

North Haven Yacht Club



Newsletter

October 2019



Laying Up Supper

46 members enjoyed the laying up supper on Friday 18th October.

There was a lively, happy atmosphere with excellent food, wine, chatting and laughter. Barry thanked the fantastic team of very hard working volunteers who prepared delicious food, served the meals, washed up and cleared up at the end. Many thanks were given to the the amazing team of volunteers who also provided the wonderful desserts.

NHYC is very lucky to have the continued help of volunteers without whom it would be very difficult to hold socials and suppers. So a big thank-you to you all! You are all very much appreciated.

Best wishes, Gill



ROUND BROWNSEA ISLAND RACE



After the unfortunate cancellation of the 2019 Round Brownsea Island Race due to bad weather, the race was re-arranged for Saturday 7th September at fairly short notice. With the understandably low participant numbers due to the short notice given, it was considered that the race should be changed to a routine training session, however, with good weather and enough crew and helmsman for four boats to set out, it was decided at the last minute to run the re-arranged race as planned.

Dave Hipkiss, Andy Page and Dave Segal went out in two safety boats to follow the competitors round the course. Two Club Bosun dinghies, the Club GP14 and a member's Wayfarer formed the race fleet, with two cruisers going along for the fun of it (they anchored for lunch part way round!).

The race start was straight forward, however, all four boats seemed to take differing courses initially to try to gain an advantage, with only the Bosuns staying fairly close together. The GP14 swiftly went in to the lead, with the Bosuns some way behind. The Wayfarer following up behind on a wider course. Weather was kind with light winds which were good up until the fleet entered Blood Alley and then all boats were in the doldrums. The Red Bosun cut in close to the south western island shore which was brave considering it was just after low water, gaining an advantage over the Blue Bosun which kept to the channel at that point. The GP14 and the lead Red Bosun then took a course further south of Blood Alley and picked up some wind accelerating away into first and second positions. The Wayfarer followed suit and overtook the Blue Bosun to be third over the line. With the Blue Bosun crossing the line in fourth place the crew were considering whether they were going to be awarded the



famous "Plunger Trophy" for coming last, but as luck would have it the handicap system came to the rescue and the Wayfarer came fourth overall.



This was a real fun event sailed in excellent weather conditions with a little bit of competitiveness, and the reward of hot dogs, bacon butties and burgers from the barbecue on the return. Thanks to Greta, John and Amanda for arranging the food.

The race results were as follows:

1 st	GP14	Sally Sherrell / Andy Kite
2 nd	Red Bosun 852	Sue Norman / John Hainsworth
3 rd	Blue Bosun 5X	Ian Patison / Steve Brimble
4 th	Wayfarer	Chrissie Patison / James McQuillan



The event turnout was low with only just enough boats to make the it worthwhile, however, I was impressed by the number of non-sailing members who were at the Club and who took advantage of the barbecue on offer to all.

I hope that the sailing group continues to grow next season under the control of Tony McGrath and his excellent helpers.

Steve Brimble
Vice Commodore
NHYC

Return of the Big Breakfast



At last, as the nights draw in and the temperature cools, the Big Breakfast has returned!

A truly excellent start to the Breakfast season - delicious food prepared and served up by some amazing volunteers!

The Big Breakfast is a great way to catch up with other members once the sailing season is over. Good too for warming up after an early morning sea swim!

Well done and thank you!

**My very tasty vegetarian
Big Breakfast**



GIANT TEAM SCRABBLE

Giant Team Scrabble returned to NHYC on Saturday 26th October.



Tony and Roz Hanson with their granddaughter Grace ran the evening, keeping us all in order and making sure everyone followed the rules.

As Tony did not charge the club for the hire of the Scrabble equipment this profit will go to NHYC'S charity of the year, as will the profit from the sale of raffle tickets, which was £60. Many thanks indeed to all the

members who bought raffle tickets and for bringing so many super raffle prizes.

Six teams played Scrabble and we all learnt some new words - some words such as 'za' and 're' were challenged, but were found in the Scrabble dictionary!

Each team was given the name of a precious stone and The Emeralds came first, winning a small box of chocolates each.



Another very enjoyable fun evening was had by all and many thanks again to Tony, Roz & Grace.

Best wishes,
Gill



Solange

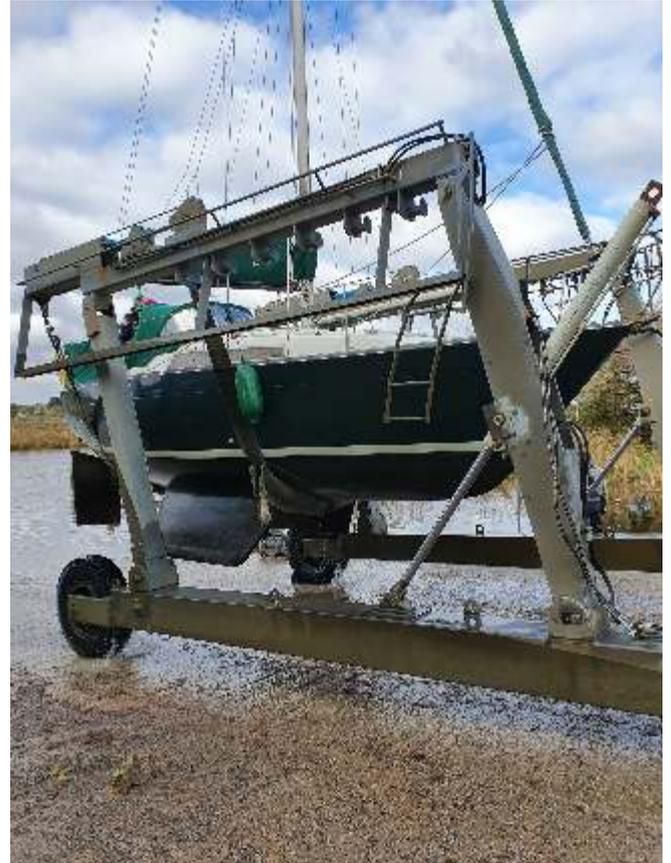
Solange has spent more time on the mooring this year. Unfortunately, circumstances and time restraints meant it was only used a handful of times.

I was, however, fortunate enough to have my boat anti-fouled for free this year. I'd won a competition run at last year's boat show.

The hull was remarkably clean, having not been scrubbed during the season.

Solange was lifted at Ridge Farm, Wareham, and power washed before it was moved to its hard standing. The staff at Ridge Farm are extremely helpful and careful. The pictures were taken whilst we were still aboard, the cheeky boat yard chappies took a selfie!

Kind regards,
Barry



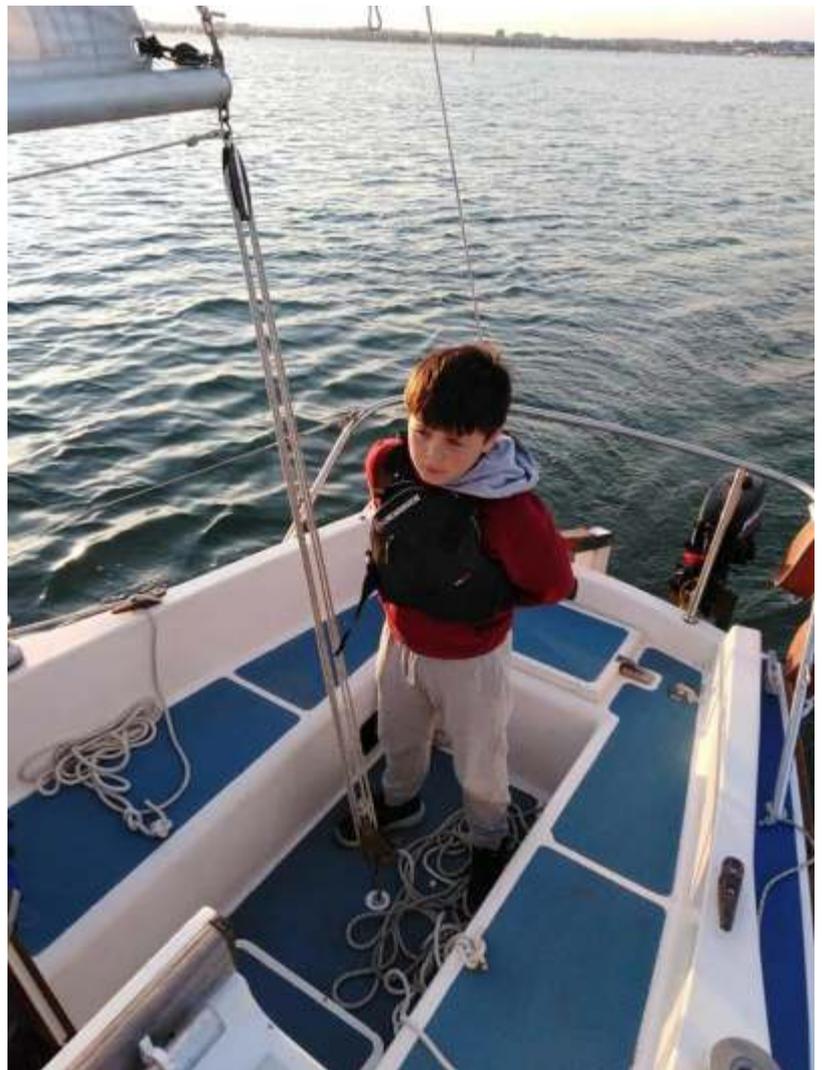
Congratulations!

Thomas Dean passed his RYA Level 3 Sailing at Rockley during August 2019.

Undertaking the two day course in Pico dinghies, Thomas enjoyed the training and was lucky enough to see seals during his time on the water.

Thomas has his own Pico dinghy at NHYC and has participated in a cruiser race this season in "Alma". He hopes to eventually achieve his instructors certificate.

Well done, Thomas!



NHYC Water Taxi Driver - a cautionary tale

In early October 2019 a senior water taxi driver suffered an accident which fortunately did not seriously injure him. It was however a very lucky escape and multiple events caused a “Swiss Cheese Effect” style emergency.

Whilst putting the taxi back on its mooring at the end of the day the experienced driver was disembarking from the taxi into a dinghy ready to return to the jetty. When stepping into the dinghy the driver stepped on to the wet dinghy thwart and slipped causing him to fall overboard. Although understandably shocked by the event, and his sudden immersion in cold water, the taxi driver managed to get hold of the dinghy and eventually made landfall at the jetty.

There was a committee member in the office and a group of members sat at the table nearest to the kitchen. None of these people were aware of the incident when it happened. Fortunately, two members in charge of the fishing section were watching the event remotely on the webcam and took the initiative, contacting the Coastguard who scrambled a Poole RNLi rib. The coast guard duly arrived and examined the casualty and called for an ambulance. The RNLi rib was stood down en route, as it was not required. An ambulance arrived and the paramedics thoroughly examined the casualty declaring him physically OK. Experienced club members warmed the casualty in the shower and found dry clothes for him. The Commodore contacted the casualty early that evening to check that he was still OK. This accident was recorded in the accident book as per procedure, and the Water Taxi Driver Manual and Risk Assessment will shortly be updated to avoid a similar accident occurring in the future.

Lessons learnt:

- The designated taxi tender must be used as this is much more stable (it was not used on this occasion as the taxi driver was not aware of where the dedicated specialist oars were kept).
- When transiting to and from the jetty and the taxi, the taxi driver must be observed by someone in the clubhouse so an alert can be raised if a similar situation occurs.
- In the morning the taxi should remain on the mooring until a club member arrives at the Club to observe the taxi driver rowing out to the taxi and safely boarding it. If there is no-one at the Club to observe when it is time to put the Taxi back on the mooring at the end of the day, then the taxi should be left on the jetty T-piece overnight.

Fortunately, the taxi driver involved in the recent incident was wearing a Club automatic life jacket which functioned as required. This highlights why we make wearing a life jacket mandatory.

Note: The special oars for the designated taxi tender are kept in the storeroom opposite the kitchen where the life jacket packs are located.

In future please consider this report so a similar event does not occur again. Next time we may not be so lucky and a fatality could occur if the casualty was rendered unconscious and the event was not observed.

Steve Brimble
Vice Commodore & HSO
NHYC

Herding Cats

Sadly, Herding Cats is having a rest this month.

Just like the sailing season, Pitch Pole's creativity has been curtailed ... overcome by the flurry of activity at the end of another season of sailing, his time has been taken up with jollies to the frozen north and then the sad labour of lifting Aristocat out of the water, not to mention some arduous removal of green stuff from the undercarriage before being allowed to rest (Aristocat that is, not Pitch Pole) in it's winter home.

Herding Cats will be back next month, I am assured.





Sunday 3rd November - Big Breakfast

Tuesday 5th November - Firework party

Saturday 16th November - Skittles Night

More information about events will be circulated by email and posted on Facebook.

FINAL WORD ...

Thank you! A BIG thank you yet again to everyone who has sent stories and photos for this month's newsletter.

Our members make our newsletter ... if you would like to contribute to the club newsletter, please email your news, stories or photos to me, Anna Harris:
newsletter@nhyc.org.uk

Or you can leave something on the notice board at the clubhouse, marked for my attention - I may find it!

Thank you!

