

SAILTIME No 2

Dec 2019



End of year and pre-AGM edition

As we draw closer to the end of the year.....Thoughts of summer sailing now seems far away, but preparations for next year's sailing season are well under way and our Sailing Secretary and the committee team have been working to plan a full season of events to whet (not WET) your appetite again in 2020.

We surveyed you and asked what events you're looking for as a club member and Annabelle, our sailing Secretary reports back on some interesting ideas, see her report on page 5.

Treasurer Rob Wyatt, Phil Gamlen and Membership Secretary Mike Smith have

been transferring membership to our new portal membermojo and many members have already rejoined for 2020 on the new system.

Mike reports progress on the membership news on page 4.

Before we get ahead of ourselves, there is the matter of the AGM to be considered, officially rounding off the year.

A chance to meet up in the depths of the winter, boast over past sailing glories, meet up with fellow members and enjoy a social event and supper to boot!

Mark your diary now.

AGM

26th Feb 2020

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Can you help out?.....
Or know somebody who could?
Nominate a committee candidate [here](#)





Chairman's Message

By Phil Gamlen

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Surprisingly enough it didn't actually rain on the Club Work Day 09 NOV 19. Thanks to everybody who turned up to help put the Club boats to bed for the winter, and to tidy up around the buildings and the boat park. Bob and Syd, the Bosuns, planned and led the event, but I doubt they had envisaged the pick-axes and wheelbarrows that would be needed to clear the accesses in the Boat Park! On the topic of volunteering the Club is delighted that Tim Wilson has been honoured with one of the four National Volunteer Awards from the RYA (see page 7). Through storm and calm, through rain and sunshine, Tim's hard work and good humour has truly inspired several generations of sailors, and left a real legacy at the TSSC. Thanks Tim, from all of us.

No membership-
No vote!
Join before 31/12

As has been well advertised the Club AGM is coming up on 26 FEB 20, so please come along to the Old Black Swan in Bedale to tell the tales of the 2019 season, and to sort out the plans for 2020. Remember that voting at the AGM is restricted to the Membership; so no fees paid, no vote!

One of the key ambitions for 2020 is the start of the refurbishment aka infrastructure project. For this, through our partnership with CGSC, the Club is indebted to the Army in so many respects. The Committee anticipates that the first phase, a new pathway from the Clubhouse to the Boat Park, should be finalised in the coming months for the start of building when the ground is drier in the Spring. If this drear time of the UK sailing season is depressing you then why not have a look at the weekly

World on Water Sailing programmes on YouTube? Lots of sunny Southern Hemisphere action in boats from Oppies to Americas Cup by way of Sail GP, Transat Jacques Vabre, Lasers, and all sorts. To see the America's Cup monohull boats tacking while fully foiling is remarkable. It is a tangible sign that our sport never stays still; there is always new technology and a new generation of young sailors coming along. Let's aim to make sure the TSSC will be a real part of that future.



AGM



Calendar date for your diary

** AGM **

Weds 26th Feb - 7.30pm
Old Black Swan-Bedale

Here is a heads up that our ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING is on Wednesday 26 February 2020 at 7:30pm in the first floor function room of the Old Black Swan in the middle of Bedale High Street.

After the formal business has been completed a buffet will be provided. Liquid refreshments are available from the ground floor bar. Your Secretary has been hard at work investigating the options (purely for the benefit of you members, of course!) and can recommend all of the draft ales,

particularly the Theakston's Best Bitter!

In accordance with the Club's Rules, "6.1 Any members wishing to insert business into the AGM agenda must give the Secretary notice at least 6 weeks before the date of the AGM", therefore please send details to Nick Hatch by 14 January 2020.

The agenda and any associated papers for the AGM will be emailed to members to arrive at least 30 days prior to the AGM i.e. by 27 January 2020.

I look forward to see as many of you there as possible, for what is always a good social evening.

Nick Hatch
Secretary

Meet some of the nominees for committee in 2020



Rob Wyatt



Phil Gamlen



Annabelle Le Page



Mike Smith



Nick Hatch



Jonathan Stephenson



David Oldacres



John Knopp
ex officio CGSC



Eddie Fearnside

All AGM Submissions should be sent to:
secretary@thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk

Can you help us?
Or know somebody who can?
Make a nomination for a committee position
[here](#)



Old Black Swan, Market Place, Bedale - 7.30pm AGM • 8.00pm Buffet

Membership News



Don't leave it until the AGM to renew!

Membership renewal for 2020 has successfully moved onto our on-line portal, allowing all members to renew their membership and to update their contact details.

Everybody needs to complete the on-line renewal form, this is a quick and easy process. No password is required, use your e mail address as your user log in details.

With the introduction of PayPal payment options, all members now have a variety of ways to pay membership renewal fees. Use **PayPal** with your own PayPal account, or Pay with a **Credit** or **Debit Card** on the payment page.

BACS payment details are also acceptable; Details are displayed on the membership renewal checkout form.

Cheques can be sent to membership secretary on address provided.

If you haven't yet renewed and intend paying for your membership at the AGM.....

Please ensure you have completed the renewal form on-line, prior to bringing a cheque to the AGM! We can also take a card payment at the AGM! So no excuses! (Online applications ensures we comply with GDPR requirements and all records are stored in the membership system correctly).

Mike Smith



- Payment Options
- On-line renewal ✓
- PayPal ✓
- Credit Card ✓
- Debit Card ✓
- BACS/CHQ ✓



<https://membermojo.co.uk/tssc>



Time is ticking away!....Renew before 31st Dec 2019 to take advantage of your early renewal discount of £10.00 Log in to your personal member page at:

<https://membermojo.co.uk/tssc>

Sailing Sec part I



“Another significant change is a new ‘Kickstart’ racing series”

Baby its cold outside – or so the song goes - and I suspect most of us have put our sailing kit right at the back of the cupboard by now. But at the front of my mind has been next year’s sailing programme and I’m pleased to say the working draft can be viewed on the website [Event Calendar 2020 here](#), this is still subject to change, but gives you a flavour of the activities which will be on offer next year (as you ponder your renewal – another reminder to renew if you’ve not already done so online!)

Popular activities have been carried over so you’ll see a familiar structure: monthly Regatta and Race Sundays; Wednesday evening racing; Junior Club on most weekends throughout the season; Carmel college on Saturdays in term time; RYA sail training courses; and Pizza club every other Friday.....but we’re also planning some exciting new elements to TSSC’s 2020 programme!



First to note is an earlier start than in previous years. We’ll be Leaping into action opening the club up on 29 February. This is to create space in the programme to schedule some power boat training in March. With every adult full member required to do Safety Boat duties, ensuring people have the skills and confidence to helm a powerboat competently is seen as a priority. It was also a common theme in the responses to the online survey on training – people didn’t think there was enough.

So we’re scheduling in a range of opportunities both early in the spring and towards the end of the season for people to do refresher training, or the RYA Powerboat Level 2 course (both the full 2 day course for beginners and shorter Direct Assessments for those with existing experience) and RYA Safety Boat.

I’ve also used the earlier start to pop in an extra Regatta and Race Sunday in March since quite a few respondents to the Racing survey were interested in extending the season, especially in spring – so I expect to see you grabbing that sailing kit back out from the cupboard a bit earlier next year!

Regatta Racing and Race Sundays will consistently be on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month respectively so you don’t need to look at a calendar to know when they are on. The exception is September due to the charity race ‘Bart’s Bash’ being fixed worldwide to 12/13th September.



Another significant change is a new ‘Kickstart’ racing series which will be part of the Regatta racing scene. This will mimic a very successful format adopted at Ripon SC to encourage new people into racing in a way which will hopefully break down barriers, prove it’s not scary and provide a brilliant way to keep developing your skills. The proposal received across the board support from respondents to the online survey and is a really exciting opportunity for newer sailors to move into.

The existing racers at TSSC are a friendly, welcoming bunch and the aim will be to create a really supportive environment for newbies. There’ll be no Junior Club on Regatta Days; Kickstart will instead offer more experienced juniors and adults the opportunity to come together with experienced racers for some friendly coaching and practice before taking part in short races before lunch. The Kickstart races will be part of a series in their own right for newcomers to racing (NB Paul Bernard – this is not one you can win!) but will also count towards the day’s Regatta racing. So Kickstarters are encouraged to stay on for the afternoon races to complete the Regatta and experienced racers join in the morning Kickstart – a win-win?

Social events such as BBQs and Friday Pizza club seem to have gone down well in 2019 and a number of people have responded to say they would be keen to see more. We’ll definitely keep



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Sailing Sec part 2



A big thank you to all who took part in the recent on-line sailing survey.



RYA Affiliated Club Conference
30th Nov, Trinity University, Leeds



These conferences are an opportunity for RYA Affiliated Clubs to learn more about the RYA services that are available

and how these services can benefit a club and members.

James Proctor and Annabelle LePage attended this year's conference which was about 'Putting people first'.

That means understanding what members, volunteers and new sailors need, and putting that at the forefront of decision making. Whether a club wants to grow its membership, increase its volunteer base, develop instructors and race coaches or simply get better at retaining members of all ages, interests and abilities, the aim was to provide delegates with the ideas and information needed to make it happen.

Around 20 clubs across the region came to the event and James and Annabelle were proud to represent TSSC. It was a great opportunity to learn from others and get tips on how to make operation of the club easier. They learnt about the club census and how the club has changed over the last 4 years and how the demographics have changed.

There were some particularly useful and thought-provoking workshops and both came away with lots of ideas to bring back around how best to cater for family members, non-racers, retain memberships and run effective safety boats. It was encouraging that many of the ideas and suggestions on offer were things that are already in train or being considered by the Committee (e.g. more powerboat training in the 2020 calendar).

It was also clear that we are not alone with many of the difficulties we face and there are opportunities to learn from each other and join up more in areas such as training for example.

James Proctor
(Chief Powerboat Instructor)

Annabelle LePage
Acting Sailing Secretary

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these in for 2020. We have expanded the Commodore's Trophy day into a whole weekend when members can also camp on site. It would be great to fill this with a mixture of fun activities for all ages – raft building? Slalom SUP races? Relay races? Treasure hunt? Quiz? Bring and share food? If there are any budding party planners out there this is your moment, please get in touch!

And finally, due to the popularity of Junior Club and in response to feedback it's likely JC will be split into separate morning and afternoon sessions for beginners and improvers so the sessions can be run more efficiently with children of similar abilities.

That's an overview of what to look forward to next year. The calendar will be finalised before the AGM, together with session timings as these are still being reviewed. It will then be time to draw up the duty roster for Safety Boat crews and also (new for 2020) a Race Officer for racing days. We're currently looking into using an online system called 'DutyMan' to help make this easier to manage and also give you the opportunity to select duty dates yourselves which should reduce the need for swaps.

I'd like to end with a very big thank you to everyone who took part in the online surveys for training and racing. The response was really positive and provided some incredibly useful insights which have been fed back to the Committee and Training Team. Hopefully you can see from the above we're taking many aspects on board already, together with feedback direct to instructors etc. There's still more to work on and reviewing what we do is an on-going process, so do please keep feeding back to Committee members and instructors.

Annabelle LePage
Acting Sailing Secretary



CONGRATULATIONS TIM!



Honour for Thornton Steward Sailing Club volunteer

News release 11th November 2019

A member of Thornton Steward Sailing Club near Bedale in North Yorkshire is to receive one of the Royal Yachting Association's most prestigious awards in recognition of his dedication to the sport. Tim Wilson, a retired banker from Darlington, was nominated for an RYA Volunteer Award for Outstanding Contribution by the club, which said he had played a pivotal role in encouraging others to participate in sailing.

He has been a committee member and Commodore and as an Assistant Instructor, supports junior sailors and pupils from two schools who sail regularly at the club through its RYA On-Board programme to inspire the next generation.

The RYA is boating's national governing body and the Volunteer Awards are considered the 'MBEs' of the sport, honouring people throughout the UK for their outstanding passion and contribution to the sport.

In its nomination the club said: "Providing invaluable support and enabling many more children to take part, he takes great joy in seeing a bunch of youngsters enjoying themselves on the water. Tim leads by doing and example rather than just talking about it. He is always there when it comes to working days, open days and regattas, and also for special projects. Unfailingly welcoming and encouraging, never too busy to be friendly and always ready to help, Tim is one of the people

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who have changed Thornton Steward SC from being just a lake with boats into a club.”

Tim, aged 77, learnt to sail in 2001 and joined the club about 14 years ago. He said: "I just thoroughly enjoy sailing and I can't understand why everybody doesn't do it! I can't say that I really started volunteering, I just did things that I thought were a good idea, and when I see the children having fun and becoming more confident with their sailing, that makes it all worthwhile. I've got so much out of it myself, just seeing the children make progress and knowing I had something to do with getting them on the water, I'd recommend volunteering to anyone!"

RYA Chief Executive Sarah Treseder said those honoured in this year's awards were inspiring generations and creating a lasting legacy for the sport, adding: "The generosity and dedication of this year's RYA Volunteer Award winners is simply astounding."



SAFEGUARDING



By Jonathan Stephenson

Over recent seasons the club has successfully increased the number of young people accessing sailing through our training, clubs and open days.

To demonstrate our commitment in keeping all members safe, the committee and I have expanded on the safeguards already in place. The key factor is increasing awareness and understanding of safeguarding and what this means to you.

As members we need to fully understand that 'Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility'. It's important we have the confidence to raise a concern and know whom to speak with. As the Safeguarding Officer, I'm the main

contact for the club and the lead on all concerns.

In 2020 we will be introducing an updated Safeguarding Policy and implementing the following new ones;

- Good Practice when working with Children,
- Anti Bullying,
- Code of Conduct and....
- Whistle-blowing.



If you have any questions or would like more information, please get in touch.

“Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility”



From the Bosun's chair

By Syd & Bob



Colleagues, today both Honda engines were serviced by Steven from NESW Marine.

I saw what he did and can confirm he is very thorough. Due to lack of personnel, the low level of the water, failing daylight and the fact it was pouring down with rain, the engines were not run on the boats on the water. However, both sounded very sweet in the test-tank, the 20hp in particular.

It appears that the carburettor mixture adjustment screw on the 20hp was the problem, it was very dirty and not allowing the correct amount of air to mix with the fuel hence the need to run on choke when idling.

Steven cleaned and reset it, he also spent a long time adjusting the idling speed and fuel mix, it almost purrs now. If we still experience problems with idle speed and running next season Steven will return and set it up on



the water without extra cost as part of this service.

I asked about recording running hours and Steven confirmed that is best practice as the engines can then be serviced at the correct intervals.

Today was a full service, now we have a starting point the next service will not to be quite as in depth;

Next season we will be implementing an operational log for all activity, I believe this is the most appropriate place to record the engine's running hours.

I also sought advice from Steven re our engine trolleys.

Reference the 10hp red trolley:- best practice would be to have the angle of the engine mounting bar changed so that the engine sits upright (at the same angle as on the transom of the boat) on the trolley.

“Our Engines have now been serviced.”

We hope to achieve this at no or low cost, whilst regarding the 20hp... Relocating of the axle to a slightly higher position to allow for larger wheels to be fitted without altering the centre of balance adversely was deemed a reasonable option, Now that our ideas are confirmed as practical, it is our aspiration to achieve this before the new season.

A decision not to use the Mercury Engine was confirmed... Any ideas for disposing of this item?

Answers on a postcard please!



Today, both engines were run dry of fuel for storage over winter.