

# SEA HORSE

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## Commodore's Column

Winter draws on. - its the time of year to look back on the seasons sailing with only one or possibly two Tuesday and Thursday evenings still light enough!! However in spite of all that the British weather could throw at us it has been a very successful sailing season with both the Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday windsurfing and dingy fleets very well supported.

There is still plenty to look forward to for the remainder of the season with the socials that Kim is organising, the AGM, Christmas Dinner Dance and of course Sunday racing will still continue for all you hardy types - Windsurfers don't forget you could still join in if it is not too cold for you.

My big news is that HSSC has been awarded a grant of £9,959.00 from the Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme. This has taken many months of work and I could not have done this without the help and expertise of Gill Essex who did most of the form filling in - Many Thanks Gill.

This money is to be used for the purchase of dingies, windsurfers, wet suits and bouyancy aids to help with our training schemes and also includes an allowance for instructors courses to help upgrade our training team. So there is plenty in the pipe line next year from the new management team to get to grips with.

Now where did I put that dry suit!!

Regards Barry



## Summer Party Madness

This year's summer party was another great success. Kim and her team laid on an excellent event that was enjoyed by all. After the pirate games local band Watt the Funk rocked the dancefloor with their non stop barrage of hits from Tom Jones, Madness, Queen, The Jam, and many more. Afterwards the band commented that they had never played for such an "lively" audience! Infact the band was such a success that Kim booked them there and then for the Laying Up Supper which will be held at Lympne Castle on Saturday 24th November. Details of the event and buying tickets will be sent out soon

The recent 70's night was also well attended with a huge number of people getting into the 70's fancy dress. Entertainment was from Knobby Harder (aka Mark Steeple)! Check out pictures of both events at [www.hssc.net](http://www.hssc.net).

Top right: The legendary Summer Party  
Right: Knobby Harder - One Man Glammed!



## Committee Positions

The end of this season will see a number of committee positions becoming vacant. Both our Commodore, Barry Hall, and Vice Commodore, Willy Wire, will be stepping down having served the maximum three year period in office allowed under the club's constitution. Barry and Willy have done an excellent job of running the club over the last three years and their efforts have made a lasting contribution to the club. We will also be losing our membership secretary, Pam Wire, again after three years of managing our subscriptions and with individual memberships currently at a very healthy 132. Other positions becoming vacant, along with current nominations include:

Commodore - no current nominations  
Vice Commodore - no current nominations  
Rear Commodore Sailing - Dave Pesod  
Honorary Secretary - no current nominations  
Social Secretary - no current nominations  
Membership Secretary - Wendy Van Halderen-Moss

Having a full committee in place is essential to the efficient running of the clubs premises, and our activities on and off the water. More information on each of these vacant roles will be posted on the website and in the club house in due course. If you wish to stand for election in any of these roles please contact Barry Hall or email [hssc@hssc.net](mailto:hssc@hssc.net).

# Starboard Gemini Tandem Worlds

Leaving a few bruised egos behind him (messers Hart and Hibbard among them), HSSC Member, Tony Thompson steamed to victory onboard his Starboard Gemini Tandem at Hayling Island's Fat Face Nightsurf event earlier this month. The prize was entry into the Gemini world championships to be held 21st-23rd September in La Rochelle, France. Confident from their victory at Hayling, Tony and team member, Mark Rose (another local sailor), were keen to sign up!

The races were held on upwind-downwind courses in variable conditions ranging from extremely light to well powered planing conditions and mostly in hot sunny weather. Tony and Mark scored a very creditable sixth place in a tightly contested series of 12 races. An excellent effort allround, particularly considering they finished the last race, got in the car and drove home, arriving back at 4am before going to work at 8am that morning! Good effort!

## Hythe Hotshots

Sunday 22nd July. Hythe Hotshots blitzed the opposition on home turf for yet another T15 win. This makes the Hotshots South East Champions yet again - for the third year running! The team will therefore again represent the region at the National Finals in October. An incredible achievement for our team, and a fantastic achievement for Coach Phil Hards, who has helped several new young sailors reach this level this year.

*Team 15 is a nationwide network of clubs set up to get kids aged 15 and under get together every week to have a great time and learn new windsurfing skills. Hythe Hotshots has been one of (if not the) most successful clubs in the programme for several years now. If you want more info on taking part see Phil Hards our Team 15 coach!*



# The Ship Race

29th July saw the running of our annual Ship Race. This is always a popular summer event drawing a big fleet for the race from HSSC down to The Ship Inn in Sandgate. This year was no exception and with a light northerly westerly wind the fleet set off. Everyone was hoping that the rain would hold off long enough not to spoil the excellent BBQ being arranged by Stuart and Wendy Wiffin, landlords at The Ship Inn. As it turned out the weather held and the light winds made for some tactical racing within the dinghy fleet.

Stuart and Wendy have been supporters of HSSC for many years and as an acknowledgement of their support, the Committee have decided to award them with an honorary life membership. Many thanks to all for an excellent event and for those who missed it mark the date when our 2008 programme is out.



Light winds make for tactical racing in the dinghy fleet - er....which way to The Ship Inn mate?



Stuart Wiffin presents Tom Coley with his trophy.

## Coming Up Soon

- Mountain Bike Event - Sunday 14th Oct
- Bonfire Night - Saturday 3rd Nov
- Laying Up Supper - Saturday 24th Nov

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