



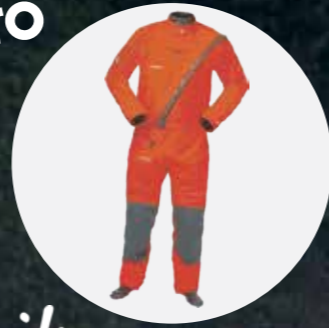
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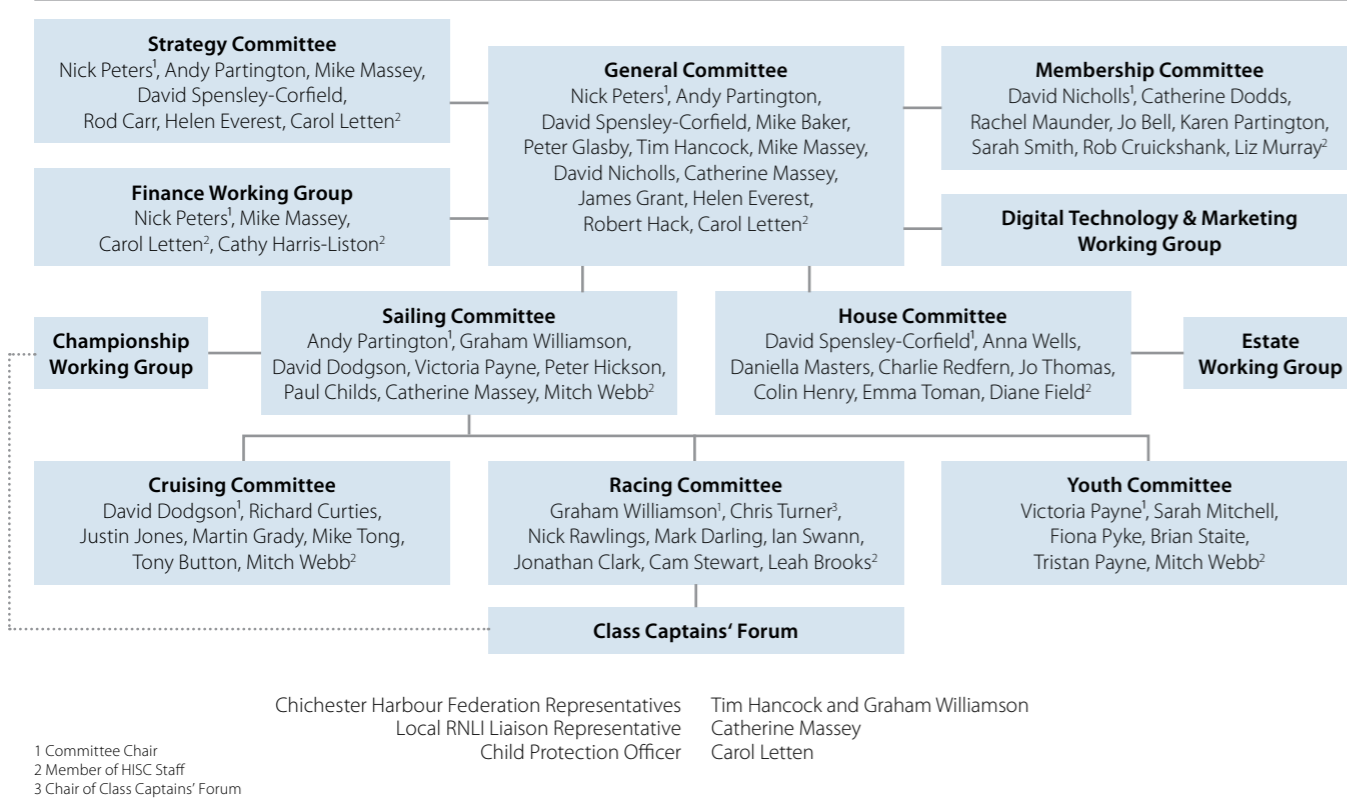
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Club Officers & Committees

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Welcome



Nick Peters
Commodore

Hayling Island Sailing Club is host to an extraordinary array of activity. From cradle to grave, many of our members are passionate, engaged and creative in support of the club. It is something to be proud of, and I hope that this new look yearbook will go some way to showcasing and celebrating this depth of activity. To this end, we have rearranged the content so that some of the reference documents like Health and Safety, Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Rules and Duty List, etc. can now be found on the club website. In the interests of privacy, the Membership Directory will be a standalone publication. We hope you enjoy the new format.

For so many HISC is a wonderful place, magical in its unique and stunning setting, with a wide and supportive community of all ages and from all walks of life. I grew up and learnt to sail across the harbour entrance in West Wittering, and the prominent and inspiring HISC left a lasting impression, as it has on so many. Our club and its wider community span generations, long may that continue, and I hope you will find a flavour of this in these pages.

HISC has a history of sailing excellence. The club has inspired many champions, young and old, and we count both Olympians and round the world cruising yachtsmen amongst our members. It is an ethos we value, and whether we aspire to a channel crossing, winning a club race or just learning to sail, the support and recognition of personal achievement or betterment is central.

HISC is also proud to be a world class championship venue, we have many highly accomplished race officers and race management teams, always ready to encourage and welcome new volunteers to race management. We are one of only four RYA coastal Centres of Excellence, and have run events from the Laser Worlds to the Harbour Federation's Chichester Harbour Race Week, and not least the 2017 RYA National Youth Championships.

Not just a sailing club, at HISC we embrace a menu of activity, our members also windsurf, stand up paddleboard, or simply enjoy the beach, bar and excellent catering. As a result, HISC is, perhaps more than most, a family club, with a varied and hectic year-round social programme, which comes highly recommended!

HISC is lucky enough to be able to employ a team of permanent staff, providing a quietly competent backdrop to the running of our club, but the huge number of volunteers who man committees, run events and even tend the grounds are the icing on the cake; without you HISC would not be the club and community we are. I was under no illusion as to the effort that it would take to get this publication together, but the enthusiasm and contribution that has gone into this from so many has been impressive.

Finally, like many I am looking forward to the new season and meeting many new faces, members and visitors alike...oh, and a bit of sun, not to mention fair breeze wouldn't go amiss.

Nick Peters
March 2017



Our Missions

1. We will develop and nurture a sailing club culture based on social interaction, member engagement, team spirit and safety.
2. We will facilitate and encourage participation and enjoyment of all forms of sailing.
3. We will inspire current and future generations in the pursuit of sailing excellence.
4. We will offer world class events and championships.
5. We will plan to ensure financial sustainability for the club, its resources and facilities.
6. We will protect and sustain our local natural environment.

Life Honorary Members

Sir Ben Ainslie, Michael Atkin, Mike Baker, Ian Barker, Marie Bishop, Barry Blaydes, Richard Brett, Nora Bright, Richard Burley, Rod Carr, Valerie Catchpole, Irina Cook, Judy Covell, Paul Covell, Mark Covell, Frank Dunster, Peter Glasby, Simon Hiscocks, Iris Long, Pam Marrs, Michael McIntyre, Roger Palmer, Iain Percy, Shirley Robertson, Patrick Veal, Ian Walker.

Meet the team

A hard-working, dedicated and enthusiastic team look after the day-to-day running of Hayling Island Sailing Club on behalf of the membership.

The team is led by:



Carol Letten – *General Manager*
Prior to joining HISC over 10 years ago, Carol spent 20 years in a variety of roles at sailing holiday giant Sunsail, giving her the ideal experience and skills to look after a vibrant and busy sailing club such as HISC. Carol trained in Hotel Management at Queens College in Glasgow and started her working life running a theatre restaurant in Edinburgh. A desire to work overseas secured her a position working in a Sunsail Beach Club in Turkey where she not only developed a passion for sailing but also met her husband, Simon.

Progression through a number of roles at Sunsail including Club General Manager at several locations and Sales and Marketing Director, led her to the GM role at HISC. Carol recently gained her RYA Coastal Skipper qualification and harbours an ambition to sail round the Mediterranean with her husband on their cruising yacht.

HISC Marine Team

Mitch Webb heads up the Marine Team as *Marine Manager* and has been with the club since 2013. Mitch grew up sailing dinghies and was already a member of HISC prior to working at the club. Mitch previously worked for a yacht and sailing school. As a teenager Mitch proudly took part in Federation Week without a boat but managed to sail in a different class of dinghy every day of the event! Joining Mitch in the Marine Team is **Clive Rimmer** who is the club's *Bosun*. Clive is a former Portsmouth Dockyard apprentice and uses his shipwright qualifications to assist him in the safe running of the club ribs, moorings, winches, slipways, plant and machinery. Clive has sailed cruisers and GP14s and is also a keen adventure motorcyclist. He once motor biked through 14 European

countries in 19 days going to Istanbul and back! **Jake Edmonds** is the *Marine Technician* at HISC. Jake first became involved in the Thursday Club when he was 14 years old, attaining his Dinghy Instructor qualifications and then driving Selene, the Club's ferry boat when he was 16. Jake is responsible for the maintenance of the club's fleet of safety ribs, committee boats, and dinghy hire fleet. Also in the Marine Team is **Alec Henry** who has been a keen sailor since the age of 7 progressing from Optimists and RS Feva through to Lasers. Alec has a passion for fixing and mending things which is ideal for his work at the club. When the wind is up Alec can be found windsurfing; in his spare time he likes making guitars and is currently learning to play the guitar.

HISC House

Diane Field is the *HISC House Manager*, responsible for the restaurants, bar, functions, events and house promotions. Diane trained locally at Highbury College and worked previously at Chichester Yacht Club. Diane has travelled extensively around the world and describes herself as a keen 'foodie'!



Marine Team – from left, Jake Edmonds, Mitch Webb, Clive Rimmer and Alec Henry



HISC Office – from left, Liz Murray, Nikki Eaves, Cathy Harris-Liston and Leah Brooks



John Blanchard is the club's *Head Chef*. John has enjoyed a very varied and active former career in the Navy, working both on shore and at sea. John is the club's *First Aider* and has spent a lifetime messing about in boats getting up to some pretty exciting adventures. John is assisted by Fritz and Luke. **Bev Wheeler** is the *Catering Supervisor* at the club. Bev previously worked at Amberley Castle and Fishbourne Roman Palace, but now loves being just a 5 minute drive away from home. For the last 6 years Bev has developed a keen interest in cosmology and has completed several degree level courses on stars, the universe, dark matter and galaxies! **Rita Backshall** is a familiar face behind the bar having worked at the club for 17 years. Rita likes the bar to be busy and enjoys being involved in the variety of

events that the club hosts. Rita recently took the plunge of a lifetime when she completed a sky dive while on holiday in New Zealand – an experience she will never forget! Rita is joined in the bar by her daughter **Emma Backshall** who has worked at the club since she was 16.

HISC Office

Leah Brooks, is the club's *Sailing Secretary*. Leah started at HISC when she was 13, working in the kitchen and snack bar. Despite working long hours at the club, Leah is up at 6.00am most days of the week to muck out and sometimes ride her horse. A keen horsewoman since the age of 5, Leah's unusual working week (Friday to Tuesday) enables her to ride without the crowds on her days off. **Liz Murray** is the club's *Membership Secretary*, dealing with all aspects of membership. Prior to joining the team at HISC, Liz spent 5 months sailing from Spain to the Ionian Islands in Greece with her partner. Also in the office is **Nikki Eaves** who puts together the weekly HISC newsletter and event sheets and covers for the Sailing Secretary when she is away. Nikki is a volunteer Coastguard for Hayling Island working with the RNLI, police, ambulance and fire services to assist in anything from missing people, casualties stuck in the mud or yacht emergencies arriving onshore.



House Team – from left, Bev Wheeler, Emma Backshall, Diane Field and Rita Backshall



Sam Savill has been with HISC for over a year and is likely to be your first point of call at the reception desk. Sam also looks after accommodation bookings at the club. Sam has been a keen horse rider since the age of 4 and used to compete in high end show jumping competitions with the likes of Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips. **Cathy Harris-Liston** joined the club in 2012 and looks after all the accounts processes at the club. Cathy was a keen water skier in Langstone Harbour in her younger days!

HISC grounds and facilities

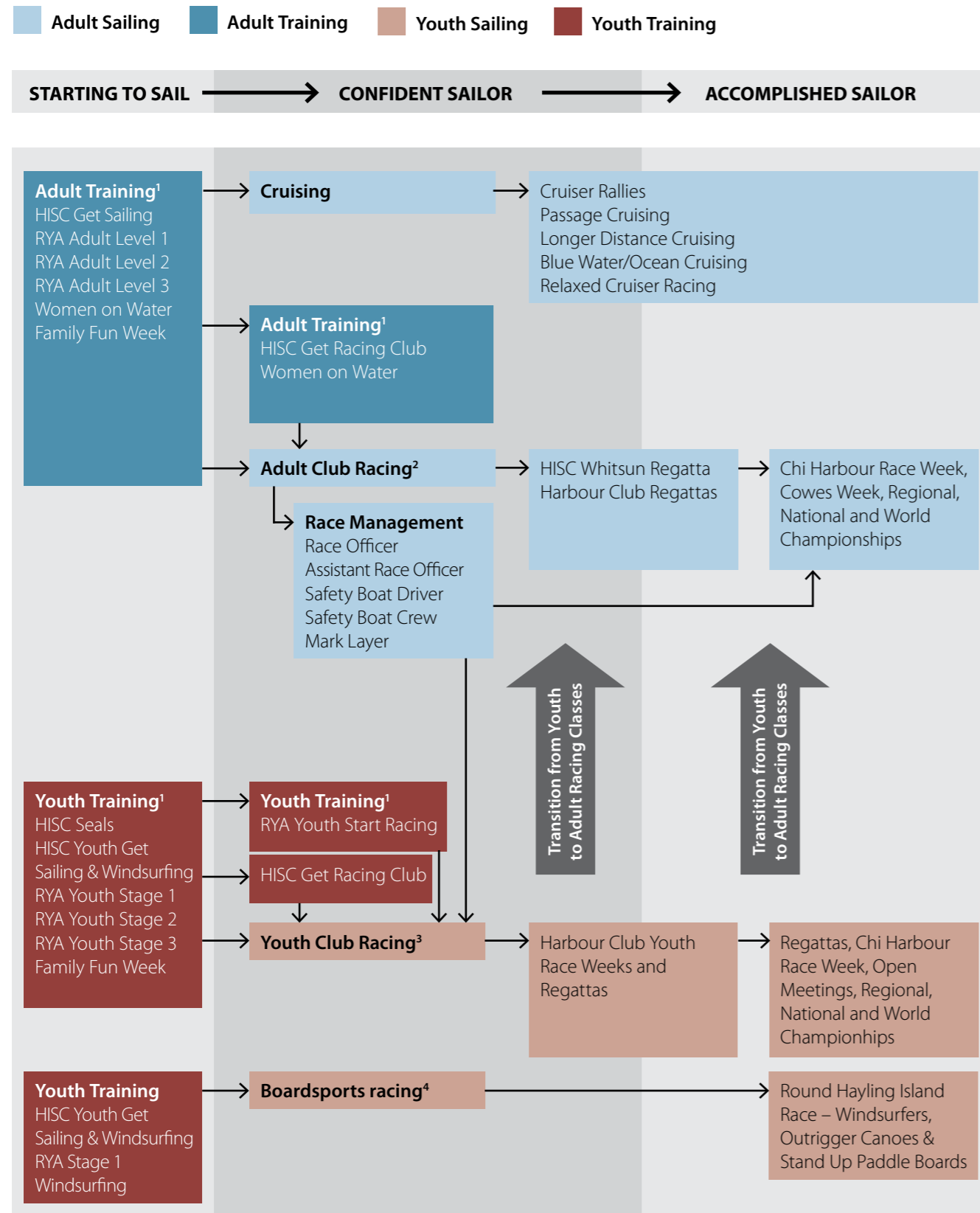
The first face most members and visitors see as they arrive at the club is the friendly smile of 'Moz'.



Michael Morrissey, aka Moz has been at HISC since 2010. His duties include welcoming people at the gate and guiding them to suitable car parking spaces as well as assisting in the site maintenance and clearing. **Adrian Drake** has been the Housekeeper at HISC since 2003. Adrian is a stonemason in his spare time. **Margaret** and **Sylvia**, originally from Poland, make up the Housekeeping Team and can be found cleaning and tidying from 5 in the morning. **Ken Richardson** is our Handyman. Ken keeps everything freshly painted, varnished and in working order.

The HISC pathway

Progression from beginner to regatta winner



1 For Training Information see page 64

2 For Racing Information see page 12

3 For details of Youth Racing see page 52

4 A new initiative at the time of going to press – details to be published as and when available.

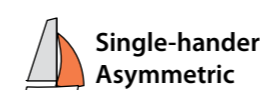
The racing classes at HISC

Something for everyone along the HISC pathway

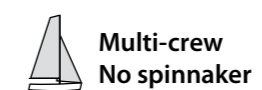
JUNIOR	YOUTH	ADULT	TECHNICAL	KEELBOAT
REGULARLY RACED IN CLASS				
Optimist	29er single trapeze	Solo	Foiling Moth	RS Elite
RS Tera		Fireball Single trapeze		Flying Fifteen
RS Feva		RS200		
REGULARLY RACED IN HANDICAP				
		Tasar	RS700 Single trapeze	Cruiser Thursday evenings
	Laser 4.7 & Radial	Laser Standard & Radial	Merlin Rocket	
	RS Aero 5&7	RS Aero 7&9	RS800 Twin trapeze	
		RS Vision Club Hire boats available	Int 14 Twin trapeze	
		RS Venture Club Hire boats available		
OTHER CLASSES RACED IN HANDICAP				
		2000	49er	
		Laser 4000	Musto Skiff	
		Wayfarer		
		B14		
		Osprey		
		505		
		RS400		
		Streaker		



Single hander



Single-hander Asymmetric



Multi-crew No spinnaker



Multi-crew Spinnaker



Multi-crew Asymmetric

Four generations along the HISC pathway

One family that has followed the HISC pathway through four generations is the Blaydes/Mitchell family. In fact, it started in 1964 when Barry Blaydes moved down from Yorkshire, with an Enterprise in tow, to work for the MoD on Portsdown Hill and joined HISC.



It was at a HISC Open Event that he met up with another highly competitive Enterprise sailor competing on the national circuit, namely Jane. Having been introduced over the fruit machine in the bar, the couple married in 1966 but continued to compete against each other. Barry was triumphant in winning the coveted Enterprise 'Blue Jib' Trophy... which Jane won the next year as Barry had moved into a Hornet, a HISC class boat at the time, and they now raced together on the Hornet circuit. Two months after the birth of their first child, Jeremy, Jane was back crewing at the Hornet Nationals while the new baby and minder watched from the beach!

About this time, Jane's parents, the Fords, also joined HISC from Dell Quay with their family cruiser.

From the end of the 60's to 1977 Barry and Jane sailed Fireballs, where they became a formidable partnership. Their first Fireball was built in their lounge and Barry became the HISC Fireball Class Captain, followed by a three year position as Rear Commodore Sailing, during which time Jane took over the Fireball Class

Captainship! In those days the winter weekends were spent by the different classes maintaining the club, clubhouse, slipways and dinghy park. Jane was instrumental in commandeering the club's laundry room and converting it into a 'baby room' where many of the current generation of members spent hours playing while being looked after by imported teenagers, as the parents went sailing! During this time many of the Fireball 'families' took part in expeditions to East Head for picnics, fun and games. Barry and Jane's young son Jeremy



assisted in crewing while their latest child, Sarah sat in the mouth of the spinnaker chute!

The late 70's saw the start of a new craze, windsurfing. The whole family took to it enthusiastically having bought one of the first prototype orange 'Windgliders'. In the winters, Jane took up running the windsurfing racing, which took place at Northney under the guise of the 'Windsurf Milk Races'. Barry and Jane then brought the windsurfing racing back to HISC. At one HISC Summer Ball a number of members were seen windsurfing in their DJs, such was their enthusiasm!

It was Paul Covell who suggested Jane should gain some RYA qualifications which led her to running the first HISC RYA certificate Ladies Week in 1978 as well as some of the early HISC Youth Weeks. By this stage their son Jeremy was sailing a Cadet and daughter Sarah a Topper, which she enjoyed capsizing more than sailing! Barry trained as a Race Officer and ran one of the first major RS championship events at the club while Jane joined the HISC General

Committee. From 1981 until 1996 the family moved away, initially to Malvern in Worcestershire and then to Spain. Barry and Jane continued to windsurf abroad while Jeremy qualified as a windsurfing instructor and Sarah sailed Lasers, Larks and Laser 2000s at University. The family remained 'absent members' of the club during these years.

In 1996 Barry and Jane moved back to the UK and Barry bought a Solo and joined the HISC Solo class fleet, where he's remained for over 20 years! Jane also bought a Solo and for some time the pair were back racing against each other. Barry was the HISC Solo Class Captain from 2001 to 2014 during which time he assisted the club in their members' database and initiated the Solo and Social Sailing websites. He also became involved with the Chimet weather station, sponsored by the RNLI and HISC, which demands constant surveillance of all the complicated systems. Barry and Jane were both instrumental in the formation of the dunes that now protect the youth and Solo dinghy parks. These were created using Hazel rod frames which have gradually trapped sand and created the dunes. Further work parties were and still are attended by the Solos each year to manage the growing dunes and also to construct and lay the much used tracks across the North beach

In 2013 Barry and Jane bought a sailing cruiser and became more active members of the HISC Social Sailing Section. In recent years Jane has become very active in the regeneration and maintenance of



the Flag Pole garden and care of the outer dunes. Jane is also Treasurer of the Hayling Island Sail Training Trust (HISTT) and Barry continues to race his Solo in club races, Pennants and Open Meetings as well as being a regular Race Officer for the club.



After a spell of living in Oxford, daughter Sarah moved back to the South settling initially in Emsworth in 1997 – with a growing number of her HISC childhood playmates who also started moving back down to the coast around the same time! A number of the friends bought RS200s and then Laser 4000s and started sailing both at HISC and on the National and European circuits.

Meanwhile, Ian Mitchell had started sailing Mirrors and Solos at Dell Quay before racing 505s with Geoff Carveth on what has always been a strong international circuit. He won the World Championships in Denmark in 1997, sailing with Mark Upton-Brown, and joined HISC a year or so later. He met

Sarah in August 1999 and got together on the eve of the Millennium after which they got married and moved to live on Hayling. Ian campaigned International 14s for a few years with Mark, before they returned to 505s, as it turned out to win the 2006 505 World Championships which were held at HISC. After that, Ian crewed for Ian Pinnell in 14s and 505s for several years, with some good championship wins and successes.

Ian and Sarah also dipped into the Laser 4000 circuit together prior to starting their own family, after which Sarah ended up sailing a Solo against both her parents! Sarah and Ian introduced their children, Cam and Holly, to sailing in a dayboat called a Fox Cub, taking part in Family Fun Week for 4 or 5 years. When Cam and Holly started sailing Oppies and then RS Teras and RS Fevas, Sarah became involved in organising the Seals and has been a member of the HISC Youth Committee for many years. With both children now sailing an RS Tera, Sarah is the HISC RS Tera Class Captain and plays an active role on the Youth Committee. Sarah was instrumental in arranging for HISTT to purchase two Oppies for use at Seals and last year set up the RS Tera Red Ribbon Training Club to encourage children to progress confidently from sailing in the lagoon to sailing on West Mud.

Meanwhile Barry and Jane's son Jeremy moved back to the area and re-joined HISC when his daughter Sophie was old enough to take part in Seals and cut her teeth in the lagoon! Sophie is now a thriving member of the HISC RS Tera Fleet and also enjoys Windsurfing Club on Saturdays.

Racing information

Graham Williamson
Rear Commodore Racing



Photo: Peter Hickson

Racing sailing boats is a passion at Hayling Island Sailing Club. As in most walks of life, every individual has a preference for the kind of racing that they wish to do, and in order to cater for these preferences, HISC provides a full and varied racing programme, which ensures that no matter what class or type of boat you sail, and at whatever level you wish to compete, there will be something in the programme for you.

The racing format at HISC is varied throughout the season, and includes:

- Class racing
- Handicap racing
- Pursuit racing
- Short course sprint racing
- Long distance racing
- Sea racing in Hayling Bay
- Harbour racing within Chichester Harbour
- Team racing
- Tournament racing (knockout)
- Open Meeting racing
- Regional, National, European and World Championships

Within these formats, there is targeted racing for Juniors in Optimist, RS Tera and RS Feva, Youths in 29er (see page 52) and adult beginners either in their own boats or club hire boats (see page 69).

Class starts are laid on for Solo, Fireball, RS200, Foiling Moth, RS Elite and Flying Fifteen.

Alongside the club's established class racing, there are separate starts for Fast, Medium and Slow handicap fleets which regularly include Laser, RS Aero, Tasar, RS700, RS800, Merlin Rocket, International 14 and, on Thursday evenings, Cruisers. Detailed information on starts and

handicap divisions are to be found on pages 14–15. Figures 1 and 2 opposite show the race day participation amongst the top 10 classes raced at HISC.

Racing is combined with a vibrant social programme with regular bands, discos, balls, themed dinners, comedy nights and much more – there is never a quiet weekend at HISC!

Club racing takes place every weekend between March and December, and is run by club members who undertake the race management and safety cover. Training in the skills needed to safely run racing is provided through a mix of



Photo: Peter Hickson

mentoring by experienced members, and formal courses available in-house.

Saturdays

Most Saturdays, there is a Handicap Race for all-comers, with the exception of the Solo fleet, which has a separate class start. Typically, races last 60 to 75 minutes.

Saturday Sprints

On six Saturdays each year, a high-adrenalin Sprint Race series is programmed. This consists of fast and furious short course racing for any class that guarantees a minimum of eight starters – several 15 to 20 minute races are run back to back inside the harbour.

Sundays

With the exception of the Open Winter Series (one race then roast lunch!), two races are run on Sundays, each about an hour long. There are class starts for Solo, Fireball and Moth as well as separate starts for Fast, Medium and Slow Handicap.

Dinghy Wednesdays

From late spring to early autumn, an extremely popular Wednesday

evening series is run. The Fast, Medium and Slow Handicap series offers some excellent racing in a gorgeous setting – what better way to break up the working week?

Keelboat Thursdays

The Sundowner Series for RS Elites and Cruisers happens on Thursday evenings followed up by an idyllic post-race glass of Pimm's or cold beer with supper on the balcony as the sun sets over the harbour. Elite racing is inside the harbour whilst Cruisers venture out into the bay.

Bank Holidays

HISC runs its famous and very popular Open Charity Pursuit Races on each bank holiday throughout the year.

Pennant Weekends

Pennant Weekends are standalone series run monthly over open-meeting style courses, often in Hayling Bay. The four-race series comprises two races on Saturday afternoon followed by a big party, and two races on Sunday morning with one discard. The weekend prize giving is held in the bar after racing on Sunday.

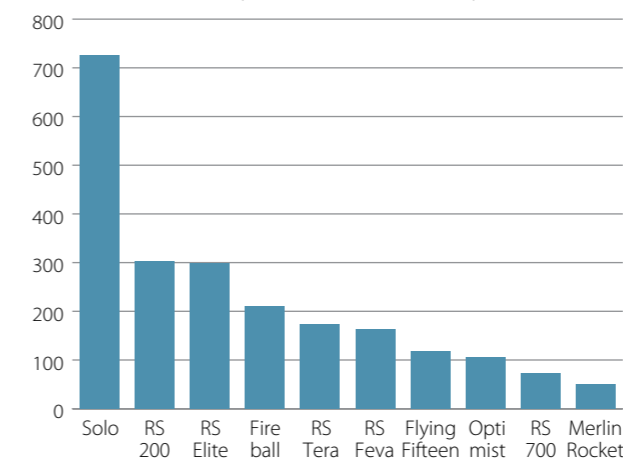
Whitsun Regatta

New for 2017 is our Open Regatta – a three-day festival of racing taking place over the Whitsun Bank Holiday weekend 27–29 May. It promises to be an exciting opportunity for both adult and youth racing classes, with a busy social calendar for competitors and families alongside. The plan is to include a mix of harbour racing, short-course racing and championship style racing in Hayling Bay. The final day will be an all-in Charity Pursuit race in aid of *Hayling Rescue*. The new Regatta will include a lively social programme with live music and fun youth activities. The Whitsun Regatta will become an annual fixture.

Other popular events include the Commodore's Trophy and Team Racing which are detailed on page 22.

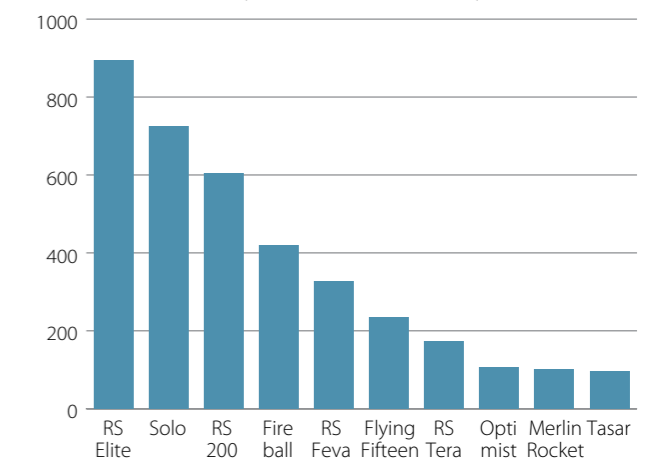
Whatever your interest, there is racing to suit everyone at Hayling Island Sailing Club; speak to the Class Captains, any member of the Racing Committee or the HISC Sailing Secretary for more information. sailingsecretary@hisc.co.uk

Figure 1 – Top 10 classes raceday participations by boat over the 12 month period from Oct 2015 to Sep 2016



Data collected from club results only by Racing Committee, presented monthly to General Committee

Figure 2 – Top 10 classes raceday participations by people over the 12 month period from Oct 2015 to Sep 2016



Race start times and class flags

Bi-monthly Spring, Summer and Autumn Series March – October

	Class	Flag	Warning Signal ¹	No. of races	Intended race area
Saturday pm	General Handicap	Pennant 4	1355	1	Harbour
	Solo	Pennant 6	1400	1	
Sunday am	Solo	Pennant 6	1055	2	Harbour or, in suitable conditions, Bay ²
	Medium Handicap	Pennant 4	1100	2	
	Slow Handicap	Pennant 5	1100	2	
	Fireball	Pennant 9	1105	2	
	Fast Handicap	Flag F	1110	2	
	International Moth	Pennant 8	1110	2	

March–April Series: 25 March – 30 April
July–August Series: 1 July – 27 August

May–June Series:
September–October Series:

6 May – 25 June
2 September – 29 October

Pennant Weekends

Saturday Committee Boat 1	Flying Fifteen	Pennant 8	1355	2	Bay ²
	Medium Handicap	Pennant 4	1400	2	
	Fast Handicap	Flag F	1405	2	
	International Moth	Pennant 2	1405	2	
	RS Elite	Pennant 7	1410	2	
Saturday Committee Boat 2	Solo	Pennant 6	1355	2	Bay ² or, in unsuitable conditions, Harbour
	RS200	Flag R	1400	2	
	Slow Handicap	Pennant 5	1405	2	
Sunday Committee Boat 1	Flying Fifteen	Pennant 8	1055	2	Bay ²
	Medium Handicap	Pennant 4	1100	2	
	Fast Handicap	Flag F	1105	2	
	International Moth	Pennant 2	1105	2	
	RS Elite	Pennant 7	1110	2	
Sunday Committee Boat 2	Solo	Pennant 6	1055	2	Bay ² or, in unsuitable conditions, Harbour
	RS200	Flag R	1100	2	
	Slow Handicap	Pennant 5	1105	2	

Saturday Sprint Series

As determined by each class – communicated by the relevant Class Captain

HW usually in the Harbour

Thursday Evening Series 4 May – 16 August

Thursday Sundowner	RS Elite	Pennant 7	1855	1	Harbour
	Cruiser Handicap	Pennant 4	1900	1	Clubline start, Bay course

Wednesday Evening Series 19 April – 6 September

	Class	Flag	Warning Signal		No. of races	Race area
			19 Apr–16 Aug	30 Aug–6 Sep		
Wednesday	Fast Handicap	Flag F	1855	1825	1	Harbour
	Medium Handicap	Pennant 4	1900	1830	1	
	Slow Handicap	Pennant 5	1905	1835	1	

¹ The second race (if scheduled) will start asap after the first race has completed (i.e. back to back).
² Bay races will start at the time scheduled – please allow enough time to reach the start area.

Race start times and class flags (continued)

Open Winter Series 4 November – 23 December

	Class	Flag	Warning Signal	No. of races	Intended race area
Saturday	General Handicap – Fast Group	Pennant 4	1325	1	Harbour
	General Handicap – Slow Group	Pennant 5	1330	1	
Sunday	RS Elite	Pennant 7	1055	1	Harbour
	Solo	Pennant 6	1100	1	
	Medium Handicap	Pennant 4	1105	1	
	Slow Handicap	Pennant 5	1105	1	
	Fireball	Pennant 9	1110	1	
	Fast Handicap	Flag F	1115	1	
	International Moth	Pennant 8	1115	1	

Allocation of classes to handicap divisions

Class	Bi-monthly Spring, Summer, Autumn Series						Pennant Weekend				Evening			Open Winter Series					
	Saturday		Sunday				Saturday and Sunday				Wednesday			Sat	Sunday				
	General Handicap	Class Racing	Fast Handicap	Medium Handicap	Slow Handicap	Class Racing	Fast Handicap	Medium Handicap	Slow Handicap	Class Racing	Fast Handicap	Medium Handicap	Slow Handicap	General Handicap	Fast Asymmetric	Medium Handicap	Slow Handicap	Slow Handicap	Class Racing
International Moth	●					●				●				●					●
49er	●		●				●			●				●	●				
Int 14	●		●				●			●				●					
RS800	●		●				●			●				●					
RS700	●		●				●			●				●					
Musto Skiff	●		●				●			●				●					
B14	●		●				●			●				●					
Cherub	●		●				●			●				●					
505	●		●		●			●		●				●					
29er	●		●		●			●		●				●					
Vortex	●		●		●			●		●				●					
RS400	●		●		●			●		●				●					
4000	●		●		●			●		●				●					
RS600	●		●		●			●		●				●					
Osprey	●		●		●			●		●				●					
Fireball	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
Merlin Rocket	●		●		●			●		●				●					
RS100	●		●		●			●		●				●					
RS Elite	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
Flying Fifteen	●		●		●			●		●				●					
Tasar	●		●		●			●		●				●					
RS Aero 9	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
RS Aero 7	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
420	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
RS Vision	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
RS200	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
2000	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
National 12	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
Wayfarer	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
RS Venture	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
Laser	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
Laser Radial	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
Europe	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
RS Aero 5	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
Streaker	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
Solo	●	●			●			●		●				●					●
Laser 4.7	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
RS Feva	●		●		●			●		●				●					●
Topper	●		●		●			●		●				●					●

Club calendar 2017

March 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 HW: 1316 HT: 4.9	2 HW: 1359 HT: 4.9	3 Commodore's Reception Social Sailing: Lunch at HISC HW: 1445 HT: 4.9	4 HISC 29er Winter Training HW: 1540 HT: 4.5	5 HISC 29er Winter Training HW: 1644 HT: 4.2
6 HW: 1753 HT: 4.1	7 HW: 1913 HT: 4.0	8 HW: 0745 HT: 4.1	9 HW: 0909 HT: 4.2	10 HW: 1012 HT: 4.5	11 HISC 29er Winter Training HISC Feva Winter Training HISC Tera Winter Training HW: 1059 HT: 4.6	12 HISC 29er Winter Training HISC Feva Winter Training HISC Tera Winter Training HW: 1132 HT: 4.8
13 HW: 1202 HT: 4.8	14 HW: 1237 HT: 4.8	15 HW: 1314 HT: 4.8	16 HW: 1350 HT: 4.7	17 Ladies who lunch HW: 1425 HT: 4.5	18 Open Season Party HISC Opi Winter Training HW: 1500 HT: 4.3	19 RS Feva Sprints HISC Opi Winter Training HISC Tera Winter Training HW: 1540 HT: 4.1
20 HW: 1631 HT: 3.8	21 HW: 1736 HT: 3.7	22 HW: 1906 HT: 3.6	23 HW: 0737 HT: 3.7	24 HW: 0846 HT: 3.9	25 Solo Mar & Apr Series 1 Handicap Race RS Feva Spring Champs HW: 0932 HT: 4.2	26 Daylight Saving Time Mar & Apr Series 1 RS Feva Spring Champs HW: 1111 HT: 4.5
27 HW: 1150 HT: 4.7	28 HW: 1231 HT: 4.9	29 HW: 1314 HT: 4.8	30 HW: 1358 HT: 5.0	31 Social Sailing: Spring meeting 11am followed by lunch at HISC HW: 1444 HT: 5.0		

April 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 420 Qualifier Sprint 1 Tera Sprints HW: 1533 HT: 4.8	2 420 Qualifier Mar & Apr Series 2 Youth A1 HW: 1627 HT: 4.6
3 HW: 1728 HT: 4.3	4 HW: 1834 HT: 4.1	5 HW: 0701 HT: 4.0	6 RYA Youth Nationals HW: 0822 HT: 3.9	7 RYA Youth Nationals HW: 1006 HT: 4.1	8 Solo Mar & Apr Series 2 Feva Sprints Handicap Race RYA Youth Nationals HW: 1105 HT: 4.3	9 Mar & Apr Series 3 Youth A2 RYA Youth Nationals HW: 1148 HT: 4.5
10 RYA Youth Nationals HW: 1218 HT: 4.6	11 RYA Youth Nationals HW: 1243 HT: 4.7	12 RYA Youth Nationals HW: 1317 HT: 4.7	13 Social Sailing: To Dell Quay Crown & Anchor RYA Youth Nationals HW: 1352 HT: 4.7	14 Good Friday RYA Youth Nationals HW: 1427 HT: 4.6	15 Band Pennant Weeekend HW: 1500 HT: 4.5	16 Curry Night Pennant Weekend HW: 1533 HT: 4.4
17 Easter Monday Easter Pursuit Race Youth Pursuit Race HW: 1611 HT: 4.2	18 Tera Sprints HW: 1659 HT: 4.0	19 Tera Sprints Wed Early 1 HW: 1757 HT: 3.8	20 Social Sailing: To Itchenor HW: 1704 HT: 3.8	21 RS Elite Youth Challenge HW: 0731 HT: 3.7	22 Solo Mar & Apr Series 3 Handicap Race Int14 & 49er OM HW: 0850 HT: 3.9	23 Mar & Apr Series 4 Youth A3 Int14 & 49er OM HW: 0952 HT: 4.2
24 HW: 1038 HT: 4.5	25 HW: 1122 HT: 4.8	26 Wed Early 2 HW: 1206 HT: 4.9	27 Social Sailing: To Chichester YC HW: 1252 HT: 5.0	28 HW: 1341 HT: 5.0	29 Tera Rust Remover Bridge Race HW: 1431 HT: 5.0	30 Mar & Apr Series 5 Youth A4 HW: 1523 HT: 4.9

May 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Early May Bank Holiday Pursuit Race Youth Pursuit Race HW: 1618 HT: 4.7	2 HW: 1716 HT: 4.5	3 Wed Early 3 HW: 1815 HT: 4.2	4 WOW Sundowner Early 1 HW: 1922 HT: 4.1	5 HW: 0749 HT: 3.9	6 New Members' Reception Spanish Night DI Pre Assessment Day Pennant Weekend HW: 0939 HT: 4.0	7 DI Pre Assessment Day Pennant Weekend HW: 1041 HT: 4.2
8 HW: 1121 HT: 4.3	9 Social Sailing: Bembridge Brading, Port Solent (4 days) HW: 1150 HT: 4.4	10 Wed Early 4 HW: 1219 HT: 4.5	11 Sundowner Early 2 HW: 1254 HT: 4.6	12 HW: 1331 HT: 4.6	13 Sprint 2 Tera OM HW: 1406 HT: 4.6	14 May & Jun Series 1 Youth B1 Tera OM Tera RR Training HW: 1439 HT: 4.5
15 HW: 1512 HT: 4.4	16 Social Sailing: To Haslar HW: 1550 HT: 4.3	17 Wed Early 5 HW: 1636 HT: 4.2	18 WOW Sundowner Early 3 HW: 1630 HT: 4.1	19 Team Racing HW: 1828 HT: 4.0	20 Solo May & Jun Series 1 Feva Sprints Handicap Race Optimist MF OM HW: 1933 HT: 4.1	21 May & Jun Series 2 Youth B2 Optimist MF OM HW: 0759 HT: 4.0
22 HW: 0908 HT: 4.3	23 HW: 1005 HT: 4.5	24 Wed Early 6 HW: 1054 HT: 4.8	25 Sundowner Early 4 HW: 1142 HT: 4.9	26 HW: 1154 HT: 4.6	27 Regatta Party Tera RR Training HISC Whitsun Regatta Flying Fifteen Bulwark Trophy HW: 1325 HT: 5.0	28 HISC Whitsun Regatta Flying Fifteen Bulwark Trophy HW: 1421 HT: 4.9
29 Spring Bank Holiday HISC Whitsun Regatta Charity Pursuit HW: 1515 HT: 4.9	30 Social Sailing: Folly Jaunt (4 days) Youth Training Week HW: 1608 HT: 4.7	31 Wed Early 7 Youth Training Week HW: 1700 HT: 4.6				

June 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1 Sundowner Early 5 Youth Training Week HW: 1752 HT: 4.4	2 Youth Training Week HW: 1847 HT: 4.2	3 Solo May & Jun Series 2 Handicap Race Solo Pusinelli Trophy HW: 1951 HT: 4.1	4 May & Jun Series 3 Youth C1 Solo Pusinelli Trophy HW: 0824 HT: 3.9
5 HW: 0950 HT: 4.0	6 HW: 1038 HT: 4.1	7 Wed Early 8 HW: 1115 HT: 4.3	8 WOW Sundowner Early 6 HW: 1152 HT: 4.4	9 HW: 1231 HT: 4.5	10 Tera Sprints Sprint 3 Fireball, Merlin & Contender OM HW: 1309 HT: 4.5	11 Tera RR Training Youth C2 MRSC Rowans Pursuit Race Fireball, Merlin & Contender OM HW: 1346 HT: 4.5
12 Social Sailing: Blooming June Week (6 days) HW: 1420 HT: 4.5	13 HW: 1454 HT: 4.4	14 Wed Early 9 HW: 1532 HT: 4.4	15 WOW Sundowner Early 7 HW: 1615 HT: 4.3	16 Team Racing HW: 1704 HT: 4.3	17 Solo May & Jun Series 3 Handicap Race RS Sailing Summer Champs HW: 1759 HT: 4.2	18 Youth C3 May & Jun Series 4 RS Sailing Summer Champs HW: 1858 HT: 4.3
19 HW: 2001 HT: 4.4	20 HW: 0831 HT: 4.3	21 Wed Early 10 HW: 0936 HT: 4.5	22 WOW Sundowner Late 1 HW: 1032 HT: 4.7	23 Women on Water HW: 1123 HT: 4.8	24 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Festival Weekend DI Pre Assessment Day Pennant Weekend Women on Water HW: 1216 HT: 4.9	25 Social Sailing: Poole Week (7 days) Seals, Tera RR Training DI Pre Assessment Day Pennant Weekend Women on Water HW: 1311 HT: 4.9
26 HW: 1408 HT: 4.9	27 HW: 1501 HT: 4.9	28 Wed Late 1 HW: 1549 HT: 4.8	29 WOW Sundowner Late 2 HW: 1635 HT: 4.6	30 Laser Masters HW: 1721 HT: 4.5		

July 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					1 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Solo Jul & Aug Series 1 Handicap Race Laser Masters HW: 1809 HT: 4.3	2 Youth D1 Jul & Aug Series 1 Laser Masters HW: 1903 HT: 4.1
3 HW: 2006 HT: 4.0	4 HW: 0842 HT: 3.9	5 Wed Late 2 HW: 0951 HT: 4.0	6 Sundowner Late 3 HW: 1043 HT: 4.1	7 HW: 1127 HT: 4.3	8 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Summer Ball Pennant Weekend HW: 1208 HT: 4.4	9 Seals Pennant Weekend HW: 1247 HT: 4.4
10 Social Sailing: Harbour Week (5 days) Dinghy Instructor Course HW: 1323 HT: 4.5	11 Dinghy Instructor Course HW: 1358 HT: 4.5	12 Wed Late 3 Dinghy Instructor Course HW: 1433 HT: 4.5	13 Sundowner Late 4 Dinghy Instructor Course HW: 1510 HT: 4.5	14 Dinghy Instructor Course HW: 1551 HT: 4.5	15 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Solo Jul & Aug Series 2 Tera Sprints Handicap Race 29er Grand Prix HW: 1637 HT: 4.4	16 Youth D2 Jul & Aug Series 2 29er Grand Prix HW: 1730 HT: 4.3
17 HW: 1827 HT: 4.3	18 HW: 1930 HT: 4.3	19 Wed Late 4 HW: 2038 HT: 4.4	20 Sundowner Late 5 RS Elite Nationals HW: 0915 HT: 4.3	21 RS Elite Nationals HW: 1047 HT: 4.5	22 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Sprint 4 RS Elite Nationals HW: 1112 HT: 4.7	23 Youth D3 MRSC Regatta RS Elite Nationals HW: 1205 HT: 4.8
24 N18 Nationals HW: 1258 HT: 4.9	25 Tera RR Training N18 Nationals HW: 1350 HT: 4.9	26 Wed Late 5 Tera RR Training N18 Nationals HW: 1435 HT: 4.9	27 Sundowner Late 6 S05 Nationals N18 Nationals HW: 1518 HT: 4.8	28 S05 Nationals N18 Nationals HW: 1600 HT: 4.7	29 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Solo Jul & Aug Series 3 Handicap Race S05 Nationals HW: 1644 HT: 4.5	30 Youth D4 Jul & Aug Series 3 S05 Nationals HW: 1730 HT: 4.3
31 Dinghy Instructor Course HW 1819 HT: 4.1						

September 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 RS Elite Youth Challenge RS Aero Nationals HW: 0830 HT: 3.7	2 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Solo Sep & Oct Series 1 Handicap Race RS Aero Nationals HW: 0946 HT: 3.9	3 Youth F1 Sep & Oct Series 1 RS Aero Nationals HW: 1039 HT: 4.1
4 HW: 1119 HT: 4.4	5 HW: 1152 HT: 4.4	6 Wed Late 10 HW: 1225 HT: 4.7	7 WOW HW: 1300 HT: 4.8	8 HW: 1338 HT: 4.8	9 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Watersports Weekend Pennant Weekend HW: 1416 HT: 4.8	10 Watersports Weekend Social Sailing: Solent Rivers Week (6 days) Pennant Weekend HW: 1456 HT: 4.8
11 HW: 1541 HT: 4.6	12 HW: 1635 HT: 4.5	13 HW: 1738 HT: 4.3	14 WOW HW: 1845 HT: 4.1	15 HW: 1958 HT: 4.1	16 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Flyng Fifteen Open Training and 70th Anniversary Dinner Solo Sep & Oct Series 2 Handicap Race HW: 0850 HT: 4.1	17 Bart's Bash HW: 1014 HT: 4.4
18 HW: 1112 HT: 4.7	19 HW: 1157 HT: 4.8	20 HW: 1231 HT: 4.9	21 Social Sailing: Lunch at CYC WOW HW: 1302 HT: 4.9	22 Social Sailing: To Dell Quay Crown & Anchor HW: 1337 HT: 4.9	23 Round Hayling Island Race - Windsurfers, Outrigger Canoes & SUPs Tera Sprints Sprint 5 HW: 1414 HT: 4.8	24 Solo Tyler Trophy Youth F2 Sep & Oct Series 2 HW: 1451 HT: 4.7
25 HW: 1526 HT: 4.5	26 Social Sailing: The Ship at Itchenor HW: 1602 HT: 4.3	27 HW: 1644 HT: 4.0	28 WOW HW: 1736 HT: 3.8	29 HW: 1840 HT: 3.7	30 Solo Sep & Oct Series 3 Handicap Race HW: 0732 HT: 3.7	

August 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Dinghy Instructor Course HW: 0645 HT: 3.8	2 Wed Late 6 Dinghy Instructor Course HW: 0754 HT: 3.8	3 Sundowner Late 7 Dinghy Instructor Course HW: 0911 HT: 3.8	4 Dinghy Instructor Course HW: 1015 HT: 4.0	5 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Solo Jul & Aug Series 4 Handicap Race HW: 1104 HT: 4.2	6 Social Sailing: Mini Medina (4 days) Seals Youth regatta Jul & Aug Series 4 HW: 1146 HT: 4.3
7 Family Fun Week HW: 1222 HT: 4.4	8 Family Fun Week HW: 1257 HT: 4.5	9 Wed Late 7 Family Fun Week HW: 1331 HT: 4.6	10 Family Fun Week HW: 1407 HT: 4.6	11 Family Fun Week HW: 1444 HT: 4.7	12 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Party Night Commodore's Trophy: Ladies Trophy, Parent & Child race HW: 1523 HT: 4.6	13 Regatta Cup Cruiser Race Youth E1 Jul & Aug Series 5 HW: 1608 HT: 4.5
14 Youth Race Week HW: 1700 HT: 4.4	15 Youth Race Week HW: 1800 HT: 4.3	16 Wed Late 8 Youth Race Week HW: 1905 HT: 4.2	17 Youth Race Week HW: 0742 HT: 4.1	18 Youth Race Week HW: 0900 HT: 4.2	19 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Solo Jul & Aug Series 5 Handicap Race HW: 1012 HT: 4.4	20 Seals Glyn Charles Pursuit Race Youth Pursuit Race HW: 1110 HT: 4.6
21 Chi Harbour Race Week HW: 1200 HT: 4.4	22 Chi Harbour Race Week HW: 1246 HT: 4.9	23 Social Sailing: BBQ at the Stewarts Chi Harbour Race Week HW: 1326 HT: 4.9	24 Chi Harbour Race Week HW: 1406 HT: 4.9	25 Chi Harbour Race Week HW: 1445 HT: 4.8	26 YGSW - AM/GS/GRC - PM Band Solo Jul & Aug Series 6 Handicap Race HW: 1524 HT: 4.7	27 Youth E2 Jul & Aug Series 6 HW: 1605 HT: 4.5
28 Summer Bank Holiday Cock of the Harbour Pursuit Race Youth Pursuit Race HW: 1647 HT: 4.3	29 HW: 1733 HT: 4.0	30 Wed Late 9 HW: 1826 HT: 4.3	31 RS Aero Nationals HW: 0704 HT: 3.7			

October 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
						1 Youth G1 Sep & Oct Series 3 HW: 0902 HT: 3.8
2 HW: 1002 HT: 4.1	3 HW: 1043 HT: 4.4	4 HW: 1117 HT: 4.7	5 HW: 1152 HT: 4.8	6 Social Sailing: Lunch at HISC HW: 1229 HT: 5.0	7 Charity Night Tera Sprints Sprint 6 Sparkes Trophy HW: 1308 HT: 5.0	8 Youth G2 Nab Cup Harbour Challenge Trophy HW: 1350 HT: 5.0
9 HW: 1433 HT: 4.9	10 HW: 1521 HT: 4.7	11 HW: 1618 HT: 4.5	12 HW: 1722 HT: 4.3	13 HW: 1829 HT: 4.1	14 Solo Sep & Oct Series 4 Handicap Race Laser Qualifier HW: 0713 HT: 4.1	15 Youth G3 Sep & Oct Series 4 Laser Qualifier HW: 0838 HT: 4.2
16 HW: 1007 HT: 4.4	17 HW: 1102 HT: 4.7	18 HW: 1143 HT: 4.8	19 HW: 1211 HT: 4.9	20 HW: 1237 HT: 4.9	21 End of Season Party Pennant Weekend HW: 1310 HT: 4.9	22 Annual General Meeting Pennant Weekend HW: 1346 HT: 4.8
23 HW: 1420 HT: 4.7	24 HW: 1452 HT: 4.5	25 HW: 1524 HT: 4.3	26 HW: 1605 HT: 4.1	27 HW: 1658 HT: 3.9	28 Laying Up Supper Solo Sep & Oct Series 5 Handicap Race Kids Halloween Party HW: 1801 HT: 3.8	29 Youth G4 Sep & Oct Series 5 HW: 1808 HT: 3.8
30 HW: 0658 HT: 3.9	31 HW: 0810 HT: 4.2					

November 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		1 HW: 0900 HT: 4.5	2 HW: 0941 HT: 4.8	3 Social Sailing: AGM 10.30am followed by Lunch at HISC HW: 1019 HT: 5.0	4 Bonfire & Fireworks Tera Sprints Nov & Dec Series 1 HW: 1059 HT: 5.1	5 Youth H1 Crabber's Nip 1 Nov & Dec Series 1 HW: 1142 HT: 5.1
6 HW: 1227 HT: 5.1	7 HW: 1315 HT: 5.0	8 HW: 1407 HT: 4.8	9 HW: 1506 HT: 4.6	10 HW: 1609 HT: 4.4	11 Nov & Dec Series 2 HW: 1713 HT: 4.2	12 Youth H2 Crabber's Nip 2 Nov & Dec Series 2 HW: 1820 HT: 4.1
13 HW: 0710 HT: 4.2	14 HW: 0840 HT: 4.4	15 HW: 0937 HT: 4.6	16 HW: 1017 HT: 4.7	17 HW: 1043 HT: 4.8	18 Comedy Night Nov & Dec Series 3 HW: 1111 HT: 4.8	19 Youth H3 Crabber's Nip 3 Nov & Dec Series 3 HW: 1145 HT: 4.8
20 HW: 1221 HT: 4.7	21 HW: 1255 HT: 4.6	22 HW: 1326 HT: 4.5	23 HW: 1358 HT: 4.4	24 HW: 1438 HT: 4.1	25 Nov & Dec Series 4 HW: 1528 HT: 4.1	26 Youth H4 Crabber's Nip 4 Nov & Dec Series 4 HW: 1628 HT: 4.0
27 HW: 1732 HT: 3.9	28 HW: 1837 HT: 4.0	29 HW: 0719 HT: 4.3	30 HW: 0819 HT: 4.5			

December 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 Social Sailing: Lunch at HISC HW: 0908 HT: 4.8	2 Kids Christmas Party Nov & Dec Series 5 HW: 0952 HT: 5.00	3 Youth H5 Christmas Fair Crabber's Nip 5 Nov & Dec Series 5 HW: 1035 HT: 5.1
4 HW: 1120 HT: 5.2	5 HW: 1209 HT: 5.1	6 HW: 1301 HT: 5.0	7 HW: 1356 HT: 4.9	8 HW: 1454 HT: 4.7	9 Christmas Party Nov & Dec Series 6 HW: 1553 HT: 4.5	10 Youth H6 Crabber's Nip 6 Nov & Dec Series 6 HW: 1651 HT: 4.3
11 HW: 1751 HT: 4.2	12 HW: 0630 HT: 4.3	13 HW: 0741 HT: 4.3	14 HW: 0853 HT: 4.4	15 HW: 0938 HT: 4.5	16 Turkey Dining In Nov & Dec Series 7 HW: 1013 HT: 4.6	17 Crabber's Nip 7 Nov & Dec Series 7 HW: 1048 HT: 4.7
18 HW: 1124 HT: 4.7	19 HW: 1200 HT: 4.7	20 HW: 1235 HT: 4.6	21 HW: 1307 HT: 4.6	22 HW: 1340 HT: 4.5	23 Christmas Cracker Pursuit Race HW: 1418 HT: 4.4	24 HW: 1502 HT: 4.3
25 Christmas Day HW: 1556 HT: 4.1	26 Boxing Day HW: 1657 HT: 4.1	27 HW: 1800 HT: 4.1	28 HW: 1908 HT: 4.2	29 HW: 0744 HT: 4.5	30 HW: 0842 HT: 4.7	31 New Year's Eve Party HW: 0932 HT: 4.9

Open events 2017



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25 & 26 March	RS Feva Spring Championship
1 & 2 April	420 Selector
10 –14 April	RYA Youth National Championships
17 April	Easter Charity Pursuit Race in aid of <i>RNLI</i>
22 & 23 April	49er and International 14 Open Meeting
1 May	Spring Charity Pursuit Race in aid of <i>Prostate Cancer and Breast Cancer UK</i>
13 & 14 May	RS Tera Southern Championship
20 & 21 May	Optimist Main Fleet Open Meeting
27 & 28 May	Flying Fifteen Bulwark Trophy (as part of Whitsun Regatta)
27, 28 & 29 May	Whitsun Regatta including Charity Pursuit Race in aid of <i>Hayling Rescue</i>
3 & 4 June	Solo Pusinelli Trophy
10 & 11 June	Contender, Merlin and Fireball Open Meeting
17 & 18 June	RS Sailing Summer Championships
30 June, 1 & 2 July	Laser Masters
15 & 16 July	29er Grand Prix
20–22 July	RS Elite National Championship
24–28 July	National 18 National Championship
27–30 July	505 National Championship
13 August	Cruiser Regatta Cup
14–18 August	Youth Race Week
20 August	Glyn Charles Charity Pursuit Race in aid of <i>John Merricks Sailing Trust</i>
21–25 August	Chichester Harbour Race Week
28 August	Cock of the Harbour Charity Pursuit Race in aid of <i>Hayling Island Sail Training Trust</i>
31 August – 3 September	RS Aero National Championship
17 September	Barts Bash Charity Handicap Race in aid of <i>Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation</i>
23 September	Round Hayling Island Race – Windsurfers, Outrigger Canoes & Stand Up Paddle Boards
24 September	Solo Tyler Trophy
7 & 8 October	Nab Cup and Sparkes Trophy
14 & 15 October	Laser Qualifier
23 December	Christmas Cracker Charity Pursuit Race in aid of <i>Friends of Chichester Harbour</i>

Commodore's Trophy and Team Racing

Andy Partington
Vice Commodore Sailing

The Commodore's Trophy is a hugely popular annual event where we run short course racing in a single class of boat – we use the club RS Venture fleet as these enable us to easily provide racing on level terms.

All club members are welcome to participate if they have some experience of racing. We love to see representatives from all of our club racing fleets, our cruising fleet, youth sailors and we usually get a good number of all female crews as the event incorporates the Ladies Trophy. Many people put crews together with their friends and family as well. A crew/team consists of between

three and five people, who all sail a RS Venture together. Youth teams often have four or five in their crew, adults usually only sail with three people, but it is your choice.

The event also includes the parent and child trophy, with special prizes for family teams. The Ladies Trophy is a very keenly contested part of the event with a good number of ladies entering and enjoying the spirit of the event as well as some competitive and exciting racing.

The format for the racing is a series of quick fifteen minute races on a short course located in front of the club to enable popular spectating

and commentary from the balcony. All crews entered sail in a number of races and then the top performing crews progress through to semi-finals and finals. The quick turnaround between each race, ensures we maximise racing time and keep the format lively and entertaining. There is always a great deal of 'chat' on the balcony during and after the racing involving spectators and competitors – there is never a dull moment and it's a fun and inclusive event for all. The Commodore's Trophy will take place on Saturday 12 August.

Why not get a team together and register for the event this year?



Team racing, also known as teams racing, is a popular form of dinghy racing that many of our members may have experienced if they sailed at school or university.

At HISC we usually run three boat team racing with all the boats being of one class to ensure they are reasonably evenly matched. The results of each team are combined to decide the winner – as opposed to fleet racing where boats are scored on an individual basis. The low points scoring system is used in team racing: a boat

that finishes 1st earns 1 point, a boat that finishes 2nd earns 2 points, and so on – with the winning team decided by adding together the points of all the boats in each team. The team with the fewest points wins.

The Racing Committee have been keen to develop more team racing

at HISC for both our youth and adult members. In 2016 we ran a Friday evening team racing competition with racing in both RS Fevas (for the youth) and RS Ventures. Due to its popularity, the plan is to run two similar events in 2017 on Friday evenings during the summer on Friday 19 May and Friday 16 June.

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HISC – a world-class championship venue

As one of only four RYA coastal Centres of Excellence, Hayling Island Sailing Club is one of the leading sailing clubs in the UK. Founded in 1921 with over 3,000 members, the club has a permanent staff of more than 20 with an additional pool of temporary staff and highly skilled volunteers for major events.

Situated on a private peninsula of golden sand at the entrance to Chichester Harbour, the club enjoys a unique micro climate which provides ideal dinghy racing conditions in some of Britain's best sailing waters. Sailing is possible at all stages of the tide throughout the year.

With over 50 years' experience of organising National, International and Olympic training and selection events, HISC has the capability and track record to successfully host ISAF accredited championships attracting 400+ entries.



Photo: Peter Hickson

The club has played a leading role in British sailing, encouraging innovation and development and nurturing many generations of sailing champions including five Olympic medallists.

Some of the major championships HISC has successfully hosted in recent years include:

- Laser World Championships with 700 boats spread over two weeks and 2 separate racing areas
- RS Feva World Championships
- Solo National Championships
- International Moth National and World Championships
- RS200 National Championships

The Venue

HISC offers access to two superb sailing areas; the sheltered waters of Chichester Harbour and the open water of Hayling Bay.

In addition the club offers:

- Highly experienced race management team
- Fully qualified International Race Officers
- Three committee boats, 11 rescue boats, moorings, pontoon and ferry service
- Maintenance facilities
- On-site chandlery
- Scrutineer's shed for boat and sail measuring
- 360° race control tower
- Online registration and entry system
- Fast results processing and publishing
- Extensive balcony views of the race area
- Free space for boat and car parking
- Three launch and recovery areas with winches and hoists
- Numerous wash down and water points
- Chains for boat security
- Large wet snack bar, extensive restaurant and bar facilities
- Disabled facilities



Photo: Peter Hickson

Onshore Facilities:

- Accommodation to sleep 80 (see page 86)
- Dining room with covers for 200
- Bar with capacity for 300
- Wet snack bar
- BBQ facilities
- Conference facilities for up to 150
- Meeting room facilities
- Private dinner opportunities
- Car parking for 300 cars
- Campervan parking spaces
- Internet access and free wifi
- First aid room
- Training rooms
- Extensive modern changing rooms with under floor heating
- Security lockers for personal belongings
- Houses, campsite and caravan parks to rent within walking distance of club
- Race management facilities
- Private sandy beach for families
- 3 local marinas

A truly gorgeous day in Hayling Bay with 8-10kts from close to due South. Given the UK weather recently we wouldn't blame you for thinking this is a spoof, but it was Mediterranean at HISC for the 180 boats competing for the World title.

Yachts and Yachting
RS Feva World Championships 2012
Hayling Island Sailing Club



Photo: Peter Hickson

I'm really pleased. We've had an absolutely cracking event. I don't think we've done many events where we've got the racing in and pretty much on time so it's been really good from that point of view and it's been a good challenge as well. We've pretty much had every condition thrown at us so I'm really, really pleased to have come away with a silver.

Nick Thompson, (GBR)
2010 Laser Standard World Championships
Hayling Island Sailing Club

The local area

With spectacular views of Chichester Harbour, the South Downs and the Isle of Wight, Hayling Island Sailing Club is located on a sandy peninsula known as Sandy Point. Hayling Island is a true island with road bridge access to the mainland and a foot passenger ferry to the nearby historic waterside city of Portsmouth. The Roman city of Chichester with its spectacular Cathedral and nearby Roman Palace are easily accessible for sight-seeing, shopping and restaurants.

The island boasts over 3 miles of beaches overlooking the world famous sailing waters of the Solent and Isle of Wight. Extensive opportunities exist for sailing, windsurfing, power boating, jet skiing, paddle boarding, canoeing, kayaking and swimming.

Hayling Island enjoys fast links to international airports, ferry ports and the UK motorway system.

How can you get involved?

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in Club life and is an ideal way to meet new people. Roles are broad and varied from being a flag officer and committee member to on-the-water race officer running one of our many prestigious sailing events, to assisting in the maintenance of the club grounds, gardens and dunes – there is something for everyone to get involved with.

The Club's diverse programme of sailing events, house events, committees and club sailing programmes create a wide range of volunteer opportunities available to all Club Members

Hayling Island Sailing Club is a members' club that functions well due to the generosity of our members with their time. Volunteers play an essential role in the running of the club and the numerous events on the water

HISC is run by a number of committees which oversee the different aspects of the club – General, House, Sailing, Racing, Youth, Cruising and Strategy. More information on the role of each committee can be found in the club rules on the website.

If being part of the overall running of the club appeals to you, speak to the Commodore, Vice Commodores or the Rear Commodores and they can provide you with further information.

Club grounds and clubhouse

Do you drive into the club and notice how tidy the flag pole garden and the garden areas around the club look? How well maintained the Dune areas in the boat park are which helps keep the sand and sea out of the boat park? If you have gardening tools in the shed and you want to help with the various gardening jobs around the club then please contact the office who will put you in touch with one of the Dunes Ladies or Gardening groups.

Work parties – get together for a morning or afternoon and help move boats and organise the boat park. These working parties are usually held at the start of the season. Class captains organise class work parties to lay chain, put boats in their correct spaces and move unclaimed boats to the 'sin bin'



area. There are often general work parties to help clear the site as and when needed, dates and details are sent round in the weekly newsletter or posted on the website. It's then just a case to turn up and lend a hand.

If you prefer to stay in the warm and dry you can join the Archive Ladies in the clubhouse pulling together the history and pictures of the club and planning their next historical display. If you have an interest in the club and would like to find out how and when the club was built and how it has changed over the years, then this is a good place to start.

We often need help with other indoor jobs such as trophy polishing, flower arranging, helping out at the Christmas Fair, putting up the Christmas decorations and helping the office staff stuff envelopes for mailings. Please contact the office if you can help.

On the Water

Running racing for Championships, Open Events, Club Racing, Youth Racing and all other various events on the water requires teams of volunteers.

Members over the age of 18 and under the age of 70 are required to undertake

two duties each year. If you fall outside these boundaries and still wish to help with running our programme please contact Leah. We rely on volunteers to undertake additional duty days to cover the busy sailing programme. DutyMan opens at the start of the year for you to select the duty dates you wish to do. You can volunteer for more duties through DutyMan or contact Leah in the office. DutyMan is simple to use and once it goes live you will be able to use the system to request swaps should you not be able to attend your selected duty.

There are many duties associated with running events. Whether you are relatively inexperienced or fully qualified, we would very much like to hear from you. Below are some of the roles you can volunteer for. There are a number of courses or training days that are available should you wish to gain the relevant qualification or experience to be able to undertake any of the roles.

Race Officer

The Race Officer is responsible for all activities on the race course and should at all times keep an overview of what goes on around the entire race course. An appropriate level of experience is required. Depending on

the event, racing is usually run from the Committee Boat but is sometimes run from the race box. The Race Officer will allocate jobs to the team and should record all their actions on tape recorders for later reference.

Assistant Race Officer (ARO)

The Assistant Race Officer assists the race officer on the committee boat. Roles include, noting the competitors reporting at the start, keeping a log of actions and communications, checking the wind direction and strength, noting any boats identified as being OCS, recording finish times or positions as boats cross the finish line.

Mark Layer and Crew

Mark layers are an important aid to the Race Officer and an appropriate level of experience is required. They are responsible not only for laying marks to set the course but also keeping the Race Officer informed about wind strength and direction across the course area. The Mark Layers work from a boat which should be equipped with a GPS. The Mark Layers are also expected to play a strong role in any safety/rescue incidents. Qualification should be minimum PB2.

Mark Layer Crew – assisting the Mark Layer as crew in the same RIB. No specific experience required, but some RIB driving skills very useful. A good way to gain mark laying experience.

Safety Officer

Responsible for safety and rescue operations, delegated from the Race Officer. An appropriate level of experience is required. Sometimes an



Photo: Peter Hickson

on-shore job where there are multiple courses, with Safety Leaders working on the water. Qualifications should be minimum PB2. Normally also HISC/RYA Safety Boat, VHF, and First Aid are expected.

Safety Leader Driver

Responsible for on-water leadership of the safety fleet. An appropriate level of experience is required. Also drives a RIB. If there is no overall Safety Officer then the Safety Leader Driver would be responsible for safety and rescue operations, delegated from the Race Officer. Qualifications should be minimum PB2. Normally also HISC/RYA Safety Boat, VHF, and First Aid are expected

Safety Leader Crew

Assisting the Safety Leader as crew in same RIB. No specific experience required, but some RIB driving skills very useful. A good way to gain safety leader experience.

Safety RIB Driver

Under close leadership of Safety Leader or Race Officer, so no special experience required but must be a competent RIB driver. May need to do some mark laying for club racing under direction of the Race Officer. RYA PB2 is required, and the HISC Safety Boat course is strongly recommended. Qualifications should be minimum PB2. Ideally also HISC/RYA Safety Boat, VHF, and First Aid. It should be clear who is the skipper of the RIB. Skipper must be an adult.

Safety RIB Crew

Assisting the driver as crew in a RIB. No specific experience required, but some RIB driving skills very useful. A good way to increase experience in RIBs.

Race Box / Shore Duties

Race Box – for major events there is also a dedicated 'Beach Master' who manages shore-side activities, working closely with Race Officer and Safety Officer/Leader. The beach master plays a key role in ensuring all competitors are counted home safely. An appropriate level of experience is required, including confident radio comms skills. Normally VHF expected. Ideally has a lot of experience and so suits ex-Race Officer or ex-Safety Officer.

Shore

Assisting Race Box or Beach Master. Usually involved with running a tally system, and spotting/recording competitors safely ashore. No special experience required, and a good way to get experience for Race Box or Beach Master roles. May also involve moving trolleys on beach. Ideally First Aid and VHF. Can be a physically active role – with some running about required.



Photo: Peter Hickson

Stay in touch

Website

Our website at www.hisc.co.uk is kept fully up to date and you can find out lots of information about the club, current news items, racing results and what is going on. The website has a member's area and all the club meeting minutes, rules, policy documents and annual accounts are posted in this area. All members have a login and password – if you have forgotten yours please email membershipsecretary@hisc.co.uk and it can be reissued.

E Newsletter

All members are automatically opted into our weekly electronic newsletter service. This normally comes out on a Thursday afternoon and contains details of what is going on when, news from the committees, tide times and special offers and is sent directly to your registered e-mail address.

Yahoo Newsgroup

Other short or urgent messages are often sent out by members and the crew on our Yahoo group's email. This is a monitored service and all emails are approved by a moderator before being posted to the group. To join, send any email from your preferred account to: HISC_General_News-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive a message from Yahoo to which you must reply. Once you have joined, you can post messages by emailing HISC_General_News@yahoogroups.com

Social media

HISC has various facebook groups and pages with the main one being Hayling Island SC (HISC). Lots of news and articles relating to the club are posted on here – please like our page! A quick search on Facebook will bring up all the pages – feel free to join any

that interest you. Our Twitter account is [HISC@HaylingIslandSC](https://twitter.com/HISC@HaylingIslandSC) please follow us for lots of interesting sailing tweets.

Mailings

There are two printed mailings sent to members each year, the HISC Calendar in the Autumn and the HISC Yearbook in the Spring. All voting information is sent via email.

Word of mouth

A bit old fashioned but you are very welcome to come down to the club and have a chat with the Flag Officers, fellow members and crew! Check out the weather for real, have a drink and enjoy the fabulous views.

Weather

For tidal information and actual weather/wind conditions please visit www.chimet.co.uk



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Solos at HISC

David Moseley
Solo Class Captain

The Solo is the most active fleet in the club with average turnouts in double figures and 20 plus starters on a good day. There is an active sailing program at HISC with a five heat sprint series, Pennant weekends, two handicap events and of course the club Saturday/Sunday points when you will always find boats to race against. This year there will also be two open events, the Nigel Pusinelli Open Meeting in early June which will attract some of the top National sailors and the Tyler Trophy in late September.



Photo: Peter Hickson

The Solo is a one design 12' single hander designed by Jack Holt in 1956. It has become one of the largest and most active national dinghy classes with fleets in 75 clubs in the UK and in Holland. There is a well-run Class association with over 1,000 members and a full open meeting program including regional and National Championships and events abroad at venues such as Lake Garda.

With a wide choice of hulls, sails and equipment, the class attracts some of the top professional dinghy sailors while also appealing to the average club sailor looking for close class

racing. An average of a hundred plus new boats are sold every year and there is very strong second hand market. Indeed in recent years the Solo class has become something of a success story in the UK, year on year one of the best-selling racing classes, with real strength in depth at club level. Quite a feat for a 60 year old design...so how come?

Every successful class needs strong supportive builders and the Solo has 6 active builders all providing competitive hulls. Indeed in real terms any epoxy foam boat built in the last 10-12 years will be competitive at all levels. Prices



Photo: Peter Hickson



A delightful sailing boat, the Solo could never be described as the most exciting, but it is well mannered, comfortable, with a great "sit in" feel, and wide enough side decks to mean you never have to kneel downwind, and it provides a comfy hiking position upwind.



Photo: Peter Hickson



Photo: Peter Hickson

for competitive used boats range from £3000 upwards to £7000 for a nearly new boat. True, virtually all are white or a subtle shade of grey, and not as pretty as the older wooden boats, but it is a simple no risk purchase for sure. Easy to buy, zero maintenance, super quick to rig, and a ready market (often in the club) when selling.

A further benefit of the Solo is the variation in rig. By picking a mast and sail suitable for given weights, the class enjoys the widest competitive weight band of virtually any singlehander – anywhere between 70 and 100kg helm weight – yes, really!

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with a great "sit in" feel, and wide enough side decks to mean you never have to kneel downwind, and it provides a comfy hiking position upwind.

There is never a wind strength that leaves you ashore, a comfortable and competitive handicap boat in the lighter winds it is fun and manageable in a breeze.

Any boat that does not plane upwind provides great tactical racing and the Solo tops the bill in this respect, with its wide competitive weight band, and you certainly do not need to be particularly fit or agile to get to the front of the fleet. And herein lies the downside – we all have our days at the back of the fleet – good for the character I'm told! Equally, you will have days looking back

at the fleet, and maybe that's what gets us coming back for more – or is it just sailing a delightful little boat with nothing to dislike?

Solos have been at Hayling Island Sailing Club for sixty years and currently there are 70 boats registered at the club.

Next year is a big year as the 2018 Solo National Championships will be held at HISC. It was last at the club in 2013 when there were just short of 120 entries. Six HISC helms were in the top ten and we won the team prize, so plenty to aim for!

Contact Class Captain David Moseley email solocaptain@hisc.co.uk

RS Elite – super friendly, competitive keelboat racing

Paul Fisk
RS Elite Class Captain



Over the last 18 months, the HISC RS Elite fleet has grown into one of the most competitive keelboat fleets in the country. The sociable nature of the fleet, which encourages partners, families and newcomers to sail together in this three-man keelboat, as well as the regular, high quality competitive sailing have led to a resurgence of interest and rapid growth in the number of RS Elites being owned and regularly sailed at HISC.

The RS Elite offers a new type of sailing for members; it's perfect for dinghy racers looking for something new, something that appeals to partners, family members and non-sailors, something that is easy to launch, sail and maintain and which keeps you dry and upright without hiking!

The fleet at HISC is attracting strong participation from couples, and women returning to competitive sailing after moving on from dinghies. The RS Elite is a modern, lightweight, low-maintenance yacht that offers hassle-free sailing in a unique 'inclusive' format that enables families and friends to race and socialise alongside ex-Olympians.

HISC has attracted more than 20 RS Elites committed to regular racing at the club with turnouts in double figures and now boasts the largest fleet in the UK.

The design of the RS Elite makes them ideal to race both inside and outside of Chichester Harbour; some of the



The HISC RS Elite fleet includes novice sailors through to Olympic medalists as well as a good number in between. We welcome newcomers, can support less experienced sailors by offering training and advice and encourage family members to sail together and get involved. We have a high quality racing programme offering excellent racing as well as a super-friendly social scene. We look forward to welcoming new sailors and new members to this vibrant and growing fleet.

Paul Fisk, Class Captain

best racing conditions on the South Coast. A regular Thursday night racing programme as well as monthly Saturday Sprint racing offer fast and furious fun racing throughout the season.

Longer course racing is available each month at the Pennant weekends where the RS Elite fleet enjoys its own starts and open meeting style courses. A Sunday morning autumn series runs from early November through until Christmas.



Photo: Peter Hickson

Colin, Paul and Jamie Smith on their way to third place at the Southern Area Championships

Monthly fleet parties coupled with the Club's active social programme ensures an inclusive and vibrant social scene – an essential aspect of the growing popularity of the class.

2016 saw HISC boats finish 1st, 3rd and 5th at the National Championships held at Strangford Lough in Northern Ireland and HISC boats finishing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in both Cowes Week and the Southern Area Championships on home waters.

In addition to the regular Club racing this year, HISC will be hosting the National Championships in July with plans afoot for large entries at the Club Whitsun Regatta, Cowes Week and Chichester Harbour Race Week.

For further information about the RS Elite fleet at HISC, visit the Class page on the HISC website or get in touch with Class Captains Paul Fisk or Nick Peters – both are often to be found in the bar or email rseelitecaptain@hisc.co.uk



Photo: Peter Hickson

Saturday afternoon sprint racing inside the Harbour

HISC Fireball sailing

Chris Turner
Fireball Class Captain

HISC's thriving and vibrant Fireball fleet is looking forward to an exciting action-packed 2017 season.



Photo: Peter Hickson

Windward mark Nationals action

It would be easy to think that 2016's experience could not be surpassed: hosting a highly successful National Championship, fleet start at Chichester Harbour Race Week and increased turnout for club races. However, here we are with new members having

joined during the winter, two HISC open meetings to look forward to and the enticing prospect of regular class starts for the club's Sunday series. To cap it all, many HISC Fireballers will attend the combined European and UK National Championship at Lyme Regis.

Trevor Cartwright, David Sayce and Keith Walker first sailed Fireballs in the 1960s. Novices sail with those who have great international experience who will happily dispense advice. What bonds them together? A boat that is fun to sail! More than that, as the wind increases the sailing experience becomes simply exhilarating. Pound-for-pound it is hard to get as much enjoyment from a sailing dinghy as is possible from the Fireball. There is nothing quite like a stunningly fast three-sail reach across the relatively flat waters of the harbour or surfing the waves in Hayling Bay!

Despite the 'speed-machine' look, the Fireball is actually very forgiving. The Fireball is 'easy to sail but hard to sail well' which is why sailors of varying experience all find it such a joy. There are those who will point to the symmetric spinnaker as a negative but that is actually part of the appeal. Yes, it takes a little time to master in comparison with an asymmetric kite but it is far more rewarding. Fireballs

People often ask why the Fireball, a 1962-designed two-person, single trapeze and symmetric spinnaker design, remains so popular in an age of off-the-peg asymmetric designs. What attracts so many of the country's leading sailors to the class? Why is the class sailed all over the world? Why, when so many new classes burst onto the scene but often quickly disappear, does the Fireball's appeal endure? The answer may be found within the HISC fleet.

The Fireball appeals to all ages: just look at who sails at the club. A growing number of teenagers, of whom 13-year old Laura Benson was the youngest competitor at last year's Nationals, mix with adults who, in some cases, have over 50 years of sailing know-how –



HISC on the cover of Fireball e-news following the 2016 Nationals (Photo: Peter Hickson)



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A relatively orderly queue at a Nationals wing mark

are also relatively cheap to acquire and examples may be found to suit any pocket. Not only that, FRP boats will last a long time in top condition - the 2016 European Championship was won by the same boat that claimed that championship in 2002!

Many will have noticed that not all Fireballs are modern, white FRP-built hulls outwardly similar although actually sporting varying rigs to accommodate different crew weights. Some are built in that rather old-fashioned, but aesthetically pleasing to the eye, material called 'wood'. Fireball sailing offers a broad church and older, wooden boats have their supporters. Some of our members, notably Chris Mantel and Richard Gray, prefer to cruise their lovely vintage boats and may often be seen sailing single-handed around the harbour.

Chris's boat, Fireball 2, harks back to the class's earliest days and to HISC's place in Fireball history. Not only did HISC host the first-ever Fireball race, a year later the club hosted the inaugural UK National Championship and, in 1966, the first World Championship. Fireball is in the club's DNA and vice-versa!

It's not all about being on the water though. The fleet has developed its own training programme under the leadership of David Sayce which offers bespoke assistance to sailors reflecting their experience and addressing their weaknesses. Neither is it all about sailing. The Fireball fleet regularly gathers for social events usually visiting local restaurants but last year also saw a fleet visit to the Mayflower Theatre. More events are planned!

Reflecting the club's position as one of the UK's leading fleets, HISC Fireballers' put a lot back into the class. Steve Chesney is Commodore of Fireball International, Chris Turner is Chairman of the UK Fireball Association and Simon Benson, Rick Cornes and Nick Hurst are UKFA committee members. Consequently, the fleet is always at the forefront of Fireball matters and is in a great position to influence debate.

For those interested in joining the class, the HISC fleet has its own Facebook page (Hayling Island Fireballs). Further information may be found at UKFA's website www.fireballsailing.org.uk and that of Fireball International's www.fireball-international.com

To get in touch with class captain, Chris Turner, email fireballcaptain@hisc.co.uk



Chris Turner's Fireball 6 competing at the Bosham Classic Revival meeting

Photo: Jonathan Hoare



David Sayce & Nick Rees showing how it should be done

Photo: Chris Turner

RS200s at HISC

Cameron Stewart
RS200 Class Captain



HISC is home to the largest fleet of RS200s on the globe and 2016 saw the club's sailors perform exceptionally well within the class, both at home and at Open Regattas. The National Championships saw a hard fought victory for HISC's own James Peters, sailing with Jo Wright. With four boats in the top 10, HISC was also awarded the top club prize at the event.

The RS200 is a modern two-handed dinghy, perfect for everyone from serious sailors to families.

Whilst the class can offer some of the best competitive racing available, the club also offers more informal sailing opportunities such as sprint racing and Pennant racing, open to any member of the sailing club. This year saw an impressive 23 boats attend the prestigious 'Sandy Shell' sprint racing event, often dubbed 'the unofficial world championships'!

The RS200 offers just the right combination of easy handling, and exciting sailing that makes the boat suitable and enjoyable for sailors of any ability and age, including youth.

As well as racing opportunities, the club also offers a wide variety of training opportunities such as the 'Get Racing Club' for those casual sailors looking to get into more racing. This year the emphasis is on getting as many people sailing as possible and increasing the number of regular weekend competitors. The RS200

offers a very balanced playing field with not much difference between the newer and older boats.

Of course not everyone is able to attend every weekend so the programme of normal Saturday and Sunday club racing is complemented with monthly additions of spring racing or Pennant racing. Results for these weekends are recorded separately and attract their own prizes. Sprint racing has proved to be particularly popular within the RS200 class at HISC and is usually very well attended.



If you're new to the class at HISC please get in touch with the class captain Cam Stewart regarding training and fixtures.

You can also register your interest as helm or crew whatever your experience, we'd love you to join our fleet.

The current active fleet at HISC attracts a healthy mix of age and experience. If you don't have a boat yourself it is likely that we can find you someone to sail with who will suit your style.



Looking ahead to the coming season we have plenty of exciting events planned for those wanting to sail competitively. This year's Nationals are being held at Tenby SC which has similar sailing conditions to our own.

Closer to home HISC will be hosting the RS Sailing Summer Championships in June as well as the highly anticipated 'Whitsun Open Regatta' in May. For those willing to brave the cold, the class offers a 'Southern Coaching Series' with some events at neighbouring clubs in the harbour. As a class we quite often arrange combined fleet racing with Itchenor Sailing Club which results in some very exciting and competitive racing opportunities.

For further details email Cam Stewart rs200captain@hisc.co.uk and make sure you are linked to our Facebook page 'HISC RS200 Fleet'.

We look forward to seeing you on the water in 2017.

70 years of Flying Fifteens

David Nicholls
Flying Fifteen Class Captain



Photo: Peter Hickson

Flying Fifteens have been at Hayling since the very early days. HISC archivist Belinda Cook recalls that the first FF at HISC may well have been owned by John 'Jack' Barker in the late 1940s. A fleet has therefore survived in one shape or another through over six decades at the club.

This very stable, forgiving but extremely exhilarating two sailor keelboat appeals across the board to all ages and a wide selection of crew weights. The Flying 15 is a light boat with a big boat feel.

Myths of the FF

You need a very big strong crew?

Not true, many top events have been won by teams with light and medium strength crews.

All up crew weights need to be 28 stone+?
Not true. Checking the podium results

for the last few World, European and National titles would suggest that the all up weight range to be competitive is between 24–30 stone. Many titles have been won by male/female combinations.

Flying Fifteen are expensive?

Not true. Competitive Mk 9 boats from £3500, competitive Mk 10 boats from £7500. Last year's Nationals were won in a 14 year old boat. 20 year old boats are still competitive. The boat has low running costs, Dacron sails and low insurance costs.

It's an old persons boat?

Whilst some of our fleet are aged north of fifty it's interesting to note that many of us started sailing in the fleet in our twenties. Several of us raced each other in the 1984 Nationals. We love the boats so much we keep coming back for more. New sailors joined the fleet for last year's Nationals which were hosted by HISC, some being as young as 16.

More integration with our youth sailors is planned for this coming season. Hamish Streeter was 18 when he



Photo: Peter Hickson

For many years the class had traditional wide building tolerances and this led to much experimentation to obtain the best shape for a given sailing location. Eventually the late, great Roy Windibank, HISC member, developed a series of moulds which produced fibreglass hulls that

dominated the class from the early 80s, winning the Worlds in 1984 and six Nationals with the mark IV. This mould was cloned and used in Ireland, South Africa and Australia. This was followed by the mark IX, which after winning the 1988 Worlds, went to Dave Ovington, where it

was later refaired to become the Ovington Smoothie and the basis of a tightening of the construction tolerances in 1993. After ten years of production this was replaced with the Ovington Mk 10, their current production.

helmed 3824 last year finishing 13th. "It was great racing against so many experienced sailors. Hayling Bay was glorious with some fantastic planing waves. It also gave me a chance to race with my Dad. Not many dinghies work for parent and sibling sailing. We will be racing again in 2017 for sure".

HISC has already picked up a podium result in 2017. Alan Bax and Simon Childs came second overall at the Australian Nationals. Greg Wells and Richard Rigg and Geoff and Tom Bayliss will head to Napier New Zealand to compete in the Worlds in February.

70th Anniversary Year

Flying Fifteens celebrate 70 years of the class this year. HISC will be celebrating this fact both at its Open Meeting but also at a dinner and events on Saturday 16th September.

For the whole list see www.flying15.org.uk/fixtures-and-results/fixture-list

The HISC calendar has plenty of opportunity for Flying Fifteen sailors to race every weekend. The season starts on 19th March. Dedicated racing in the renowned Pennant series starts in April, on a monthly basis excluding August, the final being in October. A Sprint series may also be added to the calendar.

Away fixtures of note

70th Anniversary Southern's, Cowes
15th - 17th July
UK Nationals, RCYC, Falmouth
27th - 30th September

Class Captain, David Nicholls,
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Photo: Peter Hickson



The Flying 15 was designed by Uffa Fox in 1947 with the first hulls built at his Cowes based boatyard. Uffa recounts in his 1959 book, "Sailing Boats" that Jimmy Damant, a Commodore of the Island SC and one of the earliest owners of the International 14, had often encouraged him to; "Design a boat like the 14-footer, but at least 18ft long, that will not capsize. Then you would have a sensible, safe boat, that was fun to sail as well, for the rough and tumble of tidal waters like the Solent."

RS700s at HISC

Adam Golding
RS700 Class Captain

Hayling Island Sailing Club has been the home of the RS700 for 17 years and currently has a fleet of twenty boats.

With a diverse membership from new owners to regular National and European competitors, the fleet provides newcomers with excellent and friendly support. There is plenty of help on hand for advice about sailing this exciting boat as well as technical support on setting up your boat for maximum ease of sailing and optimum performance.

The sheltered flat waters of Chichester harbour are a great place to get to grips with the RS700, and its unique one-handed kite pump system makes hoisting and lowering of the spinnaker very manageable even on your first sail. In lighter winds the boat can be



sailed sitting on the wing bar as you get used to the feel of the boat, before venturing onto the trapeze.

Sailing downwind on the trapeze with the kite flying is a fantastic feeling, guaranteed to get the adrenaline flowing!

Racing the RS700 is great fun too, and in any wind from five to twenty five knots plus there is close racing to be had throughout the fleet as this is a one design class, which helps to keep the cost down too. The fleet takes part in club racing on the weekend, but also has a traditionally strong turnout for Wednesday evening racing in the summer. More adventurous conditions can be found on the Pennant weekends with racing in Hayling Bay, and these are strongly supported by the fleet.

Our sailors make up the mainstay of the RS700 Nationals, and with a great second-hand market there has never been a better time to own a RS700, so come and join us on the water.

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RS800s at HISC

Chris Feibusch
RS800 Class Captain



Hayling Island Sailing Club is the spiritual home of the RS800, as much of the original testing and development work took place in the harbour and out in Hayling Bay.

The RS800 is a twin trapeze skiff that allows both men and women to experience the thrill of real high performance sailing and racing.

The RS800 has a full carbon-fibre mast and by minimising weight and drag in the hull, it is powered to exceptional speeds using a manageable size rig. The result is a skiff that delivers the kind of performance most sailboat racers dream about, with highly competitive racing in big fleets and a very sociable class.

The boat features a performance equalisation system that takes into account helm and crew weight and leverage, providing close high speed racing for teams of all shapes and sizes. The system really works and is an integral part of the success of this fleet.

Although the boat has seen one or two, non-performance enhancing, updates, such as a new deck layout and most recently a new ultra-modern mainsail design, it has remained true to its original ethos as a strict manufacturer's one design. With very high build quality standards, this means that well-maintained older boats remain competitive and can be picked up from as little as £2,000. That's an awful lot of bang for the buck!

After a few relatively quiet years, the HISC RS800 fleet is once again on the up with boats competing regularly in club racing and open harbour events or simply having a blast!

HISC is a regular venue on the RS800's ultra-competitive racing circuit and the club has hosted the National Championships no fewer than four times in the class's relatively short history, most recently in August 2016.

There is also an active fleet that regularly sails from Itchenor, meaning the RS800 is a familiar sight in the harbour and Itchenor Sailing Club is the venue for the official class training weekend in May, 2017.

For more information about the boat, the racing circuit, training etc. go to www.rs800.org or email Class Captain Chris Feibusch:
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HISC Merlin Rockets

Graham Williamson
Merlin Rocket Class Captain



There was a period after this during which new boats rapidly widened to the 7ft 2" (2.2m) beam that characterises the class now. Materials have developed and the fleet has been an early adopter of many innovative construction materials and methods.

New Merlin Rockets are wonderfully technical and appeal to sailors who enjoy understanding and working with its sophisticated rig and controls.

Older boats tend to be set up in a more straightforward and traditional manner, and are just as much fun to sail in the harbour. Husband and wife (or equivalent!) teams do extremely well in the class as well as parent/child combinations. On the national stage, the class draws a wide range of ages, with a very strong 'youth' contingent.

At HISC, the class races in the Medium Handicap group, and is often in close combat with other active classes, including Fireballs, Tasars, and Flying Fifteens.

If you would like to discuss owning and sailing Merlin Rockets, contact Graham Williamson or Judith Massey, email merlinrocketcaptain@hisc.co.uk

The Merlin Rocket class has one of the longest established relationships with HISC, having held the earliest of their National Championship events at the club in the immediate post war years of 1946 & 1947. The Nationals continue to be held periodically at our club, most recently in 2011, with the next visit already under discussion with the Class Association.

The boat is ideally suited to racing in Chichester Harbour; it is the fastest of the sit-out classes active at HISC, and

its pivoting centreboard & rudder, and symmetrical spinnaker mean that it is perfectly equipped to make the best of wherever the racing may be on a given day. It is as much at home in Hayling Bay as it is within the beautiful Chichester Harbour waters. Technically, the Merlin Rocket is described as a restricted development class, and over the 70 years since its first design, the boat has evolved considerably. Up to the mid 1960's, boats were wooden and with a beam of about 5' (1.5m).

International 14

Andy Partington
I14 Class Captain

International 14s have been sailed at HISC for many years, and the club has hosted the prestigious Prince of Wales Cup a number of times, and the class European Championships. Sailors from HISC have won National and European titles over recent years.

The International Fourteen is one of the world's premier sailing classes. It is a two-person, twin-trapeze skiff, with an unlimited area asymmetric spinnaker and 200 square feet of combined mainsail and headsail area. Carbon hulls and carbon rigs, now generally

with square-head mainsails, give exceptional performance. While the relatively open class rules leave plenty of room for experiment, encouraging innovation. The Fourteen is for sailors looking for a fast, challenging boat in which they can develop their own ideas while sailing in the company of a group of like-minded, open and welcoming competitors.

But despite the history, the development nature of the class means that the boats themselves have always been at or near the forefront of small boat technology.

While its International status has meant that the class has played a key role in spreading ideas worldwide. So over the years, the Fourteen has been a major driver of both the development, and international adoption of new ideas affecting all aspects of dinghy/skiff design.

Today the Fourteen is one of the most challenging, exciting, technical and ultimately satisfying boats to sail. Fourteens, the class saying goes, are forever; once you've tried one, no other boat will be quite the same.



The HISC 14 fleet has a programme of racing that links up with Itchenor SC, so you will often see a fleet of 14s racing around the harbour and out in the bay from both clubs.

Today there is a nucleus of sailors in 14s at HISC, all keen to engage and help grow the class.

There are plans to grow the fleet at HISC which include publicising the reduced entrance fees and Under 30's discounts and by targeting new boat owners to join HISC. There are also plans to invite youth sailors to have a go in a 14 with experienced 14 sailors. Contact Andy Partington for details, i14captain@hisc.co.uk

International Moth

Graham Simmonds
Moth Class Captain

There are approximately 20 Moths registered at HISC and we have some top level sailors at the club including the 2016 European Champion, Mike Lennon. In 2014 the Hayling Moth Fleet helped organise the International Moth World Championships at HISC with 140 boats taking part on two courses.

The first Moth was launched in 1928 when the late Len Morris built a cat rigged (single sail) flat bottomed scow to sail on Andersons' Inlet at Inverloch, a seaside resort, 130km from Melbourne in Australia.

At much the same time, in 1930, the American Moth Class was started by Captain Van Sant of Atlantic City. The American Moth, so it turned out, was of similar dimensions to the Australian Inverloch class.

Over much the same period as the Moth class was becoming established in Australia, the International Moth spread from the USA to England and Europe. Modifications to align both the Australian Moth and the overseas Moth were made over a period of time culminating with the establishment of the International Moth Class Association (IMCA) by the IYRU in 1972 bound by the restrictions of the class (with metric measurement conversions) which is still operating today.



The first foiling moth we know of was Frank Raison's wooden scow in 1974. In 2002 John Illett, an Australian Moth builder built the first in-line foiler as we know it today. Rohan Veal brought the first production boat and bought it to the Moth World Championships in 2003. After much consternation and argument the class adopted foils for good!

We race when the tide and conditions suit us – low water is for those who know the harbour well as replacing a main foil costs over £2,500! We sail off the PY handicap of 499. Hayling Bay offers excellent sailing on a low water weekend.

There are perhaps half a dozen Moth sailors who sail regularly during the week as well as at weekends. There is a dedicated Facebook group for the

Hayling Moth Fleet which is where we organise these midweek and weekend outings. Please search for the "HMS Hayling Moth Squadron".

In 2017 most of the fleet will be attending the UK National Championships at Paignton SC from 27-30 May as well as the World Championships in Lake Garda from 22-29 July.

If you own a boat already then please contact me for a trial sail at the Club; the launching and facilities at HISC suit the Moth perfectly. If you are thinking of buying a Moth come and talk to us and you can see the different designs sailing at HISC and see if there are any for sale.

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Laser



The Laser is one of the most popular one-design single handed dinghies in the world and boasts a global fleet of over 210,000. It is a robust and simple-to-rig boat with lasting durability which offers very competitive racing due to the tight class association rules.

The Laser Standard refers to the largest of the sail plan rigs and there are smaller rigs called the Laser Radial and Laser 4.7 which are popular with youth,

smaller adults and women sailors. The Laser is an Olympic class that spans the generations and the Laser 4.7 is currently a recognised RYA Junior Class.

HISC has a varying number of Laser sailors depending on the mix of Youth sailors coming through. For 2017 there is a growing enthusiasm for the class amongst some of the single-handed adult HISC members due to the Masters event being held at the club this year.

HISC organises a popular Laser Winter Training programme for youth sailors each year as well as hosting an annual Laser Qualifier event. HISC successfully hosted the Laser and Laser Masters World Championships in 2010 and will be hosting the RYA Youth Championships for the Laser Standard and Laser Radial in April 2017 as well as the Laser Master National Championship in June/July 2017.

RS Aero

The RS Aero re-sets the standard for pure exhilaration in a simple single-hander. The boat is ultra-light weight and easy to handle with guaranteed performance and practicality. The RS Aero suits any sailor between 35 and 95kg making it an incredibly versatile dinghy. The hull weighs less than an Optimist at just 30kg making it easy to manoeuvre on shore. Virtually anyone can lift the boat onto a car roof-rack – pulling it up the beach makes you smile – and simplicity means the boat can be rigged in moments.

The RS Aero comes with three rig options (RS Aero 5, 7 & 9) which typically suit:

- RS Aero 5 – Youths
- RS Aero 7 – Women and light men
- RS Aero 9 – Men

There are 20 Aeros at the club with a number that are sailed regularly in the Wednesday evening club racing series.

A few participate in weekend club racing and they are also popular for use in the Women on Water initiative. HISC will be hosting the RS Aero National Championships in 2017.

RS Sailing have a couple of demonstrator boats at the club, so if you would like to trial sail an RS Aero, please contact RS Sailing directly. www.rssailing.com



Tasar

Rod Porteous
Tasar Class Captain



The Tasar is a 4.5m high performance sailing dinghy, designed to be sailed and raced by a man and a woman or parent and child.

The light weight, low drag, planing hull with rotating, jib and fully battened mainsail provide exhilarating sailing including upwind planing performance (in a breeze) without the need for spinnaker or trapeze. There is a jib-stick for running downwind and almost all the boats now have modern mylar sails rather than the original dacrons.

The Tasar is super-responsive to sail and light on a trolley – useful on the HISC sandy beach. Optimum crew weights of around 140kg work well and there is a minimum crew weight of 130kg for serious racing events. This stops super-lightweights racing away in marginal planing conditions. With its deep cockpit and wide, angled side decks, the Tasar has a comfortable and effective hiking position.

If anyone is interested in trying a Tasar, there are two old but good boats available to borrow. HISC are hosting the Taser Nationals in 2018 and the Taser Worlds in 2019.

The HISC fleet class captain is Rod Porteous (current National Champion). He is a Tasar expert and knows a lot about the history of Tasars and the various builders.

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Wayfarers at HISC

Alick Hodgson
Wayfarer Class Captain



We are an enthusiastic and active cruising fleet. Our sailing is both within the harbour and the Solent. We have fun activities including visits to other sailing clubs, pubs, anchorages, creeks, and cafes.

We also organise 'Le Mans' style racing off the beach, a sail around Hayling Island (under Langstone Bridge through Langstone Harbour returning via Sandy Point, and a sail to Bembridge with an accompanying HISC safety RIB

This is a class of boat well suited to the single hander, the sailing couple, or the full family with up to six on board.

We have in the fleet the full range of Wayfarers models, from those built in the Sixties out of wood to the latest Mark 4 version. The Class is well placed in the Boat Park. Our boats are sheltered from all wind directions

and with concrete pathways to the launching ramp. The boat can be launched and recovered with the electric winches by one person.

There is a group of us who gather over breakfast at the club on most Sunday mornings – at about 10.00ish – to plan the day's sailing. If you want to join us to sail in company, please do. Our destination very much depends upon the weather and tide. We sail for fun and enjoyment and go together as a fleet. We embrace a wide range of experience, passing on knowledge, so please come and talk. We are fortunate in having Ian Porter as a member who will give your boat an overhaul at his yard, if needed, and provide advice on how to get the best out of your boat.

If you are interested in racing, the Wayfarer is a safe and forgiving boat in which to start. 'Get Racing', run by the Club, provides the opportunity to race our boats. Over the years, HISC has had a fleet of 10 plus boats out racing regularly,

Wayfarer members also sail to the Isle of Wight, day sail to Bembridge or cruise to Wootton & Newtown Creeks for a camping weekend. The Wayfarer Class Association is active on the Solent and organises cruises - membership of the Association is well worthwhile.

Contact Class Captain, Alick Hodgson, email wayfarercaptain@hisc.co.uk



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The value of Club racing



Three times RS200 National Champion and Olympic 49er hopeful, James Peters talks about the complexities of HISC as a venue and how these have helped him on a day to day basis.

As a child I remember feeling HISC could be a bit scary. ...looking out at breaking waves on the Winner bank with the currents ripping out to sea, West Mud always seemed the safest place to be! For an experienced sailor looking past the challenges of the environment, HISC provides us in the most part with sailboat racing at its most interesting and complex.

The impracticalities of sand banks, lack of water and varying current, can impact negatively on HISC as a sailing venue for some. For the enlightened however, these 'impracticalities' act as a unique opportunity when honing racing skills. They provide a playing field on which to exploit the competition strategically or at the very least provide an interesting spectacle.

Which side of the channel to take when beating from Copyhold to Sandy on the flood tide? Will the lull under the clubhouse outweigh the advantage of less tide on a club line start? HISC racers become accustomed to answering these types of questions on a regular basis. Asking these questions, and living the scenario as it plays out, is a crucial type of

learning for us as developing sailors. Whilst we become better at racing in Chichester Harbour, we also become comfortable in more general sailing environments; especially those with variables prone to constant change. As I continue to experience more venues on the Olympic trail, I realise that we are shaped as sailors by the conditions in which we have spent the most time; we develop skill sets that are subtly moulded to the environment in which we acquired the skill. A successful sailor at HISC must have a deep understanding of tidal strategy, but they are also practised in different

sea states and are familiar with battling breezes. Sailing frequently at HISC I believe has in part enabled me to develop a broad and adaptable skill set that I tap into day to day.

Whilst I feel lucky and privileged to compete internationally and pursue the Olympic dream, HISC will always be home.

It's clear that not everybody is as lucky as me to be able to call a place like this home, nor has everybody been part of

a sailing club as alive and happening as HISC. The community is as strong as ever.

The lessons learnt from a young age whilst racing at HISC, are for me ones that will never be forgotten. The value of club sailing when developing as a sailor cannot be underestimated. Even in times where the support elsewhere may appear greater than ever, HISC should hopefully remain central to many developing young members, just as it did for me.

James Peters

2016 Roll of Honour

Podium places at UK National, European and World Championships

YOUTH CLASSES

World Championships

RS Feva	Finn Dickinson (Crew)	First
	Freddie Peters & Louis Johnson	Second
RS Tera Sport	Robbie McDonald	Second
29er	Tommy Darling (Crew)	Third
ISAF Youth 29er	Tommy Darling (Crew)	First



National Championships

RS Feva	Freddie Peters & Louis Johnson	First
	Louis Wright & Jamie Allen	Second
	Henry & Rupert Jameson	Third
RS Tera Sport	Robbie McDonald	Second
29er	Tommy Darling (Crew)	Second
	James Hammett & James Eales	Third
RYA Youth 29er	Tommy Darling (Crew)	First
	Nick Robins & Jake Todd	Second

ADULT CLASSES

European Championships

International Moth	Mike Lennon	First
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National Championships

SB20	James Peters (Helm)	First
RS200	James Peters (Helm)	First
Tasar	Rod & Maureen Porteous	First
RS Elite	Mike & Caroline McIntyre, Simon Childs	First
	Ossie, Tom & Cameron Stewart	Second
Flying Fifteen	Richard Lovering & Matt Alvarado	Second
	Greg Wells & Richard Rigg	Third
RS700	Ian Swann	Third



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The HISC Youth Pathway

Victoria Payne

Rear Commodore Youth

Hayling Island Sailing Club is very proud to be a family club that organises events and activities for all Youth from toddlers through to twenty five year olds. Children's first experiences of the water may be the Seals initiative in the lagoon, which leads them on to Get Youth Sailing and Windsurfing, Youth Training Week to Youth racing, sprints and HISC Youth Class squads.



The pinnacle of the Youth calendar is the Youth Open Race Week and Chichester Harbour Race Week which take place in the summer. There are also many stand-alone activities such as Youth Pennant weekends, Open Pursuit races and the Commodore's Trophy.

In the winter HISC runs its very popular and highly acclaimed, winter squad training program for the youth classes.

Family Fun Week

The annual HISC Family Fun Week is legendary. You don't have to own a boat to take part, the HISC fleet of hire boats are available to rent for the week, and families with very young babies are welcome to stay on the beach and take part in the shore activities or jump in a safety rib to enjoy the action afloat. The week is aimed at families with children under 10 and is a week-long event of both water and land based fun for all the family. The event usually sells out within minutes of bookings opening and around 250 people (100 families) can take part. The fun includes harbour treasure hunts, tea up the creek, sand castle competitions, BBQs at East Head, beach games, charades

evenings, discos, model boat racing and lots more. Lifelong friendships are made at Family Fun Week as well as gaining new sailing skills and confidence.

Seals

HISC Seals is a chance for complete novices and younger members to meet new friends and learn new water skills in the safety of the lagoon – 4 sessions normally run in July and August. No child is too small to start in the lagoon, even if it is just having a paddle. Everyone gets together and brings along anything from boogie boards, kayaks, paddle boards and dinghies on a rope.



Youth Get Sailing

On Saturday mornings in the summer Youth Get Sailing and Windsurfing is available for children over 8 moving on from Seals to start some more formal training. The Youth Get Sailing and Windsurfing initiative aims to make sailing fun as well as building confidence. A qualified instructor is on hand to help the young sailors progress through the RYA learn to sail courses.

Youth Training Week

For children over 8, Youth Training Week provides the ideal setting for beginners through to improvers.

Taking place in the summer half term, the atmosphere is busy and fun and it's an ideal way to make lifelong friends. Many of our top teenage sailors honed their skills in Youth Training Week and now come back to train up the next generation having gained their Dinghy Instructor and Race Coach Level 2 qualifications through the club. They are all overseen by the Senior Instructor. Club boats are available for hire for the week.

Parent and Child racing

The annual HISC Commodore's Trophy has a Parent and Child Trophy event organised within it. The winner receives an impressive cut glass trophy, often almost the size of toddlers going up to collect it! Extremely fun to take part in and very sociable, teams all take it in turns in the six club RS Ventures while the waiting sailors listen to the hilarious running commentary from the speakers on the balcony as they watch the racing set close to the clubhouse. Prizes also go to the best fancy dress and the Ladies Race. The teams all compete on a level playing field and the youth have the chance to beat some legendary adult sailors!

Hayling Winter Training Squads

HISC runs a hugely successful Winter Youth Squads training programme. It is available for skilled young sailors who want to improve their racing skills and practice throughout the winter. The quality of the coaching is very high and many successful international sailors have trained in the HISC Youth Training Squads.

The most active youth classes at HISC are the Optimist, RS Tera, RS Feva, Laser, 29er and the RS200 and each class has its own class captain who coordinates the training programmes. The squad usually comprises of between 5 to 6 training weekends to



help the young sailors progress. The training season runs from October to March. The squads may vary from sailors transitioning to a new class all the way up to RYA Youth Squad sailors. We believe that including everyone in the squad process builds a great team mentality and ensures friends for life. Many of the coaches and assistant coaches are home grown from the HISC pathway system having achieved their RYA Race Coach certificates at the club. To be selected for these squads the sailors must show that they are committed to racing and training.

The social aspect of the Youth Squads has grown enormously in popularity with many of the squads making the most of the evening entertainment and the restaurant facilities at the club. One of the great aspects of the youth at HISC is that they like to muck in with the adults and can also show them how to party!

Youth Race Week

Youth race week is an open meeting for the Youth classes and handicap fleets; one of the premier events in the HISC Calendar. It is the ideal event for new pairings to cut their teeth as the quality of the racing is of a very high standard. We always have excellent race officers and a choice of sailing both inside and outside the harbour. The Thursday night Youth Ball is one of the highlights of the youth social calendar!



Youth Racing

Dedicated racing for the Youth classes is held on Sunday mornings throughout the summer with a race start of 11am and a pre-race briefing at 10am outside the training rooms. Every month is a new series with prize giving at the end of the month. The more experienced racers wear yellow coloured vests and race under the normal racing rules while the newer racers are allowed some coaching assistance to build their confidence and get them round the course.

The Laser, RS200 and the 29er classes race with the adults in Sunday Club Racing; they can receive prizes for top youth in the adult racing. This also applies to sprint events.

Youth Pennant Racing

Pennant Racing weekends are run like an open meeting but are just for members, with racing results counting for the weekend only rather than counting towards the month's series. The racing usually consists of three races a day both Saturday and Sunday with prize giving on the Sunday afternoon. The Junior classes, Optimist, RS Tera and RS Feva sail on a youth race course with their own race officer however the RS Feva can also join in with the adult Pennant Racing if they wish to in the slow handicap fleet. The Laser, 29er and the RS200 sail on the adult course and youth sailors get a separate prize. Briefings are usually 1pm on a Saturday and 10am on a Sunday.

So with something for literally everyone from toddler through to young adult and novice through to world champion, come and join in the HISC Youth Pathway.

HISC Youth – 29er Class

Victoria Payne

29er Class Captain

Launched in 1998 the 29er is an extremely fun and challenging boat to sail. It takes time to learn to sail the boat effectively as it's both fast and powerful. Sailors from all over the world from 15 to 25 years of age race this exciting boat.

At HISC the 29er class is one of the most popular classes to join as a teenager; many of our RS Tera and RS Fera sailors move into the class. We have a diverse 29er fleet at HISC covering all levels from transitioning sailors from other classes to world championship level sailors. HISC's Tom Darling was crowned GBR ISAF Youth World Champion in 2016.

The HISC 29er Winter Training has been very popular this year with two groups covering the complete spectrum of ability. With top class coaches the standard is very high and the social aspect of the squad is very appealing.

Many of the Youth 29er sailors go on to sail the RS200, RS800, 49er and join university match racing teams.

HISC 29ers race in the medium handicap fleet in the weekend Club racing, Pennant Weekends and Open Pursuit Races.

The HISC 29er fleet is very inclusive and the high standard of squad training is aimed at all levels. The 29er class also enjoy running their own sprints racing throughout the year. The HISC 29er fleet is currently growing probably due to the great social scene for both parents and sailors.

Come and join us and find out more on the HISC website and HISC 29er Facebook page.

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Thank you HISC!



As with many members at HISC my sailing started in the lagoon; drifting around in my Optimist at the age of 7. I worked my way through Youth Training Week, but struggled to improve. Sailing takes years to master but I wanted to win races straight away!

My mum suggested I try crewing for her in an RS Feva; suddenly we started winning the HISC Sprints and came

2nd at my first Nationals when I was only 10! I progressed to helming the RS Feva and worked my way through the squads; initially the East Class Squad and then the National Junior Squad. When I became too tall and heavy to be competitive in the RS Feva it was time to move on. I'd learnt a lot and developed many new skills, one of which was learning how to move on after setbacks!

Stepping into a 29er at 15, I wondered how we could get such an extreme boat around a race course whilst staying upright! After crewing for a number of helms I was contacted by Crispin Beaumont about a potential partnership. Crispin, a former Topper sailor, brought excellent big fleet tactics to the table that coupled well with my ability to make double-handed boats go fast! We won our



second Grand Prix together before finishing 3rd at our first Nationals.

We made the Youth Squad and worked hard competing in a challenging European fleet at Kiel Week and the 2015 European Championships where we finished 2nd in both; this was our first taste of International success. We were entered for the ISAF Youth Worlds Selectors in 2015 as firm favourites; however fickle winds and a small fleet meant we missed out on selection and were left devastated. We knew we had to bounce back and fight harder for our place next year. We clocked up a 6 event, unbeaten streak including the Lake Garda Eurocup and a comfortable Gold at the 2016 Youth Nationals.

We set our eyes on the 2016 World Championships in Medemblik, which would take place days after my 18th birthday. We sailed well in the varying conditions and emerged with a bronze medal from the 238 strong fleet; the biggest 29er World Championships ever. This was followed by selection for the ISAF Youth Worlds in New Zealand; we had never been more ready to go and prove ourselves after missing out the year before.

Crispin and I both enrolled at the University of Southampton in September which allowed us to train every weekend in Hayling Bay before leaving for New Zealand in December 2016 full of confidence and determination. After an incredibly

windy first day, we sat in 4th place with our eyes only set on moving up the results table. Heading into the final day we were sat 4 points behind the French team, needing to beat them with 3 boats in between. A tense last race ensued in a tricky light breeze, a burst of speed in a gust allowed us to roll over and race away to the favoured side of the course and claim 3rd in the final race; enough to secure Gold! Finishing off some of the best years of my life at the front of a 29er as Youth World Champion was an amazing feeling!

Thank you to HISC for the first 12 years of my sailing.

Tommy Darling



RS Tera

Sarah Mitchell
Class Captain



At HISC we have over 100 RS Teras in our fleet, the sailors of which vary greatly in age and ability, so as a fleet we try to cater for all of their needs. You don't have to own an RS Tera to get involved – HISC have a large number available to hire.

The RS Tera is an ideal first boat for children of between 7 to 14 years of age. It is available with two rig sizes; the Sport for standard sailing and racing and the Pro which is a fully battened larger sail for older and more advanced children.

RS Tera sailors often start sailing in our sheltered lagoon, a very safe place to find your way around the boat and to practice capsizing! Our Seals initiative is a great way to get going in the lagoon whilst making new friends and gaining confidence.

In 2016 we launched a new initiative for those progressing with their sailing skills, the RS Tera Red Ribbon Training Club. This group was developed to build children's confidence to enable them to make a smooth transition from sailing in the lagoon to sailing on

West Mud. Our first year of this initiative was hugely successful with 12 children participating. Three of these children went on to take part in the RS Tera Nationals Regatta Fleet, and almost all of the others competed, and more importantly enjoyed, local racing events at the club.

The RS Teras have their own start in the Sunday Youth racing series and once a month, in the season, there are Pennant Weekends where racing takes place on both Saturday and Sunday with prizes awarded at the end of the weekend.

Sprint Racing for the RS Tera fleet is added to calendar whenever we can, mainly during holidays and half terms, but also occasional Saturdays. Sprint Racing involves between 6 – 8 very short races, run back to back, which are great for practising and building

confidence as well as for building strong friendships.

There are Youth Pursuit Races every bank holiday; these are traditionally longer races and allow the children to experience a different kind of racing format and to see more of the harbour.

In 2017 HISC is hosting the RS Tera Southern Series on 13th and 14th May which will attract a large number of visitors; we hope to see a strong HISC fleet out in force that weekend! The HISC Whitsun Open Regatta, 27th-29th May bank holiday, is open to the RS Tera fleet and we hope to attract a large number of visitors as well as our own fleet.

Plenty of opportunities abound for RS Tera sailors in the summer holidays. HISC Youth Race Week attracts two



In 2016 we launched a new initiative for those progressing with their sailing skills, the RS Tera Red Ribbon Training Club. This group was developed to build children's confidence to enable them to make a smooth transition from sailing in the lagoon to sailing on West Mud. Our first year of this initiative was hugely successful with 12 children participating. Three of these children went on to take part in the RS Tera Nationals Regatta Fleet, and almost all of the others competed, and more importantly enjoyed, local racing events at the club.



fleets of RS Teras; the Red Ribbon Fleet for sailors new to racing, and the main fleet for the more experienced sailors. The RS Tera fleet has its own race course on West Mud for the annual Chichester Harbour Federation Week, normally the best tides of the whole summer!

There is a busy Winter Training Program for the RS Tera fleet, with a

bronze, silver and gold fleet, with small groups of around eight children in each. As with all training events, the children make great friends, and get outside in the winter months – much better than playing computer games!

As the RS Tera fleet tends to involve younger members of youth there is a high level of parent participation and

help is required both on the water and ashore. This makes the fleet a great sociable environment for both the kids and their parents and siblings.

The dates for all the RS Tera events are published on the RS Tera page on the Youth section of HISC website. There is also a Facebook page at HISC Tera.



RS Feva

Fiona Pyke
Class Captain

The popularity of RS Fevas at HISC has been created by a varied and continuous programme of training and racing; all abilities of sailor will find something to suit them, from the back of the fleet to the world champion.

The RS Feva is a best-selling two-person dinghy, with an exciting asymmetric spinnaker designed for children to have fun!! It is an RYA supported youth class, as popular on the training circuit as the racing circuit.

At HISC we have a large and active fleet, and we aim to provide a fun and varied programme for all abilities of youth sailor. Youth Race Week and Chichester Harbour Race Week are key fixtures for the RS Feva with usually 40+ boats attending. These events are sailed by all combinations – boy, girl and mixed teams as well as parent and child. Even novice lady teams love it, as it is so easy to handle! RS Fevas can be rented from the club so anyone can have a go anytime.

HISC is very proud to have the 2016 National Champions Freddie Peters and crew Louis Johnson, together with the current World Champion crew Finn Dickinson as active members.

There is a popular Winter Training Programme with monthly weekend training. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to make friends, find their sailing partner, hone their skills and gain confidence to start or improve racing.

There are usually three groups so the training can cater for the novice through to the advanced racer. Professional young coaches are aided by successful older RS Feva sailors; a powerful combination, which the kids love.



RS Feva Nationals 2016. Photo: Peter Newton



RS Fevas can take part in HISC Club racing every Saturday, a great opportunity to show up the adult fleets!! During the season there is a Sunday youth racing series, where up to three races are run on windward leeward courses. These races offer the perfect environment for the more

novice sailors to gain confidence before they take part in the bigger club events. For our experienced sailors they can practice their racing skills to perfection!

In the holidays, the popular Sprint Racing is often provided. The youth sailors love the fast and furious format; often with up



RS Feva Nationals 2016. Photo: Peter Newton

to six races in under two hours!! RS Fevas take part in the monthly Pennant racing with their own start and prizes given at the end of the weekend.

On bank holidays RS Fevas can often be seen scattered throughout the harbour as they join in the Charity Pursuit Race with all the other fleets. A great opportunity for the kids to beat their parents!!

The highlight of the year is Youth Race Week which can see up to 40 RS Fevas taking part – with lots of laughter both off and on the shore. This week has fun activities each night, culminating in the Youth Race Week Ball.

RS Fevas have their own separate start at Chichester Harbour Race Week and

are often the most numerous, and easily the loudest fleet on the water! All the different race combinations are present and they are a fun, supportive and very friendly group.

Several of our members travel to the RS Feva Grand Prix events, National and World Championships. Many of our current and past sailors have achieved fantastic results with National Champions too numerous to mention. For members just beginning to travel outside the club there is always someone on hand to give advice on where to stay, travel suggestions etc. The parents are an exceptionally friendly bunch!

Jo Hewitson



My summers at Hayling Island Sailing Club have been phenomenal!



It's that time of year when everyone comes down and experiences the activities the sailing club has to offer.

Summers have featured some of the most memorable moments of my life. My friends from all over the country come down and we sit on the beach in the sun, go swimming, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking and so much more.

The club arrange some outstanding events such as Youth Race Week, Chichester Harbour Race Week and Family Fun Week that include people from various ages getting out on the water to have loads of fun.

It encourages everyone to get sailing with their family and friends and enjoy themselves on the sea. The atmosphere is happy and social and I make loads of friends each year.

I have pretty much spent every day at HISC in the summer since I was born and there is nothing quite like it. It's extraordinary encountering all the many things available to do. My summers are incredible and ones I won't forget.

Emma Wells

Optimist

Brian Staite
Class Captain



The HISC Optimist fleet has seen a resurgence in recent years and the sailors (and parents) have been extremely busy during 2016 with a healthy mix of activities at the club and on the National and International circuit.

The Optimist dinghy is the most popular sailing dinghy in the world. Sailed by children up to the age of 15, it can be used for mucking about in the HISC lagoon to running an International racing campaign. The Optimist dinghy covers all the ground and there are few top level International sailors that did not start in this class.

The club held 2 prestigious events in 2016, our annual 2 day Open Meeting which was attended by 92 entries and the Late Summer Championships, which formed part of the National Ranking series and attracted 160 entries. The event was won by HISC member Finley Dickinson. However, sailing Optimists is not only about the serious racing opportunities. It is fantastic seeing families enjoying the delights of the lagoon and children taking their first outings in Optimists.

Results on the racing circuit have been something all the sailors can be extremely proud of and travelling as a club, as a group of friends is very supportive. Help is always at hand

from the older sailors and On-the-Water support from parents in RIBs is often available to those less confident. Further to this, there is usually a space available on a trailer to help get to events. At the National Championships, held at Largs Sailing Club, HISC won the Club Prize, 1st English Junior, 1st Under 11 and 1st Family. India Page-Wood also gained selection to the European Championships team competing in Italy with a highly credible result. HISC also has excellent representation in the National and Intermediate Squads (the top 48 UK sailors). The HISC Winter training programme sees a healthy group of over 30 sailors taking part; it provides an excellent opportunity for vertical training with the experienced sailors supporting those newer to the fleet.

The Optimist fleet take part in all aspects of the HISC racing calendar including the Sunday Youth racing series, Pennant weekends, Pursuit races and adhoc Sprint races. The highlights of the year are Youth Race Week and Chichester Harbour Race

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week. Not only is great racing available during these events but fantastic social activities add to the fun atmosphere.

Overall, there are few better ways available to get children into sailing. The boat itself is lightweight and extremely manoeuvrable, easy for children to manage by themselves both on the water and ashore. Boats are available for a low budget to get started and there is also a healthy second hand market for race spec boats.

Seals



The aim of HISC Seals is to get the under 10s happy and confident both on and in the water!

HISC Seals enables complete novices and younger members to meet new friends and learn new water skills in the safety of the lagoon. Four sessions normally run in July and August. The initiative encourages children and their parents to get on the water in any type of dinghy, kayak, paddle board or surfboard to take part in fun games and activities such as collecting plastic balls, treasure hunts, learning to sail with an instructor and sailing around buoys. Lots of awards and spot prizes are given out for new skills achieved by your children, and can include anything from first time in a boat, first time on the helm, or even first tack!

HISC Seals is deliberately not about racing or training but all about having fun and getting on the water. Novices are actively encouraged to join in.

HISC Seals can offer the use of club boats to those that do not own their own boats. These include Oppi on a rope which is very successful way for children to gain in confidence and learn new skills. In 2017 we can again offer some HISC Teras to borrow (free of charge) during the Seals allocated time.

There is no charge for Seals, Oppi on a Rope or Borrow A Boat. Please just register at the briefing.

Seals takes place whatever the weather - however the organisers reserve the right to cancel on the water activities and lending of boats if the weather is prohibitive. On shore games will take place if at all possible. Please call the office for an update on the morning if in doubt.

HISC Seals is run by volunteers so please do help out where you can! Parents remain responsible for their children at all times, and life jackets are mandatory. HISC Crew and volunteers running these fun events take no responsibility for participants' safety.

Search for HISC Seals on Facebook for the latest dates and photos of recent events.



From youth to coach

Marcus Payne



I started coming down to the sailing club as a baby as my parents had a caravan on the Hollies. My first fun memory of sailing was when my dad and I won the 'Parent and Child race' in our Mirror dinghy; my brother Tristan was so tired he slept in the bottom of the boat and we crossed the line with him curled up next to our feet! We always took part in Family Fun Week and would sail our Mirror dinghy to East Head; in later years we would sail ourselves in a club RS Vision taking our young cousins with us. I gained my RYA levels 1 and 2 at Youth Training Week when I was 8 years old.

All summer we would come down to the beach and sail in the lagoon and play with our friends. We progressed into the RS Tera and did loads of RS Tera training and then took part in youth racing.

The red ribbon had us sailing around blow-up palm trees and parrots instead of marks and we finished with Carol Fiddaman standing waist deep on Seagull Island giving out Haribo sweets!

When I was 14 years old I tried out crewing in the RS Feva with my helm Robert. Robert and I won Menegham Junior week and came third in HISC Youth Race Week that year! We did well enough in two of the RS Feva Grand Prix events (one at HISC, the other at Chew Valley) to qualify for the RYA National Junior Squad which we loved. We continued to sail regularly at HISC and took part in the RS Feva winter squad as well.

I did a race with James Peters in the RS200 and won the Asymmetric Handicap and we came 2nd in the overall Spring series which I enjoyed. Robert and I came 2nd at the RS Feva National Championships in Torbay and it was the only time the RS Fevas have ever seen match racing! The RS Feva World Championships were held at HISC that year and 180 boats entered.

In 2015 I transitioned into the 29er class and took part in the HISC coached racing over the winter. I then went on to do the 29er Worlds and Nationals.

When the RS200 Nationals were held at HISC I joined up with my old RS Feva

It was great to be working with my friends and to be teaching where we first learnt to do our RYA beginner levels. I did some work for the Marine Department when I was at college, instructing and driving the water taxi Selene. When all my other friends were working the checkouts at supermarkets I was in the sun and my office was a launch!

helm to take part. We had some exciting windy racing together, as well as some great social evenings at the club.

At 15 years old I was an assistant sailing instructor for Youth Training Week and when I was 16 I took my Power Boat level 2, First Aid and Dinghy Instructor courses, all at HISC.

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I have met loads of the members through working at the club and have discovered many transferable skills that I have been able to put on my CV. In September 2016 I completed my Race Coach Certificate and have been able to earn some money while I'm at university by coaching in the HISC RS Feva and HISC 29er winter squads.

Coaching at HISC

Alice Masterman



I started sailing at Hayling Island Sailing Club when I was 7, taking part in the Youth Training Week and from then, I absolutely loved it. The annual Family Fun week and Youth Training Week were my favourite weeks and I looked forward to them every year. I remember sailing back from the expedition to the Vickers' garden during Family Fun Week and experiencing my first ever capsize, where my dad had to dive in and help me! The best bit was a seeing 6' 8" man trying to sail an Optimist, that was sinking! Another fond memory is sailing the K6 keel boat around the harbour, with my dad rigging up three trapezes on each side; always popular with my friends!. I think this was an early realisation for me that trapezing was definitely better than hiking!

From there I progressed to the first ever winter training in the new RS Feva. I was part of the original HISC Youth RS Feva squad and my friends and I decided not to travel to other venues but to stay at Hayling which

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was the best decision as it meant I could actually spend time sailing and choose weekends depending on the forecast. It didn't mean I didn't travel the country, but enabled me to wait until I was completely confident. Team HISC always formed a large part of any RS Feva event, wherever it was being held which meant I had a great group of friends wherever we were sailing.

These friends progressed into 29ers with me and once again I continued with the HISC training as it was such a good standard. In my opinion, a perfect summers' day with a sea

breeze in Hayling Bay beats any other location; especially with the swell which makes it a fun and eventful place to train and race.

There is definitely a sad moment when you get too old for Family Fun Week and Youth Training Week, but it doesn't mean you can't still be part of it. Through completing my Dinghy Instructor course (at HISC) I still get to be part of the fun weeks and am now helping to run them as well. Dinghy Instructing has really helped my confidence and it's great to continue following in the footsteps of people that taught me. This has led to me gaining my Race Coach Level 2 qualification and I am now enjoying coaching the upcoming youth sailors, and getting paid for it! I don't think I would have been able to enjoy sailing as much as I do if I wasn't based at HISC as the environment is great. The long winter's hard graft of training and practice are worth it for the summers racing and a well-deserved pint in the bar or on the balcony!

Training information



Photo: Melvyn Cooper Sailing

HISC offers a variety of training courses both on and off the water from RYA courses to HISC's own courses designed to help you progress.

Sailing Courses

If you are interested in learning to sail you will find weekly opportunities at the all new Youth Get Sailing Club for younger sailors and Get Sailing Club for adults.

Powerboat Courses

The two day *RYA Powerboat Level 2* is the ideal course for those wanting to learn to drive a powerboat and to drive a rib for club duties.

The *HISC Safety Boat Driver* is a one day course, put together by our own instructors and designed to provide a practical learning experience for how to handle capsized dinghies as well as towing and other emergency procedures. Perfect for those who have

completed PB2 but want to learn more. New for 2017 is the one day *HISC Safety Boat Crew* course. This course is aimed at anyone who volunteers as a safety boat crew but would like to learn some useful practical skills. Completion of this course will also earn you *RYA Powerboat Level 1* certificate. The course is also open to 12 to 16 year olds who would gain an endorsed certificate.

RYA Shorebased Courses

The one day *First Aid* course includes practical use of a defibrillator and the one day *VHF Radio* course is highly recommended for anyone going afloat. The 10 week *RYA Day Skipper Theory* course is an exciting addition to this year's training program. If you cannot attend a lesson, private catch

up lessons are available (see opposite for details).

Instructor Training

In the program you will find two opportunities to take the *RYA Dinghy Instructor Course*. There are several pre-requisites to this course. Firstly every candidate must pass a Pre-Assessment Day as well as holding valid First Aid and PB2 Certificates. Candidates also have to complete the RYA Safe and Fun online safeguarding module prior to the course.

Race Management

If you are interested in mark laying or mentoring to become a Race Officer please get in touch with the office.



Photo: Peter Hickson

New for 2017! Youth Get Sailing and Windsurfing and Get Sailing

Youth Get Sailing and Windsurfing will run on Saturday mornings from late June to mid-September. This will be a regular opportunity for complete beginners to novice youth sailors to get on the water and learn to sail, gaining *RYA Dinghy Stage 1 and Stage 2* certificates and *RYA Stage 1 and 2 Windsurfing* Certificates.

Get Sailing is for adults who want to learn to sail and achieve *RYA Level 1* and progress to *RYA Level 2*. *Get Sailing* will run on Saturday afternoons. RYA Courses are now being run over six Saturdays with a minimum attendance requirement of four sessions. Hire boats are included in RYA courses.

Get Racing Club



Youth Supervised Sailing is being combined with *Get Racing Club* to create an inclusive improver session for all those wanting to make little steps towards racing whilst having fun and gaining confidence. Once sailors have completed either Stage 2 or 3 for Youths or Level 2 for Adults we invite you to attend HISC *Get Racing Club* on selected

Saturday afternoons. These fun and informal Saturday afternoons are perfect for those wanting to improve their confidence, learn key racing techniques and progress into the main club racing and ultimately take part in regatta events. A usual *Get Racing Club* afternoon would be for two coached races with a briefing and rigging help beforehand and a debrief once ashore. All classes of boat and ages are welcome and encouraged. Hire boats are available if required at reduced rates.

Dates, timings and fees for training at HISC can be found on page 66. Courses must be booked in advanced by calling the office.



RYA Day Skipper Theory

Date	Time	Fee
Fri 21 Apr	1900–2200	10 weeks: 8 evening classes, 2 day classes
Fri 28 Apr		
Fri 5 May		
Fri 12 May	0900–1700	£175 per person
Sat 13 May		
Fri 19 May	1900–2200	Includes RYA Day Skipper Student Pack, RYA Training Almanac and a set of plotters and dividers
Fri 26 May		
Fri 2 Jun		
Fri 9 Jun	0900–1700	
Sat 10 Jun		

Sail with confidence

Melvyn Cooper Sailing will help you improve your skills to sail with confidence.

- Adult and children sailing tuition
- Own boat tuition
- Tuition in MCS boats
– RS Quest (adult) and RS Feva (children)
- Complete beginner to improver lessons
- One to one, two people sharing or small group tuition
- Single-handed coaching with MCS RIB (Solo, RS Aero, RS Tera, Optimist)
- *Get Racing* – essential racing skills and techniques
- Dayboat/small yacht tuition
- Winter onshore foundation skills for adults
- Online calendar

For friendly advice please telephone Melvyn Cooper on 01243 370884 or email melvyn@melvyncoopersailing.com

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Training dates at a glance

Training Courses for HISC members. Please contact the office on 02392 463768 if you require a mid-week date or a date not listed as we may be able to accommodate you. Courses must be booked in advanced by calling the office. All prices are per person.

Date	Course	Length	Time	Fee
March				
Sat 18 & Sun 19 Mar	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
Sat 25 Mar	RYA First Aid Course	1 day	0900 - 1700	£60
Sun 26 Mar	RYA First Aid Course	1 day	0900 - 1700	£60
April				
Sat 15 & Sun 16 Apr	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
Mon 17 Apr	HISC Safety Boat Course (Driver)	1 day	0900 - 1700	£90
Mon 17 Apr	HISC Safety Boat Course (Crew)	1 day	0900 - 1700	£90
Tue 18 & Wed 19 Apr	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
Thu 20 & Fri 21 Apr	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
Sat 22 Apr	RYA VHF Course	1 day	0930 - 1730	£65 plus £60 licence fee
May				
Sat 6 May	DI Pre Assessment Day	1 day	0900 - 1700	incl in course fee
Sun 7 May	DI Pre Assessment Day	1 day	0900 - 1700	incl in course fee
Sat 13 May	RYA VHF Course	1 day	0930 - 1730	£65 plus £60 licence fee
Sat 20 May	HISC Safety Boat Course (Driver)	1 day	0900 - 1700	£90
Sun 21 May	HISC Safety Boat Course (Crew)	1 day	0900 - 1700	£90
Tue 30 May - Fri 2 Jun	Youth Training Week (including RYA Levels)	4 days	0930 - 1630	£160
June				
Sat 3 Jun	HISC Safety Boat Course (Crew)	1 day	0930 - 1600	£90
Sat 24 Jun	DI Pre Assessment Day	1 day	0900 - 1700	incl in course fee
Sat 25 Jun	DI Pre Assessment Day	1 day	0900 - 1700	incl in course fee
July				
Mon 10 - Fri 14 Jul	RYA Dinghy Instructor Course	5 days	0900 - 1800	£425
August				
Mon 31 Jul - Fri 4 Aug	RYA Dinghy Instructor Course	5 days	0900 - 1800	£425
Tue 1 & Wed 2 Aug	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
Thu 3 & Fri 4 Aug	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
Sat 5 & Sun 6 Aug	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
Sat 19 & Sun 20 Aug	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
Tue 29 & Wed 30 Aug	RYA Start Racing	2 days	0930 - 1630	£140
September				
Sat 9 & Sun 10 Sep	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
Sat 23 & Sun 24 Sep	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
Sat 30 Sep & Sun 1 Oct	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
October				
Sat 7 & Sun 8 Oct	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
Wed 25 & Thu 26 Oct	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
Sat 28 & Sun 29 Oct	RYA Powerboat Level 2	2 days	0930 - 1630	£180
November				
Sat 4 Nov	RYA First Aid Course	1 day	0900 - 1700	£60
Sun 19 Nov	RYA First Aid Course	1 day	0900 - 1700	£60


Women on Water (WOW) See the feature article on page 68 for details

Date	Length	Time	Fee
Sat 27 April	1 day	1000 - 1500	Own boat £80 for 4 sessions Hire boat £100 for 4 sessions
Thu 4 May	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 11 May	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 18 May	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 8 June	1 day	1000 - 1500	Own boat £80 for 4 sessions Hire boat £100 for 4 sessions
Thu 15 June	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 22 June	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 29 June	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Fri 23 – Sun 25 June	3 days	1000 - 1500	£150 includes hire boat
Thu 7 September	1 day	1000 - 1500	Own boat £80 for 4 sessions Hire boat £100 for 4 sessions
Thu 14 September	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 21 September	1 day	1000 - 1500	
Thu 28 September	1 day	1000 - 1500	

Seals See the feature article on page 61 for details

Date	Time	Fee
Sun 25 June	1000	Free
Sun 9 July	1000	
Sun 6 August	1000	
Sun 20 August	1000	

Youth Get Sailing and Windsurfing; Get Sailing; and Get Racing Club See page 65 for details

	Date	Youth Get Sailing and Windsurfing – Saturday am Time: 0900–1200	Get Sailing Saturday pm Time: 1300–1600	Get Racing Club Saturday pm Time: 1400–1600
Term 1	Sat 24 June	RYA Stage 1 Sailing RYA Stage 2 Sailing RYA Stage 1 Windsurfing £120 for 4 sessions includes hire boat	RYA Dinghy Sailing Level 1 £150 for 6 sessions includes hire boat Minimum 4 sessions to gain certificate	 HISC Coached Racing Own boat £15 per session or £90 per season Hire boat £25 per session or £150 per season
	Sat 1 July			
	Sat 8 July			
	Sat 15 July			
Term 2	Sat 22 July	RYA Stage 1 Sailing RYA Stage 2 Sailing RYA Stage 1 Windsurfing £120 for 4 sessions includes hire boat	RYA Dinghy Sailing Level 1 RYA Dinghy Sailing Level 2 £150 for 6 sessions includes hire boat Minimum 4 sessions to gain certificate	
	Sat 29 July			
	Sat 12 August			
	Sat 19 August			
Term 3	Sat 26 August	RYA Stage 2 Sailing RYA Stage 3 Sailing £120 for 4 sessions includes hire boat	RYA Dinghy Sailing Level 1 RYA Dinghy Sailing Level 2 £150 for 6 sessions includes hire boat Minimum 4 sessions to gain certificate	
	Sat 2 September			
	Sat 9 September			
	Sat 16 September			

Women on Water at HISC

Linda Stokes



Last year's Women On Water initiative was a fantastic success with six ladies signed up for the initial dates which started at the end of April. Word spread of the success of the initiative and numbers for the second session soared to 20 with a waiting list for the September sessions.

We were met with perfect sailing conditions of brilliant blue skies, calm sea and light winds which coupled with some excellent coaching by Melvyn Cooper enabled us to quickly gain confidence and improve beyond belief.

WOW was set up to get women out on the water in a relaxed and fun environment. We offer 3 coaches for the 3 groups, improvers, improvers plus, and advanced. In June we run a 3 day back to back session where total beginners are also welcome. The emphasis of the sessions are dependent on the group; lots of the women just want to gain confidence to sail on their own, or so that they can sail with their children. Some



want to start racing, others just simply want to get out on the water in a relaxed format.

Above all it's about learning new skills, meeting people, having fun, and camaraderie on and off the water. The group meets on a Thursday morning, with briefing at 10.00am and finishing at 1.00pm. We have three amazing coaches lined up for this season and already there has been really strong interest.

You don't have to own your own boat to take part; HISC has an extensive fleet of single and double handed dinghies which are available for hire. A wide variety of owned and hired boats take part including RS Feva, RS Quba, RS Aero, RS200, and Topper.

WOW is supported by many wonderful volunteer helpers who give up their Thursday mornings to provide on-water safety cover. They have done this free of charge and without their help, WOW would not be able to run without considerably increasing its costs. If you have your PB2 and would be interested in helping out in any session please let the club know.

The dates for this year's WOW sessions are

Block 1	Block 2	Block 3
27 April	8 June	7 September
4 May	15 June	14 September
11 May	22 June	21 September
18 May	29 June	28 September

3 day WOW course
23, 24, 25 June

HISC Hire Boat Fleet

For those people who would like to try out a different dinghy or enjoy sailing but don't want the commitment of buying their own boat then hiring a dinghy offers a great solution.



HISC have a permanent fleet of 30 dinghies that are available for hire by any members. The fleet consists of a range of boats suitable for beginners, children, adults and families comprising of single handers, double handers through to family boats. The fleet is as follows:

	Daily hire rate
Optimist	£20.00
RS Tera	£20.00
RS Quba	£25.00
RS Feva	£25.00
RS Vision	£40.00
RS Venture	£50.00

The HISC rental fleet has grown over the past few years to give more people access to the water, from a fleet of around 6 boats ten years ago to the current fleet of 30 boats. The fleet are maintained by the club and are replaced on a regular programme.

Skipped RS Venture Hire

For new and novice members, HISC offers private sailing tuition in their fleet of RS Ventures which can take up to 5 people. Participants learn how to rig, launch and recover the boat as well as learning how to helm and crew. This offers a great way for new members to get to know the harbour and the tides. Call the HISC office for more details.



Thursday Club

For children living on Hayling Island with no chance to access to sailing, the club organises the HISC Thursday Club which runs from April to September on Thursday evenings from 4 to 6pm. This is specifically aimed at children who would not normally get the chance to learn to sail and takes them from their first sail through to RYA certificates with an end-of-season sticky bun party and presentation of awards. The Thursday Club uses a variety of the HISC owned boats to give around 30 children a year (from ages 10-16)

access to RYA qualified instructors to introduce them to sailing and gain their sailing certificates. The HISC Thursday Club is totally run by a team of tireless volunteers for the benefit of local children.

The Thursday Club was launched by HISC Trustee Mike Baker and has been running for over 10 years; it has enabled over 300 children to try sailing for the first time. For many the Thursday Club is a life-changer – whether it is a growth in self-esteem



Mike Baker

or a passion which has seen them become instructors, work in the industry or compete nationally and internationally.

New friends, new skills

Brynmor Day

Former Thursday Club participant



Karen Day's son Brynmor first started sailing with the HISC Thursday Club when he was 11 and still at primary school.

Despite living on Hayling Island, Brynmor had never previously considered sailing and his family didn't own a boat. Hearing about the Thursday Club programme through a friend, Brynmor joined up and went sailing every Thursday

through that first summer. Not knowing anyone at the Thursday Club his family encouraged him all the way and his mum came down and watched and helped out with launching and recovering the boats each week. Brynmor quickly made

new friends, learnt new skills and discovered that he really enjoyed the freedom and excitement of sailing. Now 21 years old Brynmor has worked his way through the Thursday Club programme gaining various Dinghy Instructor qualifications. As a qualified

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I've not only made life-long friends, learnt skills I would never have had a chance to but I've also discovered a passion for sailing and perhaps most importantly been able to give something back. It's been really rewarding to teach shy young children to learn an exciting new skill, I know how much it benefited me all those years ago. My qualifications will enable me to work anywhere in the world in a sport that I'm passionate about and I've recently bought my first boat.



Brynmor Day

Senior Sailing Instructor, Brynmor now teaches the future generations of children coming through the Thursday Club programme.

Brynmor explained, 'I've not only made life-long friends, learnt skills I would never have had a chance to but I've also discovered a passion for sailing and perhaps most importantly been able to give something back. It's been really rewarding to teach shy young children

to learn an exciting new skill, I know how much it benefited me all those years ago. My qualifications will enable me to work anywhere in the world in a sport that I'm passionate about and I've recently bought my first boat.'

Karen, Brynmor's mother continued, 'Everyone at HISC and the Thursday Club were so welcoming to Brynmor and myself. All the volunteers and instructors were really encouraging

and it was wonderful to see Brynmor gain in confidence as he learnt new skills while having loads of fun at the same time. I've noticed how the whole experience has given my son confidence when dealing with the public and he's able to speak to both children and adults on a level that they understand, something that will be invaluable throughout his life.'





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HISC Social Sailing

Mike Tong



A group of HISC members gather under the banner of HISC Social Sailing on pre-arranged dates and sail off to various destinations. Any member of HISC can join and for cruises in the harbour, dinghies are very welcome to take part too.

We walk, visit pubs, restaurants and other Clubs before sailing home – all very sociable! For 2017, six day sailing trips to other clubs are planned with seven multi night visits round the Solent including one to Poole Harbour. Usually at least 10 boats take part each time with between 20 to 40 sailors in total. During the winter, monthly HISC Social Sailing lunches take place on a Friday.

The cruises take place during the week when the waters and the marinas are not so busy and usually everything is much more peaceful and relaxed. In 2016, there were 110 paying members. For 2017 there is an Annual Subscription of £5 per person, payable at the next event to the Captain or the Treasurer. Boat owners' non-member guests are welcome to attend free-of-charge but should be signed in at the Office.

For more information, contact the Captain, Mike Tong (02392-466522 mtong@excaliburactuaries.co.uk) or Treasurer Paul Young (07972-832018 paul_young@hotmail.com). There is also a very informative web page run by Jane Blades www.hiscsocsail.co.uk

Reminders for all events will be e-mailed out on the HISC General Newsletter system.

Some 2016 highlights

After the usual "winter" Friday lunches and SGM and a "blown off" visit to the Itchenor pub, the first sailing event to CYC was attended by 32 persons followed by a similar number to Itchenor Sailing Club. The first "away" visit to Bembridge and Seaview was very convivial. We went to Haslar, including a close-up of BAR at speed.

The next trip to the Folly and the Squadron for lunch included more BAR close-ups. Beaulieu followed.

Blooming June included a BBQ at Newtown Creek (a highlight!) and Lymington at the Dan Bran and Royal Lym. "Poole Week" went to Yarmouth then Brownsea Island, Parkstone and Poole Quay in the Harbour and home via Lymington for many.



A further visit to Bembridge in early July was followed by "Harbour Week" sailing to various clubs and East Head for a picnic and swimming (!), then the Blakes' BBQ with 70 attendees.

Latterly, a short trip to Cowes (we know most of the pubs!) and Newtown Creek in August was followed by another BBQ, this time at the Stuarts. The September "5 Rivers Week" visited all parts Solent. The fleet looked especially magnificent on the Bucklers Hard pontoon with Fleet flags on all 14 yachts.

Carry on cruising!

There is a very active Cruising Membership at HISC and the club offers excellent facilities both in terms of moorings and social events for Cruising members.

Mid-week cruiser rallies are organised by Social Sailing, a group of some one hundred members, who get together during the winter for regular meetings at the club and in the summer on the water. More information of the annual programme can be found on the Social Sailing page on the website. The Social

Sailing Captain is also a member of the Cruising Committee.

During early summer, mid-week cruiser racing is organised in the evening, known as the Sundowner series. See the Cruiser racing page 78.

Members Mark and Lisa Pollington are currently on a round the world cruise and included below is the account of their first year at sea.

David Dodgson
Rear Commodore Cruising

The voyage of a lifetime



Reaching towards Cabo de Cope, Costa Blanca

Mark and Lisa Pollington gave up work, bought a Sweden 45 and set off on the voyage of a lifetime.

Waving to the "Whitbread" yachts racing past Hurst Castle in 1989 we dreamt that one day we would embark on our own adventure! 27 years later, with family and career boxes ticked, we are turning those dreams into reality!

After 3 years of planning for a new lifestyle we started searching for a second hand yacht capable of taking us round the world. Taking ownership

of 'Wild Iris', a Sweden 45, on 23rd December 2015, we quit work and moved aboard on 1st April 2016, before setting sail across the Channel from Plymouth to L'Aberwrach on 9th June; the crates (!) of Cava to toast our departure all drunk and the family home being looked after by our son!

Heading South for warmer weather we went all the way around the Biscay

coastline, exploring and building experience, before tackling longer passages. We had kind winds, but not enough time, to explore the beautiful string of French islands (Glenan, Groix, Belle, Houat, Yeu, and Re) which took us to La Rochelle. Losing the wind in July we slowly sailed to the Spanish Rias with stop offs in Arcachon, the Basque country and northern Spanish fishing villages.



First taste of octopus!



Beating under Ponte 25 de A bril, admiring the dramatic Lisbon city scape

The Rias were spectacular; glorious mountain scenery, a 'fiesta' at most ports and secluded anchorages. The Spanish National Park Islas Salvora, Ons and Cies were well worth the bureaucratic challenge of obtaining anchoring permits. Each island had a unique character; barren, austere isolation to sun kissed paradise. We anchored, walked and soaked up the atmosphere.

The western extremities of Europe's coast beyond the Rias are inhospitable with few ports of refuge, but reliable trade winds took us South in overnight passages via Porto and Lisbon for October in the Algarve. Anchoring in Lagos, Portimão and Faro was perfect; we swam in a warm sea and lazed about on vast, empty golden beaches under azure skies. Aiming to get to the Med ahead of any storms we continued along the Atlantic

Andalusian coast (few safe anchorages and apart from the lovely Cadiz, quite run down). Passing Cabo Trafalgar on the 211th anniversary of the battle we had a most memorable beat through the Straits of Gibraltar into the fickle winds of the Mediterranean.

From the historic Gibraltar we moved in bursts, as the weather allowed, past the high rise Northern European enclaves of the Costa del Sol towards our chosen winter destination of the ancient city of Cartagena.

We soon forgot previous working lives and enjoyed the summer's daily routine of a short sail, anchoring and exploring. As we got further south there were new, interesting cultures and cuisine to experience: Spanish fiestas, 'Real Club Nautico' G&Ts, 'pulpo a fiera', street-side BBQ sardines and flamenco nights. It was also a great

pleasure having friends and family to share our experiences and we hope to see HISC friends this year.

Winter in the Med has been a different experience. We have made new friends within a vibrant sailing community; enjoying tapas crawls, Christmas Day BBQ and walks etc. I now have time to play guitar again (Flamenco style!) but still have to finish fitting the water-maker and solar panels that were purchased before we left the UK!

We have entered the ARC+ and so will cruise the Mediterranean this summer before crossing the Atlantic in November 2017. There are no fixed plans beyond that, but we may explore the Eastern American seaboard before heading through the Panama Canal.

Lisa and Mark Pollington



Wild Iris anchored off Isla Ons, Galicia

Cruiser racing at HISC

Roy Pine



Photo: Peter Hickson

A racy boat and crew will always lead from the front, but every dog has his day and some days the old dogs at the back get to the front and get the bone in their teeth! Besides, you meet some very nice people at the back of the fleet, and have more time to talk to them!

HISC has a long and illustrious history of cruiser racing, from the fiercely competitive 60's and 70's when some serious, Chichester Harbour based, ocean racers competed in racing in Hayling Bay to the more modest and low key present day, friendly series.

These days the competition may be more informal but it is equally hard fought between ex dinghy racing skippers who have moved up to family cruisers with a WC and cup of tea, crewed by keen club members, who all enjoy getting out on the water in mid week.

The Spring into Summer Sundowner series on Thursday evenings, is the club's main cruiser racing series, with about a dozen races from April into July split into an early and late series and run under the Poole based velocity prediction rating system (www.vprs.org) suitable for cruisers of all shapes and sizes.

During the summer there are a couple of Saturday and Sunday races around the buoys in the bay, culminating in the Club Regatta in August and Bart's Bash in September. In the Autumn, the racing season is brought to a close with the long established Nab Cup and Sparkes Trophy, a weekend of racing to some of the further flung marks in the bay.

Cruiser racing at HISC is friendly and fun, few of us will ever trouble the engravers (well I won't!) but every time

we go out we get a few, extra, precious hours messing about in boats so don't just think about it, come and join us!

Crew are always wanted so get in touch with the Sailing Secretary at the club (sailingsecretary@hisc.couk), sign up to the HISC Sundowners, Club Racing and Get Racing Facebook pages or email me at roy.pine@hayling.co.uk

See you on the startline!



Photo: Peter Hickson



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Cruising at HISC – what you need to know

David Dodgson
Rear Commodore Cruising



The Rear Commodore Cruising, supported by the Cruising Committee and working closely with the Marine Manager and his team, are responsible for coordinating the allocation of moorings, winter lay-up and ancillary shore-based services for a wide diversity of cruising boats from day boats to larger cruisers.

The club is very fortunate to have the use of 76 deep-water moorings, 39 half-tide moorings and a visitors mooring. The deep water moorings are positioned on Crown Commissioners' land, they own the seabed and as such the club has to pay a fee for this privilege. This fee is renegotiable every five years. The half-tide moorings are on club land. Both are arranged in a limited area carefully controlled by the Harbour Master using satellite technology.

In addition to moorings, the club operates a regular ferry service to the moorings, tender storage space in the season, outboard storage and provides winter lay-up facilities ashore, further details of which are provided below.

Club Moorings.

The club has 115 moorings suitable for a variety of boat sizes

15 x Class A2	(14m max deep water)
27 x Class A2(R)	(11m max deep water)
34 x Class A3	(9m max deep water)
18 x Class B3	(6m max shallow water)
5 x Class B3	(9m max shallow water)
16 x Class C&D4	(6m max shallow water)

The Deep Water Moorings are removed on a 3 yearly schedule, when the sinkers, buoys and swivels are inspected, and the riser chain and strop chain replaced. The Half Tide Moorings are also maintained on a 3-year cycle, they have a different configuration, with appropriate maintenance.

The chain strops complete the Mooring complex, and many owners consider them to be the back up to their rope strop, which will take the snub from the effects of wave motion in these relatively exposed waters. The advice of the Harbour Moorings Master is commended in each case. The rope strop is the owner's responsibility and should be removed at the end of each season; failure to remove it will involve a fee for the Marine Crew to do so. There is no guarantee that owners will be allotted the same mooring the following year.

How to apply for a Mooring

The allocation of moorings is vested with the Cruising Committee, using the "Guidelines for the Cruising Committee relating to the Moorings Waiting List. Allocation of Moorings and General Mooring Principles" see club web site.

Moorings are let on an Annual Contract, which is renewable annually by mutual agreement between the club and tenant.

Members requiring moorings, shall apply in writing by 31 October of the preceding year to join the waiting list.

Application to join the Waiting List for a Mooring may be made to the Club Office, with a deposit of £100, repayable on being allocated a mooring. The Waiting List is specific for the type/size of mooring required.



Mooring Contract

The main points of the mooring contract are:

- The contract is for the period between 1 March and 31 October.
- The owner warrants that the Vessel is insured against third party risks for at least the minimum sum recommended by the club.
- The owner will not sublet, or make any arrangement with a third party with regard to mooring rights.

Owners who choose to leave their outboard engines mounted on the stern of their boat should consider the swing circle of their boat and the likelihood of the engine leg causing damage to neighbouring boats. Covering the engine with a sturdy bucket or engine removal should be considered in these circumstances.

Ferry

A ferry service to the moorings runs throughout the season at weekends and Bank Holiday Mondays, times vary according to month and hours of daylight.

Until the pontoon is reinstated the hours of operation may be slightly more limited than usual and for the most up to date information please see the club web site. Lifejackets must be worn if the ferry service is by rib. The ferry can be summoned on VHF ch 08 call sign "Selene"

Mid week ferry service

A mid-week service is available on request at the office, between the hours of 0900 – 1500. Charge will be £5.00 each way payable at Reception. The ferry must be booked with the office by 1400 on the day before it is required.

Sparkes Mooring Ferry

There is an annual charge of £75 for the use of the club ferry to and from the Sparkes moorings during the times that the ferry is running.

Tender Park

For anyone wishing to be independent and use their own tender, storage space on the beach can be requested. Space for tenders is limited, and mooring holders must apply for and pay the current fee for keeping a tender (which must be less than 4 metres in length) in the tender park. A reduced tender fee is payable for tenders using the rack.

All tenders must be removed at the end of the season; this allows the sand to blow clear. All tenders must be identified with:-

- The name of vessel (e.g. Tender to Yacht)
- Current club tag affixed to tender or its trolley,
- Valid Chichester Harbour Conservancy Plaque paid for via Club office.

Outboard storage shed

A space (Fee payable) can be requested within the Outboard shed offering limited facility to house an engine. A run-out tank is available to avoid the storage of excess fuel.

The rules for this storage are displayed on the back of the door and in particular:

- Engines must be marked with the owners name
- Engines should be hung on the rail not left in the middle of the floor
- Under no circumstances should fuel containers be left in the outboard shed.

Winter-Lay up

Winter Lay-up facility was started at HISC in 1995 with the purchase of the Lift Hoist. This was for the benefit of owners of larger boats to lay up at the club at a cheaper rate than Boat Yards, without hidden charges of commission when buying or selling, or charging professionals to work on boats. However it was understood that the boats should not impact too much on other club members, which is reflected in the limited time of launch and recovery.



Photo: Peter Hickson

Each winter the club accommodates the laying up of boats in the main car park. Vessels are stored in cradles and power can be supplied, all services for which fees are raised. Laying up is subject to a formal Laying Up Agreement.

The club owns and maintains a hoist capable of recovering cruisers up to approximately 11 metres in length. The hoist was renewed in 2015.

The winter lay up facility is limited by space. Application is made each year, late application will jeopardize the availability. If requests exceed the space available, priority will be given to previous users, and then mooring points will be considered. Every attempt must be made during the Winter Lay-up to reduce the impact on other club members.

The recovery by the Marine Team is unattended by the owner unless specifically requested otherwise, and although every attempt to accommodate the request will be made, it cannot be guaranteed.

- The recovery period usually starts at the beginning of October (dependent on the tides), and the

relaunch period is generally in March, but always before Easter.

- All fixed fin keeled boats must be supported while ashore in a cradle, approved by the Cruising Committee. Any cradle not able to be stacked at the end of the Winter Season must be removed from the site. Cradles are owned and maintained by the owner not the club.
- Electricity supply is available for the Winter Lay-up period, supplied via a meter, and charged at the same rate charged to the club, plus meter hire.
- Water is laid on in each section of the Winter Lay-up area.
- The club has several high-power washers and a power wash by the Marine Team is included in all unattended recoveries.

Cruiser Owners AGM

This is a once a year event offering the cruising membership an opportunity to learn of any changes to cruising facilities and time to raise or discuss cruiser-based concerns.

Please ask at the Club Office for any further information on club moorings.



HISC moorings are an ideal place to keep Isla our 32 ft yacht. It's a real privilege having the boat in a location that's perfectly placed either to head out to the wider Solent or to take an evening potter around the Harbour.

Throughout the years that the family have been growing up we have all really enjoyed being able to easily access the boat from this superb location, whether it's staying on the boat overnight for the weekend and enjoying the Club's facilities of an evening, racing in the CCRC series, enjoying the sunset or heading off with friends for a weekend in the Solent or up the harbour.

We enjoy the good access from the club's ferry Selene at the weekends and independent use of our tender when it's not running, not to mention laying up in a friendly location over winter in the HISC car park. With the resources of the club to hand I really commend the moorings to all boat owners, just try a sunset on the mooring listening to the birds and watching the stars come out!

Seumas Kilpatrick

Hayling Rescue



Frank Dunster first started rescuing in 1970 when he joined the volunteer crew of the Hayling Island Sea Rescue and Research Organisation (HISRRO) who operated a rescue boat service in Chichester Harbour and its approaches in the absence of the RNLI.

Boating activity increased greatly at this time and the RNLI and HISRRO joined forces to open a joint lifeboat station at Sandy Point in 1975. Frank helped crew the Hayling Lifeboat until 1995 when he reached the statutory retirement age for Inshore Lifeboat men.

In 1977 Michael Mountfield, a leading HISC member, suggested to Frank that his rescue interests would be fully challenged by helping the club in its many sailing activities. Frank developed his rescue career further, so much so that he bought the first "Hayling Rescue" boat in 1984 – a 28' rigid hulled rescue boat, built by David Still Marine in Emsworth. By 1987 Frank

had ended his career on the London Stock Exchange and used Hayling Rescue full time as a way of life. This involved helping HISC in its many sailing activities and championships, providing a general rescue and recovery service and towing vessels to and from moorings and marinas for repairs and winter lay ups.

By 1999 the rescue boat was beyond economic repair and Frank discovered he could access his pension fund to provide the money for a brand new rescue boat – the second Hayling Rescue was built by the Pepe Boatyard, Mill Rythe and has been in use ever since. Demands on this vessel expanded

and Frank found himself attending over 200 rescue incidents a year as well as all the commercial work. Not surprisingly the engine had a major failure in 2010 necessitating a complete rebuild. Fortunately, a group of HISC members got together to form "Friends of Hayling Rescue" with the intention of raising the funds for the rebuild. This proved so successful that there was money left over to provide a continuing capital fund to pay for major repairs and annual servicing and renewals. Frank continues to pay for day to day running costs such as fuel, insurance, boat equipment such as electronics, wet suits, lifejackets and food!

Frank intends to keep Hayling Rescue operating for a few more years mainly helping HISC and other harbour users in Chichester Harbour and its approaches. Like the RNLI, Frank never charges for actual rescues performed but donations are acceptable to "Friends of Hayling Rescue" who operate a bank account fund administered by the accountancy firm C.J. Driscoll and which works in conjunction with the Hayling Island Sail Training Trust to take advantage of "Gift Aid".



Clubhouse



Photo: Peter Hickson

Our Club house is sited on a beautiful sandy peninsular with unspoilt panoramic views of the South Downs and Wittering coastline at the mouth of Chichester Harbour.

An outstanding venue, HISC has much to offer sailors and non-sailors alike. The stunning club house and landscapes make it the perfect location for a wedding reception, christening and corporate event as well as family celebrations.

Our experienced team will ensure that you and your guests have a first class experience. Choose from an array of catering choices which include a wide selection of canapés, function and drinks menu packages.

For bespoke menus, John our chef will happily accommodate your every need to ensure that your day is extra special.

With fresh homemade food, clean and comfortable onsite accommodation, a reasonably priced bar and friendly and professional team, HISC is the ideal venue for your event. The club house has excellent versatile facilities, with unsurpassed views, which can accommodate up to 180 guests in the spectacular restaurant and two bars. Whether you are planning a wedding, social gathering, fundraiser or birthday party our entertaining spaces will guarantee that you will have an event to remember.



Food and drink at the Club

As a Member, you are given a membership card when joining the club. This card can be loaded with credit from any till point and used to buy food and drink at a 10% discount. Children are given their own cards from the age of eight.

Dining

All year round our highly experienced chefs produce breakfasts, lunches and dinners for members and visitors. Check our weekly newsletter and website for current service times. Generally, we are open as follows:

Breakfast

Servery breakfast every Sat and Sun, until the Easter school holidays when we open every day. The HISC famous full English or porridge and continental options are served from 8am to 10.30am

Lunch

Servery lunch every Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. We have a Traditional Roast Carvery on Sundays and on other days a selection of sandwiches, soups, salads and hot dishes are available from 12 to 2.30pm. During School holidays, lunch switches to the Snack Bar with the exception of Sunday's carvery.

Dinner

Evenings see a variety of styles and menus from the Servery and cooked to order. There is always a traditional homemade pie on the menu along with seasonal dishes on our weekly menu. Dinner is served from 7pm



to 9pm on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights all year. This expands to include Thursday evenings when sailing is on and is offered every evening during school holidays.

Snack Bar

The Snack Bar is our wet eating area where hungry sailors can come in straight off the water and enjoy hot and healthy meals and snacks. We also offer salads, paninis, rolls, sandwiches, soup, and the chef's dish of the day. If you have any dietary requirements please let our team know and they will be happy to suggest a meal that will suit your needs and requirements.

Bar

We are very fortunate to have two Bars at HISC. The over 18's bar is a quiet and peaceful place where you can have a relaxed drink, read a book or catch up

with friends. This bar can be booked for private dinner parties and we can cater for up to 30 people in this lovely room. The Committee have plans to offer real coffee and cakes during the day, so look out for news of this on the website.

The main bar is a busy spot catering for all members and visitors. Many a great party has been held in this bar and the House Committee have plenty of fantastic events lined up for this year.

The bar is open on a Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday throughout the year. It opens on a Thursday when sailing is underway and during the summer school holiday every day and night.

We offer guest ales throughout the year so there is always something new to try. We have a loyalty card scheme where you can even get a pint on us. Ask our friendly bar team for details.

Happy hour is on a Friday from 7pm to 8pm; offerings vary but generally there are wines, beer and spirits at half price. During large events and summer holidays it is suspended and this will be notified on the website.

Why not try out our new Gin shelf with a variety of gins to suit every taste. Look out for other shelves coming soon to tantalise your taste buds.

Parties

If you have a milestone birthday or anniversary coming up and would like to hold a party at the Club please get in touch with Diane our House Manager.

Celebrating a birthday this year?

Why not book a table for lunch or dinner at the club
Book a table for 8 or more and
receive a gift of a bottle of wine to celebrate

Contact Diane on 02392 463768 or housemanager@hisc.co.uk



Convenient accommodation



Our convenient and comfortable accommodation is located in two blocks, Stocker and Dunes, both situated near the clubhouse. Bedding is supplied in all rooms but guests need to bring their own towels. All prices stated are per room, per night and year round. Please check our website for accommodation offers.

Dunes

Comprises ten identical mezzanine style rooms, each one sleeping up to three adults or two adults and two children with two single beds and a small double bed on the mezzanine level, plus an en-suite shower room. £60 members (£70 non-members)

Stocker

Comprises two-bedded bunk rooms, double-bedded rooms, triple-bedded

bunk rooms and an eight-bedded dorm style bunk room. The Stocker block has recently been refurbished and contains wifi and electric sockets in all rooms, with shared shower and toilet facilities on both levels.

Captain's and Admiral's Cabins

Double-bedded rooms sleeping two with a sink and storage space. The Admiral's Cabin is our disabled access room and includes an en-suite wetroom. £45 members (£50 non-members).

Comodore's Cabins

Double bed with a single bunk on top sleeping three people, with two sharing a bed. £50 members (£60 non-members).

Ensign's Cabins

Bunk rooms sleeping two people. £40 members (£50 non-members) or £25 members single occupancy (£35 non-members single occupancy).

Cadet's Cabins:

Bunk dormitory room sleeping eight people in bunk beds with ensuite shower room. £120 members (£160 non-members).

Camper Van parking space

May to September, located behind the Dunes Block. October to April, located by the Lifeboat Station. £12 members (£25 non-members).

Breakfast Offer

Pre-pay for five-item breakfast plus hot drink when booking accommodation – £6 per person.



Special Offers

January – March

Book Friday night, get Saturday free.

Bank Holidays

Book Friday and Saturday nights, get Sunday Free.

Pennant Weekend Special

Members only, two nights for the price of one.

Guests can book by contacting the Accommodation Secretary direct on 02392 463768.



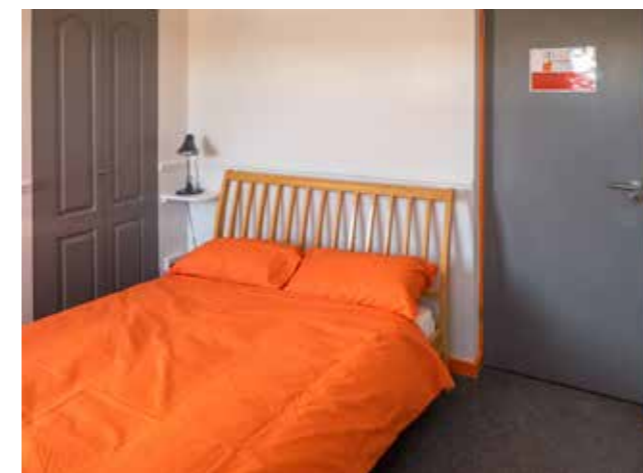
Cadet's Cabin – eight single bunks



Ensign's Cabins – two single bunks



Dunes rooms sleep four with en-suite facilities



Captain's Cabins – double rooms. Admiral's Cabin (not pictured) has additional en-suite wet room with disabled access.



Conference facilities



Subject to availability and club opening times

Day Delegate rate package includes:

- Breakfast
- Morning tea and coffee with biscuits
- A buffet lunch
- Afternoon tea and coffee with biscuits
- Jugs of water
- Wireless internet access
- Hire of the meeting room
- Projector, flipchart and screen

24 hour Day Delegate rate package includes:

- Breakfast
- Morning tea and coffee with biscuits
- A buffet lunch
- Afternoon tea and coffee with biscuits
- Jugs of water
- Wireless internet access
- Hire of the meeting room
- Projector, flipchart and screen
- A two course dinner
- Accommodation with en-suite facilities



Contact our House Manager Diane on 02392 463768 or email housemanager@hisc.co.uk



Social events 2017

Dave Spensley-Corfield

Vice Commodore House

The club House Committee and HISC Crew have put together an exciting and varied social programme which will appeal to all members, young and old in their activities off the water.

We have kept the popular traditional Summer Ball and Christmas parties that are so enjoyed and have added a number of new events to mix things up. We are always open to new ideas for social events so please let us know what you'd like to see arranged at the club.

The social programme calendar is not an exhaustive list; we have more

events in the planning, so make sure you subscribe to the club's weekly newsletter and look out for the event posters that are displayed around the club to keep up to date with all the social activities. If you are a new member keen to get involved in social events or requiring any additional information please get in touch with any of the house committee to get

involved; I can assure you, you will be made very welcome. To assist the Club with its planning and catering we encourage members to book tickets early; we'll also be offering some great early bird deals on accommodation and breakfast!

Let's make 2017 a Sailing and Party season to remember!

18 March	Open Season Party with <i>Cadency</i>
15 April	Easter Kids Crafts & DVD
15 April	Easter Party with <i>The Senators</i>
16 April	Easter Egg Hunt
16 April	Easter Curry Night
30 April	<i>DJ Mark Covell</i> Bank Holiday Party
6 May	Pennant Weekend Spanish Night with <i>Ska Dogs</i>
27 May	Bank Holiday Party Night
24 June	Pennant Weekend Festival Theme
8 July	Summer Ball with <i>Smiley Campbell Band</i>
12 August	Commodore's Trophy Party Night
21 August	Chichester Harbour Race Week with <i>D.L.B.</i>
24 August	Chichester Harbour Race Week Disco
26 August	Bank Holiday Party with Band
9 September	Pennant Weekend Wine Tasting & Quiz Night
23 September	Round Island Windsurf Race & Watersports Festival Theme
21 October	End of Season Party with <i>The Rock and Roll Hoodlums</i>
28 October	Children's Halloween Party with <i>Mr Crumble</i>
28 October	Laying Up Supper
4 November	Bonfire Night
18 November	Comedy Night
2 December	Children's Christmas Party with <i>Tony Spaghetti</i>
3 December	Christmas Fair
9 December	Christmas Party Night with <i>The Senators</i>
16 December	Turkey Dining In Night
31 December	New Year's Eve Party



Hayling Island Sail Training Trust (HISTTT)

Jane Blaydes



Since 1997, Hayling Island Sail Training Trust, an independent charity, has supported sailing for the young and disabled at Hayling Island Sailing Club. The charity was originally set up to help provide funds towards the building of various Junior orientated aspects of the new Clubhouse as well as funds for sea defences. In fact, funding of over £600,000 has been provided.

In 2016, The Trust granted £5876 towards the continued engine maintenance of the Hayling Rescue rib, which is organised and overseen by the Friends of Hayling Rescue. This rib is quite elderly now and HISTTT is still collecting funds – and any donations – usually after someone has just been rescued – are gratefully received – thus enabling this wonderful service

for all harbour users to continue. The Thursday Club and all the Training Squads would be lost without Frank in attendance!

HISTTT also supplies funding for the HISC Thursday Club, which provides sailing opportunities for local children, in the form of grants for young people to gain their RYA qualifications. HISTTT

are always looking for donations to cover the cost of these qualifications. It should be noted that monies raised at the Boat Jumble, organised by HISTTT, are used entirely for HISC boat maintenance.

At the club HISTTT has been able to help with funds for summer training for the RS Fevas and Winter training



for both the RS Tera and RS Feva fleets. Coaching of this high standard, and the provision of ample rescue cover, does not come cheap these days. The RS Tera fleet wanted to be able to include and help as many children as possible to benefit from the Red Ribbon RS Tera Club, and they certainly did! The children went on to compete

successfully in the RS Tera classes in HISC and Mengham Junior weeks and two children even went on to sail in the RS Tera Nationals – never having done anything more than sail with Seals in the Lagoon.

The 'Seals' – catering for the under 10s – enjoy 'Oppies on a Rope' in the lagoon.

Sessions on *Histeria* and *Histerical*, both bought with HISTTT funds, are always oversubscribed and we hope to support them with future projects.

This year HISTTT has been asked to help with funding for the new pontoon, expenditure on which is proving to be rather overwhelming! Various plans are afoot for collecting donations.

We have some incoming funds from the Christmas Fair and one of the Pursuit Races, but this is not nearly enough for what we are asked to provide and what we would like to help with so- we are always needing more!

All donations made to HISTTT, if given with a gift aid declaration, earn a 25% premium from HMRC to aid the good causes supported.

Please check on the Trust web site – www.histt.org.uk for up-to-date news and photos, and ways of donating.

The HISTTT Trustees are: Malcolm Tite, Roger Palmer, Zyg Kruk, Rose Lucas, Jane Blaydes – treasurer@histt.org.uk



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HISC through the ages

Belinda Cook and Léonie Austin, HISC Archivists



The original site of Hayling Island Sailing Club at Mengeham Rythe. This clubhouse was built in 1929. Image used with kind permission from Belinda Cook.

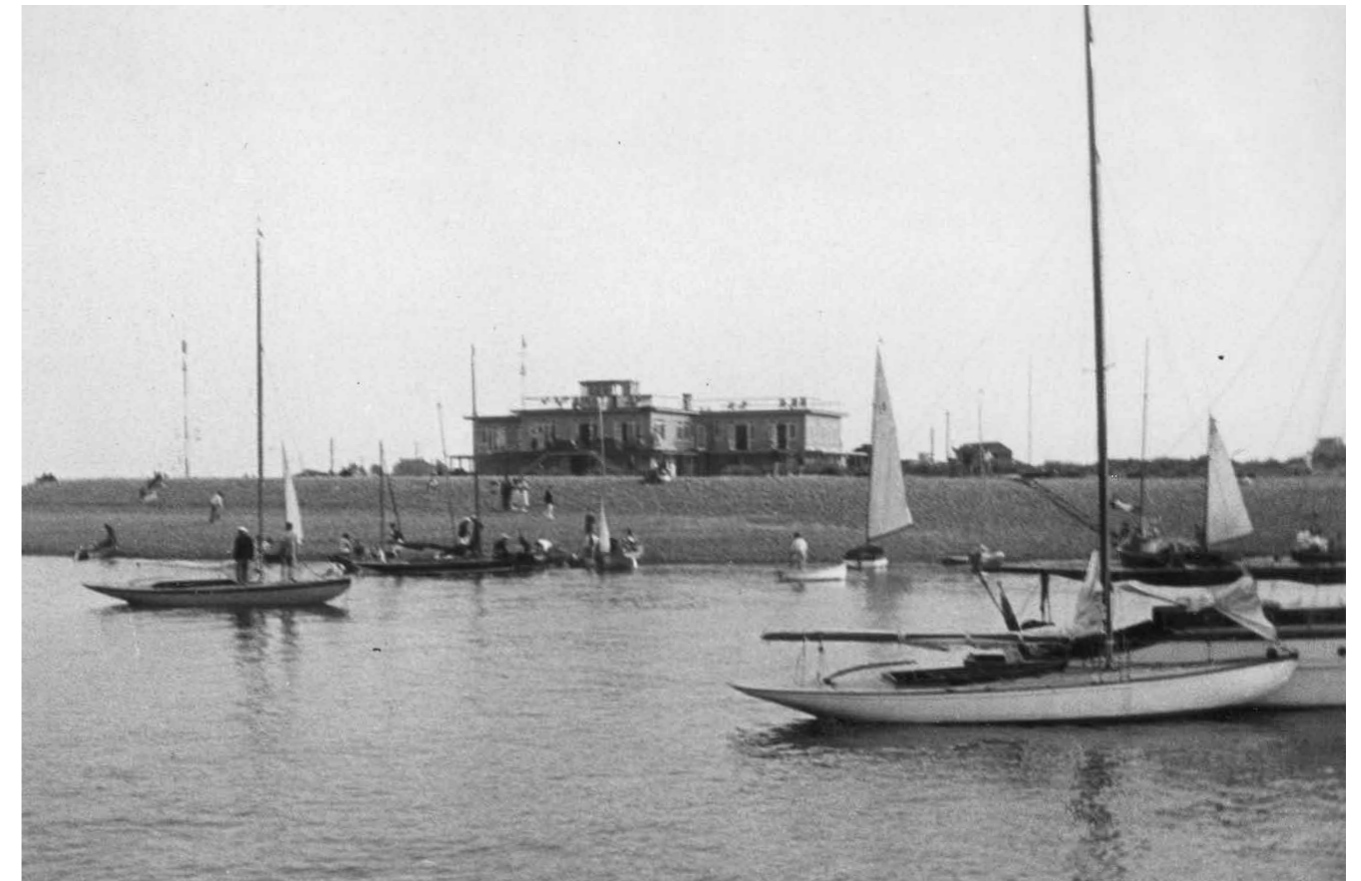
Hayling Island Sailing Club (HISC) was formed in 1921 with 120 members on a site at Mengeham Rythe; the first subscription was set at one guinea. The club moved to its present site at Sandy Point in 1936, and in 2003 HRH Princess Anne opened its current modern clubhouse. The club has played a leading role in British sailing, encouraging innovation and development and nurturing many generations of sailing champions.

The club has an active team of volunteer archivists who meet regularly to manage the large Archive Collection which includes a vast amount of images, information and memorabilia. The team continue to receive many interesting memorabilia donations and these are acknowledged, recorded and then filed appropriately. These are always much

appreciated. The volunteers also receive requests for information from many sources including yachting journalists, other sailing clubs or past or present members needing answers. These requests can involve some researching!

2016 saw the 95th Anniversary of HISC which the members were

keen to celebrate with a weekend of Pennant racing and a 95th Tea Party & Commodore's Reception. The event, which was held in May 2016, was very much enjoyed and reached maximum capacity with 160 past and present members attending. A large number of Cadet sailors from the 1950/60s came back including one who flew in from



The first HISC Regatta day during the Club's first season at Sandy Point 1936. Image used with kind permission from Virginia Knowles.

San Francisco! A number of members who joined soon after World War II also attended, as well as representatives of families who were members from the 1920s and 30s along with current members.

A film show from the 1950s and 60s was the centrepiece of the 95th anniversary celebrations; descendants of HISC's early members in 1920s and 30s together with long standing members from later years watched films of life at HISC

preparing and launching boats. There was lively discussion about the different boats, clothes and how sailing and the clubhouse has changed. The Archive Exhibition covering the 95 years of the club's existence was extremely well received and donations of further film and memorabilia were offered to the Archivist Team.

Also in 2016 the Archive Group hosted an exhibition featuring the murals painted during World War II by the

COPPists (Combined Operations Pilotage Parties) as well as a Fireball exhibition when the fleet visited the club in August 2016 for their National Championship. Both displays received considerable interest and praise.

More recently there has been a change of emphasis to create collections of the various classes that have been sailed at HISC over the years. The archive team are currently working on a Flying Fifteen collection, a Youth Collection – covering all the many types of boats sailed by HISC Youth since 1921 – and are about to start a Canoe and Solo collection. Others will follow in due course. These collections, once completed, will be available to view on Open Days and when a particular class visits HISC.

The HISC Archives will be of great use prior to the 100th anniversary in 2021. As part of these celebrations, the Archive Group has announced a project to make 101 flags to decorate the building and marquee. The project will be similar to the successful project for London 2012 when HISC members made 76 flags to give to Olympic participants.



500club

Pam Marrs

The HISC 500club has been operating for 10 years for the purpose of generating funds, to be used for monthly prizes for 500club members and to enable expenditure on projects and causes which will benefit all HISC members.

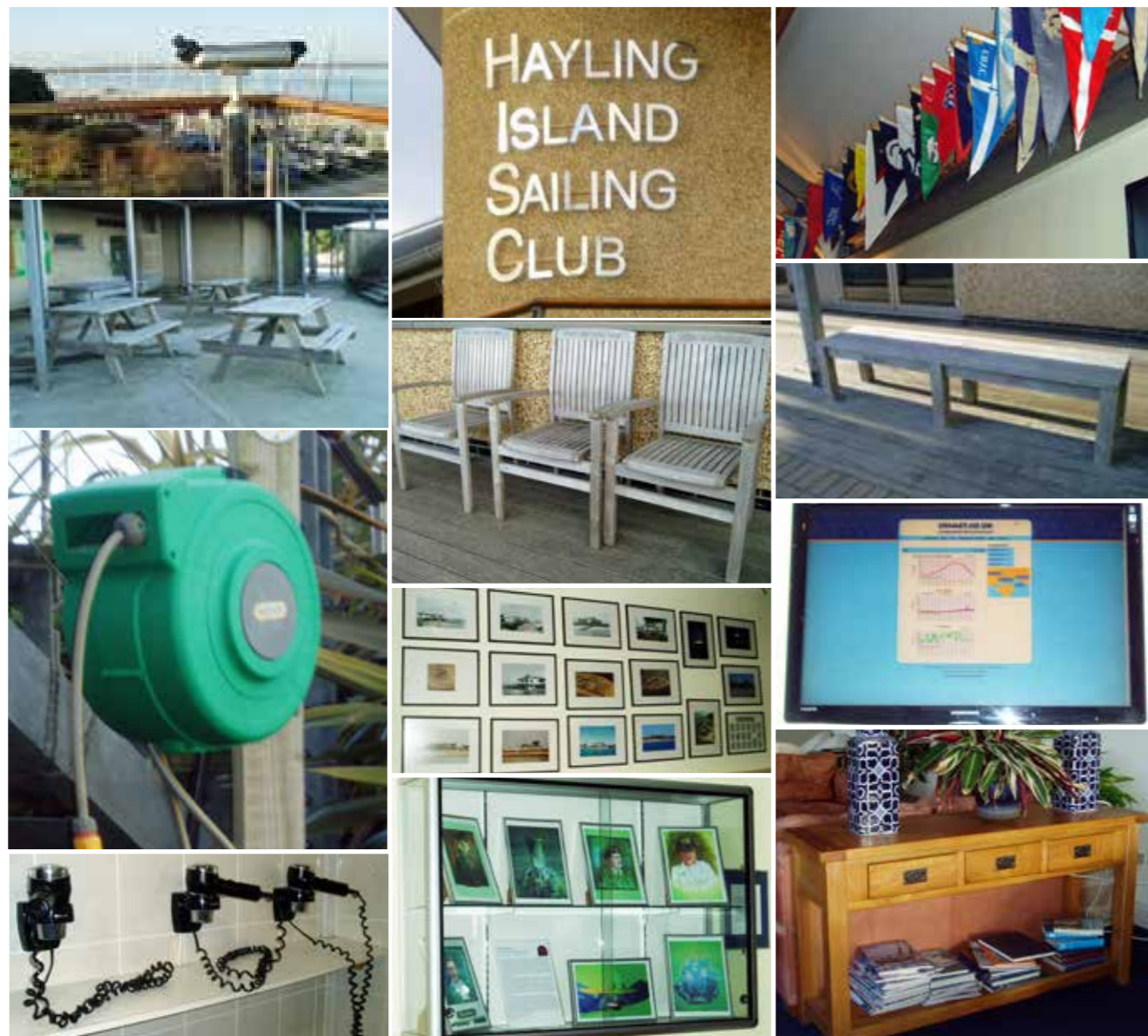
Each month half of the income is allocated to a draw for 5 prizes which at the moment are approximately £200, £100, £50, and £20. The remaining income funds future projects for the club. The more members in the scheme means greater prizes and the larger the fund for future projects, which benefits all members!

Tickets for the draw, usually held on the last Friday of the month, are only £1 with a minimum entry of £5 and maximum entry £20 per member, per month. To join, just complete an application form that is available from the HISC office.

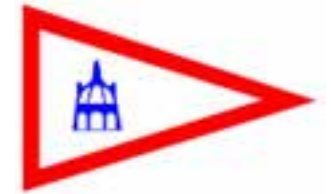
The current 500club committee consists of Tim Hancock (promoter), Pam Marrs, Peter Wareham and Stephen Sparrow.

Some of the items that have been purchased in the past 10 years from the proceeds of the 500club include, stools for the race box, AV projectors in the race management suite, lecture room and main bar, under bar coat hooks, steak knives, dividing screens for the dining room, sand blowing equipment, navigation equipment for the committee boats and ribs and anchor chain counters on the committee boats.

Other items that members will have noticed around the club which have been contributed to by the 500club



Chichester Cruiser Racing Club



Pam Marrs



The club for people who want to race their cruisers out of Chichester Harbour. What we do is racing (with a little bit of cruising on the side).

We are nothing to do with Chichester Yacht Club (though we do have an annual race with them for a team trophy).

Formed by Harbour clubs in 1948 to provide better cruiser racing than the individual clubs could offer, CCRC fulfils that role to this day. There is no clubhouse but we do have a Commodore and the usual Flag Officers. There is an informative website and all communication is electronic either via the site or email. Being a virtual club means our membership fees are splendidly modest!

Racing

CCRC schedules about 25 races a year on approximately 12 weekends between April and October, excluding July & August. Racing is either round-the-cans in Hayling Bay, passages to

local destinations plus an annual Cross-Channel race. With nearly 70 years of experience CCRC knows how to provide good racing in our waters with limited resources. All races have committee boat starts, sensible courses, line finishes and rapid results.

With two fleets CCRC offers racing to suit all tastes and capabilities. The Alpha fleet uses the VPRS measurement rating system, which gives at least as good a handicap number as the market leader for a fraction of the cost, whilst the Beta fleet offers more relaxed competition under RYA NHC

The Social Side

CCRC likes a good party so there are always post-racing get-togethers at welcoming clubs or the occasional barbecue. It has been said the CCRC

members race as hard as they can on Saturday, party as hard as they can Saturday evening then race again as hard as they can on Sunday but sometimes that is not quite as hard as they raced on Saturday!

CCRC and HISC

In the past CCRC flew postponement signals from the HISC race box but today these signals are flown from a virtual flag pole on the club website with toots by text.

Nevertheless the link between HISC and CCRC remains strong with a high proportion of members keeping their boats in Hayling marinas or local moorings. In fact the current CCRC Commodore, Secretary, a PRO and Results Officer are all HISC members.

Guest yachts are always welcome – see the website for details www.ccrcc.co.uk

Chichester Harbour Federation



Pam Marrs



The origins of Chichester Harbour Federation can be traced back to 1924 when four sailing clubs recognised the need to co-ordinate the activities of the clubs located around Chichester Harbour, particularly to manage racing and the placing of marks.

Since then, along with the thirteen sailing clubs within the harbour, sailing schools, berth holder associations, marinas, boatyards and other organisations, membership of the Federation has grown to 40. Members come from various backgrounds with the common goal being to maintain the harbour as a safe and prosperous place for leisure sailing while preserving its attraction as an amenity area, both for the sailors and visitors alike.

The Federation has two core activities;

- Promoting sailing and coordinating race activity in and around the harbour
- Acting as the voice of the sailing community on policy issues affecting its management and the AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty)

Many will know that Chichester Harbour Race Week, run and organised

by the Federation, is one of the most popular dinghy regattas in the country attracting around 350 entries every year, but what may be less well known is that the Federation coordinates the harbour's race fixtures, encourages good race management to the benefit of all harbour users, promotes sailing safety through the Code of Conduct for racing as well as courtesy to all harbour users and seeks to encourage goodwill and fellowship amongst its members.

The important historic role played by the Federation in managing leisure sailing has been recognised by the Chichester Harbour Act 1971. This entitles the Federation to appoint 4 representatives to the Harbour Advisory committee which is consulted by the Chichester Harbour Conservancy on all matters concerning the management of both the harbour and the AONB. Two of these representatives are also members of the Conservancy itself.

The Federation plays a prominent role in managing the harbour through this representation process and a Federation Chairman's committee meets quarterly to review Conservancy papers and brief the representatives prior to each meeting of the Harbour Advisory committee.

The Federation is one of the sponsors of the local weather stations – Chimet and Cambermet www.chimet.co.uk - and also recognises the importance of other voluntary organisations which make important contributions to the overall wellbeing of the harbour.

- The Chichester Harbour Trust which helps to protect the harbour and its environs for future generations www.chichesterharbourtrust.co.uk
- and also the work of the Friends of Chichester Harbour in helping to maintain the AONB www.friendsch.org

Chichester Harbour Race Week

Pam Marrs

The biggest sailing event in Chichester Harbour in 2017 will be Chichester Harbour Race Week which is run by the Harbour Federation, from Hayling Island Sailing Club. Hundreds of dinghies, with competitors of all ages, take part in five days of racing during August.

2016 saw 401 boats from 53 different clubs with sailors, totalling 625, aged from 8 to 80 with a healthy mix of Olympic squad members to beginners.

For 50 years the event was known as Fed Week but it was renamed Chichester Harbour Race Week in 2014 to define it more clearly and make it more web search friendly.

11 dinghy clubs from Chichester Harbour play a part – they provide race teams for the 3 committee boats, the crews and boats for the large fleet of Safety RIBs and launches on the water, a safety control team in the race box, admin staff in the race office for entries and results, beach masters for the younger sailors plus sellers of Race Week clothing. Together, with the racers, the 2016 combined people total was close to 800.

Today, as in 1963 when the first Fed Week was sailed, the combined-club ethos is the same. But much else is



Prize plate showing the burgees of the Federation clubs.

very different. Initially, the regatta was run each day by a different harbour club. When logistic problems led to the move to Hayling Island Sailing Club,

organisation was far less sophisticated being a much smaller event, with starts and finishes on the HISC club line.

The early 1970s saw the fleet split into two separate race series, now three series, each with its own race officer and committee boat. This change led to the present format of one course being laid inside the other. With each course being laid each day to suit wind and tidal conditions.

New challenges have emerged, notably coping with the huge disparity of speed between the different dinghy designs racing, but Race Week is a showcase of many decades of dinghy design with the classic Firefly, GP14 and Enterprise still entering and long-seen classes such as the Solo and Optimist continuing to thrive. One challenge is timeless; that is to do well. Then and as now, you need to master the complex calculation of wind and tide.

Ashore, a social programme offers a beach party, band and disco evenings and as host club Hayling Island Sailing Club along with other Harbour Federation clubs welcomes competitors from near and far.

All the information is on the website, www.chichesterharbourraceweek.sailevent.net

There has never been a better time to join HISC!

David Nicholls, **Membership Chairman**

Hayling Island Sailing Club actively welcomes new members across all ages, sailing abilities and class of dinghy or cruiser. The club offers some of the finest sailing, shore and social facilities anywhere, and supports a wide range of sailing-related activities, including dinghy racing and cruising, sailing training, youth sailing, windsurfing, cruiser and social sailing.



The club is based in a modern clubhouse with spectacular views of Chichester harbour, large changing rooms, spacious bar and restaurant, snack bar, meeting and training rooms, extensive viewing balconies and on-site accommodation.

HISC is particularly keen to attract actively racing sailors – the joining fee is currently waived for new members regularly racing in the more active classes at HISC, which are listed in the Membership section on the website.

Members who own these active class boats are given priority for boat park spaces at the club and whilst the boat park is always at capacity, there is a constant turnover of boats requiring spaces as well as regular assessment of boat usage to ensure new spaces are created. Potential new members of the HISC active racing classes are encouraged to speak to the relevant

class captains to discuss boat park spaces.

Membership forms can be downloaded from the HISC website or picked up from the club office. All potential new members are invited to a briefing event to learn about the club and its activities, after which applications are processed and probationary one-year membership confirmed. New members are invited to a New Members reception and after their initial probationary year are asked to request a proposer and seconder to endorse their full membership application.

In addition there is a winter membership category for youth sailors taking part in the HISC Youth Winter Training Squads.

The day-to-day management of the Club is in the hands of the full-time

staff, but HISC members play a major role in helping run events and many other activities, and everyone between the ages of 18 and 69 is asked to contribute at least a couple of days a year to helping run the Club's sailing activities.

Whether you sail a dinghy, windsurfer or keel boat, whether you race or cruise, our considerable depth of experience enables us to offer the best possible facilities, from organised racing and cruising events to a comprehensive menu in our restaurant; you will be impressed with our facilities and, most of all, our friendly club atmosphere.

For anyone keen to enjoy great racing together with a vibrant social scene, call the office now on 02392 463768 or visit www.hisc.co.uk to complete your membership application.



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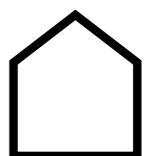
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