



### **Spring 2011**

Perhaps unbelievably, the 2011 season is just around the corner (we will be commencing Thursday night training again in around two months!). Preparations are well under way for the start of the Training Centre and we are looking forward to welcoming you all back again.

### **Key dates**

Start date for Thursday night training: **5<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

Finish date for Thursday night training: **1<sup>st</sup> September 2011**

No sailing: **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

Three Rivers Race: **4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

Horning Week: **1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

Broadland Youth Regatta (NSSA Filby): **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2011**

Junior Regatta: **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

Open Dinghy Weekend: **24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

### **RACE GROUP SUNDAY SAILING SESSIONS** (compulsory for Race group):

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May – River – Programme A

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Broad – Programme C

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Tbc

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August – Broad – Programme F

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September – Broad – Programme F

### **Sign up for the new season**

We are expecting a lot of demand for training this year, for both children and adults, so if you want to secure your place please contact us ASAP – places will be limited in 2011. It also helps us to plan for the season and for Instructor numbers. Could you please email [seamasterhollies@btinternet.com](mailto:seamasterhollies@btinternet.com) or phone Bob Hancock 01692 670539 if you (or your child) would like to attend – thanks.

### **Winter Activities**

During the Winter of 2010/11 we have been very lucky in that our new Commodore Stuart Bailey has been very proactive in putting on Winter Activities for the Juniors – and it has been great to see so many at events! In December there was a very successful Ice-skating trip to the rink near ASDA in Norwich, followed by a taster skiing session at Norwich Dry Ski Slope – for which we were taught by multi-talented Club members Nick and Lisa Spanton – many thanks to them for their patience! Please keep an eye on your emails for details of future events.



Left to right: Commodore Stuart Bailey shows us how it should be done, centre – HSC Juniors, right – action on the slopes

## **A look back at last Season...**

The end of last Season was an extremely busy one, with several events taking place – including:

**The Junior Regatta** – the annual Junior Regatta was held on the morning of Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Attended by almost 30 junior sailors, with strong winds and heavy rain forecast the decision was taken to hold the event on the river rather than the Broad, and all coped admirably in the conditions. The results were as follows:

### **Toppers (Gold fleet) (6):**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Anna Bunn
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Tegan Arnold
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Natalie Stiff

### **Toppers (Silver fleet) (4):**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Gregory Cuss
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ollie Cuss
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Paul Edwards

### **Optimist/Tera fleet (14):**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Peter Russell
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Emma Lézé
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Nieve Gauvain

### **Fast handicap:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Peter Kane



The Prize for Effort went to Olivia Hunt (Topper) for her determination and perseverance. Congratulations to all who took part!



Action from the Junior Regatta – 25<sup>th</sup> September 2010

**Open Dinghy Weekend** – immediately following the Junior Regatta there was Open Dinghy Weekend, held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Due to the continuing poor weather conditions, this was also held on the River and was well attended by Juniors from the Training Centre.



Open Dinghy  
Weekend  
September  
2010



### **OnBoard Sessions – Catfield School**

During September – October 2010 7 pupils from Catfield School (along with their Headteacher and a Class teacher) came to learn to sail at HSC. Over 5 weeks they learnt basic skills and their sailing improved enormously. At the end of the sessions they were presented with OnBoard Certificates and goodies as were the volunteers who helped with the sessions – huge thanks to everyone who helped with these. Great fun was had by all – particularly on the last session where Senior Instructor Rodney earned the new nickname 'Wet Rodney' from the children – following an unfortunate episode falling out of an Optimist! We look forward to welcoming them back next year!



The Catfield Team of sailors and helpers – October 2010

### **End of Season Regatta**

This took place over the weekend of 10/11<sup>th</sup> October 2010 on both the River and Broad. James and Laura Galloway sailed their Toppers, along with Anna Bunn, and there was competitive racing amongst the young sailors.



### **Prizegiving**

The Training Centre was well represented at HSC's annual Prizegiving on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2010, with several Juniors winning awards, they included:

**James Galloway** – Acorn Trophy, Cadet Trophy, Cygnet Cup, Duckling Cup, Fisher Trophy, Gosling Goblet, Cadet Cup, Top Hat Trophy

**Natalie Stiff** – Bullard Cup

**Jo Moore** – Delves Challenge Cup, Junior Trophy, Pound End Trophy, Onyx Barometer, Second Water Babies Challenge Cup

**Ezra Bailey** – Edwards Cup

**Laura Galloway** – The Last Trophy

**Anna Bunn** - The Wet Wellie Trophy



Special Club Awards:

**The Jaguar Trophy: Natalie Stiff**

– for the most improved Junior Club member on Thursday evenings

**The Endeavour Trophy: Tegan Arnold**

– for endeavour by a Club Junior Member in Horning Week

**A look forward to next season...**

**Planning ahead for the season** – we have been busy over the Winter planning for the new season, and during 2011 there are likely to be a few changes to training, particularly affecting the Race Group\*

**Donated boats** – we have been lucky enough to have been donated a Splash Dinghy by Vicky Mijnlief and her family – our grateful thanks to them all – it will be well used!

**Open Days/Tasters sessions – we need you!** We are already booking up a number of open/taster days during the year – and we need helpers – if you would like to help and are available – please let us know. The events we currently have scheduled in are: 6<sup>th</sup> April – Taster Evening for Scouts, 6<sup>th</sup> May – Taster Evening for the Scouts, and 7<sup>th</sup> May – Taster Day for Broadland Schools Cluster. We will be needing both Keelboat and Dinghy Instructors as well as a number of helpers.

**Any youth groups/schools interested in sailing** – if you know of any youth groups or schools who would like to have a go at sailing – please let me know: [hollyonboard@btinternet.com](mailto:hollyonboard@btinternet.com) or call me on 07926 396418.

**Instructor Courses** – we are hoping to set up some Instructor courses in the near future, for both Keelboat and Dinghy – if you would like to gain either of these qualifications please speak to Bob Hancock – 01692 670539.

**\*Race Days 2011** – as has been previously mentioned, we have scheduled in monthly race days (on Sundays) for Juniors – These will be compulsory for the race group, as they will make up part of your course, and optional for others in different groups. Colin Facey has kindly agreed to run them and we look forward to seeing you on the water then.

**Powerboat Courses** – we have already set the dates for several Powerboat Level 2 courses this year, with priority given to those who have duties early in the season, they will be run on:

Mon 28<sup>th</sup>/Tues 29<sup>th</sup> March – PBL2

Weds 30<sup>th</sup>/Thurs 31<sup>st</sup> March – PBL2

Tues 5<sup>th</sup>/Weds 6<sup>th</sup> April – PBL2

Please contact Colin or Pam Facey to register your interest on 01692 630014.

**New look website** – the Junior section of the HSC website has a brand new look – please have a look at it – [www.hscj.co.uk](http://www.hscj.co.uk) - many thanks to Colin Galloway for his continued work on this. Please remember to check the website regularly for updates on activities and please add your comments/feedback.

**Volunteering** – if you would like to get involved with volunteering at the Training Centre – we always need more helpers in many roles – whether it be as an Instructor or shore-based – please get in touch – help/training will be given if needed: [seamasterhollies@btinternet.com](mailto:seamasterhollies@btinternet.com)

**Floating Classroom Launch** – we are hoping to hold the long awaited launch of the Floating Classroom in April – please keep a check on the website for more information!

Once again, if you are intending on returning to the Training Centre in 2011, or would like to start for the first time, please please please email us to let us know! – [seamasterhollies@btinternet.com](mailto:seamasterhollies@btinternet.com)

Thanks, and I look forward to seeing you soon! Holly ☺