

SailTime

Non!

May 2020



In this non SailTime issue, we unfortunately don't have much sailing to talk about due to COVID-19 and the extraordinary circumstances we all find ourselves in.

So on a lighter hearted note, we have combined a hopefully informative news update with a few brain-teasers. There is a "Nautical".....but "Nice" [Crossword](#) puzzle to check your sailing knowledge and embedded throughout this publication are 12 Sailing Dinghy Logos to identify.

Answers will be published on our new website.....more about that inside this issue too!

TSSC

A message from our Chairman



So frustrating ! Beautiful blue skies, sunshine and wind; indeed, ideal sailing weather, and here we are in quarantine for the foreseeable future. Interestingly the origin of the word 'quarantine' suggest this is nothing new, as the word comes from quarantena, meaning "forty days" in the 14th-15th C Venetian language, and designated the period that all ships were required to be isolated before passengers and crew

could go ashore during the Black Death plague epidemic.

If one tires of the decorating, gardening, and attempting to keep fit (see photo) then you could try your hand at a virtual regatta, see [Page 4](#). Not quite the same excitement as trying to predict where Bob Scorer will go at the mark ahead, but the best available at the moment.

Whether we will get any sailing this year at all remains to be seen, but your Committee has not hung up their wetsuits completely, so to speak. The Club has a collection of Operating Procedures, Policies, and Rules that have evolved over the years, both in content, in form, and in physical location. We're taking the opportunity to update and revise them, ensure they are all consistent with each other, put them in a common electronic format, and then make them easily available to the Membership.

.....John Knopp has kindly agreed to lead this. It may sound a bit dry and bureaucratic, but actually it ensures everyone can stay safe when enjoying the Club facilities and boats, and the Club can meet its responsibilities as an RYA Training Centre. They help build a common behaviour in the Club, so folk can have confidence that the people around them know what is expected and the way it is done.

You will recall from the AGM that the Committee wanted to sort out the timing of some key events in our annual schedule – the timing of the AGM, the timing of the Financial Year, the timing of the Membership Year and the arrangements for the Season's Prize Giving. The debate has been bouncing around for maybe two years now, so I am pleased to report that the Committee has concluded it is best to leave the current arrangements in place, apart from experimenting with moving the Prize Giving to a separate event on a Weekend at the end of the Summer Sailing Season. A rich irony given that this year we may not be able to do any sailing !

Which brings me round in a full circle to my starting point. Lockdown is here, and we have to make the best of it. How things will develop is highly uncertain, and trying to make detailed plans now is a route to disappointment. For the moment let's all concentrate on staying safe and sane.

Social Distancing:

Stay at Home

Keep 2m apart



TSSC – STATEMENT FROM COMMITTEE

The Committee has been discussing the current situation and trying to map a way forward for the Club.

As you can imagine there are considerable number of uncertainties;

- When and how might the lockdown end;
- Will we be able to negotiate any reductions for the Club in the costs of rent or insurance;
- How might the schools customers for training want to re-engage after the lockdown is lifted.

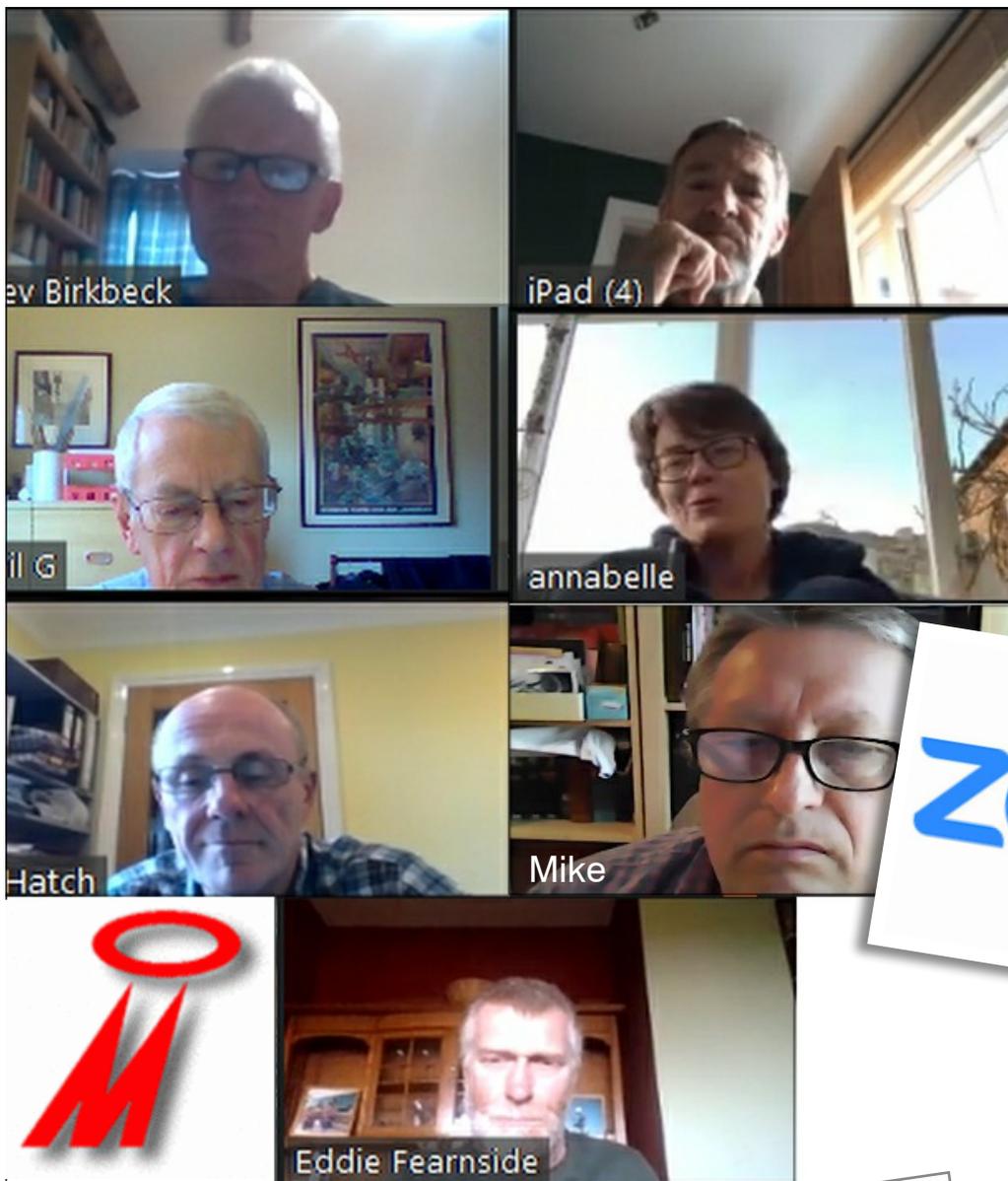
At this time these uncertainties make it impossible for the Committee to take decisions about, for example, rescheduling any events, or a possible rebate on membership fees,

The Committee sends all best wishes to Members and hopes you are staying safe and healthy.

Phil Gamlen
Chairman



Committee takes on a new view !



Our First Virtual Meeting

Our recent Committee meeting was held during a ZOOM meeting conference session.

The format worked well and we managed to cover our planned agenda in good time....In fact this could be the way forward for some time to come!

Trevor Birkbeck was welcomed to the committee as a first timer where the group discussed a wide range of topics, but mostly related to COVID-19 and the implications to the club.



SOP's

Whilst in lockdown, your committee hasn't been idle, we are in the process of setting out a complete set of Standard Operating Procedures.

John Knopp, our partner at CGSC - Catterick Garrison Sailing Club has taken over the task of preparing new and up to date documentation that will fit both Clubs and comply with RYA training requirements

[More.....](#)

Principal

A number of committee members are also involved in assisting John with this task.

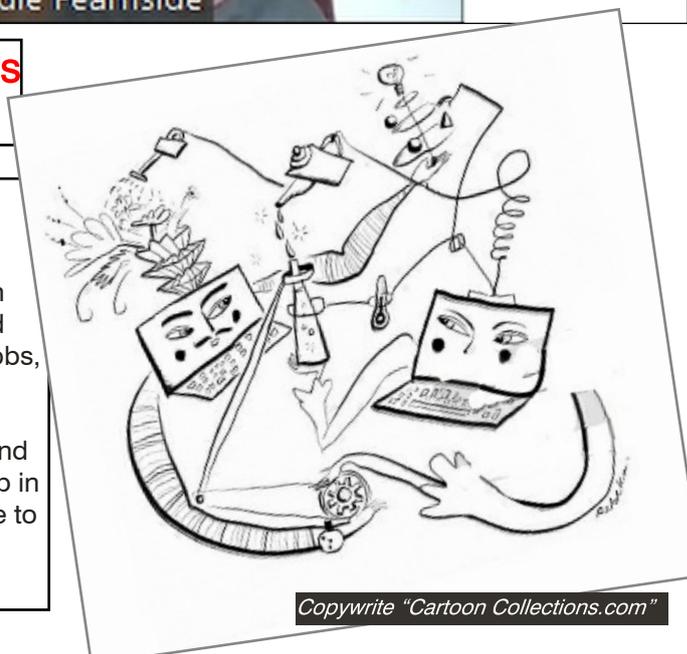
The Committee has previously agreed that the TSSC 'Principal' should be a separate appointment to any training or instructor post. To that end, Phil Gamlen is taking on the mantle of Principal at TSSC.

Just about sums it up!

So what have you folks been up to?

A good time to work on those long-standing and forgotten dinghy repair jobs, and getting fit?

Let us know if you've found an innovative way to keep in shape that you would like to share with the members.



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Have you considered membership of the RYA as an individual? RYA Home Page [HERE](#)

One of the key benefits is access to preferential dinghy insurance. The policies are provided by Bishop Skinner Marine, a leading insurance broker specialising in dinghy insurance.

Don't forget you need insurance to sail at TSSC and we will be asking for policy numbers and expiry dates as part of the membership requirements.



Bishop Skinner Marine - Dinghy insurance



Free third party windsurfing and stand-up paddleboard insurance

Knowledge & Advice

- Legal Advice
- Current Affairs
- Safe Boating
- Regulations
- Boating Abroad
- Cruising Tips
- Marine Protected Areas
- Planning & Environment
- Environmental Advice
- Offshore Renewable Energy Developments
- Safeguarding Policy

Offering a full range of knowledge and advice pages, the RYA website is a great resource to check on any small boat sailing topic.

Many of the rules and regulations in force at the club fall in line with RYA advice, as a recognised RYA Training centre, we aim to meet all standards set down by the Association.

Portsmouth Number Handicap List released

Ever wondered how the System works? For the background to the PY handicap system, and the latest tables of handicap numbers click [HERE](#)

For the practical use of the PY number see Phil Gamlen's example on [page 6](#) of this Newsletter

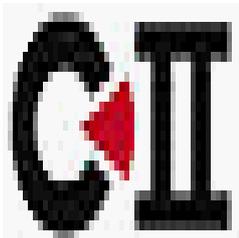


A calm and deserted Water during lockdown



How are you doing with our Sail Logo quiz?

12 Logos to find in this publication!



Can't Sail just now? RYA launches eSailing Spring Class Championship

Following the popularity of the RYA eSailing Spring Club Championship, which has seen over 235 clubs get involved, with more than 3,000 sailors expected to take to the virtual waters, the RYA has launched the 'RYA eSailing Spring Class Championship'.

Over the coming weeks' competitors from across the classes will have the chance to compete for the title of RYA eSailing Spring Class National Champion. Classes firstly need to register to take part by 10 May, after which they must run their own Class Championships and submit details of their champion by no later than 31 May 2020.

The champions from each Class will then go into the final series with qualifying rounds to be held on the 06 and 13 June 2020 with the top 20 going into the National Final which will be held on Saturday 20 June 2020.

Register today to be in with a chance of clinching the National Championship crown for your class. For more information and to register visit

www.rya.org.uk/go/esailing

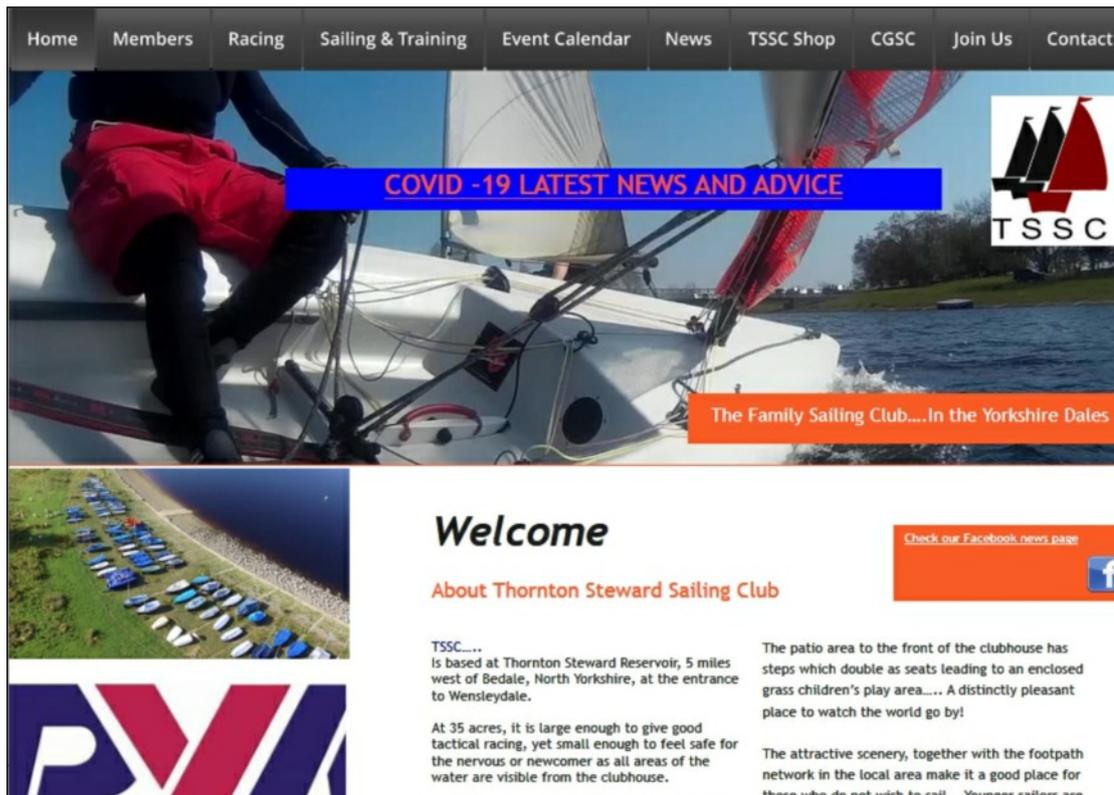
RYA launches eSailing Spring Class Championship



Launch of our new look website:

<https://www.thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk/>

TSSC



Website viewing Check list

- Glass of wine or beer to hand (own Choice)
- Feet up
- Glasses on (optional)
- iPad or Desktop Locked and Loaded
- Favourite Biscuit/Cake
- Clicking finger flexed and ready for action.
- Click away and let us know what you think!

Answers to the Crossword and the Logo Quiz will be published on the News pages and announced on our Facebook page after closing date of 18th May



Why?and why now?

Over the past few years website design and the way users interact with and “consume” on-line content and media has changed dramatically.



The committee team on our “contact us” page

Smartphones, tablets and mobile devices now account for a greater number of users than the traditional PC desktop access.

Our previous website has always been a “Fixed Page” design i.e. When viewed on a small screen, the page simply squeezes and adjusts to fit the

available space, making content difficult to read and scroll.

Most modern websites now work on a RWD basis....”A Responsive Web Design”, this method adjusts the page content dynamically to fit the screen size, making the website easier to view and interact with.

Why Now?.....Well, initially the previous software I have been using, has sadly reached the end of it’s life and is no longer fit for purpose.

So now with time on my hands, I have bitten the bullet and invested in upgraded software and hopefully learnt some new skills to adapt with the times!

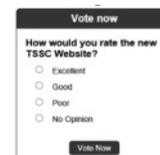
I hope the new site conveys a fresh new outlook and avoids any issues with any previous incompatibilities and would welcome your feedback.... As this will always be a work in progress!

Vote your feedback [HERE](#)

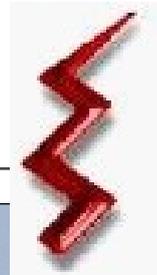
Members Only

Don’t forget that members can access a number of restricted documents on the members only area, including minutes of all recent committee meetings.

You’ll need a user name and password, if you haven’t registered yet, request your log in details [HERE](#)



Who Won? Who Won?



TSSC Racing calculations and the Portsmouth Yardstick system By Phil Gamlen

Apart from the Annual Laser Championship all the racing at TSSC is of a fleet of dinghies of different classes.

At the end of the day's racing the Racing Officer can be seen in the Clubhouse with the racing results sheet, a calculator, a pen, and a press of eager sailors clamouring to know – 'Who won? Who won?'

So how does the Racing Officer work out the handicap adjusted order of finishing?

Every class of dinghy has a handicap number, its Portsmouth Yardstick (PY), that is a measure of the performance of a boat of that class when sailed around a course of all points of sailing with a steady wind. The PY is effectively a measure of the time it takes that boat to sail round such a course.

A large PY means the boat takes a long time, and a small PY means the boat takes a short time around that course.

The handicap adjusted time is calculated by dividing the actual elapsed time by

the PY number for that class. To avoid messing about with decimal points the par is set at 1000 (rather than 1.000) and class PY numbers vary from around 800 to 1400 (rather than 0.800 to 1.400).

On the day, a Race Officer will have recorded the actual times to finish the race for each competitor.

They will take an elapsed time, M minutes and S seconds, and first will convert that into a time T solely in seconds.

$$T \text{ (in seconds)} = (M \times 60) + S$$

The PY correction is then applied

$$T_c \text{ (corrected in seconds)} = (T/PY) \times 1000$$

The order of T_c for the competitors will thus give the handicap adjusted finishing order for the race.

Normally TSSC races are around 45 minutes in length. If a Laser and a Topper are racing each other and the Laser finishes after 45 minutes then to win, the Topper must finish within the time calculated below:

$$\text{the Laser PY} = 1100$$

$$\text{the Topper PY} = 1345 \text{ would have to sail the course in a time of } T_{\text{TOPPER}}$$

$$(T_{\text{LASER}}/PY_{\text{LASER}}) \times 1000 = (T_{\text{TOPPER}}/PY_{\text{TOPPER}}) \times 1000$$

$$T = ((45 \times 60) \times (PY_{\text{TOPPER}}/PY_{\text{LASER}}))$$

$$= 2700 \times 1345/1100$$

$$= 3301 \text{ seconds viz } \underline{55} \text{ minutes and } \underline{1} \text{ seconds}$$

.....Simples!

SOP's

Our Standard Operating Procedures

Revision of Standard Operating Procedures

The 2019 RYA annual inspection of Catterick Garrison SC as a Recognised Training Centre highlighted a number of areas where improvements should be made to the documentation relating to the management of water - based activities.

This affects both Clubs as for many years CGSC has used the same set of SOPs for managing sailing as TSSC. This was considered a sensible move as CGSC is an affiliated member of TSSC we use the same water, facilities, share dinghies and more recently Dinghy Instructors.

The RYA Inspector was content that practical management of training of both official RYA courses and improver training by both clubs was satisfactory.

His concern was focused on the paperwork supporting the sailing as there were a number of inconsistencies, the relevance of some material was in question, it was dispersed in several documents and in a few cases time expired.

The Inspection was on behalf of CGSC and it identified some aspects directly affecting service personnel, which will be dealt with separately.



Another successful Training Course completed.

On that basis, John Knopp, the Chief Instructor of CGSC, offered to take the lead in collating all the available documentation from both Clubs and has proposed a revised layout, in a single document, to be called the TSSC Handbook.

It was recently agreed by the Committee to proceed on that basis and he will co ordinate the efforts of several committee members to produce the new Handbook.

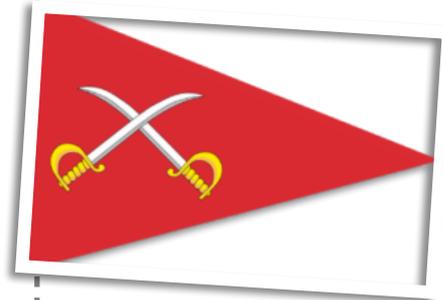
Once completed the Handbook will be published on the website.

Much of the management of training will then be possible electronically and members will have far greater visibility of how training operates.

CGSC

"Closer relationship with Catterick Garrison Sailing Club will allow a more uniform approach to our SOP's"

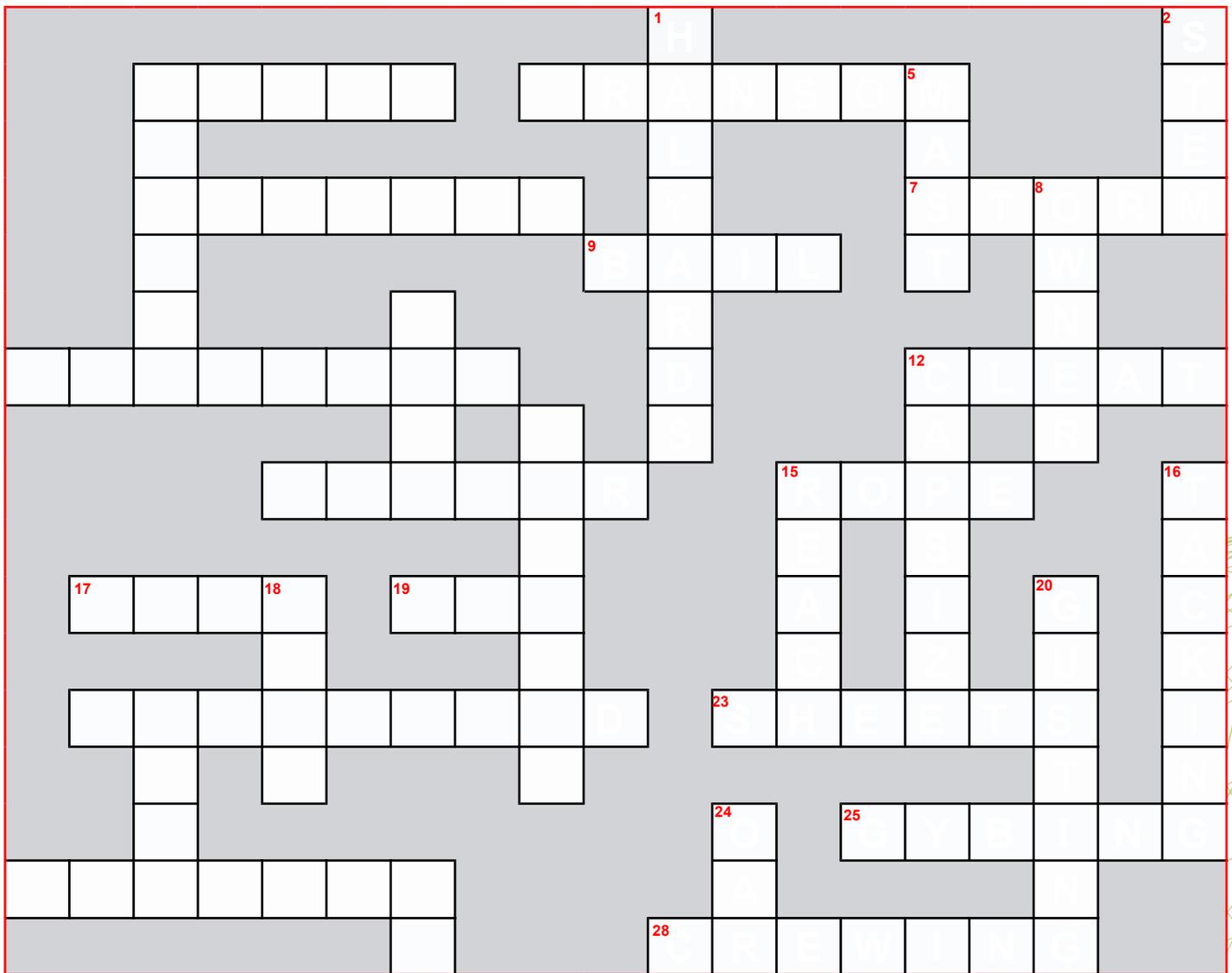
.....John Knopp



Whilst the Covid-19 lockdown has created many problems, at least the Committee members concerned have no excuse to not get on with it!

.....John Knopp





DOWN		ACROSS	
1	The lines used to raise a sail (8)	3	(And 27 down) What you do to turn around (2,5)
2	The extension of keel at the forward of a ship (4)	4	Flat surface at the stern of a vessel (7)
3	When you're on the boat (6)	6	A line used to control the shape of a sail.(7)
5	The sail goes up it (4)	7	Not the best weather to sail in (5)
8	Traditional Royal Navy term for the Captain, a survival from the days when privately-owned ships were often hired for naval service (5)	9	What to do to get water out of the boat (4)
11	It's also 36 inches (4)	10	Getting moving (5,3)
12	The submarine move (7)	12	A stationary device used to secure a rope aboard a vessel.(5)
13	In the direction that the wind is blowing towards.(7)	14	Connected to the Tiller (6)
15	A point of sail from about 60° to about 160° off the wind (5)	15	You pull it (4)
16	Zig-Zag course (7)	17	Pushes the safety boat along (4)
18	It's Not right (4)	19	The Sharp end (3)
20	The wind does this at TSSC a lot! (7)	21	That's Right (9)
22	The Club (4)	23	Use these on beds too (6)
24	What you'll need if you get stranded (3)	25	Opposite of 3 across and 27 down (6)
27	(And 3 across) What you do to turn around (2,5)	26	Top covering of a vessel (7)
		28	What you're doing if not at the helm (7)

FunTime

Crossword and Logo Quiz

Have a go and send in your answers!

On the previous page you'll see our FunTime crossword. The full page Crossword can be printed from the print button at the top of the screen so you can complete on paper.

This has a Nautical.....but Nice! Theme, with all clues being related to boats and boating.

We're giving away a TSSC Logo Cap to the first completed crossword and correctly answered quiz of sail logos that have been embedded throughout this issue of SailTime. answers can be sent electronically, so you'll need to

scan your completed crossword and attach to an e mail and sent to: webmaster@thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk

Add the answers to our 12 Logo Quiz Questions.

We'll select a random correct answer from those received and announce the winner on our new website News page and to the TSSC Facebook page.

Closing Date by Monday 18th May



Prize Giving

There has been much discussion during recent committee meetings, regarding the question of the date and timing of our annual prize-giving ceremony at the club.

Over the years we have trialled a number of formats and currently the Trophies are awarded at the AGM. It is a chance to catch up with friends during the cold winter months, and brings the racing and cruising communities together.

However, the actual racing is but a dim memory by the time of the AGM. There is enthusiasm amongst the membership for a social event to mark the end of the Summer Sailing season, and to award the Trophies while the triumphs and upsets are still fresh.

The Committee has agreed to this and is now developing a format for an occasion to take place at the end of October or the beginning of November.

Watch this space for further details!

My LOGO Quiz Answers are.....

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| Logo 1 = | Logo 7 = |
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| Logo 3 = | Logo 9 = |
| Logo 4 = | Logo 10 = |
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