

# SAILTIME

## March 2022

It's all kicking off!

### FROM THE COMMODORE

Welcome to 2022 everybody. While blue water, with warm sunny days with a balmy breeze might seem a distant dream in the grey days of March, be patient they will come, fingers crossed. We're planning on it !

For two years the spectre of Covid has been a heavy constraint on TSSC activities. The omens are good that we will not be so constrained this year and the Sail Planning Group has put together a full programme of training and sailing activities. It is described in detail in this edition. Indeed, the training programme is substantially larger than normal in order to refresh the instructors; extend the safety boat training for the new membership and refresh the skills of more experienced crews; reintroduce the basic and intermediate sailing training, and add to the curriculum a more structured approach to improving the racing. Please do take advantage of what is on offer, and let us know if you feel we are missing something that is needed.

For obvious reasons the Infrastructure Project has been delayed. As it will be a while before we can properly provide better facilities for privacy in the changing rooms a temporary solution has been set up with privacy curtains. Whilst not ideal it should give members of all ages more confidence when changing.

While the storms have caused a degree of chaos in the Boat Park, the Bosuns have worked hard to restore order. When you are bringing your boat to the reservoir please do try and put it in the berth that you have been allocated. All berths are tagged, though you may have to dig in the mud a bit to find the tag by the bow tie-down point. If you can't use the allocated berth, then please notify



Trevor Birkbeck or Mike Smith where you have put your boat so that we can keep the records up to date and know who to contact if there is an issue.

As usual there will need to be some work done to the Clubhouse to ready it for the season. Here is advance notice that we will need help to do some painting, cleaning, and tidying before the season kicks in. There will also be an Open Day early in the season on 02 MAY 22 and volunteers to help with preparation and on the day will be very welcome.

The new season is on its way. There will be sun and blue skies, really ! I look forward to seeing you down at the Club as the year progresses and wish you all an enjoyable time on the water in 2022.

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Our Annual General Meeting was held virtually again for a second year and was attended by more than 30 members. Previous minutes were read and approved, as were the reports submitted by our Commodore Phil Gamlen and Treasurer Rob Wyatt, who re-

ported a healthy state of the club finances.

2 nominations for committee posts were duly approved and elected to the hard-working party that looks after our club and we welcome Phillip Cos-

son and Graham Whittall to the team.

Annabelle, our sailing secretary announced trophy awards and racing prizes for the 2021 season, these are reported later in this SailTime issue.

All documents relating to the AGM can be found within the restricted members only section of the website and include accounts for 2021, AGM minutes, election and nominations for officers and committee members.

### Members only restricted area

As a full member, you can access important information about the running of the club, including policy documents and committee meeting minutes. To enter the restricted area, you will need a login and password. Not registered yet? To receive your log in credentials, request an account [here](#).

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## ARWEN • DUDLEY • EUNICE • FRANKLIN

Now well known [storm names](#), with many of us feeling their effects on our properties recently!

The UK seems to have been battered with high winds and storms continually since the beginning of the year.....As a result, our Bosuns and various members have reported damage to boat covers and craft berthed in the boat park. Whilst e-mail communications are sent out to alert members to check their craft and attend to any issues, frustratingly a few members haven't visited the park to re-secure their boat or to check that their craft hasn't caused any damage to neighbouring berths.

Please remember that any craft berthed or sailed at the club must be fully insured....Including, Paddleboards, Canoes and Kayaks. Boat insurance must also have a minimum of £5M public liability cover. Records of boat insurance policies should be registered on the individual's membership records and maintained with current provider name, policy number/s, expiry date/s. Following storms, there have been several insurance claims made already this year.

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### Event Calendar is now published

The 2022 Sailing season will soon be upon us.

We have a full calendar of events planned for the year, ranging from Safety boat familiarisation days to 4-day Junior and Adult Sailing Courses and a welcome OPEN DAY scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2022.

Our event calendar starts with 2 Safety boat days beginning 5<sup>th</sup> March, designed to introduce members to the workings of our safety boat, equipment and basic recovery techniques.

If you haven't previously crewed a safety boat, this is an ideal taster session before progressing towards "PB2" - the RYA' Powerboat Level 2 qualifications that we hope all members will aspire to.

The club is committed to operating our safety boat facilities under the RYA recommendations that all handlers should become PB2 Qualified users.

### New events published

### Safety Boat Training & Sailing Courses Scheduled

All courses and club boat hires have now been published and can be booked through our on-line booking system.

Visit the booking page of our [website](#) and link to the schedule page:

Choose an event to book and follow the booking instructions, you don't need to log in, but

you'll need an email address to receive a confirmation of your booking.

Courses available are subject to limited numbers, some courses are free, others require a payment, full details of tickets available and a description is marked against each event.

Navigate around the schedule by using the new filter buttons to find any event you would like to book

Events begin from 5th March.

Use the schedule to book and pay for:

Club Dinghy Hires, SUP Hires, Safety Boat Training Sessions, Adult Sailing Courses, Junior Sailing Sessions, Volunteering and Special Events.

TSSC allows full members to Sail, Windsurf, Paddleboard, Canoe and Kayak on the water, but you must be a full member of either TSSC or CGSC

Use the coloured filter buttons below to find specific courses or events.

Craft Hire Dates

SB Courses

Adult Courses

Youth Courses

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### Sailing Courses for 2022

We run various approved RYA certificated courses, primarily to teach new members how to sail and then to develop skills and confidence.

The key RYA courses which we run for adults and older teenagers are the National Sailing Scheme:

**Level 1** Start Sailing - An introduction to sailing dinghies for complete beginners, covering everything you need to know to get afloat under supervision.

**Level 2** Basic Skills - Build your confidence and develop your skills. By the end of this course, you'll be a competent sailor in light winds.

Each level usually takes 2 days to complete and is run over 1 or multiple weekends.

Beginners are strongly recommended to complete both courses in a season to equip themselves with the core skills you'll need to start boating independently.

**Level 1 and 2** courses are usually taught in larger dinghies (Wanderers) with a ratio of 1 instructor to 2 trainees, with trainees taking turns to helm or crew in the boat and the instructor either stays with you in the boat or provides close supervision from a powerboat or the shore.

Depending on numbers, these courses may alternatively be taught in single-handed dinghies (Fusions) which you will sail on your own under close supervision in a group of up to 6 per instructor.

#### Junior & Youth Training

We offer courses from the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme for younger members (8-16 years):

**Stage 1** Start Sailing (beginner) - An introduction to the parts of the boat and the basic principles of how to get a boat sailing.

**Stage 2** Start Sailing (beginner, intermediate) - Develop the skills needed to sail around a course and understand the basic principles needed to become a confident sailor.

**Stage 3** Start Sailing (beginner, intermediate) - Build your confidence and develop the skills needed to sail in different directions in moderate conditions.

**Stage 4** Start Sailing (beginner, intermediate, advanced) - Learn how to sail a double-handed boat as crew or helm and solve a variety of problems afloat



### Powerboat Courses for 2022

Power boats are used by TSSC and CGSC to provide Safety cover at scheduled times and to support training activities.

All adult members are required to carry out at least 2 Safety boat duties per year as a condition of membership. Our team of Power Boat Instructors are focussed on upskilling members to become competent power boat helms so they can carry out Safety boat duties effectively and safely.

Key to this is the RYA Power Boat **Level 2** course, which can be completed in 1 or 2 days. Instructors also provide 'Safety Boat familiarisation' days to introduce members to basic handling of TSSC's Rigidflex powerboats and provide a pre-cursor to completing the Powerboat **Level 2** course.

All adult members are required to complete the Safety Boat Familiarisation course and it is an ambition to then progress to full PB2 Status.

RYA Powerboat **Level 2** course provides the skills and background knowledge needed by the competent powerboat driver and is the basis of the International Certificate of Competence.

PB2 aims to teach boat handling and seamanship in powerboats, focussing on on low-speed close quarters handling, man overboard recovery, an introduction to driving at planing speed, and collision regulations.

The certificate issued will be endorsed to show the type of boat in which the training took place.

Did you know an RYA PB2 qualification allows the holder to use anywhere in the UK or overseas to hire and handle a powerboat.

This is a universally recognised power boat certificate. Our PB2 course on 28/29<sup>th</sup> May is your chance to gain this useful qualification.

Book now [here](#) as numbers will be limited.

# Awards • Trophies • Cups for 2021

Plaque	Regatta Sailing - Overall
1st	Nick Hatch
2nd	Dave Sedgwick
3rd	Jacob Hyde
	Regatta sailing by month
April	Not sailed
May	Not sailed
June	Nick Hatch
July	Not sailed
August	Mark Meadows
September	Dave Sedgwick
October	Trevor Bradley

	Crookston
	Early Sunset Handicap
1st	Trevor Bradley
2nd	Paul Bernard
3rd	Mark Meadows

	Summer Handicap Cup
	Late Sunset Handicap
1st	Eddie Fearnside
2nd	Dave Oldacres
3rd	Mike Smith

	Sunset Handicap Plaque
	Overall Sunset Handicap
1st	Trevor Bradley
2nd	Eddie Fearnside

	Veteran's Cup
	Most successful aged >55yrs
	Trevor Bradley

	Endeavour Cup
	Best newcomer to racing*
	Mike Smith

	Tortoise
	Points x races entered
1st	Mike Smith (550)
2nd	Nick Hatch (270)
3rd	Phil Gamlen (266)

	Torpedo Trophy / Fishes
	Most memorable/spectacular event
	Phil Cosson
	(for most SPECTacuar capsizes in which he smashed and lost his glasses, almost grounded rounding No.2 and couldn't see)

	Morgan Cup
	Regatta Sailing Enthusiast (most races sailed with no wins)
	Jacob Hyde

	Brian Hall Trophy
	Youth/junior
	Jacob Hyde

	Fusion Club Championship
1st	Phil Gamlen (only entrant!)

	Ladies Rose Bowl
	Most successful lady
	Annabelle LePage (only 2 ladies sailed 2 races...)
Kay Cup	Lesley Zimmerman (for taking on the tuck shop and keeping a photo diary record of the path development)

	Sir Timothy Kitson
	Services to the Club
	John Knopp (for being the go-to person to get things done on the ground (with the Bosuns), the SOP revisions and training activities in 2021/22)



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The Bosuns, would like to thank all the Helm's from last season for completing the Day Book held in Robinson, this meant that the outboards were serviced appropriately for the amount of running hours, which helps keep the costs down; Both Honda outboards have been serviced and the Suzuki checked-out ready for the new season. Completing the Day Book also helps us to keep on top of any repairs needed.

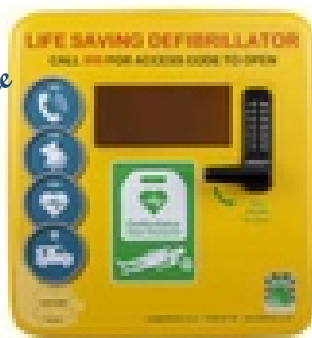
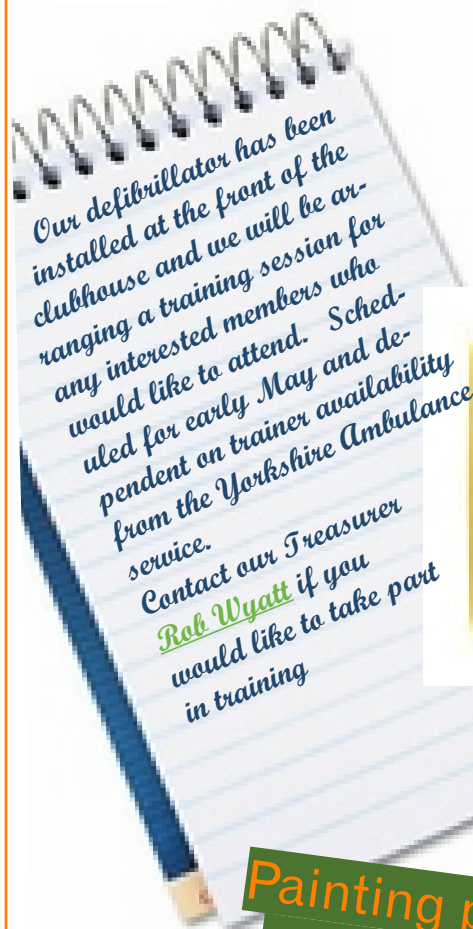
During the winter we added extra tie downs to many of the boats and used Club ropes to help keep your boats on their berths. As the good weather returns please give us back the extra ropes! A number of boats sustained damage in the storms, we tried to notify all concerned, we put boats back on their trailers so if your boat does not look the way you remember leaving it, it may be prudent to give it a good check over; we also secured a lot of boat covers that had come undone.

There are a number of boat trailers that have flat tyres. May we also ask all those members who have their boats and launch trailer still on road trailers to take them off the road trailer and store the road trailer in the parking area behind Robinson please as the road trailers are longer than the boat berth which means neighbouring boats have difficulty in getting their boats off the berth to sail.

**DON'T FORGET TO MARK YOUR NAME ON ANY TRAILERS TOO.**

We need to replace a number of tie down points, as the wet weather and strong winds combined to pull some out of the ground, so we will be doing this in the weeks to come. If you haven't checked your boat recently it may be a good idea to come up and check it over before the sailing season starts.

**Happy Sailing - Bob & Syd The Bosuns.**



**Painting parties and help to move clubhouse furniture will soon be needed, look out for date.**

**STOP PRESS • THE MAIN GATE PADLOCK IS BACK IN PLACE • STOP PRESS •**

The padlock securing the main gate has been repaired and replaced. The temporary combination lock will be removed in due course. If you don't already have a key this can be requested through the membership shop page [here](#) (deposit £7.50). The master key also opens the clubhouse main door.