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## **HCUK Sailor Support Unit - Driver Group Project.**

### **Our Charity:**

Hansa Class UK (HCUK) is a Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered charity number 1165467 that is entirely run by volunteers.

We encourage, support and enable the widest possible range of people including all ages, genders, cultures, emotional status or level of physical or other abilities to become Hansa Class sailors, helpers and supporters. We ensure that all activities and events supported by HCUK are fully inclusive, in that any Hansa sailor with special needs, at all degrees of severity whether physical, intellectual, emotional or sensory, is able to participate fully. We encourage the use of Hansa boats to enable people with no sailing experience to quickly, confidently, affordably and safely learn to sail and we provide a clear pathway to advanced sailing, which provides a lifetime of opportunities in the sport of sailing for everyone.

### **The HCUK Sailor Support Unit:**

The HCUK Sailor Support unit consists of 6 boats on a trailer towed by a top of the range, Ford Transit van carrying all necessary ancillary equipment. The trailer, boats, van and ancillary equipment were all new in 2019 and have only been used at events a few times in 2019.

The unit has full AA commercial breakdown cover that is based on the vehicle so it covers all drivers.

### **The Proposed Driver Group:**

We want to set this group up in the North Northamptonshire area so it has the close support of the UK Hansa Manufacturers, SS Marine, and that it is located in an area central to our main event catchment. Where it is kept can be decided between the HCUK Exec Committee and the appointed leader.

The driver group we wish to set up will be made up of voluntary positions with all out of pocket expenses paid including accommodation where needed.

We are looking for a person to find, build and lead this small group of volunteer drivers with the aim that between them they will look after the Sailor Support Unit and bring it to each of our HCUK events.

We, along with this lead person will identify and recruit volunteer drivers who have large trailer towing experience. This would suit an experienced HGV driver or a person experienced in caravanning or towing large boats (Possibly retired or self-employed as many of the events are during the week). It would also be an advantage if the person is a sailor and enjoys helping others.

The unit will only need the driver for each event as there will be people on site to help with the unloading and loading and the boats will be pre-allocated to sailors for the event by another HCUK volunteer.

Our aim is to spread the actual driving over a small group of drivers with one lead person overseeing the whole operation. The lead person need not necessarily be the main driver but would ensure a driver was available for each event. This lead person will be fully supported by Steve Sawford, Director of SS Marine.

### **The Task:**

We currently have 8 one day "TT" racing events, 3 two day events each made up of a Joint RYA/HCUK training day followed by a TT racing event and 2 three day racing events.

As an indicator of how the events needing the Unit are spread out each year, the 2020 programme, without the current lockdown, would have been as follows:

1. 1 day event - Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April, Frampton on Severn TT at Frampton on Severn Sailing Club GL2 7DZ.
2. 2 day event - Fri 24<sup>th</sup> April, Training day and Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Whitefriars TT event both at Whitefriars Sailing Club, Cotswold Water Park, SN6 6QR.
3. 1 day event - Wed 6<sup>th</sup> May, New Forrest TT at Spinnaker Sailing Club, Ringwood, BH24 3LY.
4. 2 day event - Tue 19<sup>th</sup> May Training day and Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Nott's County TT Event, both at Nott's County Sailing Club, NG14 7JX.
5. 1 day event - Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May, Burghfield TT at Burghfield Sailing Club, Reading, RG7 4AP.
6. 2 day event - Tue 9<sup>th</sup> June Training day and Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Carsington TT Event, both at Carsington Sailing Club, DE6 1SU.
7. 1 day event - Sat 20<sup>th</sup> June, Oxford TT at Oxford Sailing Club, Farmoor, OX2 9NS.
8. 1 day event - Wed 1<sup>st</sup> July, Northampton TT at Northampton Sailing Club, Pitsford Res, NN6 9DG.
9. 3 day event - Fri 17<sup>th</sup> to Sun 19<sup>th</sup> July, Hansa UK Nationals at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy. DT5 1SA.
10. 3 day event - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> July to Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug, RYAS Multiclass Regatta at Rutland Sailing Club, Edith Weston, LE15 8HJ.
11. 1 day event - Wed 12<sup>th</sup> August, Waveney and Oulton Broad TT at Waveney and Oulton Broad Yacht Club, Oulton Broad, NR33 9JR.
12. 1 day event - Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> August, Bristol TT at Baltic Wharf Sailing Club, Baltic Wharf, Bristol, BS1 6SG.
13. 1 day event - Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Sept, Frensham TT at Frensham Pond Sailing Club, GU10 2QA.