



## HCSC 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta – Sunday 1st August 2010

The Club will be putting on its Annual Regatta (the 56<sup>th</sup> staging of such an event) on 1st August. As we did last year, we will be running three short races each for three classes:- Scows of just about all persuasions, Lasers and General Handicap. The aim is to be as inclusive as possible in the racing, so just about any dinghy to be found at Keyhaven will be able to take part. The races are intended to last about half an hour each, and will take place over a short course, so in anything other than last year's ultra-light breezes, everybody should complete several laps. No long boring legs on the course – lots of interesting manoeuvring round marks and other boats!



In view of the importance of the event, we have made appropriate sacrifices to the weather gods, and then consulted with the Met Office to see what results should be produced. The prognosis seems to be encouraging:-

| Advance forecast: Keyhaven |       |   |      |      |        |        |            |
|----------------------------|-------|---|------|------|--------|--------|------------|
| Date                       | Time  | Weather   | Temp | Wind |        |        | Visibility |
|                            |       |   |      | Dir  | Speed  | Gust   |            |
| Sun<br>01<br>Aug           | Day   |  | 23°C | SW   | 12 mph | 15 mph | Very Good  |
|                            | Night |  | 16°C | S    | 12 mph |        | Very Good  |

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Even if you have not done much (or any!) racing before, I would encourage you to come out and try your hand. The event is intended to be fun above all else, and with three races, there will be opportunity aplenty to work out what is going on as the day progresses!

Finally, taking part in the racing opens the opportunity at the end of the afternoon to participate in what is surely the highlight of south-west Hampshire's social calendar, the near-legendary post-Regatta tea and cakes on the lawn, accompanied by the Prize-giving.

I will look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on the day!

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