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Submissions welcome

NB HOEOCA reserves the right to edit articles submitted

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SPEAKER NIGHT – Marine Accident Investigation **Thursday 16 November 8pm**

Lifelong sailor **Rodger Brydges** will talk about the work of the Marine Accident Investigation Branch and with case studies drawn from his extensive experience.

Laying Up Supper **Hogarth's Hotel, Saturday 25 November 7pm for 7.30pm**

Not long now until the Laying Up Supper. We can still squeeze in a few more. Please let Maureen know ASAP if you'd like to come along. Payment is due by this Thursday, Speaker Night.

Raffle Prizes on the night will be gratefully received.

The dinner will be followed by the awarding of our annual prizes for acts of great seamanship (as well as the not so clever ones). Then it's dance time some dancing and our very own Ed Osmond and *Prime Numbers* will be back by popular demand to provide the music.

James Race Memorial Bursaries **2018 Deadline Approaching**

Several members of the Club have already benefitted from the Bursaries granted to date and you can read James Peel's account of his Day Skipper Training [here](#).

The deadline for Applications for 2018 is **31 December 2017**.

The successful applicant will receive a contribution of £250 towards a practical RYA sailing qualification, to be used wherever the recipient chooses. Normally one award will be made per year although, in exceptional circumstances, the board of HOEOCA reserves the right to vary this.

In order to apply you must:

- Be a member of HOEOCA
- Be "reasonably" new to cruising sailing
- Have recently completed (or are currently studying) an RYA shore based qualification

To express your interest send an email to commodore@hoeoca.org.uk confirming that you meet these criteria and explaining why you believe that you should benefit.

The Board of HOEOCA reserves the right to make the final decision regarding these awards and will not enter into correspondence with applicants regarding the approval or refusal of an award.

HOEOCA 2018 Calendar

Now Available



The annual HOEOCA Calendar includes those not to be forgotten dates like rallies, 1st Tuesdays and Speaker nights. Never forget a HOEOCA meeting again with this invaluable aide memoire and solve your Christmas pressie dilemmas at the same time!

Big thanks go to this year's successful contributors Chris Blackburn, Mary Coles, Simon Dipple, Slawek Glogowski, Keith Harding, Pauline Hobbs, Jude Holden, Jude Lambourne, Ken Robertson, Mark Stansfield and Mike Veal and to everyone else who submitted pictures for consideration. We can't do it without you.

Price **£8** each or £7.50 when buying two or more at a time. Available this Thursday at the Speaker Night or contact mike.veal@hotmail.co.uk.

25th Anniversary Rugby Shirts

We've created a special 25th anniversary rugby shirt to celebrate 25 years of HOEOCA rallies, navy blue with a white collar and a specially designed logo, modelled here by Maureen. Price **£32**.

The shirts are available in both male and female sizes. To order contact Mark Bradbury at supplies@hoeoca.org.uk with your size (**NB** they come up on the small side). If not already in stock we'll place an order.



Training Programme Planning

On Shore	Off Shore
First Aid	Boat Handling
Race Tactics	Skipper Training
Diesel Engine Maintenance	Novice Skipper Bareboat
Coloured Sails spinnaker	Novice Race Skipper Bareboat
White Sails - sail setting	Powerboat RYA
Rules of the Road	

Numerous training opportunities can be organised through the club, both on and off shore, as outlined above.

If you're interested in developing your sailing skills please contact Mark Parker at rc.training@hoeoca.org.uk, or call him on 07964 980148, stating your preference(s). He'll collate a list of interested parties then get back to you on what can be arranged based on the number of responses.

Through the dark winter period we can arrange the on shore activities then as we start new sailing season towards the end of February and through to early May there'll be opportunities to undertake off shore training, subject to numbers.

The boat handling and skipper training courses offered via Keith Harding have proved particularly popular and our Rear Commodore Training can personally vouch for the boat handling. For experienced crew who now want to try their hand at skippering a boat Keith's course is a great way to start. This can be followed up with a weekend on a boat with other novice skippers where everyone learns from each other. It's a great way to get that first skipper experience with other like-minded sailors.

This year we're also getting touch with other Midland clubs to see if we can get a Midlands race/training weekend together with the intention of developing more race skippers/ crews with some match racing on the Solent. Watch this space....

All we need to make this all happen is for you to register your interest. And any additional ideas would be very welcome.

Looking Back on the 25th Anniversary Rally



8 boats and dinner guests celebrated HOEOCA's 25th Autumn Rally at a splendid dinner at the Royal Yacht Squadron and at a Fancy Dress Party Night at GINS on 3 & 4 November.

You can find pictures of the Rally in the Photo Gallery on the website but you'll need to be logged in to access the pictures of the Dinner and Fancy Dress Night.

Dates for the Diary

December First Tuesday	Tue 5 December, 8.30pm	Balsall Common Clubhouse
January Social Night	Tue 9 January , 8.30pm NB Date	Balsall Common Clubhouse
January Speaker Night	Thu 18 January, 8pm	Balsall Common Clubhouse