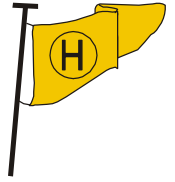


HARLOW (BLACKWATER) SAILING CLUB



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COMMODORES COMMENTS APRIL 2015

STOP PRESS:

The 'Fitting Out' supper has been postponed until May 2nd.

LOOKING BACK:

A great deal of work has been completed over the winter and the club is in good shape for the new season.

All cruisers have now been weighed so we can now ensure the jetty is no longer overstressed.

Sailing started at the end of March with a full programme of races completed over Easter. As Easter was early this year not everyone was ready, however, our 10 boat racing fleet was one of the biggest on the river. The weather has now warmed up so it's time for the less fool hardy to also get sailing.

LOOKING FORWARD:

Date to be advised: Cruiser spring Shake Down cruise
Saturday 18th April: Last cruiser launch day
Sunday 19th April: Spring Points race No.3 and Handicap Race No.3
Sunday 26th April: Cruiser BJRC race 1
Saturday 2nd May: Training Regatta 1 – all welcome with all levels of sailing catered for.
Saturday 2nd May: Fitting Out supper (Revised date)
Sunday 3rd May: Spring Points Race No.4 and Handicap Race No.4
Monday 4th May: Galley Cup (around Osea) race.
This year there will be a full width start and a deep water course.
This is open to all dinghies and cruisers

JETTY & GRANT NEWS:

The deadline for grant applications for funding in 2015/16 is fast approaching. Our proposals and submissions are being finalised. This includes a club 5 year plan and a project design and costing. All will be available for you to study on the web site or in hard copy at the club house by the 2nd May. All feedback is welcomed by Rod Martin or Paul Church. We are asking the Sports Council for £75,000 and they need to know they are investing in an expanding club.

MONEY NEWS:

Following a suggestion at the EGM a special bank account has been opened for donations to the Jetty Fund tied into the national Gift Aid scheme so we can benefit from a tax rebate of 20% on all donations received from tax payers – talk to Sandra Hockley our treasurer about donating.

COMMITTEE VACANCIES:

PUBLICITY OFFICER – John Case stepped down February and the job is now vacant and needs filling urgently – if you are interest please contact me for full information.

CLUB SECRETARY – Teresa Henderson has carried out this role for 8 years. Teresa has now taken on the bar managers position so will stand down as club secretary on the 1st June. Our club cannot run without a secretary! Have you computer skills, want to be involved at the heart of the club – contact Teresa for full information.

CANOE STORAGE:

Our new storage container should be racked out and ready for use by the end of the month.

GATE KEYS:

We still have some old keys about, please check yours is okay and if not get a new one from a committee member.

FINALLY:

Did you know that the club is 60 years old on the 14th May 2015? We should celebrate this somehow – let us have your ideas please.

Rod Martin
HBSC - Commodore

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