



HSC NEWS

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Commodore's Column

Dear oh dear, where has the year gone? What a wonderful summer we have had, seemingly endless sunshine, no rain and almost mask free.

We are extremely fortunate to be sailing on a redundant reservoir, in stark contrast to our less fortunate neighbours, there is no abstraction of water and consequently the level has remained remarkably high throughout the summer. If that wasn't blessing enough, the invasive weed remained for the most part out of sight and of limited trouble until well into the season.

We have successfully hosted the Yeaddon Heron Open followed by the Heron Northerns in what was an action packed and very enjoyable weekend. The Masters and Grandmasters proved just as competitive and thrilling.

On the social side Mac has been hugely appreciative of all the help given to him by members as he eases himself into the role of Social Secretary. I think that it is fair to say that the highlight of the year so far has been the Anniversary Evening, which incorporated the naming of the Roger Molyneau tower, and I hope that you have had time to admire the splendid (and very heavy) plaque on the tower door. The food from The Bowshaw Trout was excellent, the games fun and competitive and the photographic competition proved so highly popular that it will be repeated next year and the winner again announced at the Anniversary do (details elsewhere in the newsletter) so get that camera loaded and get snapping, boats in, the Boxing day walk, all might yield that winning snap.

There was more than one winner of the contest of course, as the best of the



photos have been selected for inclusion in the wonderful HSC 2023 calendar. Soon to be on sale from a committee member near you! In the meantime a big thank you to Andrew and his team who worked so hard to make the evening such a success.

The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness is now upon us. The midweek series is completed, with a nail biting finish for first place in the slow fleet. There are now just two races each afternoon at the weekends, although truth to be told the winds have been brisk enough to satisfy many of us with just two races for most of the season!

The race programme nears completion. Michael has been recording all triumphs over the season and regularly updating them on the notice board. See page nine - you may have won!

Tremendous thanks and appreciation to Jackie, Rachael and all who have helped with this season's sailing introduction program, the last nine attendees finished the course last month and I am told the courses for next year are already filling up. If you know of someone who may want to start sailing, do not delay, book them in today. What a splendid Christmas present!

BoatsIn approaches (see p7) and Mac is organizing hot sausage butties for all those who assist and show him the Kings shilling. In addition a Curry night is planned for that same evening (full details in this splendid publication) Places are limited so delay at your peril!!

Finally, we are in talks with Yorkshire Water about the Crayfish infestation and the weed. Steps are being taken to establish the extent of the problems and

possible remedies. This may involve a draw down of the water for a short period next season. We will of course keep members fully informed as talks progress.

In the meantime I urge you all to get on the water while you can before boats in. Hope to see you sailing soon.

Roger Stephenson - Commodore 2022

Social Events

For obvious reasons the social calendar was restricted in the first half of the year. Hopefully, next year we can get back to a full programme and arrange some enjoyable social events.

The highlight of this year was the Anniversary/Dedication evening attended by forty members and friends. The Fizz and Chips went down exceedingly well, as did the evening entertainment, the photograph competition, the quiz, stand up bingo, and the rather unusual raffle. There are many members who worked tirelessly to put this together and I would like to express my gratitude to each and every one.

On Saturday 3 Sept, HSC hosted the re-located Yeadon Sailing Club Open event (they had weed problems on their own water) and we provided a light lunch, Hot Dogs and Drinks. This was followed the next day by the Heron Northern Championships. Lunch was provided by Patrica and Jane assisted by Rachael Ellis, who are due my personal thanks for the superb Chilli they served.

Looking forward - BoatsIn is on the **4th December**. Hot Dogs and Drinks will be provided, for which we will make a small charge. **In the evening we are proposing a 'Curry Night' at the Bengal Spice in Holmfirth. Could members please contact Jo Stead (07847264123) to reserve a place. However, there is a limitation on numbers of approximately 30 covers so book soon. (The price will be around £20 per head)**

Don't forget the annual **HSC Boxing Day walk** on the 26th December - see page 8 for details.

During the winter months there is an open invitation to anyone who wishes to have a beer at my house, (The first Wednesday of the month) I will be pleased to see you, say 8:30/9:00pm.

I am looking forward to next year and a full social calendar. Should any member have any particular social activity they would like to pursue please contact me.

Mac

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Racing 2022

The season is drawing to a close, just a few weekends left to get out there and enjoy the remainder of the racing calendar. Well done to everyone who has taken part in racing and to those who have just enjoyed being on the water.

The series that has turned out to be the most attended yet again is the midweek with places in both fleets being contested until the last week. Jim Robison became triumphant in the Zulu fleet, beating Andrew O'Connor in almost a tie break situation on the last evening with Mac Pimblett in third place. Andrew Molyneux took the honours in the Romeo fleet with Paul O'Connor and Allan Brooks fighting it out for second place until the last evening with Paul just winning out on points. The results of all of the events sailed are on page 9 of this newsletter.

Heron Opens and Northern Championships 3/4th September

This year we hosted the Yeadon Heron Open Meeting on the Saturday (Yeadon's water suffering from weed problems) and held our own event which incorporated the Northern Championships on the Sunday. Both events were well attended with eleven boats on Saturday and nine on Sunday. There was plenty of wind to make for a very competitive weekend. Unfortunately for our home sailors the visitors coped better with the wind (and sailing the course!) and took away the trophies on both days. Well done to all of our home sailors, especially Bryce and Jane for taking part in their first major competitions.

Yeadon Open Meeting results:

1st Peter & Rosie Fletcher, *Welton SC*; **2nd** Dave Butler, *Welton SC*; **3rd** Roger Stephenson, *HSC*; **4th** Jim Robison, *HSC*; **5th** Tony Dufton, *Yeadon SC*; **6th** Andrew O'Connor, *HSC*; **7th** John Topliss, *Welton SC*; **8th** Steve Abbott, *Welton SC*; **9th** Bryce Woodward and Jane Naylor, *HSC*; **10th** Martin Parish, *Yeadon SC*; **11th** Mac Pimblett, *HSC*.

Huddersfield Open Meeting and Northern Championships results:

1st Peter & Rosie Fletcher, *Welton SC*; **2nd** Dave Butler, *Welton SC*; **3rd** Tony Dufton, *Yeadon SC*; **4th** Jim Robison, *HSC*; **5th** Roger Stephenson, *HSC*; **6th** Andrew O'Connor – *HSC*; **7th** Bryce Woodward and Jane Naylor, *HSC*; **8th** Martin Parish, *Yeadon SC*; **9th** John Topliss, *Welton SC*.



Heron Open Meeting Saturday, 3 September 2022

Photographic Competition 2022

Thank you to everyone who submitted photographs to the competition this year. The competition attracted 34 entries and appeared to be a very well received event and enjoyable spectacle at the anniversary social. The results were announced at the Anniversary Social 'Fish and Fizz'.

1st place – Helen Lewis with:



“Simply messing about in boats - you’re always busy, and you never do anything in particular”

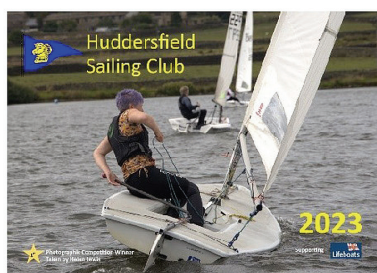
2nd Place – Paul O’Connor with:



“On the Plane”

3rd Place – Andrew O'Connor with**“Reflections”**

The three winning photographs along with the remaining nine of the top twelve will each have a month in the soon to be available Huddersfield Sailing Club 2023 Calendar. All of the photographs entered will appear in the calendar alongside the top twelve.

**Order your 2023 calendar now.**

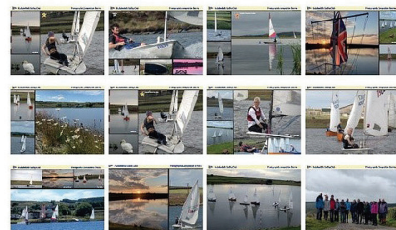
Speak to Andrew Molyneux or email

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Place your order by 20th November for delivery at
Boats-in, Sunday 4 December.



£8 each
£2 of every sale goes to
support the RNLI.



Huddersfield Sailing Club 2023 Calendar - Supporting RNLI
Thanks to all contributors

Photographic Competition 2023

On the back of the success of the 2022 competition, The 2023 Photographic Competition is now OPEN! So get snapping all through the winter months and next season. Any photograph taken at or around the club since the Anniversary Social will be accepted. The closing date will be mid-August 2023. Full conditions will appear in Newsletters and around the club at the beginning of next season.



Call for Trophies

Will everyone who won a Trophy in 2021 please return them to Andrew Molyneux or leave them in the Tower at the clubhouse for collection before Boats-In please (Sunday 4 December). They will be engraved with the 2022 winners over the winter and presented to the new winners early in 2023.

Many thanks, Andrew



Training 2022

We've run two six-week sessions of novice training this year, one in the spring and one in the autumn. We've been fully booked for both sessions. Where possible we get people out in single-handers straight away. It can be a steep learning curve with lots of capsizes, boats in irons or going in circles but lots of fun. It's been a pleasure to pass on our knowledge and love of the sport to such an enthusiastic bunch of people. What's been nice has been families learning to sail together. We hope that they have all enjoyed their time with us and continue to sail with us.

A big thank you to Rachael for organising and corresponding with all our participants and coming most weeks to be the friendly face onshore. Everyone needs a friendly face onshore especially when you've capsized for the third time and your not sure you're going to get this. Thank you to Paul and Andrew M. for helping run the sessions, their knowledge and expertise is invaluable. Thank you to Mike and Allan for taking folks out in the Hartleys for one to one sessions, they have been great at boosting our novices confidence even with their 'accidental' practice capsizes and recovery. Thanks to Ben and Becky for being great sailing role models. Thanks to Emma and Richard for helping with rigging, finding things, setting people off and just generally making themselves useful.

I understand from Rachael that we already have enough participants for the spring session next year. So I look forward to meeting more new people and sharing the wonderful sport of sailing.

Jacki Doyle

Boats In Reminder 9.30 am Sunday 4th December 2022

All Members

Please make a note of the very important date above.

The season is almost over and preparations for storing boats over winter in the clubhouse are almost complete. Squeezing over 50 boats into the clubhouse in less than three hours is quite a task, and takes some organising.

For the morning to be successful a prompt start is essential as the boats are stored in strict order. All boats need to be taken to the double doors at the front of the clubhouse as soon as possible - (masts, spars, loose items and any water removed).

In the event that it is not possible for you to attend, you must arrange for another member or a friend to come along to act on your behalf. This person must also be prepared to help with the general clear up, which should be completed by lunchtime.

Please make sure that spars and other items left in the mast locker or container are clearly labelled with the owner's name and boat number. Labels will be available from the galley.

Before leaving the club, owners are asked to remove straps and ties from berths so that the grass can be safely cut before the start of the next season. All launching trolleys should be stacked and secured by the garage and tyres moved to the top corner of the dinghy park.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Andrew O'Connor

HSC Boxing Day Walk 2022

Oxlee, Hepworth and Morton Woods

10.30am Monday 26th December.

Please meet at the clubhouse, 10.15 for 10.30 start.

The walk is about 3½ - 4 miles long and doesn't have any steep hills, although it finishes with a muddy fairly gentle climb beside the stream through Morton Woods. There are at least two places where the walk can be shortened if you haven't time to do the full distance. Walking boots or wellies are recommended.

The walk should take about 2 -2½ hours.

Please bring along friends and family, all are welcome. If you bring your dog we will be walking across open fields so please don't forget your lead.

NB: If the weather forecast for the day is very poor then we will cancel or postpone. Please keep an eye out for emails, in recent years we have postponed on more than one occasion. Last year's Boxing Day walk became a New Year's Day walk. Please keep an eye on the weather forecast, and if in doubt, please ring me on 07821701564.

Andrew O'Connor

2022 Series Results – to October

Romeo Fleet			Zulu Fleet		
<u>April Fool Series</u>					
1 st 2 nd	Innes Bamford		1 st 2 nd	Jim Robison Roger Stephenson	
<u>Easter Trophy</u>					
1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Innes Bamford Paul O'Connor Jacki Doyle		1 st	Roger Stephenson	
<u>Spring Pursuit</u>					
	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Roger Stephenson Jacki Doyle Peter Wilson			
<u>Spring Splash</u>					
1 st 2 nd	Jacki Doyle Peter Wilson		1 st	Roger Stephenson	
<u>Single Handed Event</u>					
	1 st 2 nd	Paul O'Connor Allan Brooks			
<u>Novice Series</u>					
	1 st	Helen Lewis			
<u>Junior Series</u>					
	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Ben O'Connor Rebecca O'Connor Bryce Woodward			
<u>Solstice Series</u>					
No Qualifiers					
<u>Summer Pursuit</u>					
	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Jacki Doyle Peter Wilson Nathan Wood			
<u>Masters (over 50)</u>					
	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Andrew Molyneux Roger Stephenson Jacki Doyle			
<u>Grand Masters (over 70)</u>					
	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Peter Wilson Allan Brooks Jim Robison			
<u>Summer Saturday</u>					
1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Innes Bamford Jacki Doyle Paul O'Connor		1 st 2 nd	Roger Stephenson Mac Pimblett	
<u>Summer Sunday</u>					
1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Innes Bamford Paul O'Connor Allan Brooks		1 st	Mac Pimblett	
<u>Ladies Event</u>					
	1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Jacki Doyle Helen Heaton Rebecca O'Connor			
<u>Junior Event</u>					
	1 st 2 nd	Ben O'Connor Rebecca O'Connor			
<u>Indian Summer</u>					
1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Michael O'Connor Paul O'Connor Emma O'Connor		1 st	No Qualifiers	
<u>Midweek</u>					
1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Andrew Molyneux Paul O'Connor Allan Brooks		1 st 2 nd 3 rd	Jim Robison Andrew O'Connor Mac Pimblett	