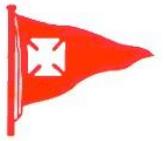


2017 Sailing Programme Explained



Welcome to the 2017 sailing programme, there are 65 Races, 12 General Sailing / Social Activities, 3 Training Weekends, plus Open Day, Holiday Week and more - so we thought we'd try and explain what is going on and how you join in.

March 11th - 12th: Safety Boat Training

It is not a certified course, but will cover the skills and background knowledge needed in the Patrol boats at HPYC. We will focus on the roles of "Safety Boat Crew" and "Safety Boat Helm", and the skills required - launching and recovery, equipment, boat handling, laying/recovering a mark, man overboard and towing.

More information to follow closer to the time.

April 29th - 30th: Training Weekend

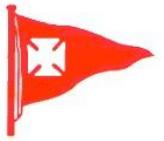
The idea of this course is for existing HPYC members to have the opportunity to get in some structured training at the beginning of the season. This will hopefully encourage members to participate in the coming sailing season at the Club. The course will cover rigging, launching, sailing in all directions, capsized recovery and essential safety knowledge. Sailing will be in the Club Leader, RS Visions and Club Toppers where appropriate, or Club members are welcome to use their own boats.

We will generally follow the RYA syllabus, however no formal certification is provided. For further details of the RYA syllabus can be found at:

<http://www.rya.org.uk/coursestraining/courses/dinghymultikeel/Pages/adultbeginners.aspx>

Participants on a first-come-first-serve, limited by RYA training ratios.

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May 13th – Open Day (Push The Boat Out)

Open Day is an important fixture in the HPYC calendar. This year we will again co-ordinate this with RYA's "Push the Boat Out". The Club will be open to visitors to meet and tour the Club and we will offer "Sailing Experiences" (weather permitting). Some of you will have joined us as a result of Open Day - we need Club members to come down and show the public what a great Club we are and encourage them to join HPYC, please sign-up and lend a hand.

May 27th - 28th: Training Weekend

The April course is repeated for those members who did not get opportunity to get on to the earlier course, or for new members who join in 2017.

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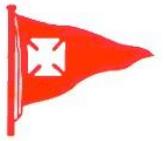
General Sailing

This year General Sailing is an opportunity for any member to take to the water with a patrol boat present. It is also an opportunity to practise and improve skills. There is no formal structure, but Safety Boat cover is dutied in. Our objective is to have a Sailing Instructor attend these sessions to give any advice or support needed, to sailors young and old. The General Sailing dates for 2017 are:

- 8th April
- 22rd April
- 6th May
- 24th June
- 5th August
- 2rd September
- 16th September
- 7th October

Even if you plan not to sail, your assistance is appreciated on the beach for launching and recovery of patrol boats and dinghies (hopefully with a Club member sailing them!)

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Cruises

Purely social sailing events, i.e. a relaxing sail!, cruises will take place on dates below, with departure times as indicated (so be down early to rig up!). The route will be decided on by the Officer of the Day to allow for prevailing conditions, but the general principle will be to sail along the coast, beach and have a break, then sail home.

- 10th June, 11:00
- 22rd July 10:00
- 23rd September 12:00

The Racing Programme looks the wrong way round?

Actually this is deliberate....

If we look back at previous seasons where we have had multiple races on a day we see a few things happen - 1) We have busy lives and often only have time for one event on the Sunday, 2) Sailors are tired after the first race event and head home, 3) The weather turns and blows us out!

The idea of flipping the race day around is by having the “main event” first, we encourage sailors to take part in the Cup races, and hopefully catch the better weather. If people head home, or the weather is against us and we lose a Series Race, then this is less of an issue - there are multiple races in the season, and the sailor’s performance is ultimately scored across them.

So we have made the leap of flipping the programme, lets trial it this season and let’s see how we get on!

A note on start times...

All advertised start times are race start time, therefore you need to arrive ideally an hour before the start time and don’t forget you must sign in at least 45 minutes before the start. The horn is sounded as a reminder.

Series Racing

HPYC traditionally runs 6 series of racing: Spring, Summer, Late Summer, Autumn, Evening and Twilight, additionally there will be Novice Series to be raced at the same time as the Autumn series. Each series has 6 races this season, not all the races in each series are counted for the final standings, a proportion of the races are discarded to allow for duties, bad weather days etc. and makes for a fairer system.

See the HPYC sailing programme for further details.

http://www.hpyc.org.uk/files/docs/SailingProgramme2017_v1.0.pdf

See the HPYC sailing instructions for further detail on Club rules/instructions on racing at HPYC..

http://www.hpyc.org.uk/files/docs/Sailing_Instructions_2017.pdf

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Cup Racing

There are a number of celebrated trophies in the Club, and each year we race for them! These are single events, but may actually be multiple races on the day. This is a great opportunity to race if you do not commit to racing for a full series. The trophies up for grabs this year are:

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| · Easter Cup | (Mon, 17 Apr) | · Training Cup | (Sun, 28 May) |
| · Spring Cup | (Sun, 23 Apr) | · Presidents Cup | (Sun, 25 Jun) |
| · Hampton Cup | (Sun, 30 Apr) | · Commodores Cup | (Sun, 06 Aug) |
| · Novice Cup | (Sun, 30 Apr) | · RNLI Pursuit Race | (Sun, 20 Aug) |
| · May Shield | (Sun, 07 May) | · St Georges Cup | (Mon, 28 Aug) |
| · Ganges** | | · Topper Team Racing | (Sat, 09 Sep) |
| · Founders Cup | (Sun, 28 May) | · Kent Trophy | (Sun, 24 Sep) |
| | | · Odds & Ends Trophy | (Sun, 22 Oct) |

Just to highlight a few of the sailing events....

Ganges**

The Ganges Bowl is seen as a very prominent aspect of Club racing, due to its history. H.M.S Ganges was a boys training ship (Seaman Training 1939-46). It was originally a Napoleonic War Ship. One day, talking in the Club bar, it was found that three long-standing and influential Club members (Fred Kent, Dave Finnis and Terry Taunton) had links to the Ganges, and it was decided to present the Club with The Bowl.

This year it will again be a series of shorter, back to back races – a total of 6 (30 minute) races of which 2 can be discarded. There will be 2 races on each day, spread across 3 days:

- Ganges 1 & 2 (Sun, 14th May)
- Ganges 3 & 4 (Sun, 11th June)
- Ganges 5 & 6 (Sun, 23rd July)

St. Georges Cup Monday 28th August

St. Georges Cup is a cup race that is sailed between HPYC and Herne Bay Sailing Club (HBSC). Each Club takes it in turns to host the event. This year the race is at HBSC, with a 15:00 start, so we need to sail down (plan to leave HPYC at 14:00 as soon as the tide will let us). After racing, the Prize Giving will be at HPYC. This is a fun, friendly event and the more HPYC sailors turn out, the more opportunity of winning we have! HBSC were winners the last couple of years, it would be great to get the Cup back!

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Holiday Week

Holiday Week is another traditional feature of the HPYC programme. We encourage Club members young and old to join us for some holiday fun and sailing. We meet on the Monday AM to set the programme for the week, the general idea is an activity in the AM, sailing in the PM, a social event in the evening. Previous years activities have included crabbing, kite flying, crazy golf, ten-pin bowling, beach cricket, beach team challenges, treasure hunts, cycling (usually in the evening with Fish & Chips), indoor climbing, movie nights, games nights, quiz nights, “guest ales”.....oh, and sailing!

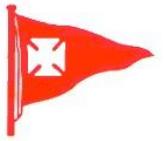
It is school holidays - our mission is to tire out the cadets and any accompanying friends, more usually it's the grown-ups, but we have a great time doing it!!

The week will end with a social event, frequently a BBQ, handing out of any prizes, with photos and video clips on a loop in the Club. Some nice shots of the fish-and-chip ride and a hair-raising Topper sail (guess who got a GoPro!).

To give you an idea of last year's programme, it is shown below...

<i>Holiday Week 2016</i>					
	Mon 01 Aug	Tue 02 Aug	Wed 03 Aug	Thu 04 Aug	Fri 05 Aug
HW	12:01	12:51	13:35	14:14	14:52
AM	Kick Off Plan the week (10:00 @ HPYC) Scavenger Hunt	Crabbing (9:30 @ HPYC judging at 11:00)	Wall Climbing HBHS 10:00 - 12:00~	Bowling, Whitstable^ (6 lanes, max 36 people) 11:00 (2 games, A=£8, C=£6)	Mini Golf (10:30 @ HB Seafront)
PM	Sailing for Everyone (12:00)	Topper Games (13:00)	Sailing for Everyone (12:00)	Holiday Week Race (14:00 start)	Mini-Cruise# (14:00 departure)
EVE	Boat Drive (18:30)	Bike ride* / Fish & Chips (18:30 depart HPYC)**	Coast Watch (20:00)	Ukulele Night (19:00)	BYO BBQ (19:30)
Notes		*Cycle to Whitstable **Bar open after cycle ride	~Cost £3-4	^sign Up in the Club	#Fleet sail together

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Joining In with Racing

Race days are sometimes a bit intimidating to new sailors - lots of equipment being moved around, and people concentrating in a hurried but efficient way to get ready to race.

Firstly, let's say it is not too difficult if you understand the basic sequence, and secondly "hurried and efficient" is often an illusion!!

The format of the race will be drawn on the Race Board in the lower lobby (between the changing rooms). It is generally written up 45mins before the race start, and often there is a crowd there heckling the Race Officer. The details shown will be the race course, the direction to sail, information on tide and wind, and the start times, which may vary depending on the class of boat and which fleet it is in.

Make sure you have time to study this! There may be 1, 2, or 3 starts depending on the race format and number of boats. If you are unsure which fleet you are, or which start sequence you should follow, try and catch a quick word with the Race Officer.

This year we would like to "buddy up" new sailors with more experienced club members - let's help people get on the water and join in Club racing! You may be approached to help with this; please support the Club by allowing the time, perhaps with advice on rigging, racing or actually taking a less experienced sailor with you for the Novice Series!!

How do we get ready for a race - boat first or me?

Well, this one comes down to personal preference and the weather!

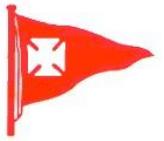
Many sailors arrive, sum up the conditions and sign-in if they intend to sail.

Next they will wheel their boat down to the beach, collecting their spars and foils (mast, boom, rudder, and centreboard), sails and other equipment from the sail locker, perhaps then start with some rigging.

After that exertion, they will go and get changed - that can be a battle in itself! To recover, they will grab a last snack and drink and head on to the beach via the race-board to check the course.

Finally, finish rigging the boat, eye-up the competition and launch in plenty of time to check that everything is set for racing.....sounds easy doesn't it!

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So, lets race!!

Try to give yourself plenty of time to be the right side of the start line, and have a think about where on the line you want to start - sometimes races are won and lost on the start line!

On the water the start sequence will be indicated by the combination of the horn and lights on the race tower - actually, the horn is to attract your attention - the signal is actually the lights, but the Race Officer will typically operate both signals together. The signals will be at 5mins, 4mins, 1min, Go!

Complete the race, avoid the hazards - other sailors and marks! and cross the finish-line to a complimentary toot of the horn (if the Race Officer is feeling generous!).

OK, the race is over, how do I pack away?

Congratulations! You've had a sail!! Once you get back to the beach you need to get up the ramp. At HPYC we are a helpful bunch and sailors assist each other to get back up the ramp, as they say "*many hands make light work*", plus there is a winch for the larger boats.

The winch is a powerful and potentially dangerous machine and can be operated by trained Club members - if you don't know how to use it, we can train you,

Our objective is to get boats up and clear of the ramp as quickly as possible - this is so we can recover the Patrol boats as quickly as possible, and also in an emergency get additional patrol boats launched, so please try not to obstruct the ramp.

At the side of the garage is a hose-pipe, rinse your gear and then you are free to pack away, sample cake and drink tea at your leisure and compare your race to others.

Feeling Hungry?

You may notice that there are some dates have more than one race. This normally means there is a race before and after lunch. The Club, when it can, offers lunch at a very reasonable price. The canteen is also anticipated to be open for light refreshments whenever sailing is scheduled. Volunteers man the canteen and help is always welcome – the Canteen Crew always looking for volunteers, please help out.

Food safety is very important at HPYC; in the past we have organised food safety training to comply with the law. If you are interested please let us know. Lunch, tea and cake are a very important part of sailing/racing at HPYC, so let it continue!

We always gratefully receive and consume any cake donations, however recent legislation requires we list ingredients used, so please supply this with any food donations you make.