

Broad Reach

NEWSLETTER FOR HARLOW (BLACKWATER) SAILING CLUB

Spring 2018

Commodore's Corner



Commodore Down Under Part 1.

My Antipodean adventure began on a dreary January day. I spent the first part of the day with the first work party of the year and to be frank could not wait to be leave the dark days of winter

behind me.

Our second road trip in New Zealand began in Christchurch. Heading out we stopped at Omaru our first coastal encounter was with a colony of Blue penguins, these tiny birds spend the whole day swimming, a 30-mile round trip, and finish their day by clambering up hazardous rocks to their man-made sanctuary.

On to Queenstown New Zealand's capital of thrill seeking or if you are risk adverse people watching. Shotover

Point is home to the jet boats which career up the canyon and perform the equivalent of hand brake turns.



For those of us who prefer a gentler pace I would highly recommend the steam ship 'Earnslaw' which takes you on stunning journey along the Lake Wakatipu with the



majestic Remarkables as a backdrop. Our destination was a sheep station serving delicious BBQ foods and fabulous wine.

As the sun set the outdoor benches heated from the engines kept us warm on our return journey.

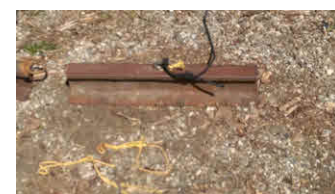


Both Queenstown and Lake Wanaka display the New Zealand attitude to outdoor life, alongside

traditional sailing clubs, dinghies and catamarans nestle, some might say litter, the lake shores. At Wanaka yacht club



I spoke to a member who informed me that much of their sailing was on a Thursday evening to take advantage of the prevailing evening wind with boats

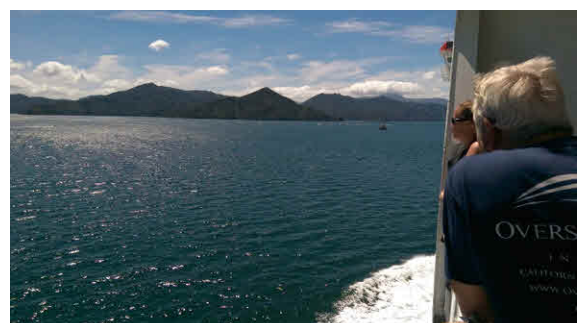


of over 25 feet launched for an evening sail. Kiwi ingenuity was shown when on closer inspection I saw that their buoys were made from

old sections of railway tracks.

Travelling North we stopped at Hanmer Springs enjoying time in the 'healing' waters of the warm pools. These soothing waters had provided relief to injured soldiers after the First World War.

Travelling North West to the "top" of the South Island we explored Able Tasman land by passenger ferry and walking trail through dense vegetation others took to sea kayaks and were rewarded by a passing Orca with its young. We enjoyed a swim from the golden sands at Katerkeri and topped the day off with a fish and chip supper. Nearby in Motueka we came across a group of sailors ready to race, the briefing taking place by a landing stage the course explained on a hand-held whiteboard.



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We arrived in Picton ready to board the Interlander Ferry, a lengthy process with all the camper vans to load. The cruise up Queen Charlotte sound is beautiful; passing a large fleet of sailing dinghies and lonely sheep farms before finally reaching the open sea. On then in a strengthening wind to our destination of Wellington on the North Island.



John Bowers - Commodore

Future Events for your Diary

Training Day for 2018 - Hosted by Maylandsea Bay SC

Saturday 12th May at 09:00

Saturday 2nd June at 14:00

Saturday 30th June at 12:30

Saturday 14th July at 12:00

Solo Coaching By Invitation Only

Saturday 5th May at 12:00

May-land Regatta

Saturday 26th May & Monday 28th May

BBQ Trophy Race & Barbeque Supper

Sunday 6th May at 15:30

Galley Cup Race

Monday 7th May at 16:00

Social Supper

Saturday 19th May at 18:30

Two Island (Hells Bells) Race

Sunday 27th May at 10:30

Helms Trophy Race

Sunday 10th June at 10:30

RNLI Pursuit Pennant Race (Donation)

Saturday 16th June at 13:45

Osea Cup Race

Sunday 24th June at 09:30

Summer Points Series

Race 1&2 – Sunday 13th May

Race 3&4 – Sunday 20th May

Race 5&6 – Sunday 3rd June

Race 7&8 – Sunday 17th June

Race 9&10 – Sunday 1st July

Cadet Series 2 of 2018 - Hosted by Maylandsea Bay SC

Race 1&2 – Sunday 13th May

Race 3&4 – Sunday 20th May

Race 5&6 – Sunday 3rd June

Race 7&8 – Sunday 17th June

Race 9&10 – Sunday 1st July

Big Boat Series Racing (Cruisers)

Race 1 – Saturday 12th May

Race 2 – Saturday 16th June

Race 3 – Saturday 14th July

Cruising & Dinghy Information



New Season Kick Off:

Now that the season has kicked off with some sunshine, it's good to have most of the cruisers in the water and the moorings filled up. It's a shame that there a couple of boats still in the cruiser park, but we have a few more jobs to do and will hopefully be joining you sometime in June!

Sat. 28 April saw the first official programmed outing of the cruisers – a shake down sail designed to 'test' out the winter's modifications. Although the conditions weren't very testing, three boats crammed onto one, with Keith Taft, Rod Martin and me onboard Rod's boat, Moondance. We only went out for a short time, reaching the Doubles where Blackwater SC were holding a Fireball open. However, in that short time, we had a blast and used all of Rod's 'toys'. His fancy racing sails has us going at 6kts in only 10-12kts of wind and his gennaker came into its own when we turned off the wind. I especially enjoyed doing some racing trimming standing up on the side deck with the gennaker!



We still have a lot to come in 2018:

New "Big Boat" racing series. Sat. 12 May is the first race in the new racing series for cruisers, with an overnight cruise after so we can have a bit of a longer race. After a circle of Osea Island, the plan will be to stay out at anchor off Osea overnight and go ashore for a BBQ for tea. Then we'll head back onto the moorings on Sunday's tide after breakfast and a little sail around if we fancy it.

As a reminder, the series is 5 races with 4 to count (your worst result will be discarded or you can miss a race).

Please let me know if you're interested in taking part. So far, we have 2 boats interested but it would be very good to have a couple more to keep the competition up. Unfortunately, I'm going to miss the first couple of races but Edith May will be on the race circuit soon!

Lewis

H(B)SC Cruiser Secretary (again) 2018

- 12 May. - Big Boat Series race 1 and Overnight Cruise (9am start)
- 09 Jun. - Day Cruise (8am start)
- 16 Jun. - RNLI Pennant race - Big Boat Series race 2 (1.45pm start)
- 07 Jul. - Day Cruise (7am start)
- 14 Jul. - Big Boat Series race 3 (12.30pm start)
- 28 Jul. - Big Boat Series race 4 (12pm start)
- 11 Aug. - Big Boat Series race 5 (11.30 start)
- 25 Aug. - August bank holiday cruise (12pm start)
- 13 Oct. - Cruiser Recovery 1 (2pm start)
- 20 Oct. - Cruiser Recovery 2 (8am start)
- 10 Nov. - Cruiser Recovery 3 (12pm start)

Solo Dinghy Training Day (By invite only)

Hi Members

All I have finally made the arrangements with Steve Ede for our training day. It will be a great opportunity for our members to get some first class coaching from an international sailor but on a very informal, easy going basis at our own club, so please snatch this opportunity to have a go and if you cant make it would you consider lending your boat to another member.

It's very important that you can confirm whether or not you will be attending ASAP.

Please contact me; 01621 742069 malcruth@btinternet.com

Cheers Malc X

Dinghy Information Continued

Well Spring has sprung we have had a regular turn out of hardy sailors for the spring series sailed from Maylandsea Bay Sailing Club, the solo fleet showing new members looks like the place to be for close racing, but the fast handicap has been a bit thin on the ground. But with fingers crossed the better weather will increase numbers in all the fleets even the youth sailing is looking promising with numbers growing and the training being well supported.

Sailing will now run from Harlow Blackwater Sailing Club for the summer and autumn series the format will be one start for the fast/ medium with different courses and another start and course for the youth sailing (within eye sight of the club no further than north shore buoy).

Myself and Clive are always here to assist you when you have a duty but please turn up 90 mins before the start time we can then help out with the safety boats and race box duties, courses ect, if you are on duty please bring your wet gear with you as your duty could change on the day things happen people over sleep, have car trouble or just plain forget, it's your club so please try and do your duty if you can't text me on 07484 868907 and UI will try and sort out a swap (this is the time you get out your programme check for your duty, **highlight** it and put it on the family calendar please).

We have a lot of sailing over the next six months and we will be doing some safety boat - race box training in May/ June so if you are not sure what is required of you please come along there will be some shore based training then some time on the water driving the safety boat.

Open day is on 2nd of June and I've talked to a SUP (stand up paddle board) company they are trying to get down to show us maybe even let us have a go! But the main thing is to get numbers on the water show our club to the public if you have any ideas or groups we could invite please get in touch . Also in conjunction with our open day we will be having a small boot sale just 12 cars, for more information please contact The Bar Manager - Teresa Henderson,

Mark Batt

H(B)SC Dinghy Secretary 2018

Please see below for duties in May.

Sat 05 May	Clive Tarling	Sun 13 May	Richard Sharman	Sun 27 May	Ian Henderson
Solo Coaching	Ruth Sparham	Summer points	Edward Skinner	Two Island	Steve Swift
	Mark Batt		Ron Laurie		John Case
	Kenny Batt		Jenny Skinner		Norman Mills
	Tony Everitt		Ron Suffield	Mon 28 May	Rob Baker
	Julie Gymer		Laura Davison	Mayland Regatta	Gary Batt
Sun 06 May	Barry Knights	Sun 20 May	Mark Batt		Ron Laurie
BBQ Trophy	Ian Henderson	Summer Points	Tony Everitt		Annebel J-Laurie
	Geoff Kent		Leigh Cromwell		Clive Tarling
	Ciara Knights		Liz O'Connor		Graham White
	Peter Bell		Graham Taylor	Sun 03 Jun	Chris Missen
	Chloe Atwood		Anthony Gray	Summer Points	Elsbeth Missen
Mon 07 May	Terri Sharman	Sat 26 May	Malcolm Cross		Edward Skinner
Galley Cup	Vicki Riley	Mayland Regatta	John Stevens		Jenny Skinner
	Ron Suffield		Geoff Kent		Peter Bell
	Annebel J-Laurie		Davina Brazier		Iain Gardener
	Kenny Batt				Peter Mason
	John Bowers				Tony Bushell

MBSC Race Impromptu Events



Four intrepid sailing codgers took to the water on Wednesday in bright sun and Mediterranean temperatures of 10 deg.

They went out as far as Southey Buoy and played on the waves with the wind freshening to a nice 10 to 12 mph. Not a bad day with the river to ourselves and a beer in the bar afterwards!

Well the Summer came in with a BANG! One week it was only 8* the next it was a scorching 28*.

So at Malc X request an email was sent out and inviting members to an impromptu evening sail on Saturday 21st April at 15:00, the turn out for this spontaneous event was very rewarded with 2 cruisers, a couple of laser, fireball, most of our new Solo fleet and a visitor from MBSC sailing.



The day was a reasonable 17* with a nice breeze, the fleet did a quick sail round the bay and then went out to the mouth of our creek. The fireball

decided to shoot all the way round Osea Island, being a fast dinghy, while the rest of the fleet headed



to the area in between Osea Island and Marconi SC. The Cruisers that decided to sail were "Lela" with Keith and family, the boys can back we high, but a little chilly as it was cold in the river and Hullaboo Too" John & Sandra's cruiser,

All the boats were back in by 18:45 with the dinghies coming in between both of the cruisers. Once the boats were washed down it was tio the bar for a pint and dinner for those how wanted it was either a trip to the Chippy or a Spaghetti Bolanaise with salad & Garlic Bread.



Lester's Bar

BAR OPENING TIMES

Non Sailing Sunday's from 25th March

From 12:15 to 15:00

(If no-one is at the club by 13:30 the Bar will be shut sharply at 14:00)

Every Sailing Sunday

From 12:30 until 1hr 30mins after racing has finished if No members arrive at the Bar

On Saturday & Bank Holidays when there is Racing or a Club event is on - From ½ hour before the event if after 12:15 until Bar Manager Leaves

(All times above are providing the Bar Manager or a Volunteer is available)

Abandoned or Unidentified Boats & Trailers

URGENT - PLEASE READ.

On the recent work parties all dinghies, cruisers, tenders and all the miscellaneous trailers on the club grounds were checked. We have a number of possibly abandoned and/or unidentified items at the club and the following items were identified as not belonging to any club member on the 2017 membership lists.

- Boat "Skaphoid" which was last known to be ex-member 115 John Harvey's the membership secretary has e-mailed and written to with no response.
- Tender / dinghy "Tankas" owner unknown.
- 420 Dinghy sail No. 23852 owner unknown.
- Trailer with the index No. R711 CGK (similar to) which was believed to be John Say's but it isn't.

If anyone knows anything about these items please contact either Barry Knights ([Membership Sec](#)) or [Jim Pailing](#).

Under the club Rule 11.f, all unpaid fees for items stored, parked or moored at the club that shall fall three months or more in arrears are liable to a Notice of Removal and/or Intention to Sell.

Please be advised that the notice above will be placed on all these items as of 21st April 2018 and will expire on 31st May 2018, after that time the items will be disposed of by the committee. Under the club rules (see rule full rule below),

f. If at any time any fee for parking, storing or mooring any yacht, dinghy or tender payable to The Club by any member or former member shall fall three months or more in arrears The Committee may:-

- i. Cause such vessel to be moved without being liable for any loss or damage to the vessel however caused.
- ii. Give one month's notice in writing to the member or former member at their last address shown in the register of members and thereafter sell the vessel and deduct any money due to The Club (whether by way of arrears or subscriptions or any other payments) from the net proceeds of sale before accounting the balance (if any) to the member or former member. Alternatively any vessel which in the opinion of The Club cannot be sold may, upon such notice as aforesaid, be disposed of in any manner that The Committee may think fit and the costs of so doing and any arrears as aforesaid to be a debt owing to The Club by the member or former member

PROVIDED ALWAYS THAT:-Proper evidence is available to show that all reasonable steps have been taken to trace a member or former member and that when and if the vessel is sold the proceeds of sale (less any indebtedness by the member or former member to The Club) shall be placed upon bank deposit account and retained against the eventuality of a claim by the owner (whether he be the said member or former member or otherwise) for a period of six years.

CLUB'S LOST PROPERTY BOXES

I would like to remind members that any item of clothing left at the club will be placed in the lost property box, items such as keys, watches, purses & jewellery will be held in the bar and if after 6 weeks for clothing and 3 months for other items will be disposed of. By either selling to members, donating to local charity or if sailing items to the club.

Our cleaner "Carole" cleans on Monday or Tuesday each week and any items left in the changing rooms on that day will be placed in the new "LOST PROPERTY BOX'S" in the Bar or under the galley table in the clubhouse.

The Committee.

A Date for your Diary



The Club's Coffee Morning will be on

Sunday 16th September 2018.

Please mark your diary as the club would like to exceed last years total of £480.00

Galley Price Rises

Due to the rise in food & drink prices, coffee and Tea are now 60p and all specialist teas, decaf coffee & tea are now 70p. Also due to the sugar tax on soft drinks a can of normal Coca-Cola as of 1st May will be 80p all other cans will stay at 70p, but we will review all items as we buy new stock.

I would like to remind all members that the galley is always open when racing is on and when the club is holding the Family & Training days. I am trialing the introduction of new ranges of food i.e. Chilli con Carne & Rolls, Mini Pizza's and Chicken Burger's, there is always food for the true veggie's among us, just ask.

So come and try us out

Hope to see you all very hungry soon.

Also our Open Day is on Saturday 2nd June at 13:00 and we have for the last few years run a very successful Cake Stall, so we are asking members if you love to bake, would be happy to donate a cake or cupcakes for the stall it would be much appreciated and all profits will be going to the Jetty Fund.

Jenny - Galley

Galley Prices

Drinks

Tea & Coffee		60p
Decaf, Herbal & Fruit Tea's and Decaf Coffee		70p
Hot Chocolate		70p
Cans - (Tropical, 7Up, Ginger Beer & Coke Diet)		70p
Coca Cola Cans (Due to New Sugar Tax)		80p
Fruit Juice Cartons - (Various Flavours)		50p
Chilled Bottled Water - (500ml)		50p

Food

All Sandwiches, Baps & Rolls		£ 1.50
Sausage Rolls (pastry)		50p
Mini Pizza's		£1.50
Crisps & Nibbles - (Various Flavours)		35p
Sweets & Chocolate Bars		As Priced
Cakes		As Priced

BBQ Trophy Race & Supper

Racing Starts
At
15:30

BBQ
At
18:00

BBQ & Dessert's
Adults - £ 8.00

Children - £ 4.00

6th May 2018

Up and Coming Socials

Please see the poster for the BBQ Race & Supper, also the Sailing Division of the Camping & Caravan Club will be camping at the club between the evening of Thurs 17th to Tues 22nd May and there will be a social supper on Saturday 19th May at the club, if you would like to attend either of these events please add your name to the list by the galley at the clubhouse or contact [Sylvie](#) on 01621 742944

Winter Work Parties



The winter work parties went well, considering the the cold, wet & freezing weather we had on the days we scheduled to do the club's annual bulk

maintenance. But like every year there are a few job's that can not be done when it is cold & wet or need to be done constantly through out the year, so



Jim (Vice Commodore) is organizing weekday work parties, so as to not impinge of our sailing weekends. The work parties will initially be



2:00pm on Friday afternoon's, starting Friday the 4th May. If you have not done the club's requested single work day for the club and feel that this is a better time for you can you please contact [Jim Pailing](#) on 01621 744400.

Please note the club does offer's the option of a £50 donation on your membership form to cover you not to do work parties.

The Committee.



OPEN DAY

The club open day this year is on 2nd June at 13:00 see poster to right.

So how about rounding up your family, friend's and work colleagues to visit the club. For those who would like to try a water sport we have a chance to try dinghy sailing, cruising or kayaking. Also Mark Batt has organized the attendance of a SUP's (Stand Up Paddle Board) company, to introduce SUP's to the members of the club and their visitors.

Jenny will also be in the galley with arrange of food and drink, cakes & Cream Teas. The bar will be open with real ale on tap and all manor of wines, spirits & soft drinks.

If you feel you would be able to help with making cakes for the Cake Stall, are happy to volunteer for a duty on the day or if you would like to have a PDF copy of the Open Day poster, to put up at work or give to friends, please can you contact the Bar Manager - [Teresa Henderson](#) as soon as possible as we need to get members into job's and duties. Please come and help to make your club's open day a great success.

Teresa Henderson - HBSC Bar Manager



Try
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Cruising for FREE!

Cake Stall and
Refreshments
(Inc. Licensed Bar)

Kids Crafts & Boot Sale

Open day only Membership
Offer: 18 months for the
price of 12

2nd June 2018

HARLOW (BLACKWATER) SAILING CLUB OPEN DAY

Saturday from 1pm

Please come and join us for an afternoon of sailing, kayaking and more at our Summer Open Day. All are welcome.

Boot Sale (Members only Selling).

We are a friendly, affordable club based on the beautiful River Blackwater in Maylandsea, Essex.

We look forward to seeing you... no need to book, just come down on the day!

For those taking part in on-the-water activities, we advise that you bring a change of clothes just in case (changing facilities are available).

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1pm start

HBSC Family Regatta

“The Harlow Blackwater Family Regatta” week for 2018. Starts at 15:30pm on Sunday 22nd July with registration & boat allocation, through to the full club clean & tidy up on Saturday 28th July. There will be No theme this Year but the club will still be decorated for a party with the flags & bunting. If you or anyone in your family would like to attending can you please register an interest on the list at the Bar.

The forms and information pack should be with you in the next week or so.

The Family Week Committee



Family Week
2018
Sat 21st July to Sun 29th July 2018

Saturday: Evening Fun Sail.

Sunday: Registration, Boat Allocation, Cheese & Wine, with an Ice-breaker Quiz.

Monday: Racing for all, Treasure Hunt, Team Games, Assault Course & Adult Bike Ride - Indian Supper. & Fun Bingo

Tuesday: Racing for all, Ballon Popping & Mud Run, Field Games. – Marjie & Sylvie’s Supper & Board Game League.

Wednesday: Racing for all, Kids Bike Ride or walk from the club. - Hog Roast & Mega Sea Noise Evening Band.

Thursday: Racing for all, Donkey Derby. – Bring Your Own BBQ, Talent Night for all / Music Bingo.

Friday: Racing for all. - Gala Evening with Prize giving & Singing Duo

Saturday: Full Club Clean Up, Saturday Brunch - Cadets & Big Boat (Cruiser) Race.

Sunday: Bob Knights Trophy

