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*Unwrapping the new Kayak
Thanks to Luke for the photo*

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SOCIAL DIARY 2013

All start at 19:30 hours unless given otherwise

23 May	Talk - Solent Pictures 'Quiz'
25 May	Cadets bring own games
21 June	Cadets Origami Evening
22 June	Salmon & Strawberries
06 July	French Evening
20 July	Spanish Evening
27 July	Cadets Water Fight & BBQ 18:00
20 September	Cadets Team Challenge
21 September	Jazz Night
12 October	New Members Evening
19 October	Cadets Quiz Evening
02 November	Social Event
22 November	Cadet s bring own games
30 November	Annual Prize Giving
07 December	Annual General Meeting 15:00
14 December	Festive Frolics with Carols
23 December	Children's Christmas Party TBA
25 December	Bar Open 12-14:00 for Christmas drinks



Coffee Mornings



Hilde's very popular Quality coffees
 the **First** Tuesday every month at 10.30am throughout the year

**Ladies & Gentlemen are ALL invited
to join us for coffee, biscuits and a chat.**

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Commodore Bob McManus

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Yvonne Bicknell: It is always sad to report the death of a past Flag Officer. Before moving part-time to Spain Yvonne served as House Commodore, subsequently organizing several Quiz Nights when in the UK. During these visits back home she could also often be found in the Clubhouse. A large group of family and friends attended Yvonne's funeral on Friday 22 March at Portchester Crematorium and later returned to the Clubhouse to celebrate her life. We send our condolences to Ron and the families.

Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership: A few of us met with the Eastern Solent Coastal Partnership (ESCP) a grouping of officers from Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth and Havant Councils. We had been introduced to them via Margaret Hyde who had attended a presentation by the head of their strategy team (James Addicote) in Stubbington. James came to the Club along with Mark Stratton a Coastal Engineer and Gavin Holder, Project Manager for the Hamble to Portchester Strategy.

We exchanged information about what we knew of the local area and what we wanted to do for the future development of the Club. We had picked up that they considered Hill Head Harbour as key to the coastal defense of this area. This meant that the coastal defense of the low lying area up the Meon valley to Titchfield and beyond was dependent upon having good defenses at the Coast. This being in contrast to the low lying area to the West of Solent Breezes where it was considered that non intervention would be the preferred option. These Strategies were being considered for the next 25, 50 and 100 year periods. So the good news is that the sea defenses around HHSC are likely to be maintained for the next 100 Years. The slightly disappointing news was that little work is planned for the immediate future and that any development we wished to proceed with would be at our cost.

They do however make use of a number of consultancy organisations with expertise in coastal defense etc, and they were willing to share the contact details of these organisations with us. We are awaiting this info and when we have had time to study them we will come back to the membership to listen to the local expertise and discuss a way forward.

Oil Spill Containment Training: As mentioned previously the Southampton based group who provide Oil Spill Containment expertise world wide used the harbour entrance on the 19 to 21 March to train some new operatives. They seemed to have a very extensive training schedule putting out and retrieving various types of containment booms. They also made sure that the training was realistic by working long hours and roughing it at night as they might do at various parts of the world. Then at the end of the 3 days they staged a very realistic major injury to check that all the first aid training, given previously, had been fully absorbed. We have received a big thank you from their leader for the little help we gave them and they made a donation to our funds. **Bob McManus**





Vice Commodore (Sailing)



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Now that we are sailing along nicely it is great to see a diverse array of members taking to the water and participating in many different ways! Congratulations to all of you who have already taken to the water and I hope that we continue to see a steady rise in boats on the water as we get further into the summer. (Believe it or not the water is getting warmer!)

We have already this year completed a lot of **RYA orientated courses**. RYA First Aid, Powerboat Level 1, Powerboat Level 2 and Safety Boat have all be completed; we have qualified a vast array of people with these qualifications. Well done to you all and we look forward to seeing you use and develop those new skills in and around the club this year.

RYA Start Sailing being the grass roots of our club has now also got underway. The first RYA Adult Level 2 course has now taken place and we are all set for the start of the Oppie sessions which are also now fully subscribed. Remember look out for the emails as to when the sign up lists are going up.

Racing and Coaching Squads are an important part of your development from start sailing to either racing or building confidence in your personal sailing. This weekend the first of these sessions gets underway and with our RYA Race Coaches and members support we have a large volume of members again taking advantage of these this year. The sign up lists are in the foyer so make use of these. Children and Adults can benefit hugely here. For the youth orientated squads, these are aimed at making you a better sailor and teaching you how to use the class of boat properly in racing. These coming under the umbrella of our RYA Volvo Champion Club status. Our Adult/ Ladies sessions are specifically aimed at helping to increase retention in adults who occasionally sail. Please note the new 14 -18 year old Laser group this year too!

The Club's racing programme has taken off well, seeing good participation levels right from the first race of the season. With more 'seasoned' sailors joining our club through other members, it is apparent that there is a thrust for better racing and racing with larger numbers of people. The Race Officers will work with the sailors to set good courses with the aim of getting great racing in each time you come down.

Please note that there are now changes to the club's sailing instructions and Portsmouth Yard Stick numbers which you should review before going racing.

Club boats are available to use by the members and you can book these out via the race box. There is also a new Kayak for members to hire out. If you damage a boat or notice something wrong with a boat then please log in in the defects log.

5 It is important to note that if you do take a boat out and do not recognise the damage and report it, this may lead to you being banned from using one for a period of time.

Our poor Safety Boats are an important asset of our sailing club and without these we cannot operate our busy programme. I took a really good look at these recently and noticed several things which would indicate that they are not being looked after in the way that I would expect and indeed in the way that they have been look after in the past.

Please take note of the following points:

- Boat equipment is not stowed away properly and left floating all over the floor of the RIB
- The boat is not washed down properly.
- When something is used that need replacing it is not logged
- Props are getting chipped on a regular basis
- The Glass Fibre in the boat is getting chipped (Probably from moving of anchors around the boat)
- Generally in a very poor state of affairs.

What I ask all RIB users is to treat these boats as if they are your own; indeed as members of the club, they are yours. But slow things down, think about how you are using the boat, treat it with respect and take care not to chip, damage or loosen anything in them. We don't pay anyone to look after these, its volunteers who simply do not have time to deal with the long list of issues we are getting at the moment.

Dinghy Parks are in great shape for the season. Thank you to all members who attended a Dinghy Park working party, where a lot was achieved. Thank you to Bob Seymour for overseeing the installation of more tie down wires on the club and spit side whilst ensuring that the continued maintenance is kept up. We have also installed new hose on the spit side and are soon to install the new matting there which we hope will improve beach access for this sailing season.

The Laser Southern Grand Prix Open Event will take place on Saturday 9th June and I hope that a large Hill Head contingent will participate. You do not need to be the best sailor of the planet to participate. If you enjoy your laser sailing and you enjoy racing, even if it is at club level then it is worth a go, it can be a great experience allowing you to gain even more knowledge and understanding.

With much coming up in the ensuing weeks and months I will always keep you updated on events, please ensure that you stay in contact and pay attention to the hard work that your committees are putting into what is happening at Hill Head.

If you ever have any questions please contact me directly. Or go to: www.hillheadsc.org.uk/contacts.htm where you can contact specific members for their specific responsibilities around the club, to get the support you need quickly.

Luke Morrison, Vice Commodore



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The boats all seem to be back in the water now, the first race is in a few days and another season is upon us. Well done to all those hardy souls – including my wife Sue – who were outdoors fitting out the boats in close to freezing temperatures for much of March. Let's hope for better weather this summer than we had for much of the last one. I forgot my hat and got sunburned on the boat last weekend so I'm trying to see that as a good omen.



My experimental tidal handicap system seems to have been generally well received in its first season and I will be continuing with it this year. But the RYA has put the cat amongst the pigeons by scrapping the old PY system for cruisers and replacing it with the new National Handicap for Cruisers (NHC) scheme. Strictly speaking the PY system was performance-based and handicap numbers were meant to be adjusted in the light of results achieved but in practice that rarely happened. The new system is quite explicitly driven by results. As I understand it base handicap numbers are approximate and are adjusted after every race to reflect the performance of each boat with the intention that the numbers will settle down after a few races. This is much more like a golf handicap (which gives advantages to poorer players to reflect their lack of experience, ability, equipment, etc.) than it is to a measured rating system which tries to offset differences in boats so that the race results reflect the only ability of the crews.

There is no doubt that the new system has the merit of encouraging less able sailors to participate and if the better sailors are unhappy with it I suppose the assumption is that they will go off and race under a more strict measured system such as the IRC. But the new system offers intriguing opportunities for crews to adjust their performance to make the best of their rating. Fast boats will effectively be punished for winning by a large margin and I can foresee frantic calculations going on as they approach the finish to ensure that they don't win by more than a few seconds. While those at the back might as well slow down and lose by a mile in order to get a better handicap for the next race. Not that any such shenanigans would occur in such a gentlemanly fleet as ours I'm sure! It has to be said that a major reason for the demise of the PY scheme for cruisers has been the very small number of returns submitted by clubs to the RYA and I must admit that we are (I am) as guilty as any other club of not submitting regular returns.

Please don't get the impression that the cruiser fleet is all about racing, anybody is welcome at any of our rallies whether or not you take part in the feeder race. Our first overnight rally will be at Ocean Village on 11th May which may have passed by the time this issue is published. But there are plenty more including Portsmouth and Chichester on the 31st of May and 1st June followed by Lymington on 22nd June. If you would like to join in but are unsure of any of the details then please contact me for clarification. It would be nice to see a few new faces at the cruiser events this year.

Dave Ellis



Rear Commodore Sue Ellis

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This winter has been a busy time for the house committee. I hope you have enjoyed our efforts as much as we liked running them and will share in my thanks to all the organising teams. I have enjoyed meeting different members and hope to see more of you appreciating our excellent facilities. For those that missed our entertainment, maybe you can get to the summer evenings.

The poker players improved skills learnt last year. The question I heard most at the 'Downton Abbey' Do was, 'Which murder are we solving?' and the only mystery about the English themed food concerned my plum pudding! There was more dressing up at the Bollywood themed Fitting Out Supper for which, bringing in the food from Stubbington Tandori was a great success.

The next few big evenings are the Midsummer Salmon & Strawberries on 22 June (contact Pat Dyer to offer help), the French Evening on 6th July run by David & Chantel Pearce and the Spanish evening on 20 July where Tim Fisher's paella pan will reappear. I recommend that you sign up for these popular events quickly ensuring you use the correct list & cheque wallet as they will all be behind the bar together – there's a danger that treading on toes will turn up wearing berets. There will be a jazz evening in September – the band is booked.

The cadet games, puppets & film evenings organised by Tiger have been popular. The program continues with more games & craft sessions each month. Look out for the water fight. Annabel has run PS3 games nights for the older teenagers and Abby organised a knotting session. If you have yet to meet fellow cadets off the water, why not come to the club to see what's going on? Don't forget to put your lights on your bicycles so you can all cycle down together now the weather is improving.

Luke kindly coordinated the pool tournament this year. You all seem to have so many matches that I'm not certain it's finished yet. Jonathon Davies will sort out a few games evenings during the summer with short knock out darts and pool matches so you keep in practice.

John Lewthwaite's history talk was very interesting and he will be showing us some old Solent pictures as a quiz in May. Another talk, 'Plain Sailing', on financial matters is on 25 April. We have more midweek talks planned in the autumn, including one about the Coastwatch organisation.

We have also tried showing rugby, films, exercise, guitar and craft evenings which have each been appreciated by a handful of members. Those that came had a giggle and enjoyed the entertainment (even if it wasn't supposed to be a comedy.) If you would like these or anything else next winter please make suggestions.



Several members have used the club for their own functions (e.g. family party, charity event, meeting for another club). If an HHSC member would like to use the clubhouse when it is not busy it can be arranged through the house committee. The conditions are in the operations manual on the web site or I can send you a copy.

Now I have bought a Rear Commodore's flag and braved the cold to fit out the boat, thoughts turn to the water.

The changing rooms will be busy again. Please be considerate to your fellow cold sailors & safety boat crews & remove your wetsuits before getting in the showers to reduce waiting times, save hot water and limit grit going down the drain. Also take care not to block the loos – it is not pleasant in the manhole. Your kit will be in the changing rooms. Our beautiful surroundings are enjoyed by many other people in the summer, so use the little lockers for your valuables; keep the changing room doors on the combination lock and keep the front door shut.

The key fobs are waterproof. Fasten them inside a pocket whilst sailing. If your family need additional keys, please contact Christine Russ, the membership secretary. For queries about non functioning key fobs please contact Carol Hindry.

During the busy time it is inevitable that things stop working or get broken. If you find a problem & are not able to fix it yourself, please record it in the defects book which lives near the till.

Our many bar and food volunteers have been training to provide refreshment for your sailing. Please support them. On some busy weekends, we will try to open the bar longer & extend food provision. When there is evening sailing, the bar officer will try to open up slightly earlier if that suits the tides.

LET'S MAKE THE MOST OF OUR CLUB.

Sue Ellis, Rear Commodore

The 1st Park Gate Sea Scout Group

used the club for a very successful fund raising auction of promises on 2nd March.



The Scout Group thank the members for the use of the club house

Photo:
Becky Johnson at the event



Mirrors! Mirrors! Mirrors!

As we approach the middle of April, "Poppy" remains hoisted under the garage roof! I'm afraid the weather hasn't given much encouragement to lower her down yet, but the days have to warm up soon! Here's what we have planned for 2013 - an updated version of the note sent out to the Mirror Gang in March.

Race Squads/Sessions

These are for everyone to enjoy. All abilities, all ages come together to practise and learn something new or more familiar depending on your experience. Come along and chat to other Mirror sailors, look at other boats (we all have slightly different set ups) and enjoy learning and sailing. In the past we've covered starts (you can never get enough practise!), mini races, tell tails, boat control, sailing backwards, rudderless sailing, clean air, spinnaker sailing, rig set-ups, tidal influence ... have I forgotten anything? We all come to sailing with different backgrounds, skills and perspectives and the squads are about sharing your experiences and knowledge, practising and learning with a friendly bunch of people and enjoying those special little boats.

The squads are quite informal. Families with young children have dipped in and out of the sessions as the attention span allows!

The dates are as follows:

Sunday 5th May, 9.00am – to be confirmed
Sunday 23rd June 11.14am – Richard Whiteley
Saturday 27th July 2.30pm – Paul Heaney
Sunday 1st September 9.00am - Andrew Terry
Saturday 28th September 1pm - Nigel Thomas

Note the changes to the list sent out in March.

1st September is an extra date not shown on the fixture list. Andrew has kindly agreed to come along and talk/demonstrate spinnakers! It is also the weekend before the Mirror Southern Area Championship Open Weekend, so a good time to get together.

If you don't have a Mirror and are interested in joining us, don't forget the Club Mirror. Sign up sheet in the foyer.

Coach Needed!

We would like another coach to take the first session on 5th May. If you are an instructor or an experienced sailor in another life before coming to Mirrors and would like to take a session, please let me know - this would be fantastic!

Class Racing

Racing against other Mirrors - the more red sails, the better the racing, with "mini battles" going on all across the fleet from the more experienced sailors to those just starting out. Of course, the Mirror at club level varies enormously from the latest "plastic fantastic" Winder boat to the oldest, leaking wooden hull which turns into a paddling pool shortly after leaving the

harbour mouth! However, as many of us prove, you can still have a lot of fun and learn a lot in £500 boat - cure the leaks and seek out a pair of race sails and those old boats can still be surprisingly competitive. You can also gauge your personal progress better in the class racing, hopefully closing the gap a little between yourself and the "top gun" Mirror sailors over time.

50th Anniversary

One idea to celebrate the Mirrors 50th birthday, is to start off the class racing with a breakfast - bacon buttie and a chat perhaps - and/or finish the racing with tea and cake afterwards. Looking at the fixtures, the Class B Races in May would be best suited for this as the race starts at 12.30pm.

Please let me know if this appeals and what you think.

Sunday 19th May - RYA Stage 1 and 2/Special Mirror Event

An intriguing Mirror event in May is listed on the Fixtures list! The idea is to use Mirrors in part of the RYA youth stage 1 and 2 training. This would involve as many Mirror sailors as possible willing to take out a young crew. Perhaps this is a good day to encourage all Mirror sailors out on the water as part of the 50th Celebration enjoying their boats in whatever way they wish - recreationally or introducing a youngster to the Mirror.

Mast Set up Tip - Old boats

As you set up your boat again at the start of the season, it may be worth checking your mast is vertical. After changing my rigging, I had some difficulty with uneven tacks and general boat control at the start of last season (Is it me? Yes, probably!) After fixing a plumb line to the mast, I found it was leaning to one side - always had a slight problem with this, but seemed to be accentuated with new rigging to the point of having to adjust the outhaul quite a lot after every tack. Use adjustments on shroud adjusters to get the mast vertical - don't assume (like I did) that your rig will be symmetrical by using the same slot on the shroud adjuster on each side. Boat feels much better when the mast is perfectly vertical!

Recreational Sailing

Anyone interested in some idle poodling during weekdays? Last season, I had some enjoyable sailing – up the shore to Lee-on-Solent and around the “corner” towards Warsash. It's quite glorious having the Solent virtually to yourself and enjoying new views and water outside of the normal racing circuit. It has to be spontaneous when the wind, tide, time allow. If you are interested, let me know and perhaps we can exchange a text message a few hours before a possible sail.

If you would like to receive Mirror updates via E-mail I would be happy to add you to the Mirror Gang list. You don't have to own a mirror, just an occasional interest perhaps or use of the club boat.

THE SHIPPING FORECAST

George Hands May 1996



Shetlands, Forties, Tay, Dogger, Humber. Thames, Wight, Channel, Severn, Mersey, Shannon, Clyde, Hebrides. The cadence is correct, many of the names are comfortably familiar but something is not quite right. It's as though someone is misquoting a favourite nursery rhyme.

To millions of Britons. whether they go down to the sea in ships or remain safely on dry land, the sonorous litany of the Shipping Forecast is as much a part of our national heritage as the Royal Family, strawberries at Wimbledon or Test Match Special. Tamper with it at you peril!

Only readers who have been drawing their pension for some considerable time will remember the thirteen Sea Areas listed above as those used in the first ever Shipping Forecast, broadcast by the BBC from Daventry in October 1925. Many more will recognise the names, however, for with the addition of two new areas, Orkney and Faroes in 1932, at the request of trawlermen in northern waters, they were to remain unchanged in peacetime use until 1949 (During the war. the BBC stopped transmitting weather bulletins for shipping - the information was judged too useful to the enemy - although forecasts were passed in code on marine frequencies to individual ships).

The basic pattern of sea areas we use today was adopted in 1949 but has been modified several times, mainly to improve detailed coverage in the North Sea. Thus Forties was subdivided into Forties and Viking In 1955, and Viking, in its turn, into Viking, North Utsire and South Utsire in 1984. Dogger was split into Dogger and Fisher in 1955, the same year as the romantically named Heligoland became the more prosaic German Bight.

Shipping forecasts have presumably been in existence since God told Noah that "I do bring a flood of waters upon the earth", but in reality, of course, those of us without the benefit of a direct line to the Almighty had to wait upon the invention of radio. The first gale warning, to ships in the Eastern Atlantic were broadcast in 1911.

The origins of the service. however, can be traced back to 1806, the year after Trafalgar, when a certain Captain Francis Beaufort devised a scale "to convey the uncertain idea of wind and weather in a scientific manner". Beaufort, who lacked the influence to be appointed to a fighting ship, was languishing in command of HMS Woolwich, a stores ship at Portsmouth, nominally the post of a mere commander, and thus had time to pursue his passion for meteorology. His original paper is still held in the Met Office at Bracknell and, although he himself revised the scale several times, it is basically the same as we use today.

Beaufort originally proposed thirteen wind strengths rather than the twelve which now make up the scale. The extra force was, "Fair air just not calm".

Every sailor who has ever tried in vain to make port before the pubs close will know exactly what he meant! He called it Force 1. It was halfway between "Calm Force 0" and "Light Air", which he called Force 2 and we now call Force 1. At the other extreme, he eschewed the word "hurricane", offering no less than six types of gale and only grudgingly admitting to a storm when the wind reached Force 13. Sailors were men in those days!



Beaufort's career eventually prospered and he became Hydrographer for the Navy.

In 1832, this appointment allowed him to instruct Lieutenant Robert FitzRoy, who was about to set sail with a young Scientist called Charles Darwin in HMS Beagle, to use the Beaufort Scale for all observations, rather than a rival system. It was only after the Beagle's return that the Beaufort Scale was universally accepted.

When, in 1854, the Board of Trade was looking for an officer to head its brand new Meteorological Department, they turned to Captain FitzRoy. A forceful personality - he and Darwin had clashed several times on the Beagle - FitzRoy made many innovations, the most important being the first storm warning service in British waters, utilising the new wonder of the age, the electric telegraph. And every tenderfoot sailor who has struggled during their proficiency exams to recall which way up a storm cone is meant to be when the wind is in the west has reason to remember FitzRoy too, for he invented the system.

It was FitzRoy who coined the word "forecast". His use of the word brought a stinging rebuke from the Royal Society, which considered it his duty to report on actual weather conditions rather than make guesses about the future. Their vilification was so violent that it undoubtedly contributed to FitzRoy's decision to cut his throat one morning. Fortunately for the future of the Met Office, the public disagreed with the Royal Society and, after a series of letters in the Times, FitzRoy's successor, Dr Robert Scott reintroduced the service.

The original sea areas were named after islands, rivers or sandbanks, the idea being that they should be instantly recognisable to sailors familiar with coastal charts. The tradition has continued, thus Viking, Dogger. Forties, Fisher, Sole and Bailey all fall into the third category, notwithstanding the more romantic suggestions occasionally heard in sailing clubs.

Finisterre is a little unfair as the area doesn't include Cap Finisterre (the end of the earth) in France from which it is named.

Utsire, the name everyone has difficulty spelling, comes, rather confusingly, from the small island of Utsira, a centre of the Norwegian herring industry.

(I thought you might like this repeated even if there are further changes since it was written - and I needed to fill a space!! Editor)



Date	Start	RT	Event	HW	HT
May					
Fri 03	TBA		Taster Session 1	19:20	4.2
Sat 04	20:00	G	Evening Duskers Race 1	20:27	4.1
Sun 05	09:00	H	Morning Series Race 2	08:51	4.1
	09:00		Jacqueline May Mug Race		
	TBA		Mirror & Adult/Ladies Session 1		
Mon 06	09:00	I	Morning Series Races 3 & 4	09:43	4.1
	TBA		Oppie Session 1		
Sat 11	12:30	J	RNLI Burgee Race (All In)	13:01	4.5
	13:45		The One-off Tankard Race (All In)		
	12:00		Shamrock Shaker, Passage Race TBA		
	TBA		RS Feva & Topper Squad Session 2		
Sun 12	13:15	K	Short Course Racing (5 to 8)	13:40	4.5
	TBA		Oppie Session 2		
			Shamrock Shaker, return to HHSC		
Fri 17	18:00	L	Evening Duskers Race 2	17:00	4.0
	TBA		RYA Youth Beginner Stage 1 & 2		
Sat 18	15:00		OPEN DAY	18:15	3.9
	18:00	M	Evening Duskers Race 3		
Sun 19	19:00	N	Evening Duskers Race 4	19:25	3.9
	TBA		RYA Stage 1 & 2 Special Mirror Event		
Mon 20	TBA		RYA Youth Beginner Stage 1 & 2	20:27	4.1
Sat 25	11:00	A	Late Spring Series Race 1 & 2	12:05	4.7
	TBA		RS Tera & Laser Squad Session 2		
	19:30		Cadets bring your own games		
Sun 26	12:30	B	Class Racing B Series 1 & 2	12:52	4.8
	12:30		Jacqueline B Series 1 & 2		
Mon 27	13:00	C	Class Racing B Series 3 & 4	13:41	4.8
	13:00		Jacqueline B Series Races 3 & 4		
Fri 31	TBA		Cadet Sailing Event	18:00	4.4
	TBA		Evening Cruise to Portsmouth		
June					
Sat 01	18:30	D	Late Spring Series Race 3 & 4	18:54	4.3
	TBA		RYA Youth Intermediate Course		
	TBA		Cruisers Portsmouth to Chichester		
Sun 02	19:30	E	Cadet/Novice/Ladies/Masters 1	19:52	4.2
			Cruisers return to HHSC		
	TBA		RYA Youth Intermediate Course		
Mon 03	TBA		RYA Youth Intermediate Course	20:49	4.2
Sat 08	11:30	F	J. S. Alston Race (All In)	12:05	4.4
	TBA		Onboard Laser Pico Open (Away)		
	11:00		Cruisers & Dinghies Day Sail to Woolton Creek		
Sun 09	TBA	X	Laser Southern Grand Prix Open	12:45	4.4
	TBA		Oppie Session 3		
Fri 14	TBA		Cadet Sailing Event	15:44	4.3
	TBA		RYA Adult Level 2 (Intro Evening)		
Sat 15	15:30	G	Cadet/Novice/Ladies/Masters 2 & 3	16:26	4.2
	15:15		Cruiser Tankard Race		
	TBA		RYA Adult Level 2 (Day 1)		



LASER SOUTHERN GRANDPRIX OPEN MEETING



Sunday 09 June 2013

- 🚤 **3 Races Back to Back**
- 🚤 **Entry fee £15.00 per boat**
- 🚤 **Prize Giving and hot food after the racing**

Entry forms

Notice of Race, Open meeting Declaration form & Medical form

All available from
www.hillheadsc.org.uk/opens.htm

Contact for more details:

Sailing Commodore:

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The Stig Fastest Lap Challenge



I know you have been desperate to learn of the latest results of the Stig Challenge. Six months of the Stig year (October to September) have now elapsed and Winter normally provides good winds and excellent conditions for competing the Challenge.

However, in fact the weather has been singularly unhelpful, too much wind, too little wind and the cold, the bitter biting cold which came early and stayed for most of the Winter months. Sailing is not very appealing if you have to break off the ice from your boat cover! It is therefore no surprise that the number of entries was down by a considerable amount.

So to the results.

October 2012 – No entries!

November 2012 – 2 entries!

December 2012 – No entries!

January to March 2013 – 2 entries!

November 2012

Position	Name	Boat	Elapsed time	Corrected time
1	Max Hindry	Laser 4000	16.24	1080.13
2	Benjamin Bradley	Optimist	33.56	1236.94

January - March 2013

1	Mike coombes	RS 600	5.20	347.83
2	Billy V-Ozanne	RS Tera	9.08	376.63

Congratulations to Max and Mike for winning their respective months and Mike recorded his fastest time ever. Well done to our Juniors who claimed both runner-up spots!

As you can see, it is not the winning that counts, it is the taking part. October and December 2012 passed by with no entries. You only had to sail the course for you to be recorded in the Stig roll of honour! So now that warmth has started to be felt, then there is no reason why you should not enter the Challenge. Full details of the Stig Challenge are pinned to the Noticeboard in the reception of the Club house.

Good Luck **Guy Bradbury**

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Fareham Vannes Voile 2013

I have been attending regular meetings of the organising committee for the twinning visit by the Association des Plaisanciers du Port de Vannes which will take place in July. The scale of the rally has increased substantially over the past few months and we are now expecting about 20 French boats and 60 visitors from our twin town in South Brittany. The large numbers and congestion in the programme has led to a scaling down of our plans for the visit to Hill Head.



We will be holding a dinner for half the French party at the club on Tuesday 9th July while Fareham Sailing and Motor Boat Club host the other half. We will have space for about 20 English guests at the dinner so if you have connections with previous twinning rallies or if you would like to meet our guests then please let me know. French speakers would be particularly welcome.

Dave Ellis



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