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Your New Committee

Following the recent AGM your revitalised committee has already met to discuss the future.

The full committee now comprises:

Richard Callaghan	Commodore
Mike Grantham	Vice Commodore
Judy Lambourne	Rear Commodore Cruising
Hilary Warburton	Rear Commodore Training
Dave Walker	Rear Commodore Supplies
Peter Smerdon	Secretary
Steven Power	Treasurer
Richard Horswill	Committee Member (Racing)
Jan Harding	Committee Member (Speakers)
Maureen Highfield	Committee Member (Social)
Ed Kirkby	Committee Member (Website)
Keith Knight	Committee Member (Newsletter)



In response to suggestions made at the AGM, it has been agreed :

- To provide membership cards to individuals requiring them - apply to Peter Smerdon.
- Not to apply for RYA Yacht Club Award . It was felt that HOEOCA would be unlikely to qualify and that it would be of little value.

Pig Roast – Tuesday 6 July 2010

Don't forget this next event at Olton Mere Sailing Club, Warwick Road, Solihull B92 7AN. Sailing from 6.00pm. Roast from 7.00pm. Raising funds for Toe in the Water.

Spring Racesail weekend – 16-18 July 2010

For the racesailors, our next round-the cans Racesail Weekend is scheduled for 16-18 July 2010 and there are still potential places available. But we need to know now if you want to take part. This is the last call to get a third yacht on the water! £85 required, by end of June latest please.

Contact Richard Horswill on telephone 07768 467630 or e-mail him on Richard.horswill@hoeoca.org.uk.

Alternatively we have a second Sunsail Regatta weekend scheduled for 15-17 October.

Spring Rally meets Hot Hot Hot!

Without a doubt the recent fine weather proved the star of HOEOCA's latest rally to Alderney. This was the club's 16th spring rally and few can have provided such Mediterranean conditions. Despite the fact that many of us had to motor at least one way cross channel (and encountered fog too) all were able to enjoy good sailing at some point. Sadly, Ian Blake and Sammie Jones on Juliain, had to retire early with a poorly engine, but the remaining 11 boats met up in Braye as planned on Friday 4th June for our traditional evening together. We were kindly hosted by Alderney Sailing Club for our Commodores Cocktails before proceeding to the nearby Braye Beach Hotel where we enjoyed a most delicious dinner, beautifully served and overlooking the stunning harbour views.



56 people took part with boats leaving as early as the Sunday morning and the last man standing (Wolf) returning on Tuesday – 10 days later. 3 of the boats were chartered from Hamble Point and our nine owners departed from ports as far apart as Chichester to Falmouth. It was a first channel crossing for 12 and there were 8 "virgin" ralliers. Ports visited on "the other side" included St Peter Port, Carteret, Dielette, Omonville and Cherbourg and many boats met up with others in these destinations to enjoy one another's company and hospitality. As a result of the exceptionally settled weather there was even an opportunity to anchor off Sark.

Edward Kirkby has already posted some of his photos to our website and seeks contributions from other members. Please email a maximum of 20 to edward@kirkby.net. Also, if anyone would like to write a short account of what the rally was like for them, perhaps a first channel crossing, we would be pleased to include it in the newsletter or on the website.

Judy Lambourne – Rear Commodore Cruising

Dates for Your Diary

Pig Roast at Olton Mere	6 July 2010
Racesail Weekend	16-18 July 2010
Next Speaker Evening	16 September 2010
Laying –up Supper	27 November 2010
Autumn Rally	4-7 November 2010

And don't forget the other "First Tuesdays" at the Sports Association Clubhouse in Meeting House Lane, Balsall Common.