passage!)

Caribbean Christmas

We are now at anchor in the Grenadines having spent Christmas and New Year with our offsprings and have plans for some extended cruises around the Caribbean/USA for 2018/19.



The voyage to a new way of life

Gill Browning



After all our lives dinghy sailing, Alan professionally and me for pleasure(?), we had finally retired from work and were looking forward to a more prolonged time living on board exploring different places in a warm climate. Easy Tiger 2, is a Dufour 425 Grand Large which has lived for 9 years in the MDL Marina in Sant Carles, Catalonia, Spain so we had spent all those years cruising around the Balearics but now we were headed East!

Arriving in late April to a flurry of maintenance, servicing and stocking we set sail on the 9 May 2017 to start our 1,376 nm voyage. The dolphins came to see us as we set off with a full moon and we had a good night with a mix of sailing and motoring arriving at Cala Murta, just to the south of the lighthouse in northern Mallorca, late morning where we dropped the anchor. Off to Menorca the next morning with 10 increasing to 20 knots on the beam...very rare in the Med so a great day's sail! At 17.30 we drop the anchor in Cala Taulera, Mahon only to find the bilges full of water again. We had an ongoing plumbing problem with the hot water tank so another new piece of pipe and joint were fixed and we were ready to go again. The moral of this is replace *all* fittings when one goes but the result is sparklingly clean bilges!

We collected an additional crew member, friend, dentist and fisherman,

before early on the 13 May heading for Sicily. With a SW 8 /14 knots and blue sky we hoisted our huge asymmetric and set a new personal record by keeping this up for 8.5 hours. The first tuna was caught and prepared for supper! After 200nm and 31hrs we had a pit stop for fuel in Calasetta, SW Sardinia. With little wind we motored throughout the night and early the next day we saw the first of many hundreds of turtles. These transpired to be loggerhead sea turtles returning to their nesting sites in Sicily... amazing to see! More tuna and a ban on fishing for a while to eat what we had!





For this entire trip we saw no other boats until within sight of land.

Early on the 16th we dropped anchor just outside San Vito Lo Capo, Sicily, before refuelling and shopping in the delightful village. Heading NW to cruise though the Aeolian Islands, in the Tyrrhenian Sea, we stopped in Ustica for the night. Heading East past two more islands a pod of dolphins come to play staying for a long time which is always a joy to watch! We had a wonderful day meandering amongst these volcanic islands, several are still live, with crystal clear blue waters and stunning landscape. Anchoring is almost impossible as the water is so deep and the few marinas are very expensive!

After a night in the marina in Salina, Alan had a trip up the mast to fix the wind instruments and we had a walk around the picturesque village before setting sail for Stromboli. This is the most active of the volcanos erupting every 15 minutes or so. After dark we motored around to the NW side of the island and were amazed to watch and listen to the volcano as it erupted! Sometimes only a small explosion but other times red molten lava is shot into the air rolling down the side and hissing as it hits the water! It's the biggest Roman candle you've ever seen and the sound of rocks racing down the mountain to the sea is breath taking.

The following morning, we had a great sail stopping on the West coast of Italy at Scilla before heading south through the Strait of Messina. Scilla is a small very attractive fishing village where the cottages are built on the water's edge on the side of a rocky promontory. We came here to see the swordfish fishing boats as these extraordinary boats have a gantry instead of a mast where the helmsman steers from, hunting down the sleeping swordfish from this great height whilst a man with a harpoon is poised on the end of a bowsprit, which can be at least twice the length of the boat, to spear the unsuspecting fish!

After lunch we sailed down the Strait of Messina to Messina town which is very run down now but would have looked grand a century ago. Next day we headed South again to Catania, to drop Jon off for his flight home, the first of our Navy Coastguards came along side then escorted us, before handing us over to the equivalent of the naval FBI in a very fast boat who escorted us until we arrived at Catania. It's a big commercial port with 5 marinas but no fuel dock! Again, all very run down and tatty. Having moored up we asked the Capitan about fuel with the help of sign language as he spoke no English. He took us to the town fuel station in his very beaten and battered car with

four 25 litre plastic containers. So with the use of a shopping trolley to ferry the containers to the boat and a long plastic pipe, he sucked on the pipe and syphoned the fuel into the boat, all for the charge of €30!

Leaving a dormant Mount Etna in the background we were escorted by the Guardia away from Sicily before they left us to our own devices! The wind was NW, 6 to 26 knots, for the entire journey and we had so many sail changes that Alan gave up writing it up in the log! We saw one other sailing boat, but we did get our friendly coastguard alongside again on the first night and shone his big spot light on us, we responded with our smaller one which sent them on their way!

So Sicily to Corfu – 282miles, 46 hours, at an average of 6 knots – later we entered Mandraki Harbour, Corfu, to be met by the welcoming smiles of Karin and Peter Lichfield who took stern lines, made us breakfast and showed us around the town – very special! Mandraki Harbour is located in the Old Fortress of Corfu in a superb location directly under the steep walls of the fort and a short stroll into the centre of the beautiful old town of Corfu. A wonderful welcome to our time in Greece and spring board the next part of our adventure exploring Greece.

Cruiser racing at HISC

Roy Pine



Photo: Peter Hickson

From May to July, a growing handful of enthusiastic cruisers are to be seen on the water on a Thursday evening for a short race from the club line out the harbour and around a couple of buoys in the bay and back again for a pie, pint and excuses, but why bother?

Well, because it's fun, there's not much on the telly and any excuse to get afloat is fine by me! Even if the wind drops to sub 5kts, as it did, or over 30kts, as it did, and there is a boat in front of you, you will want to try and pass it, that's racing!

The fleet varies from 4/5 up to 9/10 and boats vary from a racy J109 and First 25.7 to a Swallow Bay Cruiser and my 8 ton leviathan, but whether at the front

of the fleet or the back, you're on the water in the middle of the week with a few mates, what's not to like!

In 2017, the early series saw J109 *Judgement Day* live up to her name with 4 straight wins over second placed Hustler SJ30 *Celebration* and third placed First 31.7 *Equinox*.

However the late series saw *Celebration's* revenge, taking the series with 3 wins over *Judgement Day* and third placed Varianta 37 *Riff Raff*.

The Nab Cup and Sparkes Trophies in October were curtailed to just a Sunday race due to a storm and once again *Judgement Day* won over *Celebration* with *Rockhopper* claiming third.

We joined the CCRC for Barts Bash in September for a 'Bang and go back' race; we all start together and when the race officer calls 'Bang', we go back! The first shall be last and the last shall be first!

Joining HISC cruiser racing is easy, go online to VPRS.org and pay them £20 for a simple, online rating to get a handicap then, when the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions are up on the club website, fill in the form and get some beers in to attract the crew!

The way we do it, racing is fun, friendly and non-damaging to boats, gear or friendships! We all try our best, according to our wallets and abilities and whatever happens, happens.

If you fancy having a go, do contact Leah in the office or email me on riffraff1588@gmail.com and sign up to the club's Facebook pages;

HISC: Get Racing and The Sundowners. Crew are always very welcome, try me or Facebook.

So why not come and join us this season, life is too short not to mess about in boats!



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Cruising at HISC – what you need to know

David Dodgson
Rear Commodore Cruising



The Rear Commodore Cruising, supported by the Cruising Committee and working closely with the Marine Manager and his team, are responsible for coordinating the allocation of moorings, winter lay-up and ancillary shore-based services for a wide diversity of cruising boats from day boats to larger cruisers.

The club is very fortunate to have the use of 76 deep-water moorings, 39 half-tide moorings and a visitors mooring. The deep water moorings are positioned on Crown Commissioners' land, they own the seabed and as such the club has to pay a fee for this privilege. This fee is renegotiable every five years. The half-tide moorings are on club land. Both are arranged in a limited area carefully controlled by the Harbour Master using satellite technology.

In addition to moorings, the club operates a regular ferry service to the moorings, tender storage space in the season, outboard storage and provides winter lay-up facilities ashore, further details of which are provided below.

Club Moorings.

The club has 115 moorings suitable for a variety of boat sizes

15	x Class A2	(14m max deep water)
27	x Class A2(R)	(11m max deep water)
34	x Class A3	(9m max deep water)
18	x Class B3	(6m max shallow water)
5	x Class B3	(9m max shallow water)
16	x Class C&D4	(6m max shallow water)

The Deep Water Moorings are removed on a 3 yearly schedule, when the sinkers, buoys and swivels are inspected,

and the riser chain and strop chain replaced. The Half Tide Moorings are also maintained on a 3-year cycle, they have a different configuration, with appropriate maintenance.

The chain strops complete the Mooring complex, and many owners consider them to be the back up to their rope strop, which will take the snub from the effects of wave motion in these relatively exposed waters. The advice of the Harbour Moorings Master is commended in each case. The rope strop is the owner's responsibility and should be removed at the end of each season; failure to remove it will involve a fee for the Marine Crew to do so. There is no guarantee that owners will be allotted the same mooring the following year.

RS Elite Drysail

The HISC RS Elite Drysail berthholders are allocated 10 moorings identified by a different colour pickup buoy at the south end of the trots. The 10 moorings and storage ashore are paid for as part of the annual drysail contract. Use of the 10 moorings is tailored to the racing programme on Thursday evenings and weekends. When not in use by RS Elites, the moorings are strictly reserved for use by the Marine Department as an 'overflow' facility for Open and Championship events.

How to apply for a Mooring

The allocation of moorings is vested with the Cruising Committee, using the "Guidelines for the Cruising Committee relating to the Moorings Waiting List. Allocation of Moorings and General Mooring Principles" see club web site. Moorings are let on an Annual Contract, which is renewable annually by mutual agreement between the club and tenant. Members requiring moorings, shall apply in writing by 31 October of the preceding year to join the waiting list.

Application to join the Waiting List for a Mooring may be made to the Club Office, with a deposit of £100, repayable on being allocated a mooring. The Waiting List is specific for the type/size of mooring required.

Mooring Contract

The main points of the mooring contract are:

- The contract is for the period between 1 March and 31 October.
- The owner warrants that the Vessel is insured against third party risks for at least the minimum sum recommended by the club.
- The owner will not sublet, or make any arrangement with a third party with regard to mooring rights.

Owners who choose to leave their outboard engines mounted on the stern of their boat should consider the swing circle of their boat and the likelihood of the engine leg causing damage to neighbouring boats. Covering the engine with a sturdy bucket or engine removal should be considered in these circumstances.



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Ferry

A ferry service to the moorings runs throughout the season at weekends and Bank Holiday Mondays, times vary according to month and hours of daylight. The hours of operation are published in the handbook 2018 and further updated when necessary on the web site. The ferry can be summoned on VHF Channel 08, call sign *Selene*. A mid-week ferry is available by prior booking (24 hours in advance) with a fee of £5 for each trip.

Sparkes Mooring Ferry

There is an annual charge of £75 for the use of the club ferry to and from the Sparkes moorings during the times that the ferry is running.

Tender Park

For anyone wishing to be independent and use their own tender, storage space on the beach can be requested. Space for tenders is limited, and mooring holders must apply for and pay the current fee for keeping a tender (which must be less than 4 metres in length) in the tender park. A reduced tender fee is payable for tenders using the rack.

All tenders must be removed at the end of the season; this allows the sand to blow clear. All tenders must be identified with:-

- The name of vessel (e.g. Tender to Yacht)
- Current club tag affixed to tender or its trolley,
- Valid Chichester Harbour Conservancy Plaque paid for via Club office.

Outboard storage shed

A space (Fee payable) can be requested within the Outboard shed offering limited facility to house an engine. A run-out tank is available to avoid the storage of excess fuel.

The rules for this storage are displayed on the back of the door and in particular:

- Engines must be marked with the owners name
- Engines should be hung on the rail not left in the middle of the floor
- Under no circumstances should fuel containers be left in the outboard shed.

Winter- Lay up

Winter Lay-up facility was started at HISC in 1995 with the purchase of the Lift Hoist. This was for the benefit of owners of larger boats to lay up at the club at a cheaper rate than Boat Yards, without hidden charges of commission when buying or selling, or charging professionals to work on boats. However it was understood that the boats should not impact too much on other club members, which is reflected in the limited time of launch and recovery.

Each winter the club accommodates the laying up of boats in the main car park. Vessels are stored in cradles and power can be supplied, all services for which fees are raised. Laying up is subject to a formal Laying Up Agreement.

The club owns and maintains a hoist capable of recovering cruisers up to approximately 11 metres in length. The hoist was renewed in 2015.

The winter lay up facility is limited by space. Application is made each year, late application will jeopardize the availability. If requests exceed the space available, priority will be given to previous users, and then mooring points will be considered. Every attempt must be made during the Winter Lay-up to reduce the impact on other club members.

The recovery by the Marine Team is unattended by the owner unless specifically requested otherwise, and although every attempt to accommodate the request will be made, it cannot be guaranteed.

- The recovery period usually starts at the beginning of October (dependent on the tides), and the relaunch period is generally in March, but always before Easter.
- All fixed fin keeled boats must be supported while ashore in a cradle, approved by the Cruising Committee. Any cradle not able to be stacked at the end of the Winter Season must be removed from the site. Cradles are owned and maintained by the owner not the club.
- Electricity supply is available for the Winter Lay-up period, supplied via a meter, and charged at the same rate charged to the club, plus meter hire.
- Water is laid on in each section of the Winter Lay-up area.
- The club has several high-power washers and a power wash by the Marine Team is included in all unattended recoveries.

Cruiser Owners AGM

This is a once a year event offering the cruising membership an opportunity to learn of any changes to cruising facilities and time to raise or discuss cruiser-based concerns.

Please ask at the Club Office for any further information on club moorings.



On Friday afternoons, we are always eager to return home from work/school so we can leave for our weekend escape to *Freya*, our Westerly Centaur. We pack the car up ready for our next adventure, arriving at HISC in time for some of the most amazing peaceful sunsets. We radio for Selene and we arrive on board *Freya*, leaving all the commotion of real life ashore.

It's so relaxing spending time and sleeping the night on the mooring; if it blows we head to a calmer spot in the harbour. We can have dinner and drinks at the club if we don't fancy cooking and then take the last ferry back on board. Our adventures take us around the beautiful Chichester Harbour, watching a seal pup being born was one of last season's highlights!

Our favourite weekend getaway is a sail over to tranquil Bembridge Harbour, Jasmine, our daughter, often catches up to 100 crabs in a few hours! We stroll east and west and explore the Isle of Wight mostly collecting stones and shells from the beach. We often meet other HISC members on the pontoon!

We head a little further into the Solent every now and then and for last season's holiday we made it to Weymouth, sailing along the beautiful Jurassic coast.

Laying up at HISC is perfect as Jasmine plays/sails with friends while we keep *Freya* ship shape and get her ready for the new season.

Have a great 2018 season!

Amanda Simpson, Jeferson & Jasmine

Hayling Rescue

Frank Dunster aka Hayling Rescue, aka Charlie Muggins, aka Jacques Cousteau, are all names Frank uses in his rescue report posts to the Facebook page “Friends of Hayling Rescue”. It is an attempt to put a humorous gloss on what can be a serious subject – which is why the Bishop also sometimes gets a mention!



Rescue statistics are compiled every year for various purposes and in 2017 Frank reported that he had attended over 150 rescue incidents. Engine failure was the most usual incident which resulted in 34 vessels being towed to safety.

In second place was the escort of racing dinghies and yachts to safety in boisterous conditions on 26 occasions. Jacques Cousteau, that famous French underwater explorer had fewer cameos in 2017, donning bathers, flippers and mask and snorkel just 11 times to clear ropes wrapped around propellers and this included HISC Committee boat “Lady G”!



On Chichester Bar the yacht encountered nasty seas and was rolled through 360 degrees losing the mast, engine and rudder before being swept onto the West Pole sands.

Grounded yachts were pulled off sand or mud banks in 17 dramas and you might want to ask the Commodore what he was doing at 5am in his RS Elite, on Seagull Island in August!

However, the rescues are similar each year with Frank reporting the usual wide range of people and vessels attended ranging from an RS Tera dinghy through to a 45ft racing yacht.

Frank’s main concern was again the rough seas on Chichester Bar particularly on ebb tide situations with wind blowing from the south. An unaccompanied 29er racing dinghy was discovered with a broken mast on the bar in early summer and towed back to HISC.

Late summer saw two major dramas on Chichester Bar which Frank found particularly testing. While escorting back to HISC a National 18 class dinghy which was sinking during the championship in Hayling Bay, Hayling Rescue was diverted to something amiss on Chichester Bar. On arrival Frank found Gavin in the Bosham Sailing Club rescue boat overloaded with a rescued National 18 sailor and two kayakers and their kayaks who were separated from a party of 12 kayakers caught out by the

strong ebb tide and a violent rain squall and who were now in desperate trouble on Chichester Bar in breaking seas. Hayling Rescue managed to rescue a further 4 kayakers and the Harbour Master’s patrol RIBs rescued one each with the remaining 4 eventually being reported safe ashore.

The second major incident involved a HISC member sailing his Drascombe longboat cruiser back from Cowes one Sunday afternoon. On Chichester Bar the yacht encountered nasty seas and was rolled through 360 degrees losing the mast, engine and rudder before being swept onto the West Pole sands. The skipper managed to send out a Mayday distress call on his waterproof VHF radio and the Hayling Lifeboat and Hayling Rescue responded snatching the 3 crew from their semi-submerged craft.

During the busy months Frank paid for 2 extra engine services and nearly £4000 was contributed by the “Friends of Hayling Rescue” in conjunction with HISTT to pay for the annual overhaul and refit together with a new engine cooling water pump. The level of expenditure is vital in attending the many rescue incidents and the operations on Chichester Bar.



Photo: Peter Hickson

Clubhouse



Photo: Peter Hickson

Our Club house is sited on a beautiful sandy peninsular with unspoilt panoramic views of the South Downs and Wittering coastline at the mouth of Chichester Harbour.

An outstanding venue, HISC has much to offer sailors and non-sailors alike. The stunning club house and landscapes make it the perfect location for a wedding reception, christening and corporate event as well as family celebrations.

Our experienced team will ensure that you and your guests have a first class experience. Choose from an array of catering choices which include a wide selection of canapés, function and drinks menu packages.

For bespoke menus, John our chef will happily accommodate your every need to ensure that your day is extra special.

With fresh homemade food, clean and comfortable onsite accommodation, a reasonably priced bar and friendly and professional team, HISC is the ideal venue for your event. The club house has excellent versatile facilities, with unsurpassed views, which can accommodate up to 180 guests in the spectacular restaurant and two bars. Whether you are planning a wedding, social gathering, fundraiser or birthday party our entertaining spaces will guarantee that you will have an event to remember.



Food and drink at the Club

As a Member, you are given a membership card when joining the club. This card can be loaded with credit either from any till point or online and used to buy food and drink at a 10% discount. Children are given their own cards from the age of eight.

Dining

All year round our highly experienced chefs produce breakfasts, lunches and dinners for members and visitors. Check our weekly newsletter and website for current service times. Generally, we are open as follows:

Breakfast

Servery breakfast every Sat and Sun, until the Easter school holidays when we open every day. The HISC famous full English or porridge and continental options are served from 8am to 10.30am

Lunch

Servery lunch every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. We have a Traditional Roast Carvery on Sundays and on other days a selection of sandwiches, soups, salads and hot dishes are available from 12 to 2.30pm. During School holidays, lunch switches to the Snack Bar with the exception of Sunday's carvery.

Dinner

Evenings see a variety of styles and menus from the Servery and cooked to order. There is always a traditional homemade pie on the menu along with seasonal dishes on our weekly menu. Dinner is served from 7pm



to 9pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights all year. This expands to include Thursday evenings when sailing is on and is offered every evening during school holidays.

Snack Bar

The Snack Bar is our wet eating area where hungry sailors can come in straight off the water and enjoy hot and healthy meals and snacks. We also offer salads, paninis, rolls, sandwiches, soup, and the chef's dish of the day. If you have any dietary requirements please let our team know and they will be happy to suggest a meal that will suit your needs and requirements.

Bar

We are very fortunate to have two Bars at HISC. The over 18's bar is a quiet and peaceful place where you can have a relaxed drink, read a book or catch up

with friends. This bar can be booked for private dinner parties and we can cater for up to 30 people in this lovely room. During the day, the over 18s bar is home to our hugely popular barista style coffee lounge.

The main bar is a busy spot catering for all members and visitors. Many a great party has been held in this bar and the House Committee have plenty of fantastic events lined up for this year.

The bar is open on a Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. It opens on a Thursday when sailing is underway and during the summer school holiday every day and night.

We offer guest ales throughout the year so there is always something new to try. We have a loyalty card scheme where you can even get a pint on us. Ask our friendly bar team for details.

Happy hour is on a Friday from 7pm to 8pm; offerings vary but generally there are wines, beer and spirits at half price. During large events and summer holidays it is suspended and this will be notified on the website.

Why not try out our new Gin shelf with a variety of gins to suit every taste. Look out for other shelves coming soon to tantalise your taste buds.

Parties

If you have a milestone birthday or anniversary coming up and would like to hold a party at the Club please get in touch with our House Manager.



Convenient accommodation

Our convenient and comfortable accommodation is located in two blocks, Stocker and Dunes, both situated near the clubhouse. Bedding is supplied in all rooms but guests need to bring their own towels. All prices stated are per room, per night. Please check our website for accommodation offers.

Stocker

Comprises two-bedded bunk rooms, double-bedded rooms, triple-bedded bunk rooms and an eight-bedded dorm style bunk room. The Stocker block has recently been refurbished and contains wifi and electric sockets in all rooms, with shared shower and toilet facilities on both levels.



Captain's and Admiral's Cabins

Double-bedded rooms sleeping two with a sink and storage space. The Admiral's Cabin is our disabled access room and includes an en-suite wetroom. £45 members (£50 non-members).

Commodore's Cabins

Double bed with a single bunk on top sleeping three people, with two sharing a bed. £50 members (£60 non-members).



Ensign's Cabins

Bunk rooms sleeping two people. £40 members (£50 non-members) or £25 members single occupancy (£35 non-members single occupancy).



Cadet's Cabins:

Bunk dormitory room sleeping eight people in bunk beds with ensuite shower room. £120 members (£160 non-members).

Dunes

Comprises ten mezzanine style rooms, each one sleeping up to three adults or two adults and two children with two single beds and a small double bed on the mezzanine level, plus an en-suite shower room. £60 members (£70 non-members)



Dunes rooms sleep four with en-suite facilities

Conference facilities



Subject to availability and club opening times

**Day Delegate
rate package includes:**

- Breakfast
- Morning tea and coffee with biscuits
- A buffet lunch
- Afternoon tea and coffee with biscuits
- Jugs of water
- Wireless internet access
- Hire of the meeting room
- Projector, flipchart and screen

**24 hour Day Delegate
rate package includes:**

- Breakfast
- Morning tea and coffee with biscuits
- A buffet lunch
- Afternoon tea and coffee with biscuits
- Jugs of water
- Wireless internet access
- Hire of the meeting room
- Projector, flipchart and screen
- A two course dinner
- Accommodation with en-suite facilities

Contact our House Manager on 02392 463768 or
email housemanager@hisc.co.uk



Social events 2018

Dave Spensley-Corfield

Vice Commodore House

The House Committee and HISC Crew have a packed social calendar for you this year. We have worked hard to ensure that there are a wider variety of events which appeal to as many people as possible. As well as the return of annual events such as the Summer Ball, Christmas Party, the hugely popular Bonfire Night and Après Ski Party, we have planned new events such as a Beach party and HISC's very own Oktoberfest.

We will be running themed food nights such as, Moules Frites and Paella. Dave will be running a Commonwealth Games Night to celebrate the start of the games. Our normal party nights will have a wide variety of bands playing throughout the year, with some old favourites returning and others making their HISC debut. Members can make full use of BT Sport with a packed sports calendar complete with chips and dips, which started with the 6 Nations Rugby – you never know we might be serving strawberries for Wimbledon.

Look out for further details of all events plus our wine and beer of the month, both in the email newsletter and on posters around the club. Tickets for some events can be booked through our new, mobile-friendly site and we encourage members to book tickets early in order to assist with catering and planning. We will also be offering early bird deals on accommodation and breakfast, so keep an eye out for these promotions.

On the catering and restaurant front we've looked at comments from last year's survey. So big changes are on the way – we intend to refurbish the restaurant to make it more comfortable, with new furniture, ambient lighting and modern décor. We are working on new menus with a bar menu on Saturdays and different options available at other times. This will include the addition of a wood-fired pizza oven to bring you another variation on our menus.

The snack bar has already been changed and these changes will be monitored to make sure they work to ensure the peaks and troughs in demand are better served.

The coffee bar has proved a great success since it started. We intend to make it even better this year with coffee being available later and a better selection of cakes – keep a look out for summer afternoon tea.

The House Committee are endeavouring to do everything they can to make the Club attractive to all members whether

you're a sailor who nips in for one drink now and again, or a regular at the social events, or enjoy a mid-week meal. If you have a problem or something isn't right let us know, we're members just like you and want our club to improve year on year. If you're a new member and are unsure what social event you want to attend, contact any of the House Committee and come along with us, we don't bite and we'll buy you a drink.

2017 was good – join us to make 2018 even better!

11 March	Mothers' Day
17 March	St Patrick's Party
24 March	Après Ski Night & Band
1 April	Easter Egg Hunt
7 April	Dave's Commonwealth Games Night
5 May	Pennant Weekend Live Band
26 May	Whitsun Regatta Live Band
2 June	Summer Ball
16 June	Party Night
7 July	Paella Night
21 July	Live Singer
28 July	Beach Party
25 August	Live Band
26 August	All American Diner Night
1 September	Cheese & Wine Night
15 September	Commodore's Trophy Live Band
22 September	Round Hayling Windsurf Race Live Band
13 October	Oktoberfest
20 October	End of Season Party
26 October	Trafalgar Night
27 October	Children's Halloween Party
3 November	Bonfire & Fireworks
17 November	Comedy Night
1 December	Children's Christmas Party
2 December	Christmas Fair
8 December	Christmas Party
15 December	Turkey Dining In Night
31 December	New Year's Eve Party

Once in a lifetime

Last October I had a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent Great Britain at the European Para Youth Games held in Genoa, Italy. There were over 600 para athletes from 26 countries competing in 8 different sports. It was a prestigious event and I had been given the honour of being a flag bearer for Great Britain, an awesome memory to have!

I was selected with three other sailors. The GBR Team sailors were Adam Billany and Ryan Sallens, Jenna Snedker and Rory McKinna with coach Matt Grier

We were sailing in a Hansa 303 – two person Paralympic class boat. Once we arrived at the sailing venue there were three days to get the boat ready and train before the competition commenced!



Day 1

We were greeted with sunshine and a light breeze, which gradually veered through the day. Team GBR all had cracking starts. Rory and I were touch and go with the Netherlands in the first race and around the leeward mark we managed to get inside and stayed ahead on the reach to get the first bullet of the event. In races 2 and 3 we secured two more first places to top the leaderboard after the first day of racing. Adam and Ryan were lying in 4th place.



Day 2

After an hour long postponement due to lack of wind we were released to race. Conditions were incredibly light with just 3-5kts of breeze. Unfortunately Rory and I had a less than pleasing set of results scoring a 3rd, 4th and a 3rd again, but we had to remember we were a team and focus on improving the next day. Despite the conditions, Adam and Ryan had a much better set of results and managed to maintain 4th overall, Rory and I slipped to 2nd.

Day 3

Going into the final day we knew we had to beat the French team who were leading by two points. Again, light and shifty winds prevailed making for some tense and nerve racking racing. The first race was abandoned due to lack of wind. Then, after a long wait for the wind to fill in, the race officials finally managed to set a course. Race 2 commenced with Rory and I getting a great start. Having gained the advantage at the start we maintained a loose cover on the French up the first beat and rounded the windward mark in 2nd, with the Netherlands in 1st and the French behind us in 3rd.

Throughout the event our charter boat had suffered various gear failures and, to our dismay, at the final leeward mark our rudder pin came undone. We lost steerage and drifted to leeward losing valuable ground, luckily Rory jumped on the transom and managed to put the pin back in. We dropped back and could only claim 3rd behind our French rivals. Prior to the final race the wind faltered yet again and flag N over

A was raised and with it our chance to win Gold. We took the silver medal which was a massive achievement, especially given the lack of practise in the boat together and the charter boat failings. It had been really close racing throughout the event and very tricky conditions, but a fantastic experience and a silver medal to be proud of.

Final medal table



Gold FRA Margaron/Bizieux – 9 points
Silver GBR Snedker/Mckinna – 12 points
Bronze NED Vuijk/De Vries – 13 points
Team GBR's Billany/Sallens claimed fourth place on 24 points.

A huge thank you to Rooster and Captain Kid for sponsoring us with team Crew Jackets, Aeromesh Caps and polo shirts. Last but not least a big thank you to Matt Grier for coaching us to our full potential.

I really enjoyed the whole experience, especially making international friends. It also highlighted for me that with the right support and the right boats to suit all Paralympians, sailing should be reinstated for the Paris 2024 Paralympics. So let's all support sailing's involvement for the 2024 games!

Jenna Snedker

Hayling Island Sail Training Trust (HISTT)

Jane Blaydes



The HISC Tera Fleet together with the RYA Tera Class Association launching all together off the North Beach for their respective Training Sessions.

Since 1997, Hayling Island Sail Training Trust, an independent charity, has supported sailing for the young and disabled at Hayling Island Sailing Club. The charity was originally set up to help provide funds towards the building of various junior orientated aspects of the new Clubhouse – and the sea defences. In fact, funding of over £600,000 was provided. Now, various elements are supported annually or as a one-off project.

The Hayling Rescue Rib

In 2017, the Trust granted £8098 towards the continued engine

maintenance of this, now, rather elderly Rib which is owned, driven and lived on by Frank Dunster and supported by the Friends of Hayling Rescue. HISTT is still collecting funds and any donations, often made after someone has just been rescued, are gratefully received – which enables this wonderful service for all harbour users to continue. The Thursday Club and all the Training Squads would be lost without Frank in attendance!

HISC Thursday Club

The Thursday Club, which provides sailing opportunities for local children, only applied for a small grant last year for a Power Boat 2 course. In fact, two children did the certificate course in the middle of January. Apparently, there were no pupils of sufficient age in 2017 to complete any level of instructor certificate courses. However, The Trust is expecting Grant Applications to fund Instructor Courses in 2018 and we are looking for donations to cover these. It should be noted that monies raised

at the very popular Boat Jumble are generally needed for boat and gear maintenance.

The Commodore's Bursaries

are no longer being awarded to individuals, the Commodore wishing to use any funds for more generalised advanced coaching. However, last year's winners are still in the headlines and Tom Darling is much sought after as an instructor for the Youth fleets.

Youth Report

Winter Training 2016/17, with grants of £600 from HISTT for each of the Tera and Feva fleets, carried on into the Spring and was a huge success with all five weekends being completed. The Tera groups, bronze, silver and gold fleets, were run very successfully by three top coaches including HISC's own Debbie Jarvis.

The training enabled all of the groups to extend their sailing abilities considerably, and also to build towards lifelong friendships with peers with



whom they were training. Massive improvements were recorded by all three coaches across the fleets and a huge sense of pride was felt by all the children taking part. Not only did the majority of these children then compete at HISC youth events such as the Sunday series, the extremely popular Tera Sprints (some events with 27 competitors) and HISC and Mengham Youth Race Weeks, but also, many of them and their families travelled further afield to Carnac in France for the Tera Worlds, and to Weymouth for the Tera Nationals. Here, two sailors in particular excelled, one winter trainee won the Tera Nationals Sport fleet, and another won the Regatta fleet. It is important to note that both these children have only ever received coaching at HISC.

For the Winter Training of 2017/18, we have been somewhat overwhelmed following the success of the previous year and we have a large number of visitors requesting Winter Membership in order that they can share our Winter Training programme!

Due to increasing rib and coaching fees, and withdrawal of RYA sponsorship, training charges have spiralled and so the Tera Fleet applied to HISTT for £1000 for this Winter Training. As the fleet had been exceptionally good at doing its own fundraising on behalf of HISTT, this was granted immediately!

The Seals

Catering for the under 10s Seals still enjoy 'Oppies on a Rope' in the lagoon. Sessions on Histteria and Histterical are always oversubscribed and we hope to support them with future projects.

The New Pontoon

In 2017, we were asked to help with funding for the New Pontoon, the costs for which were always going to be high! Numerous small donations were received along with some huge ones, all of which were much appreciated. Many funds also came from people who preferred to donate to HISTT rather than do their Club Duties this year.

In November, HISTT was happy to be able to contribute over £22,000, for the pontoon – the combination of all the specific donations and Gift Aid claimed from HMRC. Unfortunately, several of the people donating in lieu of duties did not get around to submitting a Gift Aid Form which basically was the reason for putting the funds through HISTT. This lost us quite a lot of money, so if you read this and realise you were one of these people – it is not too late to submit a form!

The pontoon was already in use by January and the picture shows an RYA rib, plus buoy, momentarily 'in harbour' but otherwise attending the Winter Squad Techno 293 Training (Windsurfers, for the uninitiated).

Sea Defences will probably be the next vital project for 2018. Some minor work has already been done along the causeway but more major work will be required at some stage. Sea Defences come within the remit of HISTT, as the Club and all of its activities could not exist without them!

We have some incoming funds from the Christmas Fair and from one of the Pursuit Races, but this is not nearly enough for what we are asked to provide and what we would like to help with so. Therefore, HISTT is always needing more!

All donations made to HISTT, if given with a gift aid declaration, earn a 25% premium from HMRC to aid the good causes supported.

Please check on the Trust web site – <http://www.histt.org.uk/> - for up-to-date news and photos. Ways of donating, with Gift Aid forms, can be found on the 'You can help' page or collected from Reception.

In 2017 we, unfortunately, lost Rose Lucas who had proved to be a valuable trustee, but have now gained Mike Massey (General Committee Liaison) and Rebecca Tuttle (Youth)

Happy new season from all the Trustees – Malcom Tite, (Chairman), Roger Palmer, Zygmund Kruk, Mike Massey, Rebecca Tuttle and Jane Blaydes – Secretary and Treasurer – treasurer@histt.org.uk

Update from the Historical Archives volunteers

Belinda Cook and Léonie Austin, HISC Archivists



New archive display cabinet

The new purpose built archive display cabinet in the dining room, was donated in memory of Tina Danby (HISC member 1966-2014) by her family. We are thrilled with this extra cabinet to show HISC history and initially are displaying the archive flag project for 2021.

New archive storage cupboards

Our new cupboards were finally handed over to us last spring and we began moving vital archive boxes into these cupboards. Immediately we found that having source material on hand in the cupboards has made a huge difference to our working conditions and productivity. We are very pleased that we have this new facility.

HISC 100 celebrations 2021

A large part of our year has been taken up by the HISC 100 Celebrations and our place on the committee for these celebrations. The HISC Archives will play a major part in telling the story of HISC.

Archive research work

Carolyn Popham and Léonie Austin have finished the indexing of the Waterline magazine. This has already proved invaluable for those working on the separate Class Collections. The Flying Fifteen Collection has been completed as far as our documentation is concerned. The Canoe collection has been started by Patrick and Amanda Marshall and Paul Cook is undertaking the early years of the Solo fleet. Sue Humphries is continuing with the Youth Collection.

All year there are enquiries about HISC History. Some enquiries take some time to sort out. We have been liaising with the Hayling U3A and their new book about Hayling after WW1 until the end of WW2. Belinda has been meeting various Mengham members whose parents or grandparents were members of HISC in the 1920s and 1930s to gather further memorabilia. Much of the U3A research will overlap with ours. There are always one or two queries about COPP, very often resulting from a visit to HISC by relatives. Fortunately donations of various documents and photographs of all HISC life are still being offered and these are always accepted and enjoyed.

Archive film and slide evening

We are planning an archive film evening in the autumn.

Can you help the HISC Historical Archives – *Memories please!*



Do you remember the starts using the North and East lines from the roof of the 1936-2001 Clubhouse?

Can you help us collect **memories of HISC membership**? What does it mean to you? Why did you come here first? What Class did you sail? Why do you stay a Member? Did you come as a sailer already, along with others from a similar class of boat? Perhaps it was a relation who brought you here first, did you come as a child, were you just bowled over with the sailing facilities, or the general ambiance of the place or was it a girl or boy friend who brought you to Hayling for a weekend? Perhaps some of our newer members who came following the rebuilding of the Clubhouse in 2003 were attracted by the wonderful new facilities and opportunities for Youth sailing? Can you

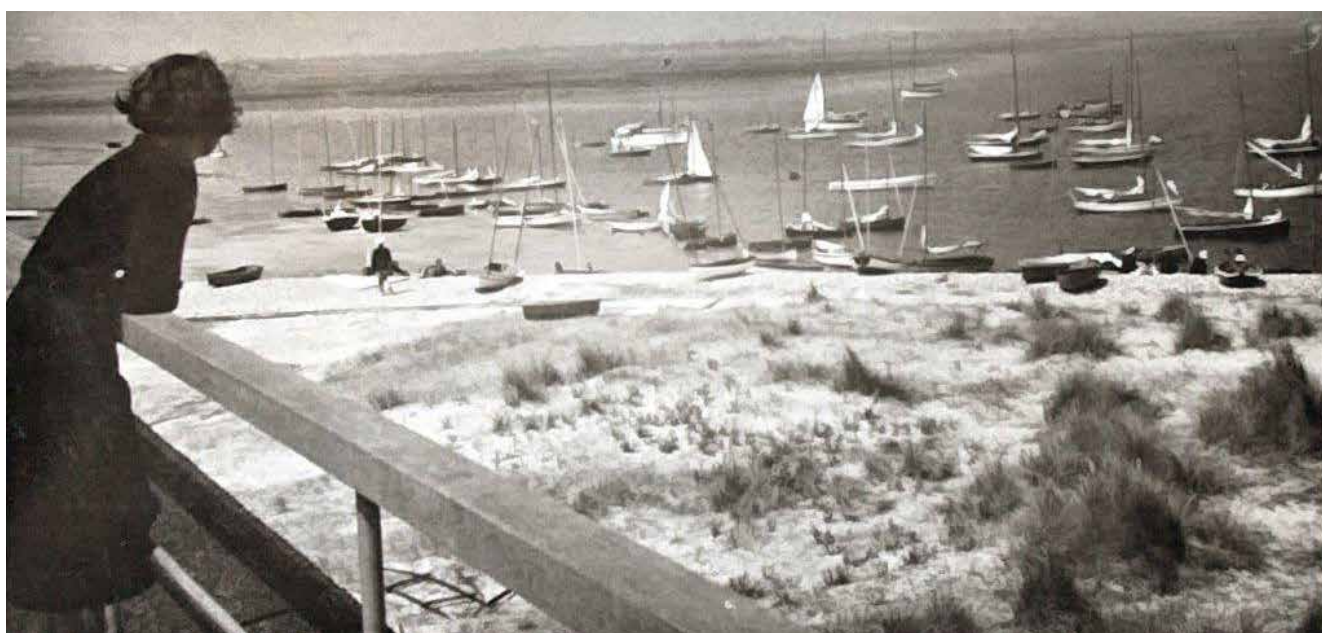
share these memories with us please! As we move slowly towards 2021 when HISC is 100 years old, the Archive group are gathering members' memories of their HISC involvement. We would like members to tell us why they came initially to HISC, in other words, to answer the questions above. A side of A4 would be sufficient, or if you wish to write more, we would be thrilled. Please email them to us or leave them in reception marked for HISC Archives. Please make sure you identify yourself so that we can contact you.

From the archive point of view, it is very interesting to see whether it is a type of boat, or a family relative,

or a group of friends who make the commitment to join HISC. We already have a number of memories, particularly from members who came here during the early 1950s. These make fascinating reading because they show the different routes towards membership. They have also been most helpful in our research because we are able to identify events and get an understanding of the social history of the time.

Please send your submissions to the HISC office or hand them in at reception marked for HISC Archives.

Regatta 1936 – view from the roof of the Clubhouse. Photo by kind permission of the Fisher family.



The Historical Archive Flag Project

In preparation for the Club's 100th birthday celebrations in 2021, members of the HISC Historical Archive Flag Project are designing and creating 101 different flags depicting a particular event in every year of the Club's history from 1921 to 2021. Already 50 flags have either been finished or are a "work in progress". The Archive Team would be delighted to hear from more members who would like to get involved. Informal workshops are held from time to time where members

can come along, see the types of techniques that can be used to design a panel, such as embroidery, tapestry, painting on fabric, appliqué (stitching or gluing fabrics) and even marquetry and be allocated a year. The flags will decorate the Club in 2021. A booklet will also be produced in 2021 with information about each flag.

If you are interested in joining the project please contact Carol Carter through the HISC office



500club

The HISC 500club has been operating for 10 years for the purpose of generating funds, to be used for monthly prizes for 500club members and to enable expenditure on projects and causes which will benefit all HISC members.

Each month half of the income is allocated to a draw for 5 prizes which at the moment are approximately £200, £100, £50, and £20. The remaining income funds future projects for the club. The more members in the scheme means greater prizes and the larger the fund for future projects, which benefits all members!

Tickets for the draw, usually held on the last Friday of the month, are only £1 with a minimum entry of £5 and maximum entry £20 per member, per month. To join, just complete an application form that is available from the HISC office.

The current 500club committee consists of Tim Hancock (promoter), Pam Marrs, Peter Wareham and Stephen Sparrow.

Some of the items that have been purchased in the past 10 years from the proceeds of the 500club include, stools for the race box, AV projectors in the race management suite, lecture room and main bar, under bar coat hooks, steak knives, dividing screens for the dining room, sand blowing equipment, navigation equipment for the committee boats and ribs and anchor chain counters on the committee boats.



Pam Marrs – HISC member who not only organises the 500club, is also extensively involved with the Chichester Harbour Federation and other club activities

Chichester Cruiser Racing Club



Pam Marrs



The club for people who want to race their cruisers out of Chichester Harbour. What we do is racing (with a little bit of cruising on the side).

We are nothing to do with Chichester Yacht Club (though we do have an annual race with them for a team trophy). But this is a special year for CCRC as we are celebrating our 70th anniversary.

Formed by Harbour clubs in 1948 to provide better cruiser racing than the individual clubs could offer, CCRC fulfils that role to this day. There is no clubhouse, but we do have a Commodore and the usual Flag Officers. There is an informative website and all communication is electronic either via the website or email. Being a virtual club means our membership fees are splendidly modest!

Racing

CCRC schedules about 25 races a year on approximately 12 weekends between April and October, excluding July & August. Racing is either round-the-cans in Hayling Bay, or passage

races within the Solent plus an annual Cross-Channel race.

With 70 years of experience CCRC knows how to provide good racing in our waters with limited resources. The majority of races have committee boat starts, sensible courses, line finishes and rapid results.

With two fleets CCRC offers racing to suit all tastes and capabilities. The Alpha fleet uses the VPRS measurement rating system, which gives at least as good a handicap number as the market leader for a fraction of the cost, whilst the Beta fleet offers more relaxed competition under RYA NHC

The Social Side

CCRC likes a good party so there are always post-racing get-togethers at welcoming clubs or the occasional barbecue. It has been said the CCRC

members race as hard as they can on Saturday, party as hard as they can Saturday evening then race again as hard as they can on Sunday but sometimes that is not quite as hard as they raced on Saturday!

CCRC and HISC

In the past CCRC flew postponement signals from the HISC race box but today these signals are flown from a virtual flag pole on the club website with toots by text.

Nevertheless, the link between HISC and CCRC remains strong with a high proportion of members keeping their boats in Hayling marinas or local moorings. In fact, the current CCRC Secretary, Sailing Secretary, a PRO and Results Officer are all HISC members.

Guest yachts are always welcome – see the website for details www.ccrc.co.uk



Chichester Harbour Federation



Pam Marrs



The origins of Chichester Harbour Federation can be traced back to 1924 when four sailing clubs recognised the need to co-ordinate the activities of the clubs located around Chichester Harbour, particularly to manage racing and the placing of marks.

Since then, along with the thirteen sailing clubs within the harbour, sailing schools, berth holder associations, marinas, boatyards and other organisations, membership of the Federation has grown to 40. Members come from various backgrounds with the common goal being to maintain the harbour as a safe and prosperous place for leisure sailing while preserving its attraction as an amenity area, both for the sailors and visitors alike.

The Federation has two core activities;

- Promoting sailing and coordinating race activity in and around the harbour
- Acting as the voice of the sailing community on policy issues affecting its management and the AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty)

Many will know that Chichester Harbour Race Week, run and organised

by the Federation, is one of the most popular dinghy regattas in the country attracting around 350 entries every year, but what may be less well known is that the Federation coordinates the harbour's race fixtures, encourages good race management to the benefit of all harbour users, promotes sailing safety through the Code of Conduct for racing as well as courtesy to all harbour users and seeks to encourage goodwill and fellowship amongst its members.

The important historic role played by the Federation in managing leisure sailing has been recognised by the Chichester Harbour Act 1971. This entitles the Federation to appoint 4 representatives to the Harbour Advisory committee which is consulted by the Chichester Harbour Conservancy on all matters concerning the management of both the harbour and the AONB. Two of these representatives are also members of the Conservancy itself.

The Federation plays a prominent role in managing the harbour through this representation process and a Federation Chairman's committee meets quarterly to review Conservancy papers and brief the representatives prior to each meeting of the Harbour Advisory committee.

The Federation is one of the sponsors of the local weather stations – Chimet and Cambermet www.chimet.co.uk - and also recognises the importance of other voluntary organisations which make important contributions to the overall wellbeing of the harbour.

- The Chichester Harbour Trust which helps to protect the harbour and its environs for future generations www.chichesterharbourtrust.co.uk
- and also the work of the Friends of Chichester Harbour in helping to maintain the AONB www.friendsch.org

Chichester Harbour Race Week

Pam Marrs

The biggest sailing event in Chichester Harbour in 2018 will be Chichester Harbour Race Week which is run by the Chichester Harbour Federation, from Hayling Island Sailing Club. Hundreds of dinghies compete in five days of racing from 7th – 13th August 2018, and it is a truly spectacular sight!

2017 saw 307 boats, of which 167 were single handers, from over 50 different clubs with sailors, totalling 452, aged from 8 to 80 ranging from Olympic squad members to beginners.

For 50 years the event was known as Fed Week and renamed Chichester Harbour Race Week in 2014 to be clearer and more web search friendly.

11 dinghy clubs from Chichester Harbour play a part - they provide race teams for the 4 committee boats, the crews and boats for the large fleet of RIBs and launches for safety on the water, a safety control team in the race box, admin staff in the race office for entries and results, beach masters for the younger sailors plus sellers of Race Week clothing.

Today, as in 1963 when the first Fed Week was sailed, the combined-club ethos is the same. But much else is very different. Initially, the regatta was run



Prize plate showing the burgees of the Federation clubs.

each day by a different harbour club. When logistic problems led the move to Hayling Island SC, organisation was far less sophisticated being a much

smaller event, with starts and finishes on the HISC club line.

The early 1970s saw the fleet split into two separate race series, now four series, each with its own race officer and committee boat. This change led to the present format of one course being laid inside the other for two of the series. With all courses being laid each day to suit wind and tide conditions.

New challenges have emerged, notably coping with the huge disparity of speed between the different dinghy designs racing, but Race Week is a showcase of many decades of dinghy design with the classic Firefly, GP14 and Enterprise still entering and long-seen classes such as the Solo and Optimist continuing to thrive, alongside the rapidly increasing numbers of RS Aeros. One challenge however is timeless, that is to do well; then and as now, you need to master the complex calculation of wind and tide in Chichester Harbour.

Ashore, a social programme offers a beach party, band and disco evenings and as host club HISC along with other Harbour Federation clubs welcome competitors.

All the information is on the website, www.chichesterharbourraceweek.sailevent.net



Dear HISC...

A lighthearted view of some the Club's pressing issues of the day



Every weekend it's the same, this dratted chimney blocks our view of the racing. And yet they still refuse to move it!

Dear HISC,

Can you please remove that dammed chimney from the end of the bar? It really blocks the view of the sailing – well from where I sit at the bar it does. It is most inconveniently placed.

I would be happy to assist by hiring in a bunch of sledgehammers and I am sure we could have it gone in a day.

I wait to hear from you.

Yours

B Bat

Dear HISC,

I would like to complain about our recent lunch. Both my wife and I had the roast dinner and her vegetables were too soft and mine were too hard. Can you please ask the kitchen to sort this out?

Yours

Den Tur

Dear HISC,

I see that there is a Halloween party planned for the Club this year, can you let me know what the dress code is for this event?

Yours

Winnie.

The end of an era – Harriet, the Harbour Chandler

Many people might be surprised to hear that Harriet, who has run the Harbour Chandlers from a portacabin at HISC for 15 years, is really a horse rider and didn't have a childhood in sailing. She did however marry a sailor! Always a risky strategy!

For someone who has 'learnt everything on the job' she certainly has an immensely useful, in-depth knowledge about just about every marine widget and fitting in the shop as well as being pretty handy with a power drill and rivet gun! There are numerous HISC members and visiting sailors who have been 'saved' by Harriet having received urgent, on-the-spot repairs to get them and their boat quickly back out on the water. How many chandleries do you know that have a tool bench with vice, tools, parts and equipment ready and waiting to be put into action by the extremely practical owner!

Harbour Chandlers opened for business at HISC in 2003, an offshoot of chandleries in Emsworth and

Chichester. It was originally located in a brick building near to the current marine shed but when a portacabin became available after a big sailing event it seemed the obvious place to house the new operation.

After 15 years running the Chandlery, Harriet says she will miss it very much, especially the instant relief and warm feeling she gets when she arrives on the causeway, smells the air and sees the water. She probably won't miss the lack of weekends throughout the year and having to work all summer without a break. However, with four grandchildren already and another on the way its maybe time for a change! Despite having five or six boats in varying states of repair and assembly she doubts that she will spend much time afloat!

Harriet's greatest satisfaction is getting people back out on the water, doing what they love, having either sourced a replacement dinghy part or piece of kit or more probably by thinking 'outside the box' to provide a repair that may



well work better and last longer than the original design!

It's clear that Harriet loves the HISC environment and location; she can often be seen down on the beach, assisting with trolleys, taking photos and just watching the racing and kids having fun on the water. We very much hope that she will remain a regular visitor to HISC in future years and thank her whole-heartedly for her fifteen years of wonderful service.

Rory returns!

Rory Ellis has been involved at HISC since 2011, initially driving Selene and being part of the HISC marine department. He had four very happy years working at the club, getting to know so many great members and really loving the club environment, before moving on.

With support from friends and family, Rory recently established a business at Sparkes Chandlery just across the lagoon at the marina. From there he currently offers a popular service for sail repairs, new boat covers and the Clewed Up brand of upcycled sail products, as well as yacht chandlery.

Rory has always been passionate about water life & sports and was closely involved with the founding and success of the HISC board sports section. Given that passion, the pull was irresistible last year when the opportunity arose to engage with Mistral, an internationally renowned water sports brand, and to establish Mistral Hayling at Sparkes Marina, a centre for quality SUP board hire, sales, demos, workshops, etc.. Members may remember seeing the 10-man SUPs on the water last year!

Always enjoying membership, Rory now has work on his agenda at the club again by picking up the baton from Harriet and running the HISC

chandlery. Rory is clearly enthused - 'I have a lot of love for the club and really enjoy helping people get on the water in any way, shape or form. I was delighted when the opportunity arose to take over from Harriet, who has done such a super job over many years. We will be looking to offer a wide range of services to club members and visitors to help them enjoy their water-based activity and to repay the faith and support they have shown to us on our journey to date.'

Rory, (Hayley and Finlay too!) are all looking forward to the new season and seeing members at the club or on the water very soon.



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