



# HAVERCHAT

July 2016



**Jasmine**  
**'out on**  
**the wire'**  
**in a**  
**good**  
**breeze**



● Enjoying 'the buzz' in great surroundings –  
it's what we are all about!

Picture: Jean Barr

## Ed's ramblings ...

# Lots of effort paying off for club

**H**ello sailors, fisherfolk and motley crew! The club has been busy so far this year, with a lot of effort going into our exhibition in Central Milton Keynes in April and our successful open day in May.

Both have attracted new members. New blood is always great as it means fresh enthusiasm, more youthful energy to help man the galley and the bar – not to mention the monster weed boat!

Yes, the latter has finally been vacated by the coot and her brood (or was it a moorhen and her dabchicks?).

The craft has now been fully-serviced, and it is reassuring that the club's weed-munching 'insurance policy' is now ready for action – even if it is not immediately required!

Have you noticed we are on face book? And we now have a 'national' profile! The RYA videoed us as part of the national 'Push the Boat Out' annual event (Open Day) and you can read more about that on the next page.

This year's Ladies Helm race was enlivened by being combined with the Byte Open Championships. Usually they get the lake to themselves, so it was a surprise to be joined by 20 Bytes.

The visitors were on their best behaviour, and the Ladies appreciated the absence of shouting while enjoying the pretty spectacle of all those orange sails

By the time you read this the fun and frolics of the solstice race will be over: the keen guys will have enjoyed all four races on the Sunday and I will have clocked up five 'activity points' Well, I will...if everything goes to plan.

In case you don't know what I'm talking about (which won't be the first time) the latter is an RYA survey recording active participation in sailing (CASC), and is part of what enables the club to claim some tax relief and, most importantly, qualifies us for their lovely grants for our extension!

See you out there on the water.

Ed ■

## Fair Weather Sailors

**Are you doing your 12?**

**Activity points that is!  
INCLUDES non-racing!**

**On the water for hour? Make  
SURE it is RECORDED.**

**Ask others what to do, or speak to  
Geoff Birch.**

## Race Training for Improvers and ladies

**Every Tuesday at 18.30 - through  
June and July**

- Less boats on the lake
- No speed merchants heading straight at you and putting you 'in a panic'
- And if anyone yells 'starboard' it will be quietly...because they won't be quite sure if they are right!!
- Includes theory sessions

## RESPONSIBLE Dog Owners Welcome

Haversham Sailing Club welcomes dogs (and their owners).

We hope there will be no unpleasant incidents with dog mess THIS summer.

So **PLEASE** clean up after your pet and remove the mess from the site.

**Thank you**

# Pushing the boat out brings a wave of success

**'Push The Boat Out' open day - May 14**

**W**e had around 180 visitors during the day, with 98 going out sailing – 24 per cent up on last year – and with many enjoying trying different boats.

HSC commodore Barrie Lyman said: "We also welcomed plenty of other visitors, including ex-members who had moved away, coming to socialise with family and friends.

"Early indications are that around 30 new memberships will be taken up and thirty places have been reserved on RYA courses.

"Two people tipped themselves into the water from their boats but it didn't stop them joining the club."

He added: "We watched the development through the day of a pair of siblings of around eight and 11 years old who went out, initially in a Wayfarer with their father and one of our club instructors.

"They started off very unsure...but came back with big smiles on their faces. They then took a trip in a faster boat, the Topper Xenon, without their father, and spent most of the trip hanging out backwards with their heads touching the water – with even bigger smiles on their faces!

"Later in the afternoon they went out with a helm who is training with Team GB's Laser squad and he had them roll-tacking, roll-gybing and flying the spinnaker on the Hartley 15 demonstrator.

"Back on shore they told their parents that they had to join the club so that they can come to the Buccaneers junior session the next Saturday afternoon!

*"Push The Boat Out has yet again put Haversham Sailing Club on the local map. Our exhibition in Milton Keynes shopping centre, together with our PTBO event, has introduced sailing and our club to a much wider audience, allowing us to demonstrate that sailing is open to all – and is better value and much more fun than any of the local gyms"* ■



Pictures by  
Siggy Martin



# The route LOOKED so simple...

## HSC WALKERS

### MK boundary - Part 4

#### Newton Longville to Stony Stratford

**F**eeling that we were on familiar ground, we set off with confidence – at a leisurely pace and enjoying a fine blustery spring day.

The route looked simple and included a long straight bit going north... unfortunately much of this was an IMAGINARY line, and not on any named footpath (the ones with those nice yellow posts that beckon from a distance and keep you on track).

Yes...we got lost. Again!

Not only lost, but also facing a real map reading challenge: using two maps at once as the route wanders off the corner of OS 192 and onto OS 209...and back again. See the the photo for demo of how to fold a map on a windy day.



● How to fold a map on a windy day. How to READ the thing is in the next lesson...

After sending a scout out to peer over a hill – and another to check out which way the path went after it disappeared into the woods – and a lot of discussion, we found out where we were and got back on our way.

We all agreed to leave the water meadows, to the west of 'Stony', for another day and headed in for the Bull for much appreciated food and drink.

One of our party was heard to say repeatedly: 'It's the most beautiful walk we've ever done'.

That was both before and after her pint of cider... and it was true – it had been a lovely peaceful piece

of rural England, and hard to believe that we were in one of the most densely populated corners of the country ■

Next walk: Saturday September 17

## Camping on HSC land

All campers to be aware of club rules.

### You MUST:

- Be on site whenever you have a visitor camping with you.
- Be responsible for them
- Ensure visitors complete details in

book, pay camping fees, and comply with club rules

- Not use galley when members are on galley duty
- Make sure they clear up after themselves – including taking rubbish to bin

**Please see full camping rules – on web site under 'members' section**

# Can YOU help Eve make a difference?

**M**y name is Eve. I help out with the Buccaneers on a regular basis and sail a Laser at champions club, and next summer I hope to be going to Mozambique for a month with a charity called 'True Adventure'.

They give young people the chance to make a difference in foreign countries. In the past they have helped to build much-needed agricultural warehouses and new schools, and to dig wells.

Mozambique has suffered the effects of a devastating civil war, resulting in huge loss of life and industrial resources, and unexploded land mines still remain in many rural areas.

In my time there, as well as experiencing the culture and landscape, I will be living with a struggling community.

Many schools in Mozambique are 'semi-permanent' and are often washed away by floods!

We intend to raise enough funds to build a school that will last for many years to come – giving children an opportunity to learn without disruption, and offering more space and better facilities.

Myself and 10 other students will be involved with the community, living as guests in their homes and exchanging cultures.

On the June 5 I took on the Chile Plate with the much appreciated help of my mother, Lisa Tanner. We ran the galley and, with help from Barrie, organised the

Chile race which was run as a normal Sunday race. In conjunction with that I ran a raffle drawn on Solstice Race night.

Over the next year I am looking to raise £4,000. One way I am doing this is through 'easy fundraising' <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/evetanner/>

**It costs you nothing**, and donations from the shop are made when you shop online at any of 3,000 different shops. if you are interested please contact either myself or Lisa Tanner.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped, or competed for the Chile Plate.

I am very much looking forward to making a difference to people's lives in Mozambique and seeing our efforts come to fruition.

Thank you ■

## This means CASH for your club!

**Please USE** the club's participation board – the white board marked up for recording numbers of people sailing.

**Such info is needed for RYA and CASC – and is important because it translates to potential funding for the club!**

There is also room to note faults, repairs needed and any problems. Thanks all

## BEWARE - TAKE CARE

'Slipways' can live up to their names!

**Goose-poo & luxuriant weed growth can create hazardous conditions underfoot.**

**SO PLEASE TAKE EXTRA CARE!**

**YOU are responsible for YOUR OWN safety!**

## FYI - Chandlery

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**Northampton Sail Boats**

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## THREE MEN IN A BOAT - A SCILLY ODYSSEY



We learned the greatest cure for sea sickness was...

### Log of an epic voyage around Britain's most south-westerly point

**Day 1:** skipper and crew arrived at Falmouth in time for a Sunday dinner in Maenporth, a bit further down the coast.

**Day 2:** woken at 03.00 by gale force winds, not good...back to sleep.

A great breakfast at the marina bar set us up right and we decided not to postpone, but to head for Newlyn, a shorter trip.

Left Falmouth at 14.00 – a great sail in south westerly winds – and made Newlyn by 21.00. Paid our mooring fees and went off to the pub: no food but plenty of beer and more than happy with Chinese take-aways.

**Day 3:** 06.00 and forecast 'SE 5-6 veering to SW, increasing F8 later'. Leaving in darkness, we set out for St Clements Isle, off Mousehole

No shortage of wind and making 6 knots before the wind veered and increased; with 25-30 knots apparent we set the second reef, adequate for the passage and catering for the F8.

The second reef took longer than expected as we couldn't get the clew hard enough down on the boom, leaving too much draft in the main. After much tugging of the reefing line, (a single line back to the cockpit and a pulley

system) we discovered that a fixed pulley at the clew end of the boom was locked solid by a piece of nylon cord. We managed to set the reef well enough and resigned ourselves to fixing the jammed pulley once moored up.

Lively seas and the ample blow pushed us towards our first waypoint. Forced to start tacking, we made no ground towards our waypoint on starboard. The sight of land was heartening...but the strengthening wind and rougher seas were not! Decided to turn on the engine to increase boat speed.

We also learned the greatest cure for sea sickness is to be at the helm – each lad taking 30 minute turns at the wheel!

At this point, six hours into our passage, we sighted 'The Scillionian' ferry apparently on course for north of St Mary Island. The last 10 miles took an age, and many tacks. With the tide against us, we made a course for St Marys Sound...the one with the Spanish Ledge with lots of wrecks marked on it!

**If we could make reasonable progress in this final, testing, leg we would be delivered into calmer waters. We did...and we were!**

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...By 15.00 we were safely moored up in Hugh town. An hour's kip awoke our appetites and we called for a water taxi. No such luck – so it was out with the inflatable and stirrup pump! Once ashore, the food and drink at the Mermaid was all we desired...but it was a shame about returning to the Pippa J in cold, driving rain!

**Day 4:** A long night's sleep and 'full English' restored our energies. Clothes dried, and provisioned, we dropped our moorings at 11.00 and headed across the sound towards Nut Rock to thread carefully through the rocky shallows to New Grimsby Harbour.

Taking the dinghy, we explored the island of Bryher – seeing Hell Bay on the west and getting good views of Tresco's shores and ending up in the Fraggle Rock bar. Then we swam...it was like diving into a G&T with extra ice!

Time to head back, but where was our dinghy? Oh dear...it was floating off to Tresco but, fortunately, had been rescued. Lunch onboard and an almost successful bit of fishing. Sailing out into the Atlantic – venturing far enough to decide that four metre waves looked like too much fun – we turned back for the more peaceful waters of Old Grimsby harbour.

Ashore, we found the pub for our dinner, and our evening ended with some serious drinking with local giggers.

**Day 5:** Our original plan was to sail back to Newlyn and on to Falmouth. But the SW winds looked good for a blast, and if we got up crack of sparrows next day we could head straight back to Falmouth. So we reckoned we could fit in a sail to St Agnes Island after a walk around the island, taking in miles of empty beaches, white sands and azure seas.

An escape route was planned, checked and plotted to get us free from the many rocks towards Crow Bar, and into deeper waters. We set off slowly for St Agnes, with Noel on the bow to spot underwater nasties.

A serious observation here for others sailing these waters. Our boat has a decent plotter,

GPS positioning and the latest cartography from Navionics. Without them it would be risky to navigate here. With few marker buoys and cardinals, it is point-of-sight transit-line stuff and risky without local knowledge or studying up beforehand.

In fact our transit into St Mary's Sound had to be done on GPS and compass only, due to bad visibility.

Arriving too late for lunch, we enjoyed an afternoon's snorkelling along the emerging sandy causeway .

**Day 6:** Alarm call 05.45. Forecast: a good south westerly blow. Away by 06.00 we were on a course passing Wolf Rock to the Lizard.

Clearing the lee of St Mary's the wind strength gave us 15-20 knots so, a cup of tea and we set up the kite ready to launch. All went well as, jib down and preventer on the main, our speed increased.

Midway between the north/south traffic separation scheme the wind veered to a westerly. We had set a single port sheet to the kite and I gybed the kite so that we could hold the course by goose winging. Not thinking this through resulted in a luffing kite, unable to set on starboard, driving the boat leeward and a main driving the boat to windward...with no rudder control to bring the boat back onto a training run.

It was impossible to fix a starboard sheet onto the kite or to come up to starboard to set the kite back on the port training run. With several big vessels around we resorted to the engine for enough extra drive to turn to starboard and set the kite again.

With a strengthening wind we decided to get the jib out and drop the kite to be safe. The wind backed to the SW and we made great progress to the Lizard and on to the Manacles.

We berthed at Falmouth Marina at 16.00 – completing the passage in just 10 hours, our Average SOG 7 knots against an estimated 14 hrs! **'Proper Job' as the Cornish say** ■

## FROM THE BACK OF THE FLEET

**S**o what's with all the emerging facial fungus? Is this a new and nautical trend? I blame 'Ho Chi' Mike Ewart who kicked the trend off when he hung-up his life jacket.

Now they're all at it, Supersofa sailor Steve 'Jellyfish' Swain, solo sailor 'Clearwater' Roscoe, you name it. Well, not the ladies, obviously, hopefully (grabs jacket and runs for the door...).



Cormorants? I could probably stop right there and nobody would notice. Anyway, apparently we have an infestation (is that the correct terminology?) of cormorants and we need to keep an eye on it. They have nasty habits, it seems, like spearing fish and not bothering to eat them.

Frightens the pike, apparently, although if rumours are accurate our very own Church Bay pike (which lives off buoy #7 – natch!) is large enough to

swallow a Wayfarer, so I doubt it would be put off by a cormorant. Anyway, there's a book kept – like all good record books – beside the lockers, in which we record sightings of the cormorant(s).

Not a problem, Boss, but maybe a picture would be good. For recognition purposes. Just in case we confuse them with a sea eagle, for example, or an ostrich.



It's all change within the rarified echelons of the club management: Catherine 'Beans' Cook retires (gracefully) to be replaced by Rod 'Pole or Perch' Pakes (although she stays on as company secretary); Daniel 'The Prophet' Goodwin hands RO rostering over to Lester 'Duck Tail' Merridale (chortle) and assumes the role of 'Elf 'n Safety in place of Rod.

Paul 'Ernie' Earnshaw takes on the Rear role

(Eh?) from Dave 'Fame at last' Hall, who in turn assumes the mantle of projects manager (yup – bank retention, club extension, all that stuff); Jeanette 'Poppins' Gosling takes over the child 'protection role from Caryn 'Gaia' Winter.

Russ 'Champagne' Perry is appointed (or self-appointed, depending on who you listen to) as the club's official Gangmaster (just as well Haversham isn't tidal) and Rich 'The Speckled One' Pakes takes over the site bo'sun role from Steve 'XXXX' Garrett.

Fiona 'Fiasco' Scott serves notice that she's resigning as of next year (any takers for membership secretary?)...and the Commodore is still desperately searching for a replacement so's he can spend more time with his Laser...



What do Ash 'Puff' Farmer and Steve 'Swoony' Swain have in common with single-handed sailing?

No idea? me neither. Suggestions on a postcard (traditionally left on the clubhouse window sill) please, with a bottle of Sheila Editor's best paint-stripper rouge for the most inventive – but remember we're a family club!



The early summer Boat Exchange & Mart has been in full swing: Stuart 'Fossil' Craik has just sold his Laser 2000 (not that he ever sailed it, eh Gill?) to Steve and Shelley Madmen...er, Maden; and John Jones (aka 'Postgrad Pat') has shifted his Wanderer on to Robin 'The Human Torch' Stubbs – which makes one wonder what's going to happen to the vestiges of the Lightning Fleet.

Another Wanderer arrives from outside, courtesy of the Lindsay family (these Wanderers'll be after their own start next, you mark my words) and, I'm reliably informed, it's a





# Fishermen do it in the dark – take

**C**atches of the day – and the night. Can you believe fish of these sizes swim in OUR lake?

And, if you get a big one, then showing it off to the world is a natural thing to do, and so much easier in this age of the electronic 'selfie'



Showcasing just what HSC's lake has to offer the ardent angler is, above: Mark Tyrell with a 20lb plus 'mirror' carp and, right, with a 33-15 'common'.

Imagine that, almost 34 pounds in weight – more than half a sack of spuds!

Recognise these guys? That might be because our fishermen also do bar and weed boat duty ■

## 'selfies' that is...

Haydyn Whitehouse & 2lb+ perch



These two 'lumps' are both carp. The fully scaled one below is a 'common'. The one on the left is called a 'mirror' because of its few, big, shiny scales.



## ...and more Backmarker!

*...barge for Janet 'Tongues' Thompson. She can't sail that at Haversham, can she? Or maybe she'll sell her home and have it permanently moored on the Great Ouse. But where will she park her boy-racer hot hatch?*

*Lilly 'Two-ells' Gosling is selling her Lemon Laser Pico – but what's she getting in exchange? Judging by her performance in the recent opens, it wouldn't be totally out of court to see her in a Wayfarer! Maybe she could put a marker down for Chris 'Smiley' Amphlett's craft – which is still seeking a new and sympathetic owner!*

*And talking of performances ...it's a family act for the Easts with the Byte C2: some folk*

*thought it was 'Chocolate' Clare's boat, but then up pops 'Jump Jet' Harriet in 'East – pulling a bandit in the 13.30 on June 5. Will the Wayfarer be sold? Will they keep the Supersofas? Watch this space...*

That's all for now ... ■

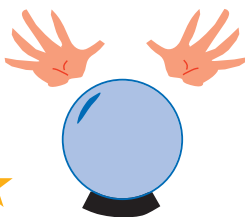
### Backmarker

**PS:** ain't seen Steve 'Fly Boy' Cook for months. Rumour has it he's building a garage, but we reckon that's just an excuse. Who's upset him then? And talking of building – before tip-toeing quietly away – has anybody seen Fiona 'Fiasco' Scott's workbench?



# MYSTIC MOFF sees stars

Your cosmic profile. Read it  
and weep!



## HEALTH WARNING

Reading this may cause  
ego deflation in those  
taking themselves  
too seriously...

### Cancer 23 June – 22 July

There comes a time in a man's life when he begins to take stock: his thoughts turn to his place in the world, his impending mortality and the meaning of life (if any at all)...but yours will stay pretty much fixed on your Supernova.

### Leo 23 July – 23 August

You will fall victim to a dangerous personality disorder which makes you believe that the personal lives of celebrities are interesting and important. Either that – or the rumour that Wanderers win races.

### Virgo 24 August – 23 September

The equilibrium of Saturn's seventh-moon alignment with Pluto puts the sun in your water axis this week. That could go either way: so TRY not to do too much aquaplaning.

### Libra 24 September – 23 October

Stop being so paranoid! Conspiracies are silly...and almost never true. But if you insist on worrying, wear a frangipani pinned to your Aquafleece and avoid the number 7. I can't really explain – it's stars stuff. But trust me, that will protect you.

### Scorpio 24 October – 22 November

If you see someone with a frangipani pinned to their Aquafleece, point at them and repeatedly scream out the number '7' in horror. Then run away as fast as you can. I don't have time to explain. Just do it!

### Sagittarius 23 November – 22 December

Things get adventurous this month. You know how you always want to order a set of Mylars but then you're like: 'What if I don't like them and then I've wasted all this money when I could have just

stuck with Dacron which I already know I like?' Well, THIS month Sagittarius, you take the plunge.

### Capricorn 23 December – 19 January

Financial reward could be in your future this week, as Gemini is offering limited-time zero-percent interest on all balances transferred from other Zodiac signs. Apply now.

### Aquarius 20 January – 19 February

Your greatest sorrows arise from your strongest assets: your intuitive drive to roll-tack off the bank – in the very shallowest of water.

### Pisces 20 February – 21 March

Wisdom says that God will not give you more than you can handle... But, then again, the Lord Almighty never got his Crocs caught in a revolving door.

### Aries 22 March – 20 April

You will soon learn that: only by hastily skimming the errors of the past can we hope to mostly avoid repeating what we dimly remember them to be in the future.

### Taurus 21 April – 21 May

Did you know that if you spill coffee on a white shirt, the best way to remove the stain is to smother it with red wine and then pat it down with sugar crystals? Try it the next time you're trying to impress somebody. Also, stop being so gullible. Everyone's laughing at you.

### Gemini 22 May – 22 June

I'm going to be honest (?) – I'm grasping at straws here. Not a lot is happening for you this month, Gemini. Catch up on TV, or read the revised Rules of Racing...or something.



## Club contacts

● To email addresses – or go to websites – listed in this pdf, **just click on them 'on the page'** and the technology **SHOULD** do the rest for you!

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**AND FINALLY...**

**Next Haverchat COPY DATE: Friday September 16, 2016!**

**Club website: [www.havershamsc.org](http://www.havershamsc.org)**

# HAVERSHAM SAILING CLUB

*where we live life on the edge...and  
sometimes a little beyond!*



*'See you again next year...'*

Laser Open – 2016

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