



Autumn Winter 2025

Welcome to the Solva Harbour Society Newsletter

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Upcoming events Lift in 20th April 2026

Finance update

In general the committee feels that the SHS is good value for money and does a good job of maintaining the fabric/ environment of the Quay.

Currently our finances are in a healthy position and we still have a contingency fund in case of emergencies/ urgent maintenance in order to support the upkeep of our property.

We have applied for two grants for significant upgrades to the Sewage Macerator and for Solar panels, we are hoping that these will be upgraded by the beginning of next season but planning constraints may impact the Solar panel installation.

.. a brief summary of anything that has happened recently or is going to happen soon, updates from the committee and subcommittee meetings, notices to be aware of and anything else the committee can think of 😊

General Reminders for all members and visiting members

Please make sure that your boats, kayaks, tenders etc have your 2026 sticker firmly attached and following the recent RNLI mission to locate kayaks blown out to sea in the recent storms, they are requesting that we all make sure our boats/ kayaks/ paddle boards etc show some means of identification. The RNLI can provide emergency contact stickers on request and the committee highly recommended using these.

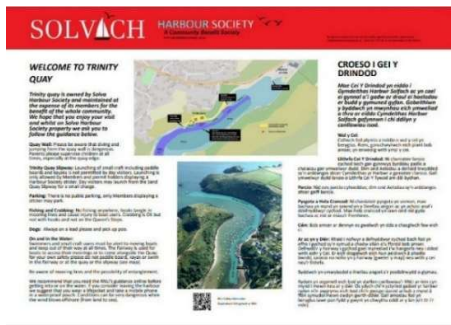
Please remember to display your car sticker in your car.. parking is limited 😊..

Please make sure you have checked that your moorings are safe for your boat and that they are as free of weed as possible. If you need help or advice, please get in touch with Anthony (Harbourmaster) or any of the mooring subcommittee members. **Also don't forget to complete a mooring inspection report when you are checking your own moorings and give a copy to Anthony for our records please.**

The summer 2025 season on the quay was busier than usual, for a number of reasons, and we didn't have many members volunteering to help Anthony on the quay as a steward, so please consider doing so for a few hours next season.

We have had some compliments on the new signage as these make it clear what we expect of visitors to the Quay and help everyone understand how to keep themselves and others safe. Please let Nicola know your availability for 2026.

Please also inform us of any accidents, incidents, trips or falls so we can log these accordingly. We need at least a summary of the incident and date it occurred along with the name and



contact details.

Retirements

Charles Davies has sadly decided not to stand for election to the committee at the coming AGM and we would like to thank him for his contribution to the Solva Harbour Society. He has invested a significant amount of his time to ensuring the moorings are safe and meet (as far as is possible) the ever increasing requirements of the marine insurance companies. His hard work on this in support of our Harbourmaster Anthony has ensured that the harbour remains a safe place to work and can be safely enjoyed by everyone. We would all like to thank him very much for his years of commitment to the SHS and wish him all the best for the future.

Solva Sailing club

Solva Sailing Club continues to run taster and ongoing sessions with local children which are greatly enjoyed. All members of the Solva Harbour Society are invited to support and encourage young sailors to enjoy time on the water safely, so please get in touch with them.

Lift Out

This was a successful event with 28 boats safely lifted.. if anyone is keen to gain the slingers or in charge competencies, please let us know..

Solva Sailing club Cannon

Sadly there was no one with the correct certificates or room to safely store it. So unfortunately it has been safely disposed of.

Boat Trips

Only one company so far has expressed an interest in running commercial trips from Solva for the coming season.

If we have any other interest, we will keep you updated.

We now have two upgraded moorings that can hold RIBs up to 10 meters/ weight

We would also like some ideas on how to thank other long standing members (regardless of whether they have ever served on the committee and would like some suggestions from everyone on how to do so.

Harbour Master

Anthony will start his 30th year of service to the Solva Boat Owners and the SHS in March of 2026. If anyone has any stories, photographs or would like to share some ideas on how we can help him celebrate this, please get in touch. Also as per our last AGM we are exploring options to provide Anthony with an Assistant HM, so if anyone has any suggestions, ideas or would like to express an interest in this role, please get in touch with Dai or Nicola.

Committee Meetings Summary-Summer 2025 to December 2025

Just to remind everyone that the minutes of the committee meetings and subcommittee meetings are available on the website along with the folder in the café. if you can't find what you need, please drop us an email or leave a note in the Office and Nicola or Sian will be happy to help. All members are welcome to attend any of the monthly meetings or the operations subgroup meetings.

The 2025 AGM will be held in early January 2026 to avoid the run up to Christmas, we have only had 5 applications for the 6 vacancies on the committee so please get in touch if you would like to be co-opted for the coming year.

Knowledge and experience

We have a wealth of local and professional seafaring knowledge, skills and experience amongst our members and we would like to consider ways in which this knowledge can be shared. Please send suggestions to Nicola.

Improving Communication.

The SHS Committee, Members and the local community groups continue to recognise that we all need to encourage and support each other's events and activities and ask that SHS is informed in good time of any planned events so that clashes can be avoided...

We are still looking for some suggestions and feedback on sharing the unsung work done by various members within the organisation, and what else we could do to help support and organise social events and activities on the Quay?

Celebrating and Recording our History

We had some lovely feedback on some old photographs found in the attic at Solva community events and these are now in a scrapbook in the office and will also be at the AGM. if anyone has any other ideas on how we can share and preserve the history of both the harbour and the members, . Please share your ideas, historical information, family history, funny stories/ events ??

A few volunteers makes all the difference- please help if you can.

On behalf of all members, the committee would like to thank the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Anthony our Harbour Master and Nicola our Clerk for all the work they do to help make SHS and the harbour a success.

The Committee wish you all a safe winter season and hope the weather is kind to us in in 2026

David Phillips, Chair SHS Ltd. 10th December 2025.

Authored by SEP approved by committee on 17th January 2026