

# SAILTIME

July 2021



TSSC



## WORD FROM THE COMMODORE PICKING UP THE THREADS

As the vaccines are rolled out across the UK and the risk of serious illness from COVID recedes, everyone is wondering how to weave the threads of pre-pandemic life into what will be the new normal. Skills, maybe not used in the last 18 months, may need refreshing. Projects, necessarily put into cold storage, may need to be kick started into life. People will be working together and not just in virtual space. Things may seem the same, but will undoubtedly be different. The old threads will be knitted into a new pattern.

So it is for the TSSC. Getting back on the water, refreshing the old skills and gaining new ones is high on the list. Demonstrated not least by the higher than average numbers of capsizes in the Sunset Racing events ! You will find in this edition of SailTime the details of courses in Safety Boat handling; in basic and intermediate dinghy sailing, together with courses specifically for our younger members. First indications are that the demand is high so please don't delay in making your bookings. The Sailing Planning Group is most grateful for Mark Meadows assistance in getting this programme in motion.

The Bosuns are the key drivers of TSSC Projects. With the opening up of the Clubhouse our House Bosun, Dave Oldacres, and I have done an initial survey of the premises to identify repairs and renovations needed. A priority list is being developed and we shall be taking a view on what will need contractors and what might be undertaken by Members with the appropriate skills. One task was cutting the grass and our thanks to Trev Birkbeck for fettling one of the old mowers and commissioning the new one to such good effect. It's also a pleasure to introduce Lesley Zimmerman who has reactivated and restocked the Tuck Shop (see later).

Bob and Syd have got the Club power boats and dinghies ready to go, and are preparing themselves for the arrival of the Club SUPs which are on order now. In an idle moment they 'found' a shed, transported it to the site and re-erected it behind the fuel store, to give some additional storage space. Their next major project is working with the MoD divers to inspect and renovate our fixed buoy moorings in the reservoir.

As I said..... the same but different. The Committee is currently working on the basis of a 19 JUL 21 emergence from Lockdown, though it does seem likely that some measures to reduce transmission may persist. All that has to be organised now is the weather !

## COVID -19 RESTRICTIONS EXTENDED

In line with the latest government guidance, our current restrictions are as follows:

- Max 6 people inside the clubhouse
- 2 households only to mix inside
- Up to 30 people may attend an outdoor event
- Maintain social distancing
- Wear masks when inside the clubhouse
- Use the sanitising station when entering the clubhouse

### JULY 19<sup>TH</sup> PLAN :

- Hopefully we can allow further relaxing of restrictions planned for 19<sup>th</sup> July....Fingers & Toes crossed!

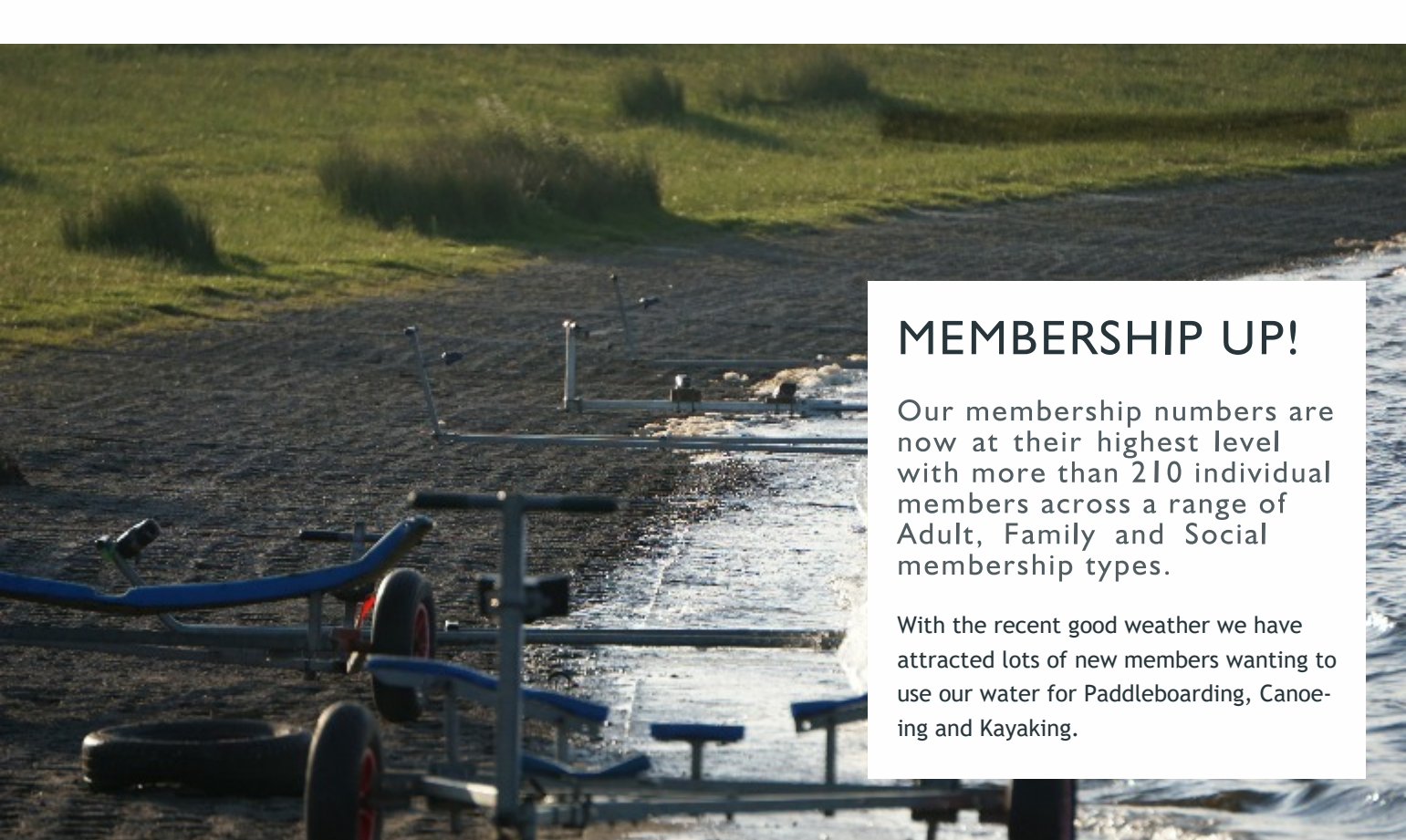


**Phil Gamlen**

### REFER A FRIEND

WE'RE STILL ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERSHIPS AND JOINING THE CLUB CAN BE COMPLETED ONLINE





## MEMBERSHIP UP!

Our membership numbers are now at their highest level with more than 210 individual members across a range of Adult, Family and Social membership types.

With the recent good weather we have attracted lots of new members wanting to use our water for Paddleboarding, Canoeing and Kayaking.

## LESLEY'S LOCKER, AKA THE TUCK SHOP

We've all been there. A long day on the water. If it's been hot, dehydration is settling in, and if it's been cold then carbs and sugar are urgently needed. An immediate visit to the Tuck Shop is called for !

The good news is that this is back in business and under new management. Lesley Zimmerman has applied her well-honed organisational skills to good effect and *Lesley's Locker* is now well stocked and well labelled. Chocolate items and cooled cans are housed in the fridge in the warmer months.

There is a red covered log book to help Lesley with the accounts and restocking so would folk please make a note of the date, what they have taken, and what they have paid. Polite suggestions of things that might be stocked, or indeed, de-stocked will be gratefully received.

The Club members thanks go to Janet Cummins for her years of running the Tuck Shop. Now she can sit back and enjoy her tea, without subconsciously calculating the impact on stock levels.

Thank you Janet.



## KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND

Our update of documentation needed for the safe running of the club continues and our committee have been working towards maintaining our master SOP's - Standard Operating Procedures. A recent addition to our documents include an improved site map.

The map below sets out the features and possible hazards all members should be aware of when using the water..... But what happens if you're involved in an incident that needs an accurate location to be passed on to authorities or another person?

**WHAT 3 WORDS** .....is an APP that turns your location into 3 easily remembered unique words that pinpoints your location to a 3 metre square anywhere in the world.

The TSSC what 3 words are:

**Warned-Factually-Earlobe**





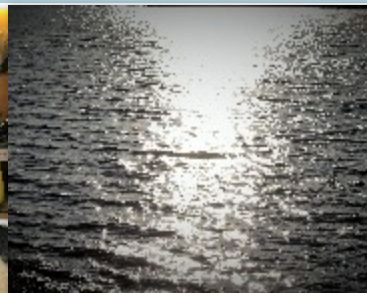
# CLUB BOAT HIRE

OUR CLUB BOATS ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON A DAILY HIRE BASIS

The club's fleet of FUSION DINGHIES, TOPPERS and LASERS are now available for members to hire.

The hire fee is £10.00 per boat per day and can be booked on line through our booking system, enjoy the use of our fleet by booking even whilst on site....If available, our boats are ready to sail, so take advantage of the day.

We will soon be adding Paddleboards to the hire fleet - great for those windless days, when you need a workout! Look out for a delivery soon.





## BBQ WELCOME BACK -22<sup>ND</sup> MAY

### A damp day.....

But despite the weather many members decided it was a good time to venture out, maybe for their first social gathering after the initial relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions came into force on 17<sup>th</sup> May.

### On 22<sup>nd</sup> May we welcomed.....

A few of our recently joined members to the club, this would be the first opportunity to see the clubhouse open, look at the club boats and equipment available.

### Some brave members.....

Paddleboarded , Kayaked, Canoeed and enjoyed the return to joint activities on the water. Newly joined members Claire and Simon Whitby, even decided to take on the Club Mirror Dinghy after their successful bid.

### Great to be back.....

And looking forward to fully unrestricted activity if the planned relaxations are confirmed for 19<sup>th</sup> July.

### Our Gallery of BBQ pictures.....

Can be found [here](#) or click icon above



## BERTHS & TRAILERS

Is your trailer one of the “unclaimed or unmarked” pictured in our gallery? Check [here](#).

Thanks to those members that have marked their trailers that are located at the back of the Clubhouse, however there remains a few that are still unidentified. These will be removed and destroyed if unmarked before 15<sup>th</sup> July.

Our Boat berth chart is now up to date, following our audit. You can check that your allocated berth number is correct [here](#). Please let the membership secretary know if your record needs updating.





## SAFETY FIRST! OUR SERIES OF SAFETY BOAT TRAINING COURSES ANNOUNCED.

A new series of safety boat training courses has been published on the website event calendar and is available to book now.....This is your chance to become accredited and use our safety boats. All members are expected to take part in safety boat duties as a condition of their membership, but the club policy is to ensure all helms and crew members receive training in the safe use of the TSSC safety boat.

Each 1-day course will cover all equipment, how to set up the safety boat, engine handling, emergency equipment, launching and of course, basic rescue techniques and recovery procedures.

This essential course will be run on various dates 10:00am to 4:00pm and can be booked on line through the club booking system. Limited to 4 or 6 members dependent on instructor availability, the courses will be offered on a first come - first served basis.

When successfully completed, the attendee will be certificated to carry out safety boat duties as a Helm or Crew member. Following further COVID restrictions being lifted, we're hoping to increase the number of sessions so the pool of qualified members can be increased, thereby easing the SB duty rota.

Safety boat services provide a welcome back-up for members that are less confident water users, offering a degree of comfort whilst on the water.

Course dates:

Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Weds 4 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Aug
4 Places	2 Places	4 Places	2 Places	4 Places

“ It’s good to know help is at hand should you get into difficulties. ”



# RACING NEWS

Club races are back in the programme, thanks to the staged easing of restrictions. We now have regular 'Sunset Handicap' racing on Wednesday evenings and a monthly Regatta Day. These rely on volunteers to act as Race Officer and provide Safety Boat cover - you can volunteer by booking the slot on the TSSC website.

**2021 RACING RESULTS NOW AVAILABLE!**

Check the race leader board for results on the club website [here](#)

The cold (frankly quite miserable!) conditions in late April and May meant things got off to a slow start. But as the weather warmed an increasing number of people ventured out and the Early Sunset ended last week with 15 entrants. The Late Sunset Series will now run through to the end in September and I hope it will be hotly fought over! The Regatta days are also back on and as the weather holds and we get past 19 July we can start to crank up the BBQ at the weekend and increase the focus on the social side of things too.

COMPETITOR		Early Sunset Handicap											
NAME	CLASS	SAIL #	PN	Overall position	Total points	12-May	19-May	26-May	2-Jun	9-Jun	16-Jun	23-Jun	30-Jun
Mark Meadows	Supernova	1171	1077	3	69	1	1		16	3	16	16	16
Trevor Bradley	Laser 2000	21072	1114	1	27	2	2		1	2	2	16	1
Eddie Fernside	Laser 1	none	1100	4	1	2	16		2	16	16	16	2
James Proctor	Laser 1	191297	1100	5	76	4	16		4	16	16	16	4
Nick Hatch	Laser 1	140103	1100	11	99	15	3		16	16	16	16	16
Jason Living	Fusion	none	1300	3	112	16	16		16	16	16	16	16
Phil Gamlen	Byte C2	3556	1135	2	85	16	16		16	16	16	5	3
Chris Jackson	Topaz Uno	6386	1255	13	1	16	16		16	16	16	16	16
Syd Nye	Comet	147	1210	12	112	16	16		16	16	16	16	16
Paul Bernard	Laser 1 Radial	1147	1147	3	67	16	16		16	1	1	1	16
Dave Oldacres	Laser 1 Radial	1147	1147	7	87	16	16		16	4	16	3	16
Jonathan Stephenson	Laser 1	1200	1200	6	85	16	16		3	16	16	2	16
Mike Smith	Laser 1	1768	1100	10	91	16	16		5	16	16	16	6
Tony Merry	Solo	452	1142	11	99	16	16		16	16	3	16	16
Bob Scorer	Laser 1	165299	1100	8	88	16	16		16	16	4	4	16

## Training programme

We have a full sail training programme planned as well as a continuing Safety Boat Familiarisation sessions. RYA qualified Instructors from TSSC and CGSC will be delivering RYA Level 1 and 2 courses for adults/families over a series of weekends. In the school holidays there are opportunities for juniors to undertake the RYA Youth stages from beginner upwards.

[See page 8 in this SailTime edition for more course information and how to book.](#)

The Instructors have also been busy providing sail training to pupils from the Wensleydale School's Combined Cadet Force and a familiarisation day for teachers from Carmel College, Darlington. We were delighted to hear the cadets were loving the sessions, even in early May when the weather was freezing! Well done to all involved. Some great images and memories created [here](#)

## Instructors brush up their First Aid skills

All RYA instructors have to renew their First Aid qualification every three years. With the certificates of a number of TSSC Instructors about to expire this year, we were delighted when John Knopp, through CGSC and with support from the training centre at Catterick Garrison, organised a Covid secure RYA First Aid course in mid May.

This was a combined event attended by Army personnel and 5 Instructors from TSSC. Our thanks to John for organising the day and a special thanks to TSSC members Ellie Meadows who delivered the training and her husband Mark, who due to Covid restrictions was forced to be the demonstration 'dummy' for the day (sorry Mark!).

It was an excellent session and great to brush up on vital skills.

.....Annabelle LePage Sailing Sec



CPR at RYA 1st Aid Course

# JUNIOR TRAINING COURSES

**Mon, Weds, Thurs & Fri  
Weekly**

Weekly 4-Day sessions commence during the school holidays

**Course J1**

26<sup>th</sup> July - 30<sup>th</sup> July

**Beginners**

**Course J2**

9<sup>th</sup> Aug - 13<sup>th</sup> Aug

**Beginners**

**Course J3**

23<sup>rd</sup> Aug - 27<sup>th</sup> Aug

**Experienced**

Application to join courses by e-mail only. Include, Name, Child's age and sailing ability

Contact:

**John Knopp**

Here



# SAIL TRAINING COURSES

**RYA LEVEL 1 L1 2-DAY COURSE**

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> & Sat 31<sup>st</sup> July**

**£90.00 per person**

This 2-Day course runs over 2 weekend days and is designed as an introduction to sailing dinghies for complete beginners, covering everything you need to know to get afloat under supervision.

OPEN TO EXISTING ADULTS and ADULT/CHILD COMBINATION MEMBERS

Book on line [here](#).

**RYA LEVEL 2 L2 2-DAY COURSE**

**Sat 7<sup>th</sup> & Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Aug**

**£90.00 per person**

This 2-Day course builds on the Level 1 course and improves the skills of the new sailor and sail in light conditions without supervision

Book on line [here](#).

## Bosuns notes: From Syd & Bob

All three Wanderers have been sailed recently and are all working well, we have replaced the broken trolley on the old Wanderer. If you want to sail the Wanderers the sails are on the shelves marked "Wanderer Sails", and hiring a Wanderer has now been added to the available club boat fleet on the booking system.

All non-sailing related stuff has been removed from the Robinson building, most has been relocated into the shed behind the fuel store, but can we ask you to put things back where they were taken from in Robinson, in particular the Fusion masts and sails. TSSC sail racks are marked with "T" and a number, CGSC are marked with a red stripe. The keys for the Fusions and Toppers are hung on the masts, the centre boards and tillers are in the boats. On returning the Fusion masts to the racks can you release the down haul, this little thing prolongs the life of the sail? Please do not leave/store personal equipment in Robinson building, we have strived to make it as user friendly and a safe working place as possible.

We will be putting the wheels back on the Oppis' in the very near future so that the younger members can use them if required.

Can we remind you that "TSSC 2 Rigiflex" & the 10hp engine is the default Safety Boat as it can be safely and effectively operated single-handedly..... You just need some help getting it out of the water.

Please can you report any breakages or problems with any of the Club boats in the Day Book so that Bob and I can fix them. If we don't know about a problem we can't repair it.

Just a quick note, Bob has to go into hospital next week for a medical procedure and will be out of action for a few weeks, as usual John Knopp and Kirk Lester from CGSC will help me, but if anyone else feels they can temporarily fill Bob's shoes please let me know.





## A FEW REMINDERS:

Access to the boat park:

Cars must not drive on to the banks of the reservoir, we are restricted to keeping to the Tarmac road. Loading and unloading of boats and trailers must be done no further forward from the point marked "C" on the TSSC Map - [See page 3](#) of this edition of SailTime for the up to date plan

As more members visit the clubhouse, don't forget to sign in, the day book is located in the galley. Guests of members must also be signed in and marked as a guest of the member accordingly.

If you have been on safety boat duty, we need a log of the engine hours. Complete the entry in the log found in the Robinson building.

Replace Walkie-Talkies back on their charging station at the end of the safety boat shift.

Anything to report? Leave a note on the blackboard of the Key cupboard door and or in the day book for our House or Boat Bosuns to attend to.

Last person leaving the clubhouse, please ensure all windows are closed, doors locked, Robinson building and fuel store is secured and lights off before leaving the site.....And finally, If there is a rubbish bag requiring emptying in the galley, it would be useful if this could be disposed of by taking away.

Thanks - Every little helps!

Your committee would be pleased to hear from you, contact us below



## CONTACT US TODAY










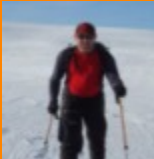
Have you a skill to offer the club? We would welcome any help and assistance

<http://www.thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk/index.html>

Meet the team that keeps the club running.

Contact a committee member by e mail:



<b>Chairman</b>  Phil Gamlen	<b>Secretary</b>  Nick Hatch	<b>Treasurer</b>  Rob Wyatt	<b>Sailing Secretary</b>  Annabelle Le Page	<b>Safeguarding</b>  Jonathan Stephenson	<b>Membership</b>  Mike Smith
<b>Committee</b>  Eddie Fearnside	<b>CGSC</b>  John Knopp	<b>Committee</b>  Trevor Birkbeck	<b>House Bosun</b>  Dave Oldacres	<b>Boat Bosuns - Bob &amp; Syd</b> 