



COMMODORES COMMENTS JAN/FEB

WHATS HAPPENED SINCE MY LAST E'MAIL?

DECEMBER 30th

The jetty was fully cleaned on a very windy day and with only 8 people the job was completed within 3 hours. We estimate that when done monthly a team of 4 should do the job in less than 3 hours.

DECEMBER 31st

Approximately 30 people saw in the New Year at the club and partied on to the wee small hours.

JANUARY 5th

On a surprisingly dry clear day with light winds 26 dinghies competed in the Blackwater Icicle that this year was run by Maylandsea Bay Yacht Club. A good competitive race won by Piers Lambert in a Merlin Rocket. Our 12 Harlow boats were well placed but no podium positions - see photos on website. <http://www.harlow-blackwater-sailing-club.co.uk>

JANUARY 12th

The first working party of the year took place on a clear cold day when many of the small jobs were completed and most of the big jobs started. Well done to the 25 members who turned up. We need 30 plus for the next 3 working parties to enable us to get everything done that we have planned.

WHAT NEXT?

January 26th, February 9th and February 23rd are the next 3 working party dates and with sailing starting in March which is only 8 weeks away we need to get the jobs completed.

INFORMATION FROM THE COMMITTEE

- **The Calendar is now on the website and a copy is enclosed with this email.**

New for 2014: It's your chance to choose your preferences for duties and dates that suit you for the coming year at the sailing club. Please review the attached 2014 Sailing Programme and identify what duties e.g. Race Officer, Assistant Race Officer, Support Boat Cox, Support Boat Crew, Galley Cook, Galley Assistant you would like to do against specific dates where there are races and sailing events shown. Once you have established the dates and duties you prefer, please send them to Mark Batt on the following email. Hbsc2014dutyrota@gmail.com

- Later this year we will be formalizing Jetty Cleaning because of the increasing need to keep the jetty in a fit and safe state. To this end, a jetty cleaning rota will be established for regular monthly cleaning. The dates for this will be advised soon and will be followed by a request for volunteers to do this vital duty.
- Maldon Council has granted planning permission for the replacement of the old public jetty which is to the right of our own, approx 200 metres away. This new jetty will be 72 metres long and 10 metres wide at the end. We may have to review the positions of moorings 31, 32, 33, 38 and 39. Ian Henderson is working on this, so if one of these moorings is yours please contact Ian.
- Some members have reported difficulties with their lobby door key. If you have had a problem please speak to a committee member who will issue you with a new key.
- A number of unmarked and seemingly unused tenders were moved onto the new land at the first working party – please check one of these is not yours – if it is please talk to Ian Henderson.
- We have a number of helms with boats that are looking for a crew for this year, so if you fancy day cruising or dinghy racing let me know and I will pass on your contact details.
- The RYA dinghy show will be held on 1st and 2nd March at Alexandra Palace. For full details see the posters in the clubhouse

See you all at the club

Rod Martin
HBSC - Commodore