

From the Commodore

Welcome: I hope you find this packed Autumn edition of *Sailbase* interesting and informative.

Of the many members who make sterling contributions to the running of our Club there are a few who particularly deserve our thanks for their efforts during the summer:

- Sue, Sue, Heather, Dave and their assistants for painting the inside of the Club House and making it so much more inviting.
- Mike Hunt, the immediate past Commodore, for continuing negotiations with the Council over the parking on the Prom, which have still not been resolved by the intransigence of a Resort Manager, whose departure has just been announced move.

By definition a club is an association of its members working for the common good, which unfortunately, I don't think is an accurate description of our Club at present. We desperately need more members who are prepared to play a part by volunteering to help out with the running of the club. We are particularly short of Committee members, which means that the few are stretched, however somebody who did not want to attend meetings but was prepared to take a specific responsibility would be equally welcome. Elsewhere you will see notification of the AGM so I can only hope that more of you will take that opportunity to offer your services to help re-establish our Club.

New Club Sauna?



Pete Newell attacked the men's changing room with a steam cleaner. (We thought we might never see him again.)



Exciting kiting!

As autumn approaches with a vengeance bringing the dingy racing season to an end I hope the recent strong winds bode well for an exciting time for wind and kite surfers.

Have fun but be safe.

Martin Dutton

Commodore

Parking on the North Promenade.

Although it was agreed at the AGM to go ahead with the lease of the additional area for parking at the northern end of the prom, despite the efforts of Mike, this has not yet been finalised. This has meant that it has not been possible to erect the bollards to mark the Club's area and exclude non-members.

A reminder that this additional part of the Prom is going to cost the club about £900 a year in rent so can we all play a part in ensuring this facility is used only by the members, who have contributed to the rental, by challenging anybody not displaying a parking permit. This would provide an ideal opportunity to tell them about the facilities and persuade them to join.

Behind the scenes

As well as the major negotiations over the parking mentioned above, we have started negotiating with the **College of West Anglia** who would like to have a sea base for their watersports training. As a Centre of Vocational Excellence, they may be able to help us develop our **Centre of Sailing Excellence** – a project which has not been forgotten.

The **bar licence** is renewed only once every 5 years, and became due this year, causing a flurry of emails when we were advised our Rules didn't meet the Magistrates' requirements. (Imagine the Club with no bar!). We have also renewed the **public entertainment licence**; next year new legislation comes into force combining the two.

During the winter, we have an **Access Audit** report to consider to ensure our compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act, and the RYA's model **Child Protection Policy** will be reviewed for adoption by the Club.

On a practical note, the exterior has been repainted, and the flat roof over the bar area is to be replaced.

The Clubhouse **alarm** has been set off accidentally on a few occasions, and has made us aware of a problem: it automatically rings up to 4 phone numbers, but all the volunteers are at work weekdays and unable to respond. We would love to hear from someone who lives or works locally who would be able to respond. In daylight hours it's likely to be a false alarm that just needs resetting so as not to frighten the wildlife and deafen passers-by. A simple first check is to phone the clubhouse and hear the apologies from the person who set it off.

The Club's **website** (www.hunstantonsailingclub.supanet.com) has proved difficult to maintain and will be redeveloped over the winter to make it easier to update and more responsive to immediate needs. There is a **forum** as well; a good idea from one of our members, it hasn't seen much use yet, perhaps because no-one knows it's there. We plan to add For Sale and Wanted sections, and have more of our forms available to download.

Looking back....

In June, 10 **Challengers** – nearly twice as many as last year – arrived, together with 19 **Contenders**. The Contenders races were part of their Travellers Trophy series, with members Duncan Ellis and Ian Nolan taking part in several of the series. Strong winds and rough seas on the Saturday prevented the Challengers racing although the Contenders fitted in three races. Two races were sailed by both fleets in much better conditions on the Sunday. Kirsten Pollark won in the Challengers, while Duncan continued his form, coming 4th, following 5th place in two other events in the series, and 8th (out of 50) in the National Championships. You can read Duncan's report on the Yachts and Yachting website: www.yachtsandyachting.com.



Duncan and Ian also took their boats to the Contender World Championships in Italy for a week of racing. Duncan achieved 39th place out of 148 and Ian did not disgrace himself, finishing 116th. Ian has provided Sailbase with a full, exclusive report!

In early July we invited newcomers to **Come and Try Watersports**. Unfortunately the weather was really poor, and our event conflicted with others in the area, so attendance was disappointing. Still a number of people tried the dinghy sailing and we recruited some new members. Thanks to the suppliers who supported us by bringing equipment to try.

At the end of July **North West Norfolk Sailing Association Week Regatta** kicked off with 3 busy days at Hunstanton. About 60 boats competed on the Sunday and then had an aerobatic display to enjoy at lunchtime. By the end of the week, Andy Holland had finished 1st in the Lasers, with Ian Holland taking 2nd place.

The dinghy racing has now finished for this year with prizes for Paul Pearson (Bill Smith Cup, Wash Goblet, American Trophy and President's Cup); and Ian Holland (HSC Cup) in single handed boats. In the 2-man boats, Dave and Terrance Riches won the Joan Gray Cup and the Dolphin Trophy; Barry Sprunt and Stephen Toop won the Beachcomber Bowl, while Mark and Sue Pogmore won the Bill Webb Cup. These were all awards for the series races.

Warren Mitchell won the Non-Cup-Winners Cup; while the HSC Points Cup (overall catamaran winner) went to Dave and Terrance Riches. Mark and Sue Pogmore have been named Club Champions, having come 1st on 5 occasions.

Emily Nolan was awarded the Pop-Eye Trophy for the most improved junior sailor, having worked very hard during training sessions and achieving most of the sections towards a Level 2 certificate. We look forward to seeing her progress next year.

Looking Forward

Membership rates will go up from 1st January 2005; if you renew before then, the old rates will still apply – see the table right.

You can print a renewal form from the website (www.hunstantonsailingclub.supanet.com) or just send your renewal to Warren Mitchell at 22 Edwalton Avenue, Peterborough, PE3 6ER.

	To end 2004	From 1 Jan 2005
Family	£82	£84
Full	£68	£70
Student	£31	£31
Junior	£23	£23
Social	£42	£44
Boat Parking	£10	£12

On **8th January 2005** the Club has booked St John Ambulance to deliver a one-day **Emergency First Aid course** in the Clubhouse. This course leads to a certificate acceptable to the RYA. This is open to any member, but there are only 12 places, so if you are interested, please email juliapaulhsc@aol.com or ring 01485 541031.

The **AGM** will be held on **27th February 2005** at 2.30 in the Clubhouse. Formal notification will come later together with nomination forms and any motions to be discussed. If you have any motions you wish to propose or matters you would like to have put on the Agenda, please let the Secretary know, either by email to juliapaulhsc@aol.com or by post c/o the Clubhouse.

The **RYA Dinghy Sailing Show** is being held on **5th and 6th March 2005** at Alexandra Palace; if there is enough interest, the Club could organise a minibus to take a group down there. Please let Martin Dutton know if you are interested – email the.duttons@rya-online.net or ring 01328 862057.

The 2005 season will start with a **Spring Quiz** at the Clubhouse on Easter Saturday, **26th March 2005**.

For Sale

Gill lifejacket – 13-14 stone; Musto life jacket – small. Both worn 2-3 times only.
Wet Boots – 2 pairs, medium size (excellent condition, as new)
Gill wet suit – large, with attachable long sleeves (as new)
Wet suit – size 5 or 10/12, with attachable long sleeves (as new)
To view, contact Mick Ford on 01366 385622.

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