

#### HAVERSHAM SAILING CLUB

RYA Affiliated I RYA Recognised Training Centre I MKBYSA Racing

# Flotsam and Jetsam

25th March 2024

### **MEMBERSHIP 2024**

If you haven't yet renewed and would like to benefit from early renewal discount here is a quick reminder:

The link for membership renewal is:

https://www.havershamsc.org/membershipapplication.html

The early renewal code is: EARLYRENEWAL2024

A few tips:

1. Please include your boats on the form if you have any - you need to click on the add craft button

2. Please remember to press submit at the bottom of the final page. It is easy to miss this especially if you are paying by BACS or cheque

### **Racing Update**

The clocks go forward on 30<sup>th</sup> March and so the Spring Series starts on 31<sup>st</sup> March, Easter Sunday, followed by a 90 minute Pursuit and casual sailing on Easter Monday. You won't need to wear a wetsuit so it is time to get out sailing if you haven't been doing the Midwinter Series. A revised Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, Club Handicap List and Fleet List will be posted on the website and the noticeboard in the Club during the week before so as not to cause confusion with the last race of the Midwinter Series.

The Notice of Race gives the times and race format for all the racing in the coming year. There are also minor changes to the way prizes are allocated. The Sailing Instructions have received minor updates and an additional clause to allow Abandonment of racing by posting a notice on the Club Forum WhatsApp group if necessary. The Club Handicap List has been updated using the locally

agreed formula applied to 2024 RYA Portsmouth Yardstick numbers or Class website information. The Fleet List has also been revised so please check to see which one you are in.

I am Race Officer on Easter Sunday so I look forward to seeing you on the water at the Club.

Alison Stainsby – Rear Commodore

#### Tuesday Evenings Evening Improvers Sessions

Starting Tuesday 2nd April from teatime until dark

Safety boat on the water Help and advice on shore to rig and get started

These sessions are designed especially for newcomers and those amongst us who are less confident to improve your on-the-water skills. Usually with safety boat cover and experienced helms on hand to guide and encourage.

Contact <u>Julie Howitt</u> to be added to the Tuesday Evening Sailors WhatsApp group.

### **DecathIon Discount for Club Members**

In preparation for the new sailing season we would like to remind members the club has a club account with Decathlon, which will offer a discount of up to 40% to club members off the shop prices.

There are many specialised providers of highly technical kit available in the watersports market which regular kayakers, paddle boarders and dinghy sailors will be aware of, but if you are on a budget or looking for something for growing children then there is generally something for you at Decathlon. As last year, we will be inviting Decathlon to have a display of their own brand watersports products at our open day on the 4th May so come along and have a browse.

The company is currently updating the watersports specific price list which is held in the member's area of the club website. Delivery can be made (for a fee) to your home address or there is an option for free collection from the CMK store.

The price list will open on the master list for Sailing but there are tabs at the bottom of the page for Kayaking, Paddle Boarding and Windsurfing.

Please send an email quoting HAVERSHAM SAILING CLUB to <u>chris.whelan@decathlon.com</u> with your order enquiry and confirm that you would like the items to be sent to the Milton Keynes store so that you avoid any delivery charges. Please query with him if you have any sizing queries or alternatively check the item in store before ordering. We have discovered that as this is a club account, duplicate copies of the documentation, including confirmation of order, invoice, confirmation of payment, confirmation of despatch to store and confirmation of availability for collection. These documents don't contain any personal information of who placed the order but if you have any issues please feel free to contact onboard@havershamsc.org and we will be able to help.

Chris at Decathlon has confirmed to us that if you find something on their website or in-store which is not on the price list he would be happy to quote a discounted club price for you

## **Spring Series Racing**

The Spring Series will start on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday, the day the clocks change. There are no major changes to the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions but revised versions will be posted on the website in the preceding week, along with the new Club Handicaps and Fleet Lists

### **British Summer Time**

BST kicks in overnight Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March/Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Remember that this end of the year we lose an hour's sleep, so put your clocks FORWARD one hour, and be on the start line on time for the start of the Spring Series racing. Wet/dry

suits no longer mandatory until 27<sup>th</sup> October.

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