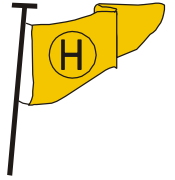


HARLOW (BLACKWATER) SAILING CLUB



COMMODORES COMMENTS AUGUST

Summer is in full swing and the school holidays have started – let's hope the good weather we have enjoyed so far this summer continues through the school summer break.

REGATTA

Thinking 'Summer' the Regatta committee are working hard to make 2014 Regatta Week one to remember – for full details see the website – download forms – and book in. If you do not want to camp or caravan at the club, you can come down for the sailing, fun and games and sleep in your own bed at home (this is what I plan to do).

LOOKING BACK

The clearing of abandoned boats, trollies and trailers is now complete. Let's keep the grounds clear and tidy from now on – this only requires everyone to take rubbish home and not leave it for others to deal with.

All July sailing was well attended with the predominantly light winds bringing out even the faint hearted sailors.

AUGUST SAILING

The Treasure Hunt is planned for the 3rd with the Osea cup on the 10th.

The Laser Open weekend is 16th & 17th August – we have over 40 Lasers in the club, I hope you can all race at the 'Open' meeting.

The 'Bob Knights' trophy race will take place on Bank holiday Monday the 25th August – this race is for all the family and every club member – a small voluntary donation on entry will be donated to a charity chosen by Bob Knights family.

CRUISERS

The mooring have been inspected and the report received. If your mooring needs work please get this done as a matter of urgency (I got Gary Jackson to do mine and the cost was very reasonable).

FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

We are dealing with the problem some members have had with keys not working easily. New padlocks are being purchased and a new club house door lock will be fitted shortly. New keys will be issued as necessary.

The next committee meeting is on the 2nd September – if you want anything bought up, be it good or bad please talk to me (Rod)

WEBSITE

The revamped website is now live but work on it is continuing. THIS IS NOW THE PLACE TO FIND OUT WHAT'S ON AT THE CLUB. You can also get an instant weather report – Live on Line

SEALS Etc.

The Zoological Society has issued a '**Code of Conduct**' regarding east coast sea mammals - in our area we have grey seals, harbour seals, porpoises, dolphins and sometimes whales? The new code is to keep these precious mammals and ourselves safe.

If you see a marine mammal on land

1. STAY 50 Metres AWAY
2. PUT DOGS ON A LEAD AND WALK AWAY
3. NEVER TOUCH A SEAL
4. DO NOT ASSUME A SEAL PUP IS 'ABANDONED'
5. IF THE ANIMAL YOU SEE IS DEAD RING: 0800652033

If you see a marine mammal on the water

1. STAY 100 Metres AWAY
2. DO NOT CHASE, SWIM WITH IT or FEED
3. TRAVEL PAST SLOWLY
4. ONLY WATCH FOR 15mins maximum:
5. ENSURE THE MAMMAL DOES NOT BECOME CONFINED BETWEEN BOATS OR BOATS AND THE SHORE.
6. ENSURE NO MORE THAN 2 VESSELS ARE AROUND THE MAMMAL AT ANY TIME.
7. REPORT SIGHTINGS ON: www.zsl.org/inthethames

For more information log onto www.zsl.org/marinemammals

Hoping for good summer sailing

Rod Martin
HBSC - Commodore

