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Hi HSC Members

What a stonker of a week weatherwise....certainly added to the amazing atmosphere at the club this past weekend...there was a real buzz...with plenty of activity on the water – and plenty of use of the new balcony and furniture !

First up some dates for your diary:

Saturday 17th June – New Members / Club open event – keep an eye on Whats App groups for more info

Sunday 24th June – Family fun day – see below for more info

Saturday 1st July – The Henrys – tickets on Webcollect

Friday 8th July – Be More Dog – tickets on Webcollect

Sunday 16th July – RNLI Raft Race Day

A new Press & Comms team is being put together and with this you'll see some changes...we are always keen to hear feedback so if you have any suggestions / comments about how news / events are communicated please email press@highcliffesailing.com ! We are looking to reduce the size of the newsletter by increasing its regularity and using the weekly events message but my goodness with so much going on in the club its difficult – what a lovely problem to have !

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From the Commodore

Things are looking up since the last newsletter. A further meeting was held at the club with BCP Building Control to demonstrate our new fire alarm system. A little additional pressure was applied in the form of the impending visit to the club of the BCP CEO and hey presto, we had the certificate agreed by 5pm the same day after a wait of 8 months! Many thanks to all the DIY team members who have helped get this over the line. Meantime, we applied for an extension alcohol licence for the planned upstairs bar and that was granted without a hitch and just this week, the Galley team achieved a 5 star rating from the Health & Hygiene Inspector so thank you to everyone for helping to keep the galley clean and tidy after use.



We just need to build the upstairs bar and we are working on that, hopefully it will be open this summer. The balcony furniture is out and ready to use (and has been used) these past few weeks to enjoy a tea/coffee after activities, just be sure to put the covers back on afterwards. The BBQ now has gas and has been commissioned so we are now in business for impromptu evening social events and sundowners which will be announced via the All-members WhatsApp group so if you want to be included, make sure you are registered. Finally, the sailing and paddling season is in full flow so enjoy the lovely surroundings that is Christchurch harbour and hope to see you at any of the upcoming social events that are firmly in the diary and bookable via WebCollect.

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All Member Notices

If anyone wants private sailing tuition please contact Dave Holloway on 07952 102157, Mark Anderson on 07725 609201, and Ken Fowler 07963321642

Can you help with Sailing Duty swap requests:-

- 16 Jun Andy Lawson Extra Boat Crew
- 02 Jul Val Popa Assistant Sea Race Officer

Please contact rcomsailing@highcliffesailing.co.uk if you can

HSC Family Fun Day 24th June

HSC is again holding our family fun day on 24th June. Involving a number of fun water based 'races' (emphasis on fun & giving it ago, rather than real competition) there will be events for all members happy to take to the water.

The plan is for kayak relays, Mega SUP racing, & club boat dinghy racing for Seals, Seals + Parents, and adult members, along with some club based activities for the Seals.

The tide will start to fill in the harbour in the afternoon so the aim will be to gather at 1.30pm to start events at 2pm, finishing around 5.30-6pm. James White and team will have the BBQ fired up from 4pm, please bring your own meat / alternative to grill....there will be some epic salads provided by James at a minimal charge – look out for announcements on Whats App in the week or so before hand on how to register for food. The bar will also be open.

Exact timetable will be agreed on the day to make best use of wind forecast and tide, as well as number of attendees wishing to compete, although things will kick off with events aimed at the Seals.

The event is highly dependent on favourable weather so please keep an eye on the club Whatsapp groups and website for final go / no go decisions. We politely request that you bring your deckchairs and sun shades.

Sailing

Ken Fowlers epic sailing challenge - the end is in sight.

As many of you will know club member Ken Fowler for the last 8 years (with a few Covid & injury enforced gaps along the way), has been sailing, firstly his Laser, but predominantly his Aero dinghy along the length of the UK, and then around 261 islands of England and Wales in an effort to raise £50,000 for Cancer Research UK and Oakhaven Hospice.

In total he has now sailed over 2,100 miles in his 4m dinghy and has raised a quite fabulous £64,252 for these two worthy causes.

Ken now has just the one island to go before he can hang up his collection buckets, and somewhat fittingly - as it is full circle to the challenge that started this whole crazy escapade - the final island to circumnavigate is the IOW - but this time around going in a clockwise direction.



Ken hopes to complete this final challenge on a suitable day in June (as you can imagine a feat of this magnitude is reliant of good, winds, fair visibility and good tides) & I am sure you will join the Sailing Committee in wishing Ken the best of luck on his journey which could take up to 14 hours if the last time he did this is anything to go on. We all look forward to raising a glass to him on his return.

Please check out his website for further info [Yodare – One Man's Race To £50k](#)

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Paddlers

We've already had a couple of great social paddles up river to a couple of favourite tea stops - you will hopefully have noticed that we have changed how we do things slightly.

Mark Anderson has done a great job in preparing some 'outside' paddle options and giving us some IT help in organising the group paddles. This helps us remove some of the traffic on WhatsApp - if you can't make a suggested paddle you don't need to worry about letting us know...please just inform us directly if you use the form to sign up and then find you can't make it. With a large number in the group we need to manage it so that it's better all round for everyone.

The social paddle options are now in the club diary up to the end of September - so that you can plan ahead and when to dip in and out, as you choose.

The location of the 'outside' paddle places are viewable via the website, there is also a paper copy on the club noticeboard for information. Always weather dependent- sadly the Keyhaven first date had to be cancelled due to weather conditions – this is now scheduled for Saturday 3rd June 10.30am.

There are now 3 single kayaks and 1 double to hire from the club - please only use these if you have booked via WebCollect - the condition of these are checked regularly to ensure safety.

Lots to more to come as the water and weather beckon us into the new season!



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Seals (Youth Sailing)

The Seals beginner course with Shoresports is nearly complete and we're getting fantastic reports from the Shoresports team. As well as telling us that our sailors are doing well, we're also hearing what a lovely bunch of young people they are - so good to hear and it makes your club proud.

Our second Seals Saturday was in lively conditions and the Seals did really well. Again, well done to you all and a huge thanks to the team who prepare and then support us on these days.

We're hoping to see lots of Seals at the Family Fun Day on 24th June - so please make sure it's in your diary.

Photo credit Adrian Thomson





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Ladies that Launch

Well we are off to a flying start with the Ladies that Launch !

Last week lots of ladies came down to the club and learnt to rig some of our boats and this week the Thursday LTL Beginners class was an amazing start to the season. The 8 ladies did brilliantly and all got out on the water like they were born to do it, so thanks as always to Margaret and Louise for their expert tuition and fabulous that we had Sarah, Sue and Trish helping, girl power !!! LTL Fridays starts on 2nd June so fingers crossed for some great weather.





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Safeguarding

Please could everyone take a look at the attached we all have a collective responsibility for the Safeguarding of our members. We will try and set up an evening presentation later in the summer when the diary is less congested but for now, please be aware that the club takes this responsibility seriously. Any comments or questions can be addressed to welfare@highcliffesailing.co.uk.

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Christchurch Harbour Watch

The club has re-engaged with CHWG and now attends the monthly community partner supported steering group. There is now a Harbour Watch page on the website – check it out here

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/146426978307428/?ref=share>

CHWG is funded by Dorset Police and works to promote the safety, security and environment of our coastline, harbours and rivers. CHWG's main source of information is their Facebook page, link below, and the community have been asked to post regular information on the site that is relevant and helpful to the aims of the group. Dorset Police have recently simplified their incident reporting process and reports can now be initiated by simply scanning a QR code (see the link on our website). We were also informed that the BCP council run Harbour Patrol service is also being revamped and 2 new patrols are currently being recruited. The next meeting is on 15 June.

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Social

Thank you to everyone who braved the wet weather to come along to the Coronation celebrations at the club – a great time was had by all !





Have you got your tickets for our next two social events yet ?!

1st July – The Henrys

7th July – Be more Dog

Tickets for both are available on Web collect...Members only at the moment but if there are tickets left a couple of weeks before we'll open up to non members.

Look out soon for a Social Gallery on the website with pictures of events past !

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Galley news

As mentioned above James and his team earned a well deserved 5 star rating from the Health & Hygiene Inspector! There are a few new procedures that need to be in place from now on:

1) Sign on fridge asking all members to write the date of opening of milk, ketchup, mayo etc on the bottle when they open it so we know how long it has been open for

use by dates. The felt tip pen is in the cupboard. Anything not dated will be thrown away.

2) Sign to let members know that we can not guarantee we are allergen free.

3) We can not single pack any sandwiches or rolls. This means that for sailing days we can make the rolls but people will need to collect from a plate and put in a bag themselves!

4) When providing hot pasties etc use a meat thermometer to test fully cooked and make a note. There will be a form and a new thermometer. It helps with traceability just in case there was an issue so we can show food was fully cooked.

Please help us retain our 5 star rating!

As the sun sets on another glorious day look forward to seeing you on the water or at the club soon !



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