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## Hi HSC Members

Welcome to the September newsletter, and what a start to September it's been!

Although the activities on the water will start to slow down soon events in the club will start to increase to keep you all busy, entertained and fit over winter, details below.

The newsletter will also slow down over winter with the next edition being in December, then March and monthly again from May-September. In the meantime please check the website – there really is an awful lot of information on there, it should answer a lot of your questions, even those you didn't know you had!! The weekly Whats App summary on the All Members group will continue, as info on the various Whats app groups so please make sure you are registered on all relevant groups to you.

Here is the All Members WhatsApp Group for you.



The treasury team is becoming busier and busier with so much more happening at the club, and particularly now with renewals time....IT WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED if you could use the direct debit GO CARDLESS method to pay via webcollect to make their workload slightly easier! It's a great system, just register your details and then each time you pay for something via webcollect you simply chose the Go Cardless option and it does all the work for you ! If you have any queries please contact Mark Anderson or Clare Stephens.

## Important dates ahead:

23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Caribbean Night
7 <sup>th</sup> October	Quiz Night
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Photography talk
27 <sup>th</sup> October	Halloween Party – details soon
31 <sup>st</sup> October	Please pay membership renewals / storage by this date
4 <sup>th</sup> November	Bangers & Baps Fireworks night – details soon
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Ibiza After Closing Party
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	End of Season Social – details soon
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And more ! So please keep your eyes open for further announcements !

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## From the Commodore

It's been a busy summer season, the first one free of Covid restrictions and with a membership that has grown to 700 run by an enthusiastic bunch of volunteers. We have delivered so many activities both in the clubhouse and on the water that we can be very pleased with ourselves. However, the world doesn't stand still and success in terms of memberships and activities has to be sustainable and so your Committee turns its attention to how we can continue to improve next year without burning out those willing volunteers. Changes are being discussed in how we operate as a club on all fronts, be it people, programmes, processes or communication. All we ask is that you continue to engage with us and help to deliver improvements by volunteering and taking a little time to keep current with the programme. It can be a little disheartening to hear that you didn't know about an event when the information is provided in a number of formats. Take some time to look at the club diary on the website which is regularly updated and register with the All Members WhatsApp Group for the weekly programme summary.

Now we are entering our membership renewal season which ends on October 31st. Your Committee is offering to stand again for election at the AGM in November but there is always room for more enthusiasts to join, just come and talk to us if you are interested in getting more involved in either the Committee or the Teams that support it. What would make life easier is a prompt response so that we have a clear view of our membership numbers for next season as soon as possible. We have a growing waiting list of folk asking to join and a rising demand for kayak and dinghy spaces. **The deadline for renewals in our dinghy park is 31st October after which we will reallocate vacant spaces to those wanting them.**

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## **Noticeboard**

Just another reminder to renew your membership and storage by 31<sup>st</sup> October to guarantee your space

Guests in clubhouse – under the membership rules you may sign a guest in 4 times per annum. You will now see the signing in book at the bar – please ensure your sign guests in to avoid any awkward situations and please respect the bar staff if they should ask if you have done so

BINS – there are plenty of bins around the club, all labelled as to what sort of waste they should be used for. PLEASE ensure you use the correct bins

Private sailing lessons available from

Dave Holloway on 07952 102157

Mark Anderson on 07725 609201

Ken Fowler 07963 321642

For Sale: We have a page on the website dedicated to for sale items. There are multiple dinghies for sale right now plus some sailing kit. Pick yourself up a bargain from other club members. <https://www.highcliffesailing.co.uk/forsalehsc>

## **Sailing**

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## **Paddlers**

This season has had mixed blessings and with a couple of months of below average weather and trying to put together organised paddling events has been difficult at times.

However, there was a magnificent ‘ Moonlight Paddle ‘ at the end of August celebrating the large blue Moon - not to be seen again until 2037 - where will we be then !

A record number of 42 paddlers took to the water and witnessed a great sight, we saw some amazing videos with sound that followed.

Our first attempt earlier in the month may have seen 60 paddlers plus but we were defeated by the weather and the Moon never really showed it's face - nevertheless 30 plus brave members took part and enjoyed some fabulous hot dogs and a buzzing bar before and afterwards. A plus sign, despite the weather, is that we made about £95 which will be directed towards safety equipment for paddlers - e.g. throw lines and safety harnesses.



By the end of September 18 members will have completed the ' Paddle Safer ' courses run by our own expert Ross Macildowie. Added to those who attended courses last year we are seeing about a third of all paddlers now more safety savvy. The course run by Ross is free to members including on the water training and a certificate for attending - it follows the British Canoeing format.

Discussions are underway as to what we do next year - maybe less organised events but more in terms of quality and more inclusive paddling taking into account tide predictions etc.

NOTE: All rental kayak paddles are now located in the bin store and are locked to the right hand wall. Codes for bin store and kayak paddles, and indeed kayaks are all supplied in the confirmation email sent once payment is processed.

We are moving towards the end of the season now and perhaps some new members - any suggestions are always welcome - and stay safe, follow the guidelines and see you soon.

The Paddling Team

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### **Seals (Youth Sailing)**

We had another great Seals Saturday with Shoresports in August and, sadly, our last Seals Saturday of the year is nearly upon us. If you would like to join then please sign up at

: <https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/shoresports/items/477863/availability/1227471618/book/?full-items=yes>

Also, don't forget that Shoresports offer lots of activities for our young sailors, many with discounts for HSC members - just get in touch with Shoresports if you'd like to know more.

In other news, some of our Seals (Poppy, Tilly, Noah & Reuben) nearly competed in their first race last month but sadly the weather was against us and it wasn't possible. We're still very proud of them for attending race training and being

prepared to give it a go. We're really looking forward to them showing us their skills when the next opportunity arises.

It's great to see some of the Seals are hiring club boats and getting out into the harbour to enjoy their developing skills. If you are competent and the conditions are safe (parents - please make that judgement!) then the club boats are an absolute bargain.

We're now starting to think about the colder months but that won't stop us getting the Seals together. Planning is under way and we hope to have news in time for the next newsletter.

See you on the water soon ...

### **Training (Non dinghy)**

#### **RYA Day Skipper Theory Course at HSC reminder.**

There are places left on this course which starts Sunday 22nd October.

Please contact Martin Humphreys 07951240549 for full details if interested in this course or future RYA Navigation and Seamanship Theory courses.

### **Ladies that Launch**

The Club wishes to thank all the instructors and helpers for this year's LTL training that took place. We do not have any more formal dates in the diary for any more training this season but of course there is nothing stopping the LTL group arranging social LTL sails yourselves whenever the weather and water looks good.

Our suggestion going forwards is that if you are still keen and want more lessons that you arrange these with Shoresports or one of our members who also give instruction; Ken Fowler, Dave Hollaway and Mark Anderson. Please contact our Secretary Debbie ([secretary@highcliffesailing.co.uk](mailto:secretary@highcliffesailing.co.uk)) if you would like more guidance.

Please keep getting out sailing as practice will build confidence and we look forward to seeing you all on the water or in the clubhouse.

### **Christchurch Harbour Watch**

There was no meeting planned during August nevertheless the club have continued to report incidents to BCP and Dorset Police.

Parking on the fisherman's beach remains an ongoing problem and BCP's plans to install drop-posts by our boat garage are still work in progress.

The public slipway is now being partially manned again by BCP and this does help to at least keep some level of control over the indiscipline amongst some slipway users.

In the meantime, please report all incidents whenever observed using the report-it form on our website!

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## **Social**

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September the HSC Management Team and families had a fantastic Beach BBQ with members of the Mudeford RNL station and their families. We are delighted to be refreshing our friendship with our neighbours and look forward to many more joint events! Let's hope we only ever meet the on dry land though!

The social team have a very busy schedule up ahead – please keep an eye on All Members and the Whats App groups for event info....so far we have:

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There are also more events in the pipeline, and if you have an idea for an event please let us know!

Thank you to all those members that support our events, we've had some great feedback and it's great to see the club buzzing with atmosphere!

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## **BAR TEAM NEWS**

October cocktail - another rum based nautical cocktail the Dark n Stormy. It is thought to have been created within the Royal Naval Officers Club in Bermuda, who ran a ginger beer factory. They discovered that the combination of the locally made rum and ginger beer made for a delicious treat. £3 for 250ml glass.

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## Bosuns Notes

We were constantly having questions from renters about lock codes etc. so we have added instructions to the confirmation email that you receive from Webcollect with all codes and instructions about how to launch and how to return the rented equipment. If you could all please follow the instructions, it will reduce a lot of work, and make sure the boats are ready to rent the next time around.

Replaced the broken prop guard on the large rib with a new one so please please be careful and bring up the engine when in shallow water.

Bosuns locker closing at end of month for refurb so all kit to be removed ASAP.

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