



HORNSEA SAILING CLUB MEMBER NEWSLETTER MARCH 2021



Sailing to resume from Saturday 3 April 2021!

Welcome to the first issue of our new club newsletter and **thank you** for your support and patience through the last 12 months in particular. Following the recent statement by the Prime Minister, I'm really pleased to tell you that sailing will resume from **Saturday 3 April**. Subject to sufficient Safety Boat Driver and Duty Officer cover, sailing will be available as per last year as follows:

Thursday-Saturday 1000-1215 and 1245-1500.
(two sessions per day)

Sunday 1000-1600. One pursuit race at 1100 and two handicap races in the afternoon; *plus recreational sailing for those not wishing to race – all sailors are welcome on Sundays!*

We will be observing the same distancing and hygiene rules as last year in order to keep everyone safe. The [online booking system](#) will be in use again to control the numbers using the site at any time. Last year's log in/password will be valid as long as you have paid your club fees for 2021. If you have forgotten your log in/password or have any problems booking, please email our Club Treasurer, Steve Levitt, who manages the booking system: treasurer@hornseasailingclub.org.uk
Pip Warner, Commodore

Club Officer Duties

We rely on members volunteering to keep the club running in various roles. A Duty officer and Safety Boat Driver are required for sailing to take place. You can volunteer for these duties by emailing Steve Levitt: treasurer@hornseasailingclub.org.uk The [duty roster](#) is published on the website, indicating dates which still need to be filled.

Whilst Safety Boat Drivers need training, a competency test and a DBS check; the role of Duty Officer only requires a short briefing to understand the duties required (this will be provided). The tasks involved for both of these roles can be found on the club website: 1.[Duty Officer](#) 2.[Safety Boat Driver](#). Training for new safety boat drivers will be arranged – anyone wanting to express interest in this please email us at: newsletter@hornseasailingclub.org.uk

Membership Fees for 2021

We rely solely on membership income to keep the club going. Fees for 2021 should now be paid. If you have not yet done so, please pay as per the [instructions on our website](#) as soon as possible. When the club reopens, any boats for which there are unpaid fees will need to be removed.

RYA Dinghy Show 2021

This year's RYA Dinghy Show was a virtual event which took place live on 27-28 February 2021, but you can still join the show [via this link](#)

2021 PY Numbers

2021 PY Numbers have been published and are available via this link. [2021-PY-NUMBERS.pdf \(hornseasailingclub.org.uk\)](#) *(The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Scheme is provided to enable clubs to allow boats of different classes to race against each other).*

Sailing Rules

The 2021-2024 Sailing Rules are issued and available on our website and also [via this link](#)

Club Programme 2021

You can keep in touch with upcoming events via the [club programme](#) published on our website.

Boats/Kit for Sale

See our club [website page](#)

Please email Charlie Cartwright to place an ad: webmaster@hornseasailingclub.org.uk

Feedback/Suggestions

Please send any feedback or contributions to our email address below. We anticipate publishing one every quarter. Also, any ideas/suggestions in relation to the club in general are welcomed. newsletter@hornseasailingclub.org.uk

Member Contributions (with thanks to Richard and Geoff)

When dinghies still delight

Richard Woodcock

Reminiscing is, I think, a feature of advancing years! The title is a play on the original title of a sailing book by Dr Robin Steavenson who was a leading light at Tynemouth SC where I started sailing aged 9!



This is me crewing 4729, an Enterprise my father built at home. Date is 1960 and in the background is the crane which used to run along the North Pier moving rocks to protect the river entrance. Clearly windy, with all the boats reefed.

There are few other sports that I'm aware of that you can be active in throughout the whole of your life - be careful or it could become a passion!

After Enterprises I moved on to International 14s and then Hunter Medina at Burnham and Flying 15s at Rickmansworth and a few years racing a Thames A-Rater at Bourne End on the Thames.

Moving to Colorado I thought would put a hold on sailing - however the winters were awesome & ice racing at 10,000ft was certainly different. In the four months of the year when the ice thawed, I raced a Hobie 16 - very different again.



Moving to the Pacific Northwest and working in a boatyard gave me the opportunity to sail a small keelboat which was a great experience.

Which brings me finally to racing a Blaze at Hornsea!

Who would have known what racing an Enterprise in 1960 would have led to? I hope you all have as many years of sailing as I have managed.



Reflections from lockdown

Geoff Larkin

Tomorrow the sun will shine and the wind blow

We'll hoist our sails and away we'll go

All the thoughts that turn us grey, the harnessed wind will blow away

With rosy cheeks and ruffled hair, we'll sail away without a care

Oh, to sail our boats again, through wind and sun and freezing spray

All's well at least for a day.

