



HARLOW (BLACKWATER) SAILING CLUB



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COMMODORES COMMENTS JANUARY 2015

Reflecting on 2014 it was a year of great highs and deep lows. For sailors the good weather throughout the spring and summer provided rewarding sailing and Regatta week was enjoyed by all that attended. On the low side the club lost a number of long term members and friends in the year, we will all be poorer from their passing. Let's hope that 2015 gives us all the highs but fewer of the lows.

LOOKING BACK

December saw the finish of the winter series for some of the dinghy sailors, with the rest of us putting the boats away for the winter after listing those must do maintenance jobs.

At the AGM I explained the need for the large rise in subs for 2015 and the new monthly payment scheme which I hope will be of help. If anyone has problems with the new level of fees do not hesitate to contact me.

The clubs Christmas dinner and prize giving took place in early December. Through the prize-giving it became apparent that Mark Batt and Tony Everett had had another exception year in their Fireball, winning over half of the clubs dinghy racing trophies.

In the last days of the year the jetty was fully cleaned by an 8 strong team in readiness for the Icicle race.

LOOKING FORWARD

We host the Blackwater Icicle on the 4th January – 10.30 am start – A great race to compete in and also a good spectacle to watch.

The club winter work parties are on the 18th January, 1st and 15th February and the 8th March, we have a list of both inside and outside jobs, so whatever the weather there will be work to do. Last year the working party turnout was lower than normal! Hopefully everyone will be able to attend at least one this year. Working parties are our way of improving our facilities at minimum cost – plus the company's great and the food good.

One of our projects this year is to improve and increase the storage for kayaks and wind surfers with the aim to provide secure, safe on land storage for all of these craft.

We are still looking for someone to take over from John Case as the clubs publicity office (John is continuing until the end of February). This is an important role, essential for the club advancement. Don't be shy in coming forward! John has promised to help the new PR person settle into the role.

Wishing you all a happy New Year

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