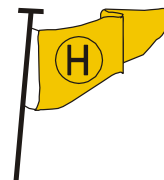


HARLOW (BLACKWATER) SAILING CLUB



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COMMODORES COMMENTS SEPTEMBER

Summer is on its way out and autumn is about to begin, but no reason to stop sailing just yet.

MARTIN KING – HBSC Member 1964-2014 - Club Commodore 1969 – 1971

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of Martin King. Martin was Commodore when I joined the club and went out of his way to make my family welcome. During his 50 years as a club member Martin at various times held most offices in the club. An enthusiastic sailor, Martin only stopped sailing a boat 10 years ago when his health made it difficult. Our thoughts are with Liz, Rob and Holly at this sad time. Martin's funeral will be held at Colchester crematorium on Wednesday the 10th September at 12.30pm. All his sailing club friends will be most welcome

RIP Martin King – Gone Sailing

FAMILY WEEK

Has just finished and although wet for some of the time the sailing was great with good winds and none of the on shore activities were affected by rain – a great time was had by all.

BOB KNIGHTS TROPHY

Run this year on August bank holiday Monday this comprised of a round Northy course for the main fleet and a more local race for the cadets and novices. Over 50 boats took part! The money raised has been donated to the local RNLI

LASER OPEN MEETING

16th/17th August was a weekend of strong winds. 17 boats took part with the winners amongst the few boats that braved the force 5-7 winds on the Sunday. Let's hope for more competitors and better weather next year.

LOOKING FORWARD

The Autumn Points series starts on the 7th September with 5 races between then and mid-October.

'**Bart's Bash**' the race for all in memory of 'Bart' Simpson the UK Olympic sailor that died just before the America's Cup last year is scheduled for the 21st September starting at 11am off Osea. Full details will be posted at the club as soon as they are received from the organizers. The first cruiser recovery takes place on September 27th with further recovery dates scheduled for October 11th and 25th.

JETTY CLEANING

Next dates for this are:

Friday 12th September 9.30am start HW. 15.40

Friday 17th October. 9.30am start HW. 07.22

We need help to get this important job completed in 2/3 hours – no experience necessary just wellingtons and waterproofs.

LOCKS, PADLOCKS AND KEYS

New padlocks have been purchased and fitted, these work using your existing 'Gate' key. However, a new club house door lock has been fitted and those with club house keys need to swap their old one for a new key – contact Teresa for this.

The new club house lock is a dead lock as required by our insurance company and so it must be locked each time you leave – it is not good enough to just shut the door. I hope the changes will resolve the problems some have been experiencing with worn keys and old locks!

TOPPERS FOR SALE

Earlier this year the club purchased 2 nearly new Pico's to add to the training fleet. As a result we now have 2 toppers for sale. They are complete and sound but require some new fittings and some TLC. We would like to see them remain at the club and be owned by members. If you are interested in acquiring one please get in touch with either myself or Paul.

Let's hope for a mild autumn and further good sailing.

Rod Martin
HBSC - Commodore

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