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SailTime

2020- A round up of this season, and a look forward to the next.

Our infrastructure project moves a step closer.

News of membership renewals.

6-in-1 Race day report

Some limited training in 2020

Paul Bernard

**Congratulations to the
2020 Laser Champion**



A Commodore's view from the crows nest.....

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Thank you - Phil*



Boats rigged & ready to go....

A rare sight this year!



The New “Normal”....Phil Gamlen

Predictions of the Future are inevitably wrong. Not so much in imagining “what”, but always wrong on the “when”. So, it is as your Committee looks forward to 2021 and designs a TSSC programme. The virus will still be with us and we must expect there will be some level of constraints on social and communal activities.

Certainly, the Club is better placed for next year, because of what has been put in place this year. The booking system has worked well and provides a robust tracing mechanism. This will continue in 2021. Many aspects of Club operations have been risk assessed. The assessments were then tested and improved.

As a result, a limited amount of water activities became possible when Yorkshire Water opened up the reservoir; a loan system for the Club Boats was set up, and your Committee purchased and commissioned a new safety boat. It is smaller and lighter so that it can be rigged, launched, operated and recovered by one person. It has a boarding ladder so that a sailor in the water can climb in without assistance.

The assessments gave confidence to pilot some training activities, and to have the season's sole Race Day on 04 OCT.

The decommissioning of the 'Fishermen's Toilets' in October by Yorkshire Water puts more pressure on for opening our own facilities in a COVID secure manner if we can.

Looking forward to the new 'normal' in 2021 there are plans for some dinghy sailing training (our annual RYA inspection is scheduled for November 2020); hopefully a return to the monthly Regattas; a racing calendar, and in particular, safety boat training for the Club Members. Everybody will need some familiarisation with the new boat, and I'm sure we all want to be confident we are competent to safely rescue each other should the need arise.

In addition, your Committee is keen to support the growing membership who are paddlers, and we are looking at the possibility of adding an SUP board to the Club fleet.

I'm grateful to Club members for your practical help in coping with the situation; your observance of the new ways of operating, and above all for your patience. Thank you.

Let's make the next 12 months an improvement on 2020 !
We're looking forward to moving our infrastructure project forward, see plans afoot here

Phil Gamlen - Commodore

Thornton Steward Sailing Club

“ Race Day Sunday 4th October 2020 - Our 1 and only race event packed in 4 great races to make a very enjoyable day ”

....Phil Gamlen - Race officer for the day



Mark Meadows wins Commodore's cup

Mark picked up the Commodore's cup for first overall on the day. Second overall and as first Laser, Paul won the Laser trophy but Whoops we now we have 2 trophies!

Nick Hatch was clearly desperate to win the Torpedo trophy as he gamely fell out the back of his Laser as the gusts blew through, almost giving Syd something to do. Annabelle battled to get to grips with her new Byte C2 in the breeze but managed to avoid swimming by opting to tack rather than gybe on a couple of occasions (wimp!) while the Lasers, Mark and Tony Merry in his Solo enjoyed the brief period of planing conditions.

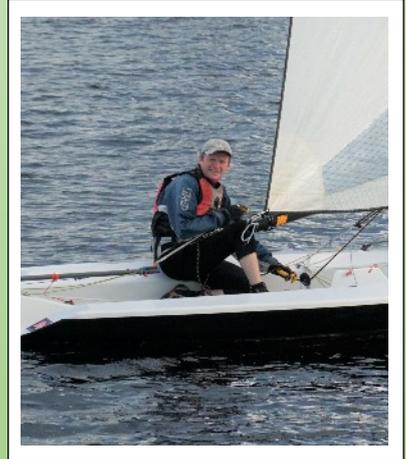
Conditions soon settled back down though and the final race proved to be a great tussle between the 3 leading boats, with Paul managing to secure a 1st place on corrected time, followed by Jonathan Stephenson finishing just two seconds ahead of Mark in 3rd.

A grand prize giving was held on the club house steps where we handed out what would normally be a season's worth of trophies, taking the opportunity to award as many as we could! Paul was able to finally collect his Regatta plaque, Veteran's cup and Sunset handicap cup from 2019. But he didn't have his hands long on the Veteran's cup as that was promptly awarded to Mark Meadows as the first placed helm over 55 years.

Overall Winner	Mark Meadows - Supernova
Veterans Winner	Mark Meadows - Supernova
Laser Championship	Paul Bernard
Ladies Champion	Annabelle LePage - Byte C2
Tortoise	Nick Hatch - Laser
Torpedo	Nick Hatch - Laser

As the only lady in the race, Annabelle 'winning' the Ladies Rosebowl was a bit of a forgone conclusion...but she's glad to have it back on her mantlepiece.

Nick was 'delighted' to win his favourite trophy, the Tortoise - for services to the back of the fleet - and the Torpedo for best (and only?) capsize(s?) of the day. All in all a great day of camaraderie, good sailing and good fun.



Mark Meadows in his Supernova

“ There's a very good sailor in front of me! ”

Paul Bernard



Crossing the line
as overall
RaceDay winner

A big thank you is due to Syd and Phil for officiating and enabling it all to happen and for Jonathan for reviewing the risk assessment.

Thornton Steward Sailing Club

“ Six trophies in one day’ A day of racing unlike any other at TSSC! ”
Annabelle Le Page



Race Day Sunday 4th October 2020

Seizing the opportunity while Covid was less prominent and following a thorough risk assessment, the Committee was delighted to be able to hold a day of organised racing on Sunday 4th October.

This was postponed from the previous week due to forecasted high winds (which of course never materialised).

So there was big relief when Sunday 4th dawned sunny, with a perfect north-westerly breeze and 10 keen racers booked in, including two new members from Teesdale Sailing Club who are with us while Yorkshire Water repair the dam on their home water.

Phil Gamlen was our Race Officer for the day, with Syd Nye ably providing single-handed safety boat cover in our new, very blue little powerboat.

To make the most of the weather and daylight, 2 short races were held back-to-back in the morning and another two after lunch, with a shortened 3-2-1 starting sequence to allow quick turnarounds. Phil had devised a course the day before based on the weather forecast, but promptly threw it out on arrival and opted for a new version that allowed him to start races from a high perch on the tower, giving a clear sight down the start line.

Which was a good job because starts were a little haphazard at times – can we blame it on a lack of practice all season??

The fleet was dominated by a good turnout of 6 Lasers, all opting for the full rig in the (initially) light winds. ‘Watch Paul Bernard turn up and sail as if he’s been doing it all season’ was heard on the shore before the off (*anon source*). But wait! Shock, horror! Mark Meadows from Teesdale SC proved that with a little practice on Wednesday evenings under his belt he’d well and truly got the measure of our fickle winds, showing the rest of the fleet the way around the cans in his Supernova in both morning races.

Well done Mark! ‘There’s a very good sailor in front of me’ was heard from Paul before race 2, but he looked like he was rather enjoying the challenge. Mark again showed the way home in Race 2 but this time Paul had moved up into 2nd place as he got back into his groove.

After an al fresco lunch break the fleet returned to the water to face a stiffening breeze in race 3.



*Annabelle LePage -
Sailing Secretary*

Thornton Steward Sailing Club

“Despite a difficult year for many, our membership has expanded with new members joining to take part in a wide range of water activities”

Mike-Membership Sec



Membership news

Membership report for 2020 & news of renewals.

COVID-19 and social distancing has certainly had an impact on our activities this year at TSSC. Many members have understandably set aside their sailing plans during the pandemic, but conversely the club has enjoyed an influx of new members. Forced leisure time on their hands has allowed members to take the opportunity to use the water in different ways, such as Canoeing, Paddleboarding and an increase in Windsurfing activity as well as Sailing. Our membership has also increased with associated members from the Catterick Garrison Sailing Club, using our joint membership portal.

Even during the last few weeks of the traditional sailing season, we have received enquiries for new memberships to hopefully use the reservoir over the winter period.

Our club numbers this year topped over 100 memberships with 165 named members spread between single and family memberships, model boat and associate members. This additional membership has also increased a need for boat berths and our

Bosuns Syd & Bob have added additional tie downs to expand the boat park capacity. A healthy membership is key to any club's viability and TSSC is no different, so for another 12 months, I'm pleased to announce our membership fees will again remain static.

The traditional early renewal discount scheme offering a **-£10.00** concession will apply to renewals completed prior to the end of the membership year - 31st Dec 2020, whilst annual boat park fees will stay at £25/berth PA until Dec 2021.

MEMBERSHIP TYPE	EARLY RENEWAL	2021 FEE
Single Adult	£90.00	£100.00
Single Adult over 75	NA	£50.00
Family Member	£120.00	£130.00
Junior U18	NA	£30.00
Model Boat member	NA	£30.00
Social Member	£12.00	£12.00

The club relies on membership fees as it's main source of income and with big plans afloat, we appreciate all early renewals to keep the club in a viable financial position

Thanks for rejoining!



Thornton Steward Sailing Club



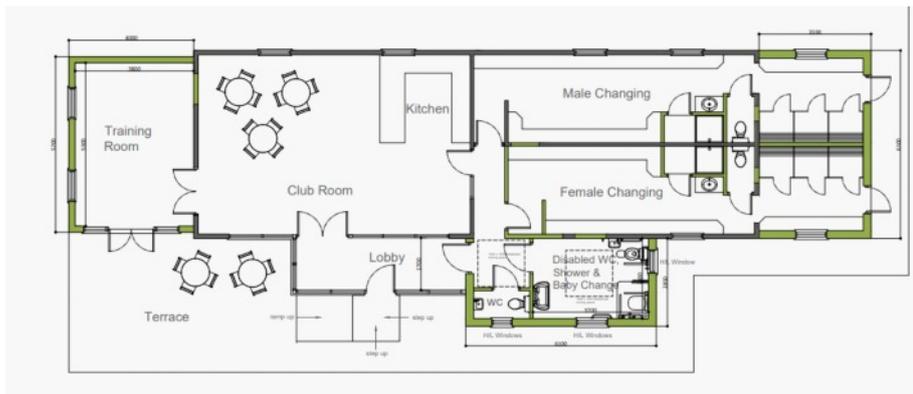
What will 2021 bring? A project update

The architects, Craggs, have generated a set of drawings that we are now comfortable to have them work up into a submission for Planning Consent. We hope to get Planning for the whole package, and once that is confirmed we will get a detailed costing from a Quantity Surveyor and then only build those elements that the Club can afford.



The element of the design are:-

1. A side extension with a new Entrance Lobby, Disabled Changing Facilities, and a Toilet accessible outside the Changing rooms.
2. Extension of the main building to create 'Changing Villages' for Male and for Female changing, with their own firedoors.
3. Extension of the existing M & F changing areas into the original Entrance Lobby.
4. Rebuild the existing M & F showers to give privacy and changing space. The Disabled toilet and shower/wet room both have privacy changing.
5. Extend the main building at the east end to add a Training Room.
6. Make the main entrance to the Clubhouse through the existing French Doors, via an external porch



The Bosun's chair



New safety boat is put through its paces



News from our Bosuns

The new Suzuki outboard engine has almost finished its running in period and as such will receive its first service shortly, after 20 hours running, then due again after 100 hours running.

There is a new trolley for the 10hp outboard, similar to the one for the Suzuki. You will notice it is much more user friendly and manoeuvrable, but if you find it difficult to move, check that the brake has not been applied, located by the left hand wheel. We would appreciate running the outboard engines dry of fuel before putting them away; and is the recommended best practice from the engineer who services the engines.

Currently we are in the process of procuring another yellow tub for the safety stores for the new blue safety boat, in the meantime if you are one of the approved users of the new craft..... please use one of safety equipment tubs from the other boats.

It has been decided that in order to use the blue boat, users must have completed a PB2 course or the TSSC course and a familiarisation session on the new blue boat, it is very different to helming the other safety boats at the Club.

Recently we have taken the wheels off the Oppi and Topper trollies, where they haven't been used or moved for some time several of the tyres have ruptured, so to prevent unnecessary further expense we have removed them for winter. We have also turned them over and put all the kit and covers away. It appears that the Fusions are being used more regularly so we have left them ready to sail as before. We have left the Wanderers as they were from last winter's closing.

“ You may have noticed we created a few more berths this summer, we do need to do a bit of work on some of the tie down points as the wet weather has caused some to become loose in the soil.

There is a programme of further renovations in the Robinson building planned for this winter. The work so far has made things easier for all users in Robinson, and further work will make it even better! ”

- Syd & Bob



CGSC news

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Every one persevered, and all are now fully aware of survival sailing !!

- John Knopp



Junior training 2020

CGSC ran 3 x 2 day junior sessions towards the end of the school holidays for juniors with some sailing experience.

We were hesitant about taking on complete beginners as it is much more difficult to maintain social distance with them.

In the end it was just as well as the winds on all 3 sessions were boisterous to say the least and we doubt that beginners would have coped.

The winds, initially daunting to some of the experienced Juniors who had not sailed for a couple of years, were a challenge but they coped well and those 8 are now ready to take on 2021.... whatever it may bring!

On the side lines we also gave 2 of the mothers a chance to go sailing, an eye opener to one and a definite spur to the other to follow up sailing in 2021.

Improver sessions. The success of Junior sailing sparked members interest, so we ran three Saturday improver sessions in late September and early October. Again the winds were lively but everyone persevered and all now fully aware of survival sailing!

Who knows what 2021 will bring all the time COVID-19 is with us. CGSC will hope to run it's Junior Course in the summer holidays, we would like to run mid week sailing courses for the ladies and, units from the Garrison will also want to sail.

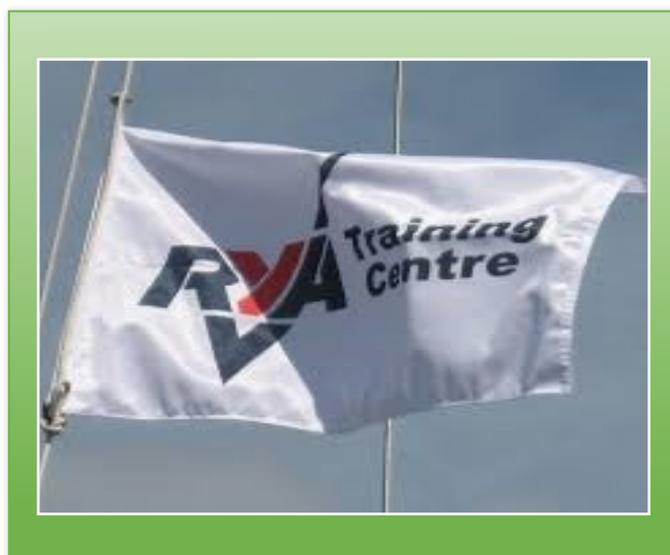
It is hoped we can bring a Service RYA Coach to TSSC run both a CPD weekend for Instructors and even more hopefully to run an Dinghy Instructor course.

What we have learnt is that using the club facilities during COVID-19 can be done, but numbers will have to remain limited and all participants must remember the guidelines of Hands, Face and Space.

John Knopp
Chief instructor CGSC



CGSC



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And in other news.....



Donations still being taken!

Bart's Bash Donations:

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BART'S BASH RETURNS FOR
2020

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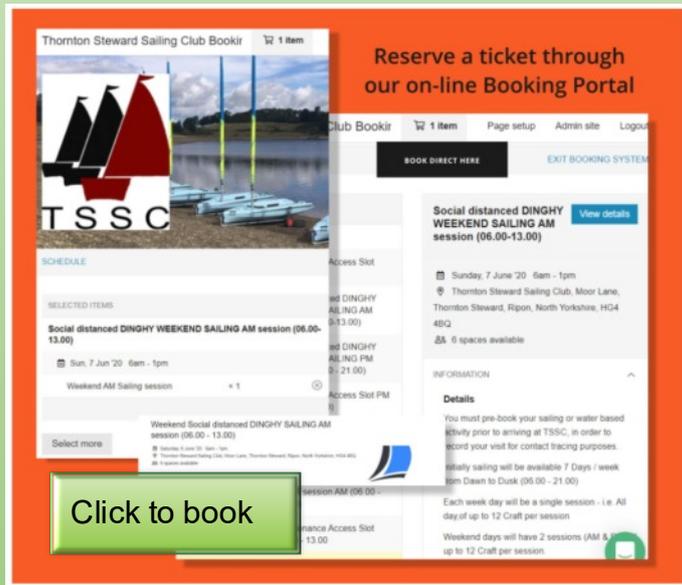
As part of our 4th October RaceDay.....

We celebrated BART'S BASH. If you would like to make a: **£5, £10, £15** donation to this worthwhile charity, you can pay through our membership portal "Store Purchase" option using PayPal, Credit/Debit card.....Click above to donate.

All proceeds will go to:

The Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation,

further information about this charity is available here:



The TSSC Booking system will continue to operate, providing records of members visits to the club during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sailing slots will be reduced to 2 slots per day AM and PM, - Sunset sailing slots will be removed due to lack of light.

Other water users and maintenance slots will be combined within a single ticket for each day, so please use this ticket option for Paddleboarding, Canoeing, Model Boating as well as access to the boat park for maintenance purposes.

Sailing slots and club boat loan bookings will be available until Monday 30th November, when water activities will again be reviewed.

The Yorkshire Water "Fisherman's Toilets" have now closed permanently and are no longer available to use. The committee are now considering limited access to the clubhouse facilities during the winter on a strict COVID secure basis.

Look out for a separate communication about winter sailing soon!

Whilst cold weather sailing is at the members own discretion, they should always assess the conditions thoroughly before venturing onto the water and remain within their own capabilities.

It is recommended that you should not undertake water based activities without adequate cold weather protection - a wet suit should be the minimum requirement against hyperthermia.



There are a few TSSC Logo Sailing Caps, Hoodies and Sweatshirts in stock and available for purchase from the club store page on our membermojo system.

TSSC Logo Caps £9.95,
TSSC Logo Hoodies £15.95
TSSC Logo Sweatshirts £12.95

Early Christmas gift?

Purchase from
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