

## Thornton Steward Sailing Club Commodore's Round-up

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....Phil







#### FROM THE COMMODORE JUNE 2023

The preparation is over, we have sunshine, water in the reservoir, and even some steady winds ..... the season is underway! Images in this SailTime, and in the website gallery, show folk out enjoying the water. Dinghies, SUPs and the model boats have revelled in the conditions over the last weeks. Long may it last!

The attendance of a Safety Boat is valued by everyone and particularly those new to water-sports. Please help everybody going on the water by booking your duties in the SB for the year. SB Crew don't need any special training but I encourage everybody to arrange a SB Familiarisation course if you haven't already, so that TSSC can increase the pool of trained Helms.

The Dinghy racing is emerging from the vagaries of the earlier season's weather and there is information on the programme and the early leaders and hopefuls elsewhere in this SailTime. It's a pleasure to see Paul Bernard back on the water after an extended absence, even if it will move me one position down the finishing order!

What used to be known as the 'Fisherman's toilets' have now formally been transferred from Yorkshire Water to TSSC responsibility. They've been opened up and surveyed, and Graham Whittall is developing ideas for renovation to turn them

into additional changing and toilet facilities for the Club. It will give additional privacy, and welcome flexibility around changing for families, and for members when there is a Schools course on. If anybody could give a hand making this happen, then please drop Graham an email. FYI contact details for members are available on the <u>contact us page</u> of the TSSC Website.

It had been hoped we might be able to use these facilities to store SUPs, Canoes, and Windsurfers securely. In fact, they are just not big enough.

If we are to address the question, we need to know the scale of the problem e.g. when specifying the size of a secure cage. If you might be a user for such a facility at the Club, please drop me a line with what kind of craft and roughly the dimensions.

I'm really enjoying being back on the water, well, at least after a day's rest and a lot of Voltarol (other muscle and joint relievers are available). It is good to be sharing that pleasure alongside familiar and new faces.

Come on down, and enjoy!

Phil





## Racing.....

## It's the taking part that counts!





Our Sailing Secretary -Trevor Bradley has collated the racing results up to the weekend of 10th/11th June and whilst some race series haven't yet finished, the results to date are shown on this page.

In a series where a Discard can be applied the discard will be applied at the end of the series

Our new format Pursuit race began on 4th June and proving to be interesting!

Results for the first pursuit as follows:

Our latest format "The Pursuit Race" proving to be interesting!		
Name	Class	Position
Andy Woods	Q'ba Sport	1
Ruth Pink	Fusion	2
Dave Sedgwick	Comet	3
Jonathan Davey	Laser	4
Jo	Fusion	5
Hannah	Fusion	6

Racing continues every Wednesday evening and Sundays during the summer and Autumn with a rest during school holidays.

See events calendar for a schedule of racing. Come along and take part....We're a friendly bunch that doesn't take it all too seriously (apparently!)

Those interested in covering Race Officer duties are always welcome to come along and learn the ropes.

Trevor Bradley

Early Sunset series, after 7 Weds evening races the result are as below, however, at the end of the series, the poorest race result will be discarded

Name	Class	Position
<b>Trevor Bradley</b>	2000	1
<b>Phil Davies</b>	SuperNova	2
Ed Fernside	Laser	3
Mike Smith	Laser	4
Mark Meadows	SuperNova	5
Jacob Hyde	Laser	6
Dave Oldacres	Laser	7
Paul Bernard	Laser	8
James Proctor	Laser	9
Andy Woods	Q'Ba Sport	10
Bob Scorer	Laser	11
Phil Cossons		12

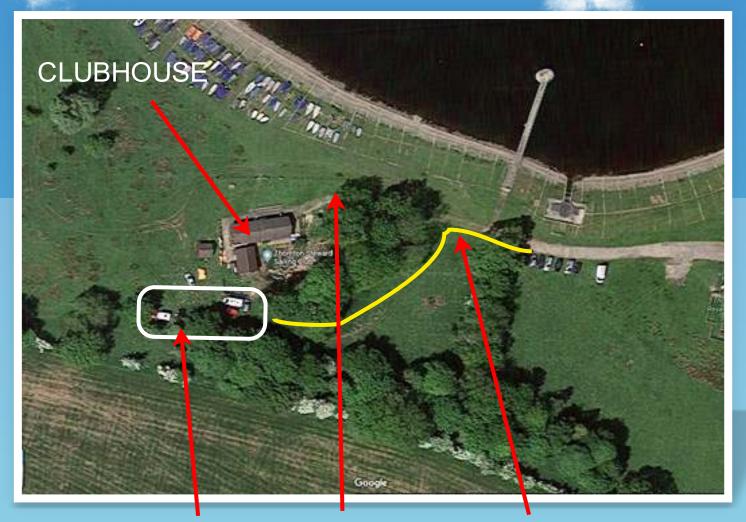
Sunday AM series 6 more races to finish series, when a discard will be applied

Name	Class	Position
Jonathan Davey	Laser	1
Phil Gamlen	Fusion	2
Nick Hatch	Laser	3
Trevor Bradley	2000	4
Ruth Pink	Fusion	5
Andrew Woods	Q'Ba	6
Tony Merry	Wanderer	7

Sunday Spring Series has been completed and the results are in.

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Name	Class	Position
Jonathan Davey	Laser	1
Ruth Pink	Fusion/Hartl	2
Phil Gamlen	Fusion/Byte	3
Nick Hatch	Laser	4
Phil Davies	Super Nova	5
Trevor Bradley	2000	6
<b>Andrew Woods</b>	Q'Ba	7
Tony Merry	Wanderer	8
Mark Meadows	Super Nova	9
Mike Smith	Laser	10
Dave Oldacres	Laser	11
Kay Marriott	Hartley 12.2	12

Camping on site is available from 19th August to 28th August



PITCH BBQ'S CAMPING WEEK

**ACCESS** 

Yorkshire Water grant TSSC two weeks in the year when members can camp at the Club.

The next available week is 18th to 28th AUGUST 2023.

The area where we can pitch tents/caravans, and the access route is shown in the image.

\*\* Please only use the access route marked \*\*

The public have access to the Reservoir at all times, so be mindful of their enjoyment of the peace and tranquillity of the location.

Please observe the Countryside Code

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In particular no fires or BBQs except at the Club facilities, marked on the image above.

It would be appreciated if the last user at the end of each day would lock up the Clubhouse, and the Compound gates.



#### News from the Clubhouse

### **Tuckcred** -- seems to be running mostly okay - but it does rely on people recording their purchases and also

keeping a w atch on their balance and topping up w hen needed.

Graham, our head of Tuck points out that TuckCred is not a "slate" system and an upfront payment is required!

People paying cash on the day also need to be reminded to record their purchases in the cash book please.



#### Words from the Treasurer:

"Our finances remain in a strong position as we enter peak sailing season having completed numerous improvements to the clubhouse, boat berths and purchased the new marker buoys for the reservoir.

We are entering the 21st century with our accounting packages, having upgraded to an online system, which will save time and brain ache in the long run, but has temporarily doubled the workload as historical records are reconciled!"

Ruth Pink



We now have ice creams in the freezer - Magnums, Cornettos and Ice Lollies.

Suggestions for including any other "goodies" in the tuck shop should be written on the sheet by the cash book.

Graham Whittall

#### "YW Toilet block - aka the West Wing"

This is currently being adapted to provide additional changing rooms and a toilet. New benches, bag racks, and clothes

hooks have been purchased, and will be installed in the next ten days. Cleaning and painting of the interiors this week, and finally new stable mats will be put on the floors.

There are key locks on the doors at present, so users can change in privacy; put their clothes in their bag; put their bag on the rack, and then lock the cubicle. Returning the key to the key board in the clubhouse means that other folk can use the cubicle and store their bag on the rack as well. The physical key maybe changed for a key pad as we see how things



w ork out in practice....Watch out for further news as we develop the facility.

#### From our Welfare Officer....

The Committee has approved the club's new Safeguarding and social media policies. These and other relevant documents including a Code of conduct can be accessed via the website and hard copies will be in the Clubhouse.

Please familiarise yourself with these documents as Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us, not just those directly involved with instructing or supervising children. These policies and procedures are to protect all of us, not just children and I hope that the documents provide clarity and practical guidance.

By everyone being proactive and aw are the club will be an environment which is safe and supportive for all.

Any concern must never be ignored and should be referred to me or to the RYA Safeguarding & Equalities Manager if I am not available, in accordance with the Club's Safeguarding procedures.

My details are on posters in the club house — welfare@thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk
Or call - M: 07930340649.

If you have any queries don't hesitate to ask.

Kay Marriott Welfare Officer

#### TRAILER DISPOSAL When it's gone ...it's gone!

Following our recent e mail warnings, there have been a few claimants to the unmarked trailers displayed on the gallery, leaving just a few to be disposed of.

Check the list and gallery.... If you think you own a trailer.....Please mark with your Name & Number!



## Safety First

All the Club boats are ready to sail...

Syd



All the club boats are ready to be sailed, there are 3 Lasers (two full rig and one radial), four Fusions, four Toppers and three Oppi's, not forgetting three Wanderers,

although it appears only the Fusions are being sailed by members, but don't forget the other craft are also good boats!

We would ask that, if you are considering using a Wanderer, ask yourself if you can safely sail it in the conditions of the day? It's a big boat and not easy to right if you capsize. Last summer a less experienced sailor took one out in conditions

beyond their ability and got into difficulties and the boat was damaged. If you do cause damage please record it in the day book so we can repair it.

Also Safety Boat Helms, please record the amount of time the engine was actually running in the day book, it may seem tedious but it means that the engine will get the annual service appropriate to the hours run.

To make things easier for the SB crews, a trolley to carry the fuel and safety boat accessories is located in the Robinson

building.... It makes your role easier if you leave all equipment in the trolley for the next crew rather than storing them.

Please see this photo for how to secure the engine in the Robinson with a more convenient method of locking the engine this way.

And finally....... Please remember to turn the 2-way radios off when you have finished with it.



#### Safe and Happy Sailing, Bob & Syd

Following our series of safety boat training courses, we're pleased to have added additional members to the "Accredited" list of Helm and Crews able to handle the Safety Boat and offer cover.

Further SB Fam sessions can now be arranged by contacting Syd Nye, our Bosun or via Mike Smith.

Access the rota here >>>

Safety Boat Rota

As more members are able to take a turn in manning the safety boat, we will be in a position to provide back up and rescue services on more days as a welcome safety net for the less experienced water users.







## Training news

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Al's - Assistant Instructors are the backbone of many of our sailing courses.

...James Proctor



#### Have you thought about becoming an AI?

At TSSC we don't have many Assistant Instructors or Als and they are the backbone of many of our sailing courses.

So first things first..... the name is a bit confusing; at no time will you be standing in front of a group of students teaching! An AI is realistically a Confident Sailor that can demonstrate sailing well and set a good example to students.

With any sailing course, the course is run by:

- The Senior Instructor taking overall responsibility for the safety, content, instructors and assistant instructors.
- The Dinghy Instructor set-out and teach elements of the courses and make sure students are hitting the standards required.
- Assistant instructors help and provide the Dinghy instructor with a spare pair of hands and eyes!

Al training takes 2/3 days, and can be fairly casual, perhaps over a couple of Wednesday afternoons, with most of the training based on the water.

We would look to cover with you the following elements:

Knowing our equipment store, rigging a range of single-handed and double-handed boats (Wanderer, Laser 2k, Fusion, Topper etc.)

 Able to sail a triangular course in a singlehander and double-hander with confidence and competence.

- Able to demonstrate with an instructor A land drill
- Safety Crew Procedure
- Safeguarding and Standard Operating Procedure awareness

So the technical bit. Al's are club based, and the Al course is based around the club environment. Upon completion, Al's get a certificate that the club verifies, and are valid for 5 years, hopefully moving towards becoming a DI (Dinghy) instructor, however, you do not need to start off with that in mind.

Candidates should have RYA Level 1 & Level 2 sailing, but there's no requirement for a Powerboat Level 2 or First Aid certificate but becoming an AI, you may be offered the opportunity to gain these! Importantly because of these aspects of the training, you will always work under an SI or DI, never alone!

Your help would mean that we can easily maintain student /instructor ratios which the RYA sets. We must have 1 x DI or 1 x AI in each double-handed boat at Level 1. For example eight candidates would require 4 instructors, although we can extend the ratio to 1 x DI to 6 boats when teaching single-handers however that's a lot of students to look after! So an extra pair of hands who can assist from the beach and then be in the Safety Boat with the Instructor is always useful....not only that, AI's are great for demonstrating procedures on land and water.

If you are interested in becoming an AI and would like to find out more, please speak to me at the club or email. wjamesproctor@hotmail.com

James

## Website FAQ's



I hope the following guide will help members to navigate to all the important areas on our website, booking portal and membership system and will answer a number of common questions..

#### Where can I see what's on at the club?

Events page, shows a live calendar covering: Regatta sailing, Racing, Courses and other events A handy downloadable guide is also available to print too.

Visit our bookings page and click anywhere to be transferred to the dedicated booking portal, where the schedule is available. Filter for what you're looking for by using the coloured buttons.



Craft Hire Dates

Weds Eve Hire

SB Courses

How can I book a club boat or join a training course?

Youth Courses

Race Officer

#### And....can I Pay online?

Yes, there are 2 options to pay for any bookings and boat hire fees: Using your PayPal account, or select "payment offline" for BACS details to make payment from your own bank account. Adding your email address will confirm your bookings and you'll receive a notification.



#### Where are the club rules and members handbook?

You'll find a wealth of information, including all new our policy documents, club handbook, rules and application forms containing all you need to know about the club, procedures and our facilities. Documents are updated regularly....Have you checked recently?



- Who is on Safety Boat duty?
- Can I top up "TuckCred"?
- Where will I find Paddleboard Information?
- Need to check the weather?
- Update your "Mymembership" records,
- TSSC Photo Gallery
- Craft for Sale

#### This information can be found on our MEMBERS page

The duty rosta is always updated daily, follow the link from the members page where you can if the safety boat is operational and who is on duty...better still have you volunteered for your duty yet? Click the button on the same page to make a booking.



**EMBERS** 

#### Safety Boat



#### TuckCred



#### Paddleboarding



Weather Check



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**Boat Berths** 



#### MyMembership



#### Members only restricted area

Accessible by password only. Details include our electronic key entry code, "How to" instructions and video. Not yet registered? Request a user name and password on the link found on the members page ( >>>



Clubhouse Door Lock ntun intraction <u>here</u>





Login for Access

# Thornton Steward Sailing Club What's on?



Commodore's Cup Day - 27th August 2023

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023

Donations for Bart's Bash now being accepted

Bart's Bash Donations:

THE LARGEST SAILING RACE IN THE WORLD

BART'S RETURNS FOR BASH 2023

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#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023.....

We're celebrating BART'S BASH again in 2023 Our race on this day will be logged as a participating club on the Bart's Bash website as part of the global effort.

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 >>>



10th Sept 2023





Our annual Laser & Fusion Championship race will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. Fun, but still hotly contested!

Give it a go?

## What Courses are running?



John Knopp - CGSC will again be running a popular series of junior sail training courses during the summer holidays. Each course lasts for 4-Days on the dates shown below and are designed for a range of abilities.

#### Cost £100.00

A limited number of places will be available to both CGSC and TSSC members and can be booked on line, following completion of a preregistration form.

RYA Youth Stages		
01/08 - 04/08	Beginners	
15/08 - 18/08	Mixed	
29/08 - 01/09	Mixed	
30/10 - 01/11	Experienced	
Book all courses <u>here</u>		

**BOOK HERE** 

RYA - PB2



## Powerboat level 2 certificate

It is planned to run a PB2 course in July. This will be an official RYA certified course for Powerboat handlers, a recognised qualification in many countries.

The 2 day course will operate over 2 Saturdays in July (dates to be: 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> July and will be strictly limited to 4 club members only

Tuition will be conducted with our senior Powerboat instructor and Bosun team.

Costing £100.00 the full course will involve all aspects of powerboat handling, launching, recovery, coming alongside as well as safety procedures.

Bookings can be made through our booking portal on a first come first served basis as soon as the course details are published, all members will receive a notification when bookings become available.



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