

# Broad Reach

NEWSLETTER FOR HARLOW (BLACKWATER) SAILING CLUB

WINTER 2017/18



## Commodore's Corner

Happy New Year to all our members.

This promises to be an exciting year with an excellent summer of favourable tides for our water based activities. The sailing programme has been published and the final draft is underway and we hope to have printed copies for members available very soon.

On the subject of communication as a club we have tried to reduce the amount of waste by sending many communications to members via email and the clubs website. In addition the club can be found on Facebook at Harlow Blackwater. These methods of communication allow us to reduce costs and get information to members promptly. To facilitate this please ensure we have the correct email address for you and please check for our notices which can easily end up in SPAM. We hope to make some changes to the website during the year to enable us to update information more rapidly.

With the first phase of the jetty complete the committee is looking for further developments to enhance the quality of member's experience. This is where all members can have an input by putting ideas for consideration in the suggestion box in the clubhouse or sending a communication to the committee. The resulting development plan will be available in the clubhouse.

One development this year is the establishment of cadet racing in conjunction with Maylandsea Bay Sailing Club giving an opportunity to enhance our cadets sailing, which leads me on to my next topic: How I began sailing.

I spent the early part of my youth living inland in North Staffordshire but spent Summers in Abersoch in North Wales where I would help push my friend's father's enterprise dinghy up the beach to be rewarded with a trip at the end of holiday with the boat under the power of seagull outboard.

I began sailing as a teenager at school when I spent a week camping and sailing at Stanley Pool a small reservoir serving the canal system. The boats available were Cadets, Herons and GP 14's. Later I attended Staffordshire's Sailing Centre at Port Dinorwic on the Meniai Straight's where my first encounter with tidal conditions were a dying wind that had me dragging the boat home; a lesson learned the hard way. I continued to sail at the Stanley centre till I left for College in Yorkshire. I

resumed sailing again with the School Sailing Association in Barking Essex where I took primary school pupils sailing which I continued at Grangewaters in Thurrock when I moved to teach in Essex. With the narrowing of the curriculum in schools it's sad that many of these activities are being curtailed and vital we provide opportunities for youngsters of all abilities to ensure the health of our sport.

At the beginning of the 1980's I bought my first boat a Caprice yacht and sailed it proudly to the Up River Yacht Club in Hullbridge. After sailing her for a short time there followed a long period of restoration replacing the bilge keels and keel bolts. By the time the boat was back in the water again I wasn't going to be able spend long periods of time sailing and so I bought my next boat a Laser dinghy the day before my eldest son was born. The following year I moved to HBSC



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with the prompting of Iain Ure my neighbour and one time sailing secretary. In the 1980's there was a large group of Laser sailors at the club, some of whom are still sailing today. Through the years I have enjoyed sailing at the club but, wanted the opportunity to sail in my summers spent in SW France with our caravan. To that end I bought a Seahopper folding boat. After a few years I transported my Laser to France and store both boats on an old camping trailer. I then bought a second laser to use as a boat at home and have since purchased a Solo dinghy, work still in progress. Though I am not enthusiastic at club racing I often sign on and follow the fleet with the security of the club safety boat. Midweek sailing in groups also allows dinghy sailors to venture out with greater confidence and enjoy each other's company. For those with a sailing cruiser there are opportunities to explore the Blackwater



estuary or venture further afield. This year a joint cruiser dinghy event is proposed for regatta week following last year's successful event. Mayland Creek is enjoyable area to sail or paddle in relative safety which I hope many members have already discovered I would encourage them to bring along friends to join the club.

Finally, a reminder that our annual work parties take place soon. These ensure the club runs smoothly through the year. If you cannot make any of the dates but are available for tasks at other times please let Jim Pailing Rear Commodore know so he can assign a job to you.

Our season starts with Spring Series 1&2 on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March not long to go now. Look forward to seeing you on the water.

*John Bowers - Commodore*

## Future Events for your Diary

### **Blackwater Icicle Race - Hosted by Maylandsea Bay SC**

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 11:30

### **Work Parties starting at 9:30**

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

### **VHF Radio Course**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 10:00

### **Talk Night by Dick Holness from the East Coast Pilot website**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February at 17:30 for ordering  
Supper, with the Talk at 19:30

### **Cruiser Launch**

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April

### **Spring Points Series – Hosted by Maylandsea Bay SC**

Race 1&2 – Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March

Race 3&4 – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Race 5&6 – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

### **Easter Series (4 Races) Race - Hosted by Maylandsea Bay SC**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

### **Easter Cup Race Race - Hosted by Maylandsea Bay SC**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### **Fitting Out Supper**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 18:00

### **Cadet Race of 2018 - Hosted by Maylandsea Bay SC**

Race 1&2 – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Race 3&4 – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April

# Cruising & Dinghy Information



Happy New Year!

Now that we have all hopefully settled into the routine of another year, I've been through the tide tables and calendar for 2018 and have come up with the following dates for the cruiser section.

Please see below for more details, but here's an overview:

These dates have also been included on the club's main programme which should be available on the

website soon (the provisional programme on there at the moment is **not** the latest version).

## VHF radio course - Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Feb.

There are still some places remaining on this. Indispensable for cruiser owners and highly recommended for safety boat coxswains, this day will start at 10am and finish at 6pm. Please contact me for more info or go to

Premier Sailing's website who are running the course

(<https://www.premiersailing.co.uk/rya-courses/rya-vhf-marine-radio-src-online-courses-essex/> -

please note that we have got a slight discount on the prices quoted here).



- 17 Feb. - VHF radio course (10am start)
- 24 Feb. - Talk night with Fish & Chip supper (5pm for food, talk starts at 7.30pm)
- 17 Mar. - Cruiser Launch 1 (11am start)
- 31 Mar. - Cruiser Launch 2 (12pm start)
- 14 Apr. - Cruiser Launch 3 (11am start)
- 28 Apr. - Shake Down Sail (10am start)
- 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)

## East Coast Pilot website Talk Night - Sat. 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.

I am delighted to say that we have one of the authors and editors



of the incredibly useful website and book East Coast Pilot coming to the club to give a talk covering how the information etc. is gathered and some interesting notes about lesser explored nooks and crannies of the East Coast. The website holds many regularly updated chartlets and pilotage notes which are well worth looking at if you're going away for a weekend or longer. To see what I'm on about, see here: <http://www.eastcoastpilot.com/>

I will organise a Fish & Chip supper beforehand for which I'll take orders at around 5pm on the day. The talk will start at approx. 7.30pm and the bar will be open throughout the evening. Please let me know if you intend to come along as I'll be advertising it elsewhere and would like to gauge numbers.



## Big Boat Series races - NEW FOR 2018!!!



After some interest, we're running a short race series for the cruisers this year. A simple course of around Osea and back (direction to be confirmed on the day depending on the wind), the series is 5 races with 4 to count (your worst result will be discarded or you can miss a race). Handicaps will be calculated based on the RYA's National Handicap for Cruisers system where possible or will be transposed into the NHC system from the Portsmouth Yardstick system if needed.

### August bank holiday cruise - Sat. 25<sup>th</sup> Aug. to Mon. 27<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Destination TBC but I am provisionally thinking of trying to get to Wivenhoe. Leave around midday Saturday and returning around 3pm Monday. If you have somewhere else you want to go, just let me know.

### Day cruises + Shake Down sail

I would love to hear any suggestions/ requests for destinations for these days please. One will likely involve Mersea Quarters for a lunch stop, and another may try to head up the East Mersea for a picnic on the beach at Mersea Stone.



As always, get in touch if you have any requests, suggestions or otherwise. Please also remember, that if you have any moans or anything you wish to be brought to the attention of the committee regarding cruiser stuff, do let me know - I always like to bring contentious topics to committee meetings!

Happy New Year again, and I look forward to seeing you all down the club very soon.

Lewis

H(B)SC Cruiser Secretary (again) 2018

Hello and Happy New Year to you all, we have very full year of sailing in 2018 which starts on the 18<sup>th</sup> March. Like last year MBSC are running the spring and Easter then we run the summer and autumn then back to MBSC for the winter it worked last year so let's leave alone.

The youth racing will be joining the main racing fleet they start a bit later in mid-April due to the cold water and they have more common sense so remember kids the club that is holding the main fleet racing is where you start and finish, it takes ten minutes to sail to MBSC they won't wait neither will we when we run the racing bring on the tough luv lol.



The end of May we have a three day regatta it includes the two island on the Sunday, also at the end of August we are having another three day regatta great tides and hopefully a social on the Sunday night ideas and volunteers required don't be shy.

This year we have some solo dinghy coaching invitation only contact Malcolm

National Solo



[www.solosailing.org.uk](http://www.solosailing.org.uk)

Cross it is on Saturday May the 5<sup>th</sup> at noon then on Sunday there will be a solo open invitation race that will run the same time as the BBQ race.

We have our laser open on the

8<sup>th</sup> September 10.30 start always a good Saturday.

And finally regatta week is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. Remember we have a very busy year please check when you have a duty try and swap if you can't contact me I will try and help.

Mark Batt - Sailing Sec



# HBSC Race Results for 2017

| Trophy Races                    | First  | Second   | Third  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Lawling Tankard                 | <b>Martin Tarling (Laser Radial)</b>             | <b>Lawrence Maudsley (Laser)</b>               |  |
| BBQ Trophy                      | <b>Malcolm Cross (Solo)</b>                      | <b>Vicki Riley (Laser R)</b>                   | <b>Chris Missen (Laser)</b>                    |
| RNLI Pursuit Pennant            | <b>Martin Tarling (Laser Radial)</b>             | <b>Mark Batt &amp; Tony Everitt (Fireball)</b> | <b>Malcolm Cross (Solo)</b>                    |
| Hells Bells (Two Island) Trophy | <b>Martin Tarling (Laser Radial)</b>             | <b>Mark Batt &amp; Tony Everitt (Fireball)</b> | <b>Clive Tarling (Laser)</b>                   |
| Bob Knights Trophy              | <b>Cira Knights (Laser 4.7)</b>                  | <b>Mark Batt &amp; Tony Everitt (Fireball)</b> | <b>Barry &amp; Lydia Knights (Kestral)</b>     |
| Cadet trophy                    | <b>Ciaran Tarling (RS Tera)</b>                  | <b>Zac Higgins (Topper)</b>                    | <b>Ruby Mirza (Fusion)</b>                     |
| Galley Cup                      | <b>Martin Tarling (Laser Radial)</b>             | <b>Vicki Riley (Laser R)</b>                   | <b>Ron Laurie (Solo)</b>                       |
| Osea Cup                        | <b>Mark Batt &amp; Tony Everitt (Fireball)</b>   |  |  |
| Cock of the River               | <b>Malcolm Cross (Solo)</b>                      | <b>Kenny Batt (Laser R)</b>                    | <b>Mike Bryant &amp; Keith Taft (Fireball)</b> |
| Mini May Regatta Adult          | <b>Martin Tarling (Laser Radial)</b>             | <b>Adrian Degge (Laser)</b>                    | <b>Clive Tarling (Laser)</b>                   |
| Mini May Regatta Cadets         | <b>Sam Tarling (Laser R)</b>                     | <b>Jamie Degge (RS Tera Pro)</b>               | <b>Ciaran Tarling (RS Tera Sport)</b>          |
| Evening Race                    | <b>Ron Suffield &amp; Laura Davison (Merlin)</b> | <b>Ray Revell (Laser R)</b>                    | <b>Geoff Kent (Solo)</b>                       |
| Autumn Regatta                  | <b>Malcolm Cross (Solo)</b>                      | <b>John Salmon (Laser R)</b>                   | <b>Martin Tarling (Laser Radial)</b>           |

| Seasonal Races          | First  | Second   | Third  |
|-------------------------|--|--|--|
| Spring Series      Fast | <b>Mark Batt &amp; Tony Everitt (Fireball)</b>   | <b>Mike Bryant &amp; Keith Taft (Fireball)</b> | <b>Ron Suffield &amp; Laura Davison (Merlin)</b> |
| Medium                  | <b>Martin Tarling (Laser Radial)</b>             | <b>Malcolm Cross (Solo)</b>                    | <b>Clive Tarling (Laser)</b>                     |
| Slow                    | <b>Sam Tarling (Laser 4.7)</b>                   | <b>Ciaran Tarling (RS Tera)</b>                |  |
| Summer Series      Fast | <b>Ron Suffield &amp; Laura Davison (Merlin)</b> | <b>Mike Bryant &amp; Keith Taft (Fireball)</b> |  |
| Medium                  | <b>Martin Tarling (Laser Radial)</b>             | <b>Lawrence Maudsley (Laser)</b>               | <b>Malcolm Cross (Solo)</b>                      |
| Autumn Series      Fast | <b>Mark Batt &amp; Tony Everitt (Fireball)</b>   |  |  |
| Medium                  | <b>Malcolm Cross (Solo)</b>                      | <b>Dave Islin (Solo)</b>                       | <b>Ron Suffield &amp; Laura Davison (Merlin)</b> |

**Please Note:** The prize for winning a race is a "HBSC Voucher" for £5. Which are held by the Bar Manager. If you think their should be one for you please speak to either Clive or Mark . Vouchers are to be spend at the bar only & must be redeemed by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018.

## New and Serving Club Committee Members for 2017/18.

|                          |                  |                             |
|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
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| Ordinary Member          | Geoff Kent       | gakservices@talktalk.net    |
| Ordinary Member          | Doug Parsons     | dparson101@btinternet.com   |

### Extract from email on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Commodore's Corner **Harlow Blackwater Nail Care!**

Before you rush to get an appointment at this salubrious establishment please note it is the nails that were removed from the former jetty that I am concerned about. Though the greatest of care has been taken to dispose of any hazards there may be nails that have been missed on the ground and some on the wood that has not yet been dismantled please take care around these areas.

**Please note all the wood at the club is not a free resource if you require some please see Rod Martin who will charge you the appropriate rate with the proceeds going to the jetty fund.**

For those members who fancy wind spa treatment there is still work to be done on the jetty which promises an invigorating day in the fresh air with like minded people. The day is made special with free drinks and refreshments supplied by Jenny in the galley, a superb treat you should not miss out on. Seriously there has been a dedicated team of people at the club working through the week and with some extra hands the job should be finished soon.

Fair winds,  
John Bowers - Commodore



### **Day Sail Report from Lewis Bell** **(20th May 2017)**

After an early start in the sunshine, the first day cruise of 2017 went well with 3 boats out representing the club out on the river.

Following breakfast off the beach at Osea (some had the facilities for bacon and tea, others didn't...), Emily and Edith May ran downwind towards Bradwell where Firefly was waiting for us after deciding that the weather was too good to stop at Osea.

Turning upwind again and against the tide meant slow progress back upriver and showed the ability of newer boats to point much closer to the wind than the older ones. Lunchtime was interrupted by a large black cloud complete with heavy rain and hail, bringing

**IT'S TIME TO  
RENEW YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP!**

**Please note that if you have decided not to rejoin in 2018.**

Can you please advise Barry Knights the Membership Secretary in writing or by email as soon as possible. Resignation of Members from the club rules (extract below). Can you also advise the Sailing and Social Secretaries as they are now in the process of inputting names for the 2018 program, duty roster and we need to know as soon as possible who will not be available this year.

**Rule 9 Section 2. Resignation of Members.** Any member resigning their membership shall notify the intention of doing so to the Membership Secretary in writing and shall be liable for the whole annual subscription for the year in which such resignation is notified, at the discretion of The Committee. All club keys must be returned.

visibility down to around 500m, and breaking up the fleet.

With the wind freshening and the sun going in, we decided to motor up the creek as far as the lack of water allowed and picked up one of the marina buoys to await the tide. At around 7pm we all got back onto our moorings and rowed ashore to fish & chips, kindly delivered by Peter Bell, and the bar.

**PILOTAGE INFO:** Goldhanger Spit and Thirslet buoys have both had an upgrade. Goldhanger Spit buoy is no longer the small conical buoy and is now much larger (still green though), and Thirslet is also much bigger than it used to be and now has a cone topmark.

Lewis Bell - Cruiser Secretary





# Over view of 2017

Our year started with the Blackwater Icicle hosted by us on 14<sup>th</sup> January which we had 20 dinghies at the start, first was Mark Maskell & Nigel Shepard from Blackwater Sailing Club, the first HBSC boat was a Hobie Cat sailed by Marcus & Abbie Wallace a good day was had by both sailors & spectators. Once the Icicle had taken place the year continued as usual with the winter work parties to get all the normal maintenance done and the club ready for the year ahead. Also at the beginning of the year Malcolm, Jim & Teresa planed the complete revamp of the clubs bar, which was done by them and a very willing and helpful bunch of volunteers and was finished by.



On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April due to the jetty rebuild being imminent, the spring series started at Maylandsea Bay SC, with Sam & Ciaran racing in MBSC Cadets Slow Fleet and a total of 9 Harlow Blackwater dinghies in the fast and medium fleets. The Easter Series & Cup race was also hosted by Maylandsea Bay SC.

At the end of the Easter weekend the jetty barge arrive right the way through the racing and was moored on the side of our jetty to begin dismantle our old wooden jetty. On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> of April the job of dismantle the sections of the old jetty began, headed by Rod Martin, John Hockley & Peter Bell the work to dismantle the heavy jetty timbers was dirty so work boots, boiler suit and gloves were a must. A second work party was set up for 29<sup>th</sup> April before the critical work on the jetty was started on 2<sup>nd</sup> May by our contractor, but due to the amount of work to sort out the old jetty timber and finish the off the new jetty, most Saturdays & Sundays in May the club was a hive of activity (A big thanks must be given to Jenny for the many work party meals she provided over this critical time).

The cruiser launch for 6<sup>th</sup> May was postponed so the last of the decking could be put



down, so the first test of our new jetty could be a cruiser launch on 14<sup>th</sup> May. The first cruiser launch from our brand new – and substantially wider jetty when very well with three cruisers being launched. This also marked the final Spring series race being held at Maylandsea Bay SC, but not of the joint racing, which continued in both the Summer & Autumn series from our new jetty. This gave an improved size fleets for both the fast and medium handicap dinghies.

On Sunday & Monday 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> May with the bank holiday weekend promising to be sunny and warm we had a Mini 2 day Regatta. With the bar open both days and two real ales on tap.

In June the programme showed sailing on both the Saturday and Sundays, also this month we had an Official opening of our new jetty on 11<sup>th</sup> June were we had Ken Johnson to cut the ribbon. (If you do not know Ken he was the engineer who originally who draw up the plans of the old wooden jetty.)



Our Open Day Regatta originally planned on 24<sup>th</sup> June was moved to 15<sup>th</sup>

July due unforeseen circumstances and prior to the Open Day a work party was scheduled on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to get the club ready. We had visitors from as far afield as Germany and all who visited were complementary about the club and the friendliness of all the members. The water based activities were popular, as was the RNLI Stall and bouncy castle for the toddlers and we also gained some much needed new members from the weekend.

In addition the club raised money from our stalls for cakes and “bric a brac” (which went to help the Jetty Fund), along with what was made through the galley & bar sales. Also in July we had a Family Sailing day, 4 Summer Points Race, 3 Cup Races so it was a packed month.

The annual Family Week's theme was "Space" and was planned from Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August. On the Sunday morning of family week Lewis Bell had scheduled a Cruiser & Dinghy Race round Osea Island (anti-clockwise) for approximately 10am, the start line at the club with the finish line out in the main river. It was a team race with mixed teams of fast & slow dinghies & Cruisers. Due to how positions were awarded, the racing was an exercise in team tactical sailing, but great fun for all who competed.

Over Family Week there were a wide variety of sailing carried out in differing conditions and enjoyed by all who took part. The cadet activities



was run by Ron & Laura and their merry volunteers and our cadets sailing knowledge can on in leaps and bounds over the week. On shore activities took place from Bouncy assault course & Laser Tag to the Hog Roast with live band and even the torrential rain on the Wednesday could not dampen spirits and the bar was well supplied with real ale from three different brewery's supporting six different real ales. The Family Week ended with the Cadets Trophy Races and for all adult sailors the Bob Knights Trophy race to Maldon for Ice Creams. (We are hoping more of our members and their families can join us this year for Family Week watch out for the posters).

Also in August there were some great days for our merry band of windsurfers to take to the water, it was great to watch them from the experienced to the novices, fly along the creek or not! At the end of August we had the last bank holiday weekend, it starts with a pursuit race on the Saturday (followed by a BBQ) and then the start of the Autumn Series racing is on the Sunday and Monday.



And August had rolled in to September on the Saturday the 9<sup>th</sup> we hosted the Laser Open day for the three classes of Laser and had 16 dinghies racing, 3 being cadets and on the Sunday there was a hair-raising force 6/7 Osea Cup race.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> to coincide with the "Barts Bash" race, Jenny held her 2<sup>nd</sup> Macmillan Coffee morning at the club it was "bring a cake, buy a cake, eat a cake" from 10am till 2pm. Jenny advised the members at the AGM that she had raised £480.52.



Then in a blink on an eye we had rushed through October with the last 4 races of the Autumn series and it's 2 cruiser recovery days and were reached the last race for this year from our jetty the "Cock of the River" on the 4<sup>th</sup> November but not the last events to be held at the club.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> November the club had its Annual General Meeting, where we had 46 members attending, John Bowers gave a brief rundown of the year and Sandra Hockley advised the members of the club's finances, there was an agreement of the fees being raised by 3% and the committee proposed the Ken Johnson for Honorary Membership, which the members approved, also the new committee for 2017/2018 was voted in, (See list on page #).

Even though racing of the Winter series was held at Maylandsea Bay SC the club bar was open every race day from 12:30 and quite a few times those who had sailed came back to the club to wind down after the race.

The last race of the Winter series on 17<sup>th</sup> December also coincided with the club's two-course Christmas Lunch and prize giving, by two weeks before we had a nice reasonable group of 34 members attending, but by 13<sup>th</sup> December the number had risen to 50 members, the lunch time dinner was a great success with the bar, serving hot alcoholic & non-alcoholic mulled wine, real ale (Captain Bob) and at the end of dinner filter & Irish coffees.



Over all we had a very successful year, and hope all our members will help to make this year as successful. Wishing you all a belated Happy New Year

**Teresa Henderson**





Dear Members

*I am looking for a couple of members who would be happy to do some of the Bar opening shifts on a Sunday. There is not much to it you just need to serve and use the till.*

*If you would be happy to do this can you please let me know. The Bar Opening times are shown in this newsletter*

Many Thank

Teresa Henderson - Bar Manager

### Help Need for Club Socials

Due to Sylvie our Social Secretary, being away on holiday on a couple of our social events, we are looking for couple of volunteers.

So if there are any members that would feel they would like to find out what is required in the organization & catering of the club socials can you please speak to Teresa Henderson (Bar Manager) and she will be happy to advise on all aspect.

### Information Request

Please be aware that if you have a Family Membership the club at this time is only holding the main members email address. So to make sure all adult members receive the clubs news and events information the committee kindly requests that the partners email address be advise to Barry Knights the Membership Secretary [barry\\_knights@sky.com](mailto:barry_knights@sky.com) or if you are at the club it can be left with Teresa at the Bar

### HBSC Family Regatta

For all of you who need to book your holidays early "The Harlow Blackwater Family Regatta" week for 2018.

Starts at 4:00pm on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to the club clean up on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July. There will be No theme this Year but the club will still be decorated with the flags & bunting. If you are thinking of attending can you please register an interest on the list at the Bar.

# Lester's Bar

## BAR OPENING TIMES

**Non Sailing Sunday's from 1<sup>st</sup> April  
From 12:15 to 15:00**

(If no-one is at the club by 13:30 Bar will 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)

### Ladies Lunch



To the ladies of Harlow Blackwater SC

The club is looking to set up a "Ladies that Launch Club" for the lady members of the Harlow (Blackwater) Sailing Club.

The club's membership has a large proportion of family memberships, but at this time the amount of female members who come to the club is very small, so the three lady's we have on the club's committee would like to get more of us ladies together.

We are not expecting the ladies club to be solely for sailing but to cover a range of leisure activities.

We would like to invite all the ladies of the club, to a Ladies event, so if you are interested can you please forward your email address to Teresa Henderson at [teresadawn@talktalk.net](mailto:teresadawn@talktalk.net) or contact me on 01702 559570

If you have any queries feel to contact me on the phone number above or come and see me at the club.

Teresa Henderson – Bar Manager