

Its the start of a new 2013 sailing season!

Happy Return is back on her berth on the North Arm after her refit. She is looking very smart. I think we, the members, owe the small band of members led by Mike Tudor who worked tirelessly on the major refit throughout the autumn and winter a very big thank you. Getting her completed and ready for the re-launch day of the 11 April took a huge effort with the added bonus that we have completed the work within budget.

We had a very enjoyable re-launch party on Saturday 23 March at the Penzance Sailing Club. The sailing club very kindly waived the hiring fee to us. The boat races proved very popular with the Ripple crew winning both races.

Have you had a look at our sailing programme for the coming season I think you will agree it is a very interesting and varied programme that we hope caters for all your sailing tastes. There are five separate trips to Scilly ranging from racing to Scilly and around the islands, PASSAB starting on Friday 26 July to; Lonely Anchorages starting Monday 12 August. There is the Looe Lugger Regatta starting 13 June always a very enjoyable event. Starting 6 July there is a seven day cruise to Brittany. There is of course the usual Bay sails and an unusual Sunrise sail on Saturday 10 August departing at 5.30am, are there two 5.30's in a day!! In addition there is also a weekend starting on the 3 August for all the foodie members with supper at the Ferry Boat Inn at Helford and lunch at the Pandora Inn at Restronguet and a sail back to Penzance to work off the weekends excesses!!!

The Lugger Skills event on board Happy Return proved successful last year so we are proposing to hold a similar event this year on Thursday 23 May mustering at 7.00pm This is a good opportunity for existing members to revise their knowledge of sailing and operating the various items of equipment on board for the coming season and for new members to familiarise themselves with Happy Return, how she sails, together with learning how to operate her varied navigational and safety equipment safely before venturing out onto the water and doing it for real.

The sailing programme for the remainder of this month comprises:-

Friday 26th evening sail muster at 6.00pm on the North Arm. **Skipper: Peter May**

Saturday 27th afternoon sail muster at 3.00pm on the North Arm. **Skipper: Alan Macrae**

Tuesday 30th evening sail muster at 6.30pm on North Arm. **Skipper: Bob Glanville**

The sailing programme for early May comprises:-

Friday 3 May weekend trip to Scilly muster at noon on North Arm. **Skipper: John Vanderhoff**

Thursday 9 May evening sail muster 5.00pm at North Arm **Skipper: Mike Halse**

Saturday 11 May evening sail muster at 3.30 at North Arm. **Skipper: John Moody**

Booking your berth early with the named skipper or mate ensures you won't be disappointed.

Fair winds and tides

Neil.

