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Hi HSC Members

Welcome to the July newsletter !

Its been a very busy few weeks at the club since the last one – New Members day was a huge success, great to see so many people keen to be involved. Family Fun Day saw so many having fun in the water – including our Seals, more of that later ! Followed swiftly by the hugely successful return of The Henrys, and a great night from Be More Dog. We know the club is a sailing and watersports club but these off the water events give members a chance to socialise and meet others they wouldn't usually come into contact with – its great to see !

Dates for your diary are :

Sunday 16th July – RNLI Raft race day, come along and support the HSC raft, kindly built by Scott...the outfits created by Yvette will surely ensure a win all by themselves !

Sunday 23rd July – RNLI Bluelight Day, club will be open for tea, coffe, cake etc as last year...donations of cake greatly appreciated, please contact Clare Stephens for further info. Our much missed member Barbara Piercey arranged the event last year so we are keen to carry on her good work this year in her memory.

Slightly more from the Seals in this newsletter but they've been very busy and have lots coming up a very worthwhile read to those of you who have Seals – or would like to be involved.

Look forward to seeing you all soon !

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From the Commodore

This June, HSC welcomed its 700th member which is a far cry from the low point in 2018 when we reported only 256 members and dropping. What a great success story and a big thank you to all the folk who have helped us achieve this turnaround, it's a very different place with lots of friendly happy faces and plenty of activities going on for all the family, sports and social. As a result of hitting the 700 mark, we have decided to temporarily close membership until the autumn to give the membership team a break from all the paperwork and to see how the club functions at this level. It is a new experience for us and we have unprecedented levels of interest for the training offered by the Seals, LTL and BIB teams and this is going very well. We have lots of activities planned for the rest of the year and we hope that you will support them.

I have had the opportunity to share this success story with senior members of BCP over the last few months as they are the owner of our facilities. I have explained the challenges facing us as tenants and asked for better cooperation between BCP and the club to enable us to make certain improvements which require their consent and some investment. The recent dinghy park refurbishment was not a good start as I pointed out. So far they have expressed interest in our activities but commitment to make changes is not forthcoming as we are sadly a low priority amongst all their other issues. Still, the seeds are sown and put on record as we move towards the lease renewal in 2028 when some things will have to change, more club parking is just one of them. Meanwhile we will press on with what we can do ourselves and the excellent DIY teams building of the fenced off area around the bins was a great start and is still evolving. The upstairs bar conversion is likely to start imminently too. We have other planned improvements lined up for this winter with the upgrade of the mens changing rooms a top priority (designed more for the ladies than gents as LTL success has grown!).

The success of the club is all about volunteering. This week was our last Committee meeting of the summer so the next one will be early September when our thoughts turn to membership renewals, improvement projects for the winter and planning for 2024. The more people that help and get involved the easier it is to run the club. If anyone would like to join us on the Committee this autumn then please have a word with me or other members over the next few months, we have many roles to resource and a gradual turnover is always healthy for new ideas. Enjoy your summer and see you around at the club hopefully!

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Noticeboard

- You may be aware that the Club has recently undertaken some changes and upgrading to the **Fire Alarm**/Fire Detection systems in the clubhouse To complement this it has also placed " What to do in case of Fire " notices in strategic areas at the club. It is therefore necessary that all club members and visitors read the information on these notices to ensure that they are aware of what to do for their own and others safety should a fire occur in the building.
- There is a **suggestions** box in the club, please do feel free to enter suggestions – however please do remember that EVERYONE involved in the club is a volunteer therefore please do be polite and respectful with your notes
- **Shoresports hire** - Please note that the kind arrangement from Shoresports applies to MEMBERS ONLY, please do not arrive with friends and family and hire equipment for them and expect the discount. Hire should also be PRE BOOKED and is not available for same day hire. Full details in the section below
- **Cocktail of the month** for July is Sangria. Sangria is Iberian punch traditionally consists of red wine and chopped fruit, often with other ingredients or spirits.
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- Sangria recipes vary wildly even within Spain, with many regional distinctions. The base ingredients are always red wine. Sangria means "bloodletting" in Spanish or Portuguese.
£3 a 250ml glass.



Sailing

On the sailing front the long evenings, warmer weather and fair winds have encouraged many members to take to the water which is great to see, and the racing programme at sea and harbour continues. Given the clash with the RNLI Fun Day on Sunday 16th July the scheduled seas race will be cancelled - the quay, run and car park will be congested and it's not conducive to normal racing. Sailors are encouraged to come down and cheer on HSC's Raft instead.

Whilst the summer weather offers such pleasant conditions for sailing we never know when the breeze may get up and sailing conditions may turn a little challenging. Having support boats on hand to assist then is one of the advantages of being a sailing as a member in an organised event. We appreciate for many volunteers whilst competent in driving ribs etc you rarely get called upon to rescue craft and so may be less confident as to what to do in certain circumstances. The sailing Committee is currently working on some dates where we can run some on the water training sessions on how to enact recoveries etc and so look out for these dates being published in due course. We are also looking at how we can issue everyone volunteering for water borne duties with some simple reminders and check

lists as to how to prepare before you venture on to water and what the expectations are for the RO, ARO and support boat crew.

In the meantime can I just remind everyone of the links and resources we have on our club webpages which may be a useful refresher and are located under his link:- [Training & Safety on the Water | Highcliffesc \(highcliffesailing.co.uk\)](http://highcliffesailing.co.uk)
In particular the "Safety Boat Video Link" is a recommended watch for all volunteers with rib duties coming up, please scroll to the bottom of the page to see:



Finally just a reminder that timings for the remaining Seals sessions on 22nd July, 19th August & 16th September have been changed to 10:00-12:00.

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Paddlers

So the Paddling season is well on the way with several group / social paddles under our belts including trips through ' The Run ' and ' The Loop ' - where we found a great tea / coffee stop up river.

The photos from the first ' out of harbour ' paddle looked great with Mark having taken a group of club paddlers down to Old Harry Rocks - more of those outside paddle trips to come - we hope.

Ross Macildowie is about to deliver his first ' Safer Paddling ' course on the water with 6 members signed up and ready to be capsized and rescued !

A note on insurance has been posted on WhatsApp but please make sure your vessel is covered for theft / damage and third party liability etc. The club will cover you for activities organised by the club but you will need your own cover if venturing out ' other than club ' activities on the water.

If hiring club kayaks remember to check the condition of the craft before you set out. Check bungs and seals particularly. Paddles are currently stored under the bar locker – you will need need the combination for the locks on both the locker and the kayak racks. The locker code is on the noticeboard by the kayak rack information

and the rack code is inside the cupboard in the locker. Any queries please contact Dennis & Mark.

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Seals (Youth Sailing)

What have we been doing?

The Seals have been phenomenal recently. We've seen the beginner group completing their course with Shoresports and the Intermediate course is well under way. Shoresports continue to report that our Seals are doing really well AND are a pleasure to teach. The Fun Day was just fantastic and we loved seeing our young members interacting with the adults - mostly in the form of Pirate Boardings.



Photo : A shocked and stunned adult racer looks on as his craft is sunk by Seals. Credit Adey Baby

Big announcement for Seals Saturdays

Our Seals Saturdays have been really successful this year and we're so excited that interest has exceeded our expectation. Earlier in the year we added an extra support boat to increase capacity but the Seals keep wanting more and we're having to turn people away. We don't want to do that ...

We're therefore delighted to announce a new partnership with Shoresports that increases our capacity for Seals Saturday sailing.

Shoresports have recently launched their Saturday Club for children who have had at least 12 hours of sailing instruction - this includes all Seals who have completed one of our courses with Shoresports. The Shoresports Saturday Club runs from 10:00am to 12:00pm every Saturday. It is led by instructors and offers a fun morning while improving your sailing.

The usual cost of these sessions is £25 per session. However, for Seals only, there are two fantastic special deals.

Deal 1 : Seals Saturday Dates (22 July, 19 August, 16 September)

On our scheduled Seals Saturday Dates, Seals can book onto the Shoresports Saturday Club at NO COST. This is made possible by a very generous contribution from both Shoresports and HSC.

VERY IMPORTANT : Please don't book these dates unless you will definitely be there. If Seals are booked into these sessions but don't attend then parents will have to reimburse the £15 fee that HSC will have paid to Shoresports. And, of course, this offer is for current members only.

To book a session, please use the links below. You need to book each date individually:

22 July :

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/shoresports/items/477863/availability/1227461634/book/?full-items=yes>

19 August :

<https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/shoresports/items/477863/availability/1227471116/book/?full-items=yes>

16 September :

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

Deal 2 : All other Saturdays until the end of September

On every other Saturday until the end of September, Seals can still sail together by joining the Shoresports Saturday Club sessions. Seals can book into the Shoresports Saturday Club at the reduced rate of only £20 per session. You can do this using discount code NFDBXU on the Shoresports booking system. This code

must only be used for Seals who are current members of HSC. Please do not share it.

To book these other Saturdays, click here :

<https://www.shoresports.co.uk/groups/just-for-kids-courses/> and use code hscONLYNFDBXU. Please note that the website says age 10-16 but Seals are permitted to join from 8 years if they have already done 12 hours of tuition.

The Seals Team would like to say an ENORMOUS thank you to Shoresports for working with us to make this happen and for being so generous. Seals and parents - please make sure Shoresports know how much you appreciate them.

FINALLY, IF YOU HAD ALREADY BOOKED FOR A SEALS SATURDAY SESSION VIA WEBCOLLECT, YOU MUST RE-BOOK VIA THE SHORESPOrts WEBSITE. ALL WEBCOLLECT BOOKINGS FOR SEALS SATURDAYS WILL BE REMOVED.



Seals Parents WhatsApp Group

Parents - if you're not already on the Seals Parent WhatsApp Group, that's the first place to hear news about Seals. If you'd like to join the group, please email Dave for an invitation (seals@highcliffesailing.co.uk). This group is strictly for Seals Parents only so when you join please immediately introduce yourself to the group and let everyone know the names of your Seals.

On the subject of the WhatsApp group, please also use it for your own impromptu meet ups. We had a lovely Thursday evening recently where some Seals met up at the beach for a swim and picnic with only an hour's notice. So if you're heading to the water (or somewhere else) and would like some company, let the other Seals know. Friendships are at the core of what Seals is about.

Important Dates

A few reminders of July dates that might be of interest to the Seals:

15 July 6:00pm-8:00pm : We are holding our own Seals Social. Very informal but

we'd love to see lots of families at the club. If the weather is good then the Seals will hopefully be enjoying the water and the bar will be open for the adults.

22 July : This is the date for the next Seals Saturday (see above for details) but we're also holding HSC's first novice race in the afternoon. Dave is keen to see if any of our more advanced sailors would like to race. Please email Dave (seals@highcliffesailing.co.uk) NOW if you have Seals who are competent sailing a triangle course without supervision and who would like to try racing. If so, he'll arrange a short talk in the week before the race to explain how it all works and then be there on the day to support any racing Seals.

Training (Non dinghy)

For those of you interested in developing skills outside of dinghy sailing and paddling, there's a few offerings:

VHF

On 9 September we are holding another Marine VHF Course - back again due to popular demand. This is a great opportunity to gain an internationally recognised qualification and keep you safer on the water. Details and booking are via WebCollect : <https://webcollect.org.uk/hsc/event/marine-vhf-radio-course>

RYA Day Skipper Theory

In response to a number of requests, we're planning to run a Day Skipper Theory course at the club in the Autumn. This is the required preparation for your Day Skipper Practical which helps to build your foundation of knowledge for skippering bigger boats (sail or power). The course will be run by HSC member Martin Humphreys. If you're interested, please message Martin via WhatsApp (07951 240 549). Martin will check the group's availability and then liaise with the club to organise dates. Please message Martin even if you've previously expressed interest to Dave for this course.

Powerboat 2 (PB2)

We have changed our method of offering PB2 training. This will continue to be provided by our friends at Get Lost Powerboating in Poole but this will now be offered on their RIBs in Poole Harbour. Those who take PB2 with them and then want to operate HSC RIBs will need to have a conversion session with someone from the club - just contact Dave (seals@highcliffesailing.co.uk) if you've achieved your PB2 and want to learn the club boats and processes.

The cost of the PB2 course will be £200 (usual price £360 so a huge discount). Please note that HSC is sadly no longer able to offer membership discounts if you take your PB2.

To book this deal, go to the the PB2 booking page and use discount code HSC. **This code is only for paid up members of HSC and must not be shared.**

Book here : <https://www.getlostpowerboattraining.com/rya-powerboat-level-2/>

Other Power Training

As well as the very generous offer to our members from Get Lost Powerboating for PB2 and VHF, Get Lost offer many other courses from their base in Poole. If you're interested in developing other skills then take a look at their website : <https://www.getlostpowerboattraining.com> and get in touch with them.

Bosuns Notes

Hope you all enjoyed the lovely hot spell of weather recently.

Unfortunately it now seems to have gone away and on Monday 3rd July in the afternoon an unforeseen squall turned up with gusts close to 35kts. We noticed some of the Zest moving in the wind and found they had not been tied down or the ropes had pulled loose. Please ensure when putting the boats away that they are securely tied down and locked. All the boats that have locks were locked so that helped to ensure they didn't go far.

When launching the ribs please use the tarmac roadway to the main slip as the route across the fisherman's beach is damaging the Rib nose wheels. If the RNLi have blocked the route with parked cars and the beach is the only way please use the large nose wheel lifter trolley. You will also need at least 4 members to slow the boat on its descent as the beach slopes away.

Sorry to say several bungs have again gone missing from club and members boats so please check your bungs before setting out on the water. We have a few emergency bungs but of course they are not all the same size.

If renting a boat please ensure you know how the boat works and can manage to rig all the sails and sheets as they are not always returned ready to go. Laminated Rigging sheets are available in the mast cupboard or if you want a personal run over the rigging just give us a few days notice and we can arrange that for you. Alternatively book on a social sailing day and someone will be around to help out.

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Shoresports Hire

HSC have arranged discounted kayak / SUP / dinghy hire through Shoresports again for 2023. The facility is only open to club members and not to friends and family. Please respect this arrangement as the hire business is Shoresports bread and butter.

You should book online using the code FH8CRW77 and this year you will need to pay Shoresports directly. If asked, please provide your membership names as these may be communicated to us for periodic checking if Shoresports request it.

This is the link to you will need to follow to place a booking : ShoreSports Bookings

Hiring of discounted equipment will not automatically apply during the key summer holiday period, or Bank Holiday weekends, due to likely heavy demand.

If all of the club dinghies are already hired, it is possible to hire Shoresports Zests at the same 50% discount. The maximum notice period for booking will be 3 days in advance as they will need to prioritise their own sailing classes. Discounted sailing lessons for members may be possible but by private arrangement.

Christchurch Harbour Watch

There was no meeting this month, however HSC are tabling some proposals to the next meeting to tackle the indiscipline amongst some harbour users. The club will be asking for improved harbour rules instruction signage and more CCTV to monitor/discourage e.g. slipway parking, speeding craft and moored boats infringing the dingy beach.

During the month, numerous incidents of beach parking to the rear of the HCS club house have been reported to the council Harbour Patrol. Discussions are now underway to install a drop post along the access road to the foreshore. Additionally the good weather has seen a rise in double-yellow parking in the main CP. These were also reported to the council who have placed temporary cones and the plan is to get the road markings repainted.

In the meantime, please can we remind everyone that it is extremely important to report all incidents when witnessed using the report form link on the club website. Data is crucial for managing and improving our club activities. Thank you!

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Social

The social team have been very busy – as you will have seen in the various whats app groups and social media we've been very involved In club events recently with the New Members Day, Family fun day, and live music events !

Next up is something totally different with our Ibiza Sunset Party, with thanks to Christy Murphy for putting this together, tickets on webcollect.



New members day



New members day



Family Fun day

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