



WE BRING NEWS!

Hi HSC Members,

Hope you are all keeping well, I have seen many of you out and about enjoying a spot of social sailing in the truly incredible weather we have had recently, glad to see no-one has forgotten how to sail! The Committee has been busy on Zoom chats trying to keep things going at the Club and making sure we find the safest ways to gradually open up again and find some kind of normal once more. Although the Club remains closed for the time being, plans are afoot to finish off the bar refurb, lay new carpets and paint the exterior of the ClubHouse (if anyone would like to help out with the Club painting team please contact office@highcliffesailing.co.uk). Also rather excitingly, we have sorted a deal with Shoresports, negotiated with RS Sailing to buy 2 brand new dinghies, set up an on line booking system for all our items to hire on Webcollect and agreed clear instructions for safe sailing (and potentially racing) in the harbour.

For the time being, we will not be resuming any racing, however, we are closely monitoring Govt guidelines and we have a procedure in place should things ease up some more (please see HSC website for further details). We will of course keep everyone posted on any changes.

Notice to all Wardens, you do not need to do your duties at the moment as the Club is closed, so thank you to those who have been down to unlock, but until we officially open the Club up again, it must remain locked.
Thanks

Please find below a message from our Commodore Jim.

MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMODORE

Dear Members

It's been a tough few months on the outdoor activities front, particularly for water sports but hopefully we are getting back to some semblance of normality. HSC has restarted social sailing/kayaking and we are working hard within the government social distancing protocol to restart competitive sailing in the harbour in July. We are hoping that we can re-open the clubhouse in July and start running social events again but we wait and see like everyone else.

Nevertheless, we are always looking to the future and how to make watersports enjoyable for all the members and their families, some of whom don't necessarily have their own personal equipment for the current social sailing criteria. The club has equipment for hire but we are hesitant to buy more until we understand the demand because storage and security will always be a consideration.

We understand that this summer will be challenging for folk wanting to organise holiday activities so we are setting up a new relationship with our neighbour Shoresports (Nick May), based on the green on Mudeford Quay to fill the gap. We are pleased to be able to offer to all HSC members the following options:-

SHORESPTS OFFERS

Kids Summer Activities

We covered this in our January newsletter but due to the shutdown restrictions, this has had to be rethought. Shoresports is hoping to replan these activities within the permissible rules and HSC members are now notified to get children registered as his list of enquiries is filling up fast. Contact him directly (tel 07867 575280 - or

email nick@shoresports.co.uk) to discuss and mention that you are a club member as this is likely to get you on the list of candidates for whatever he is allowed to run.

Costs may vary from those we stated in January due to restrictions imposed on instructor/pupil ratios. I am sure that it will be great fun for your kids.

*** special offer ****.

SUP/Kayak Hire with Shoresports

For those of you who want to hire additional equipment or take the family out for some fun on the water, HSC has set up a very good deal for our members.

We have pre-paid for a bundle of 2 hour slots for either SUP or Kayak (subject to availability). The cost is only £10/adult and £5/junior (under 18) for which you pay HSC directly via webcollect (or an envelope through the letter box) - please do not pay Shoresports. This is all high quality equipment which you can just rent and go!

It is simple to organise, please book directly with Nick (tel 07867 575280 - or email nick@shoresports.co.uk) or try your luck on the day subject to availability. The heavily discounted rates applies to Members and their families and includes use of wetsuits and lifejackets should you need them. on the day. All you have to do is give your names to Shoresports and go and have fun, but don't forget to reimburse HSC - please see Webcollect explanations at the bottom of this newsletter.

We hope you all get plenty of enjoyment out of this arrangement this summer as it offers you the opportunity to get the whole family out on the water without having to bring down lots of kit. If it proves popular, HSC can simply buy more credits.

CLUB DINGHIES

As you know, we have a number of club dinghies for hire for our Members - Picos, a Scow, a Laser, an RS Vision and a Topper. After much deliberation and research, the Committee has taken a decision to invest in a new generation of dinghy, the RS Zest. This week we placed an order to purchase two new boats, one with a jib for training and family sailing and one without for singlehanded fun. The RS Zest is ideal for single sailors or families and also offers another way for folk to join in with harbour racing if Picos were not your boat of choice. As soon as we have a delivery date for the Zests, we will let you know.

We had intended to run social sailing fun weekends this summer but with social distancing protocols, we are restricted in what we can do for now, however, you are allowed to hire the club equipment and guidance on how to do this is provided on the club website (see Return To Sailing Special Instructions - Boat Hire).

For the summer months, we are looking to leave the Picos/Zests rigged with masts and sails (wrapped) up so that rig up and launching is simple and quick for you. Payment for the hire of dinghies has changed slightly in that that we now have an even simpler way through WebCollect which you all have access to - please see bottom of newsletter for further information on this.

And finally, anyone wanting second hand Picos to buy we have 3 for sale (one has just been sold), fully rigged for an attractive price of only £250 each. They are the orange hulled versions in the dinghy park.

The Commodore

WEBCOLLECT

So, Webcollect. We now have a section in Webcollect for hiring and paying for SUPs/Kayaks and dinghies. Please go to Webcollect <https://webcollect.org.uk/hsc> and LOG IN. There you will see a button on the left hand side which says Club Boat/Kayak/Sup hire. If you click on that, you will see clear details of what we have available for you all. If you would like to hire something or pay for a Shoresports SUP/Kayak session, please select the relevant item listed under ' Events ' and select the date and the number of items you wish to hire and add to basket. When you are finished with your basket, please click Checkout and complete the transaction. Easy. If you are looking for your Webcollect log on, have a check through your old mails from Highcliffe SC, it has been sent to you, if you still cannot find it, drop me a mail (sailsec@highcliffesailing.co.uk) and I will see if I can help you. Please note that this is new and therefore possibly subject to teething problems, please let me know if it

doesn't work when you try it.

And that' s it. Hope you all have a lovely weekend, there should be some social sailing on Sunday (7th June), forecast looks fairly benign and there is plenty of water.

If anyone would like any further information, please do not hesitate to get in contact with any of the Committee.

Happy watersports everyone

Duties

Can you help. Volunteer or Swap requested for [RaceDuty](#)