

Sail Time

Welcome back issue - May 21



Welcome back!

As we move towards a full reopening of the club facilities, the committee would like to take this opportunity of welcoming all members back to the club and hope you're looking forward to some good sailing and water activities this year...at last!

In line with the government's road map to recovery, we too are setting out our own plans for the 2021 season at TSSC.

The next stage of the COVID-19 lifting of restrictions will include the following changes:

Monday 17th May our clubhouse will reopen for changing facilities again. Our galley and lounge area will once again be available to members, however the strict 'Rule of 6' social distancing measure remains in force until 21st June and you should comply with signage around the club and take the precautions, sanitising, hand washing using the products available. A fact of life that we are all now accustomed to.

This means - only 2 people in the changing room at any 1 time.

To celebrate our return to full operations at the club we are holding a 'Welcome Back' event on Saturday 22nd May.... A chance to meet up with other members and an opportunity for some of our recently joined new members to see what a friendly bunch we are!

A BBQ facility will be made available on a BYO basis (Bring your own Food and drink!)

More details [here](#)

Also as from 17th May, our booking system will change.

It will no longer be a requirement to book a water based activity slot to record your visit to the club, however we recommend that all members use the QR codes printed on site to log their visits on the NHS track & trace App instead wherever possible.

Daily sailing slots will be removed from the booking schedule accordingly but Safety Boat duties, Race Officer volunteering, future planned events, training courses and a new club boat hire system will still be available to book on line.





“Welcome
back event
Sat 22nd May”
11:00 - 4:00

Click
here
to
book
your
BBQ
Ticket

Why not book your ticket for our welcome back BBQ day on Sat 22nd May. We can accommodate up to 30 members outside on site under the new COVID-19 rules.

Bring your own Food and Drink to enjoy, the BBQ will be lit and available from 11:00am onwards. Toilets and changing facilities will be open by this time, although rule of 6 still applies.

This means - only 2 people in the changing room at any 1 time.

This is a great chance to renew contact with club members and to welcome our new members that may not be familiar with all of the facilities at the club.

As numbers will be limited to 30, you must book your free ticket on-line using our booking system.

Sailing, Paddleboarding and all water activities will be available, however safety boat services will

be subject to volunteers being available.

The club will undergo a spring clean on 21st May....

Volunteers for this task will be welcomed and if you can offer a helping hand, please contact Mike - Membership sec [here](#) to coordinate the effort!

Mirror Dinghy anybody?

The Club has a Mirror dinghy available to any member that maybe interested.....

After years of good service, we have decided that the craft is not a suitable training boat and most members have been using the fleet of FUSIONS... So we are offering out to the membership in sealed bids.

To enter a bid, members should send their offer by email to Mike Smith - Membership sec [here](#)

Closing date - 20th May, winner to be announced at the welcome back BBQ on 22nd May



Club Boat Hire 2021



As from 17th May all club craft will now be available to members on a daily hire basis.

For a charge of only £10.00 per day..(or part thereof), you can sail one of our club craft:
FUSIONS, TOPPERS or LASER

This replaces the previous arrangements to pay cash into the donation box in the clubhouse. All funds received will ensure our boats are always maintained to the highest standard and repairs and renewals can be covered.

All craft can be booked and paid for in advance using the club's booking system. Payment can be made with a PayPal account , Credit or Debit Card directly from the booking portal.

Available to hire....

- 4 X FUSIONS
- 3 X TOPPERS
- 1 X LASER

All equipment included

To hire, choose your preferred date and craft from the selection available on the booking schedule [Here](#).

Pay for the daily hire with your PayPal or Credit/Debit card and the boat is available for your use all day (or part thereof).

In the event that a booking needs to be cancelled, this can also be completed by logging back in with your booking reference.... up to 12 noon on the day of hire.

Your booking account will show a credit is due in **RED** and a refund will be issued by the administrator the next working day, back to your original method of payment.

BookingTransfers are also permitted should you wish to rearrange your hire, log into your booking reference and reschedule.



Thornton Steward Sailing Club Booking System

Club house reopens as from 17th May 2021

Visit our club booking system
HERE for all:

- Club Boat Hires
- Volunteer for Safety Boat
- Race Officer Duty
- Training Courses

On 17th May we will register the Club's 3rd COVID-19 risk/health and safety audit as of 20 members to law. For a full details, a 8- Changing rooms, Gallery and Club lounge becoming available from 17th May. But all following the 'Go to 115' and all restrictions will be in place on 21st June.

SAFETY BOAT OPERATIONS AN UPDATE

As Club Members we are all obliged to carry out a number of Safety Boat Duties each year. It is an important activity.

At the simplest level the presence of a Safety Boat gives confidence to beginners that someone is on the water keeping an eye out for them. At the other extreme the Safety boat is there to help sailors overwhelmed by extreme weather or severe failures of equipment.

An effective Safety Boat operation is something that the Club owes to the Members as part of its Duty of Care.

As you can understand there is no wish to ask Members to undertake something that is beyond their aptitude, or their physical capabilities. The Club provides basic training and refresher courses for the Members and familiarisation courses when we purchase new boats, all given by RYA certified Power Boat Instructors. The training covers the practical side of things on the water and on the shore, and the instructors will take you through the knowledge required and the range of different skills that a helm and a crew need to have.

During the training the instructors will be making an assessment of trainees against the required skills and, when appropriate, what further training may be necessary. The outcome is a subsequent approval for Safety Boat helm and/or crew duties and this will be incorporated into the Safety Boat Duty on-line booking system so that the Duty will match the capability of the Member.

Please participate in this training/refresher activity and support this key Safety activity.

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SAFETY FIRST!



Get Race Ready!

April saw the start of our racing programme and there will now be regular events through to October. And while the weather has been decidedly cool, it can only get better! So it's time to dust off that sailing gear, throw back the boat cover and come and join the friendly racing scene. There's a weekly series running on Wednesday evenings and a Regatta Day on the first Sunday of each month. Start times for the Wednesday evening races move with the daylight hours so do check the schedule on the website [here](#). Regatta racing starts at 11.30 am.



If you've never raced before or don't have much experience don't worry. All are welcome and you can be assured of some friendly faces and help to get you started. It's a great way to push yourself and hone skills.

We need each race day to have a volunteer Race Officer (RO). Their role is to set the course, start and finish the fleet and calculate results. If you intend to race this season, please put yourself down as

RO at least once - ideally more. Please use the booking system to volunteer [here](#) - just select the Safety/Race Officer volunteering slot for the day and book the RO place. RO volunteers won't be disadvantaged in series results as I will award average points in lieu of each race missed due to a duty.

The same applies for Safety Boat helms. Please volunteer via the booking [system](#), but only once you've had the familiarisation training mentioned in Phil's article and reached the required level to helm TSSC.

Please contact our Chief Powerboat Instructors, [James Proctor](#) or [John Knopp](#), for any more information.

Thankyou!

Annabelle LePage
Sailing Secretary

**This Weds
- 12th May
Start Time
7:00pm**

