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Special Second Edition: Huddersfield dominate Heron Nationals at Welton

Andrew Molyneux, Jim Robison and Roger Stephenson made the journey to Welton Sailing club on Sunday for the Heron National Championships and left with a fine collection of trophies. Andrew dominated the series with three straight wins to take the overall title. Jim Robison was fourth winning the over 65 trophy and Roger sixth. Their combined results ensured that HSC took the team trophy for the third years running.



Pictured from left to right: Roger Stephenson, Jim Robison and Andrew Molyneux with trophies.



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Commodore's Column

Fantastic news! The sailing club has been awarded a £10 000 grant from Sport England. The Grant was awarded for boats to support our This Girl Can Sail sessions. We have been able to buy a Powerboat, a Topper and the Hartley 12.2; some of you will remember we had the Hartley as a demo boat in January 2016.

A huge thank you to Rachael Lockley for all the work she put in to this grant application and also to Roger Stephenson for his help. These boats will make a big difference to our ability to train and coach not only the This Girl Can sessions but also any sailing clinics and Swallows and Amazons. The Topper and Hartley add to our fleet of club boats. The Hartley is a two-handed centre main boat that doesn't capsize easily but when it does is easy to right. We think it will be great for anyone nervous of capsizing. It will also allow us to give one-to-one training on a centre mainsheet boat.

The acquisition of a Powerboat is a first for the club and has understandably been subject to a great deal of discussion amongst members. The club has a long history of operating safely without a Patrol boat. If you go on any R.Y.A Dinghy Sailing Course then it includes being taught how to right a capsized dinghy and such self reliance is actively encouraged at HSC. The club also has a strong culture of mutual assistance where a fellow sailor may come to someone's aid and there were many times where my youngest son (he was 10 years old at the time) was pulled out of the water by another dinghy sailor. So I do want to reassure our members the Powerboat is not for general use, its use will be restricted to authorised users only and only for



specific training or events. There is no intention of having it on the water when normal racing is occurring. Our policy of encouraging people to be able to right and recover their own vessel or offer mutual assistance which has served us throughout the club's history will continue.

I am pleased that the committee agreed to get a powerboat as it does increase our ability to coach and train new sailors. It will allow us to coach six single-handed dinghies with one instructor. To this end we are going to run the This Girl Can Sail sessions again in the autumn. Our ambition is to get up to nine new female members into sailing. We are going to promote these sessions at Hade Edge Gala on 8th July; Rachael will run a name our new boat competition. Helen Heaton has produced some fantastic fliers and post cards to help promote this and the club. However many of our new members come by word of mouth so please pass on our details to any potential participants.

We are about mid season now with some good sailing and events behind us and still some good ones to come. As you will appreciate these things don't run

themselves and as usual I am very grateful for all the support we get but I would like to thank Paul O'Connor particularly for running the Tower Training, the Fundamentals Sailing Clinic and helping with This Girl Can Sail.

The Richard Barker Sail Trust fundraiser was well attended and raised £130. Thanks to everyone who came and a special thanks to Jason and Rachel Milburn who helped make the day such a success.

Finally, another word of thanks as I don't think I have ever seen the club house and boat park in better shape and this is in large part thanks to the Wednesday morning crew who do such a good job of keeping it maintained. There are always jobs that need doing, any help from members either on Wednesdays or at our next working party is gratefully received.

Jacki Doyle – Commodore 2017

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Recovering the boats in blustery conditions

A hardy group of campers with boats on trailers arrived at the Hoathwaite Campsite near Torver on Friday afternoon. Tents were set up and boats rigged for an evening sail. The conditions were breezy but manageable for this Heron Sailor and a very pleasant hour was spent sailing on the large open water that is the attraction of this lake. Compared to Boshaw it features large waves in windy weather which have the ability to roll the boat alarmingly and send sheets of spray over the bow on a reach or beat across the lake. All great fun after a long hot drive up the M6.

The evening was spent in the most convivial surroundings of the nearby pub with lovely food and beverages, enjoyed by all. I was grateful for this evening, both sailing and the convivial group meal, as the rest of the weekend was plagued by strong wind and rain. My own rush to get an inexpensive tent from the supermarket proved a mistake, as more than twelve hours of rain were to prove. The sewn in floor created a paddling pool, with only the sleeping bag saved from moisture. Rain and wind per-

sisted all day. Paul led us to a very nice old pub (aptly called the Sun) for lunch and a good part of the afternoon. Rain cleared about 4pm and we headed back to the lake for a sail. With extraordinary wind, (from my point of view anyway) Allan clocked up an impressive 17.5 miles an hour in his Aero, while Innes and Peter also tore across the lake in Lasers. Paul and Jacki had an exhilarating time in the RS400, including a capsized and the bruises to show for it. In the end they had to drop the mainsail for more control in a down wind run back to the camp site. My own efforts consisted of a couple of reaches across the lake and a cautionary retirement. Liam also made the intelligent decision to stay firmly on shore.

The evening was most pleasant, sitting around a campfire, shared BBQ, with Peter providing the base for the fire pit which kept going into the night. It is a lovely camp ground and made all the nicer with a few drinks shared with friends.

Sunday, the wind was up again, perhaps even more so. Reluctantly sailing was deemed unwise. Tents were folded (damp again from a brief shower), boats loaded and the HSC group were homeward bound. Will I go again next year... let me think about it... and consider the weather forecast a bit more carefully!

Jim Robison

Coming Soon

More This Girl Can Sail

Women, Girls, these are the sessions where you can learn to sail or increase your confidence on the water and we have our new boats to enhance the programme. This second series will run from Sunday 3rd September to 29th October (excluding Sunday 24th September), 11 am till 1.30 pm. Bring a packed lunch if you want to stay and continue sailing in the afternoon. Maybe as you get more confident you can join in the races.

If you know any ladies or girls who are interested in coming along to these sessions but aren't already members then we are offering the opportunity to take part for £30 including membership for the rest of the season.

Swallows and Amazons

We have a great way to start the summer holidays - three afternoons of sailing and fun for our Junior and Child members from Wednesday 26th July to Friday 28th July. We will start at about 1.30pm so we can get out on the water for 2pm and we'll finish about 4ish.

Under 18s need to be accompanied by a responsible adult.

If you want to bring a friend then they are welcome to come but let us know beforehand. They can join us for £25, which gives them membership for the rest of the year.

Ladies and Juniors Trophies

Calling all ladies /girls and juniors. Sunday 30th July is your opportunity to win a trophy. It's friendly racing and whether you are just wanting to try it out or consider yourself a pro you are welcome to join in.

Sunday 30th July, three races, best two to count, first race at 2pm.

Masters Trophy

The over 50 section of the membership continue to be very competitive. The Masters Trophy is their event and takes place on Sunday 13 August, 3 races, first at 2pm

Anniversary Day

Saturday 2nd September

More details to follow. Watch for emails and Facebook for updates

Sailing Clinic

The next sailing clinic will take place on Sunday 10th September and will concentrate on improving your sailing skills. 11.00am start.

Heron Open

Sunday 24th September

Testing the Hartley 12.2

As Jacki has explained above, the club has just purchased a new Hartley 12.2. This boat has been developed specifically for training but has all the features of a modern design. The boat is a double-hander with mainsail, jib and a small asymmetric spinnaker but can also be sailed singlehanded. They are robustly constructed of rotomoulded polyethylene but are still relatively light - one person can pull the boat and launching trolley up the ramp easily. They are fitted with centre mainsheets, pivoting centreboards and deep, accurate rudders. The hull is essentially self-draining with a double bottom and open transom. The boom is quite high and the boat has, by the standards of modern skiff type hulls, quite a deep cockpit. I've sailed the boats in a breeze that started at Force 3 and built up to Force 4plus. The boat is easy to sail and when you've made sure the rudder is vertical, light on the helm with a feeling of control even when well heeled over. It has a feeling of stability



without sacrificing too much in the way of speed and enjoyment. The boat is essentially a de-tuned modern design with slightly higher freeboard than an out and out racing machine. You need to get your weight well back when reaching to get it to plane properly but there is no tendency to nose-dive if you don't. The thing that impressed me most was that I was completely dry when I returned to the shore. This is going to be an excellent training boat for the club.

Allan Brooks

Taster Sessions

If you want to introduce friends to sailing then as a member of the club you can bring visitors and take them out for a sail yourself. However if you don't feel confident taking novices out yourself we can arrange a Taster Session. You just need to pass on their preferred contact details, either Email or telephone, via the club website (click on Taster sessions on the home page) or email: jackiadoyle@gmail.com

Facebook and Twitter

Huddersfield Sailing Club has a Members Only Group on Facebook in addition to our public page. If you haven't got access to the group yet please email Rachael Lockley (rachael.lockley@talktalk.net) who will send you an invitation to the group.

Rachael has now also created a Twitter page for HSC where those who are so inclined can tweet to their heart's content.

HSC's username is @huddssail

A note on Trailers

Some progress has been in ensuring that the trailers stored at the top of the dinghy park are made secure. However most still have no identification. Would all members please mark their trailer(s) with their name and boat number. We will then be able to identify which have actually been abandoned and proceed to their disposal.