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A Happy New Year to all members of HOEOCA. I hope that you enjoyed the Christmas break and are looking forward to getting back on the water next year. As I am guest editor for this edition I thought I would start with a flavour of some of the activities we have planned for 2017.

Cruising

- **Spring Rally June 2 – 9 2017** We plan to charter from Plymouth and have picked tides to suit a trip to the Isles of Scilly if the weather permits. Alternatively, we can get to Northern Brittany or, should the weather be unkind, we will explore the West Country.
- **Hot, Hot, Hot September 16 – 23 2017** I have nearly completed plans for this. We will sail from Rhodes and visit the Southern Dodecanese Islands. Bookings will be open shortly. All the details are on the website [here](#).
- **Autumn Rally November 2 – 5 2017** As this is our 25th Autumn Rally we are planning something very special – watch this space

Racing

- **Sunsail series.** We plan to take part in at least 2 of these race weekends, starting with the 'Chiller' **February 25 - 26 2017**.
- **RORC Easter Challenge April 14 – 16 2017.** Inshore racing – Solent. Sunfast 3200
- **Round the Island June 30 – July 2 2017.** Sunsail F40 & Sunfast 3200
- **Fastnet Race August 6 – 12, 2017.** "All or Nothing" will be competing in the Fastnet Race this year. Once again, this campaign will give opportunities for extra participants in qualifying races and training activities. We may even go and see them off again
- **Dartmouth Royal Regatta August 24 – 27 2017.** Sunfast 3200

Training

- There is a **First Aid** course planned for **21 January** – more details in this newsletter. As ever, we need a critical number to make these things viable
- In 2016 we ran a successful **Skipper Development programme** for the first time and we intend to repeat this (and will be asking the RYA for some funding!) for more of you keen to develop your skippering skills in 2017. More information available [here](#).
- Also, coming up in 2017 Diesel Maintenance (11 February), more Boat Handling and another RYA Powerboat Course.

And we will continue to hold our normal socials every first Tuesday of the month and offer our programme of speaker evenings during the winter.

Your committee are always pleased to receive any suggestions and would welcome members of the club organising even more opportunities to get people on the water. So, if you have a boat and could offer some shared cost cruising, or have a yen to charter in a new cruising area, we would be happy to facilitate.

Happy New Year

Jude

2016 Commodores Awards

The recent Laying Up Supper held at Hogarths Hotel was a great success with a lovely meal followed by dancing to Ed Osmond's band "Prime Numbers".

The following awards were made

Award	Recipient
Jim Race Commodores Award	Mary Coles
Racing Trophy	Chris Blackburn
Golden Ladle	David Chaplin
Fancy Dress Trophy	Blue Wolf
Dipstick	White Mistral

Congratulations to all concerned

Speaker Evening January 19 2017 @ 2000 – Sailing Weather



Penny Tranter is a former BBC Weather forecaster, Chartered Meteorologist and member of the Royal Meteorological Society.

She joined the Met Office in 1983 as a trainee forecaster and in 1992 joined the team at the BBC Weather Centre, making her first TV appearance later that year. For some years she was a regular weather presenter on BBC One.

She left the BBC Weather Centre in 2008 and now works as the Meteorology Training Manager at the Met Office in Exeter.

As well as having had a distinguished career as a professional weather forecaster and presenter on TV, Penny has sailed since she was a teenager and has

worked as a sailing instructor in New York State, and has crossed the Channel in a Force 9.

So she's well able to tell us about forecasting weather for sailing – including support for the 2012 Olympics!

RYA First Aid Course 21 January 2017

It's the middle of the night and you are halfway to France when one of your crew suddenly becomes ill. Would you know what to do?

The RYA First Aid course is designed to teach you exactly what to do in these situations. From the minor ailments such as headaches, sunburn and small lesions through to the immediate response to serious medical emergencies. This course covers the situations that a yachtsman is likely to encounter. There is particular emphasis on resuscitation techniques and the "first care" of a man overboard victim.

This course is a must for all who sail, and will be a requirement for anyone undertaking the Fastnet campaign.

At the completion of the course you will be issued with the RYA Small Craft First Aid Certificate. This certificate is valid for 3 years from the time of issue and is a prerequisite for those taking the Coastal Skipper / Yacht master Offshore Examinations.

Location: West Midlands Golf Club, Marsh House, Farm Lane, Barston, Solihull, B92 0LB

Trainer: Keith Harding

Timing: 0930 - 1700

Cost: £85 per person, including lunch and refreshments.

Please contact Nina Wilson, rc.training@hoeoca.org.uk 07812 334823, to reserve a place.

RYA Sea Survival & RYA/ISAF Offshore Safety Course 11/12 February

The above pair of courses are being run by Keith Harding of Reach4theWind. Please follow the links for more information and contact Keith directly for bookings and enquiries at Info@reach4thewind.co.uk 07831 431197

RYA Sea Survival Course (Day One) 0930 - 1900

www.reach4thewind.com/rya-shore-based/rya-sea-survival/

RYA ISAF Offshore Safety Course (Day Two) 0900 – 1630

www.reach4thewind.com/rya-shore-based/isaf-safety-course/

Location: The County Hotel, 45 Birmingham Rd, Walsall WS1 2NG

Cost: The price for both days is £195 per person.

Sea Survival (Day One) is £125

RYA/ISAF Offshore Safety Course (Day Two) is £110

RYA Volunteer Award for Vic Stuthridge

Our very own **Vic Stuthridge** had his contribution to grassroots sailing recognised by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal at the 2016 RYA Volunteer Awards on Friday 18 November.

The RYA Volunteer Awards are considered the 'MBEs' of the sport and 44 people from across Britain were honoured for their exceptional generosity and commitment to boating at the ceremony and exclusive luncheon held at One Great George Street, Westminster.

As you may be aware, Vic is a founding member of the club and was our 2nd Commodore. He has supported many members in their efforts to get onto the water. He continues to teach RYA shore-based courses.

Well done Vic!



Jim Race Bursary 2017

Each year HOEOCA awards a bursary in memory of our founding Commodore Jim Race and thanks to the generosity of his family. The award is made to a member "newish" to sailing and is a £250 contribution towards a RYA practical course thus supporting Jim's passion for getting more people on the water.

This year's successful applicant is **Stuart Jones**.

New Year Honours

2 HOEOCA members have been recognised. **Julie Bullous** has been awarded an OBE in the Queen's New Year's Honours list for services to Education and **Andrew Yates** was awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for his contribution to sailing in the Solihull borough.

Congratulations to both of you!

Members Area of the Website

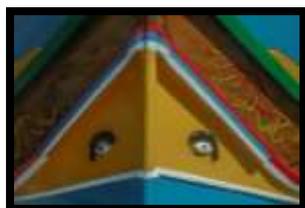
A huge thank you to members who have responded to our request and have taken the time to log on to the website. Just over 50% of you have done so. Even better if you have updated your details for us too!

The reason for asking you to do this is to

- Enable you to keep your own information up to date
- Make life easier for those organising events
- Allow you to post pictures and access member only documents

We will continue to remind you to do this and members of the Committee will be on hand at first Tuesdays and Speaker nights to answer any questions or provide any support you may need. In the meantime please email webmaster@hoeoca.org.uk with any queries and also for help posting any pictures or stories you may have.

HOEOCA Calendars 2017



Our club calendar, now in its 4th year, provides not only some great photographs but all those club dates in one place to enable you to plan the year ahead.

Price is £8 each or £7.50 when buying 2 or more.

Please contact Mike Veal to reserve yours
mike.veal@hotmail.co.uk

And Finally

Normal service in the form of Mary Coles will be resumed for the next newsletter. As ever, she would like to encourage ideas and articles from Club members. Please send your submissions to newsletter@hoeoca.org.uk marked HOEOCA Newsletter Item.