



Dark Horse Sailing Club

Providing social sailing, racing and sail training, in a variety of cruising areas.

Last chance to sail with the club this season

End Of Season Rally. 18th -19th October 2014

This year the End of Season Rally will be a simple affair and aiming for a favourite Solent watering hole - the Folly Inn, upstream of Cowes. We'll have a bit of competitive sailing on Saturday to get you warmed up, then an evening of dancing on the tables (for those whose knees still let them) at the Folly to get even warmer!

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AGM and Kick Start rally

The AGM on 12th April 2014 was attended by 25 of the club's 120 members and included a lively discussion of ideas for increasing membership. All of these have been recorded and will be considered by the committee.

The reviewed constitution was approved (as already emailed to members), and is available to view on the website, in the public area of the Library.

A vote of thanks was unanimously agreed for Derek Piper; a long standing member of the club, a committee member and lastly as Commodore until his retirement.

On behalf of the club and in recognition of his services he was presented with a framed photograph of Valsheda at the Needles, by Andy Travell.



Derek and Andy pictured above

You can view a copy of the minutes of the AGM on our website on the member's area of the Library.

Recruitment Posters

As we talked about at the AGM, the Club is looking to recruit new members. This will help us keep a varied programme of events, and ensure we have a long and healthy future. How can you help? Recruit new members!

We've designed a couple of posters to display in your workplace or local sports club. The posters are available for download from the Club website. The best person to encourage new members to join are existing members, so the posters have spaces for your name and contact details to be written in. If you don't have access to a good colour printer, we're happy to print and send copies to you. Just email simon.jackson@dhsc.co.uk with your name, address and quantity of posters you would like.

Please also note in your email which poster you prefer: the full-image background or the white background.



Survey Monkey results

Many thanks to all of you who completed the survey earlier this year. There were many excellent comments from you which we will be taking into consideration for next year. Have a look at the website for details of how you can see all the results, including all the comments. You will need to logon, then look at the members section of the Library menu.

New Booking Officer

As you no doubt will be aware Andy Travell is stepping down as our booking officer after eleven years 'at the helm'. Don't panic though as he is not leaving altogether and will remain on our committee and will still be very much a part of the club.

Simon Jackson has bravely stepped up to fill Andy's shoes with effect from 1st January 2015. Please continue to send your emails to bookings@dhsc.co.uk.

Some 2014 Highlights

A successful trip to Sardinia for a week in June saw Peter Conway's first time as skipper with DHSC (first of many, we hope) - congrats to him for stepping up at short notice. We hope that Derek T is now fully recovered.

The intrepid explorers made it to Corsica for a short while and there was a lot of swimming in the deep blue cool waters of the Med. You know you are clear water when you can see your anchor on the seabed 7 metres down!



The Bank of England Regatta, 24th to 26th May 2014 - DHSC achieved 2nd "Skittles" - Rene Chinnery & 4th place "Buzz" Andy in the Cruiser class on Sun 25th May - not too shabby.

The pursuit race on Sat 24th May, not so commendable so least said!! A Pimms & indoor BBQ social Saturday night and prize giving with 3 course dinner on Sunday at The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, always a good event and enjoyed by all.



The Round the Island Race 21st June 2014 - disappointing weather for sailing, lots of hot sunshine but the 3 club yachts entered "Liquid Edge" (Trevor Hails), "Buzz" (Andy) and "Mathilda" (Rene Chinnery) all retired due to lack of wind. Anyway a good time was had by all at The Folly Inn on Saturday evening - excellent club participation in the dancing on tables event!

There was a successful training weekend 11th - 13th April 2014 with 10 members participating in nautical and seamanship skills, training instructors were Andy Travell and John Cole.

Trophies

There are 4 trophies and these will be awarded at the next AGM under the following categories:-

Madeline Barber Trophy - End of Season Race Winner.

Lloyds Bank Cup - most miles logged with the Club during the season.

Trophy 'A' - Best blogger/social.

Trophy 'B' - Best new member recruiter.

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