

# Harlow Blackwater Sailing Club



**E**arlier we feared we would not get any sailing in this year. However, when the rules were relaxed it was back on the water. Having missed the early part of the season we have been trying to catch up as much as possible.

Our Sailing secretary has worked hard to reschedule and run as many races as possible in the time available. Fortunately our sport does allow social distancing, with a good proportion of our fleet sailing single handed. The winds have generally been favourable and we have had some very good racing.

Some of our more adventurous dinghy sailors even ventured to Brightlingsea for the day in their Wayfarer. They left early morning

arriving lunchtime in Brightlingsea. After an excellent Bistro meal, which they struggled to finish due to the huge portions, they left for home about 3pm on the rising tide. After tacking out it was a fast sail home with the boat planning as the wind increased to a good force 4 to 5.

The sail back was so quick they had to beach at Lawling Creek Spit to wait for the tide. This gave them time for a picnic, with tea coffee and scotch eggs, the Bistro having being digested by this time. They had a great sunset as they finally made our jetty at about 7 pm. They reported a long day, but great sailing.

The 6 larger boats which did launch will soon be brought back up our jetty and laid up in the dinghy park for winter.

Some of our hardier dinghy sailors will join Maylandsea Bay sailing club for their Winter series, which runs up to Christmas.

Sadly we have not been able to run socials this year, but we have otherwise made good use of our time on the water. Like everyone we are hoping, for a return to normality next year.

If you are interested in sailing or finding out more about our club please see our website at [harlow-blackwater-sailingclub.com](http://harlow-blackwater-sailingclub.com) or contact us on [hbscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:hbscommittee@gmail.com).

For membership secretary ring **07929 734684**. We have club moorings and winter storage for larger boats. As well as dinghy, canoe and board storage in our dinghy park.

