

# SailTime

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## 2020 Season...a strange year!

### ...but not The Lost Year !

The Club is gradually increasing activities with now ten craft using the water at any one time; Club boats available on loan; some informal 'racing' on a Wednesday evening; a test run of Junior training coming up, and the Sailing Secretary has ideas for Bart's Bash in September.

Let's hope the weather cooperates.

On the history of the last years with warmer winters there is a good chance we should be able to sail later in the season, even if COVID doesn't cooperate.



## • BOOKINGS • CLUB BOAT LOANS •

### Thanks.....

To all members for adopting our booking system when visiting the club. Bookings allow us to provide track and trace data if needed should there be a COVID outbreak.

### Club boat loans.

Fusions, Toppers and Lasers are available on a loan basis during the current restricted sailing arrangements. It is proving popular and is a great way to keep sailing if you don't have your own craft at the Club. If you want to try a loan, bookings can be made on our website booking system.



## MEMBERSHIP

### Membership remains healthy

COVID-19 restrictions in place currently limit the number of water users, however, we're pleased to announce that whilst social distancing in force means we don't have safety boat services or clubhouse facilities, our members are supporting the club through this challenging time.

More membership news.....

## JUNIOR SAILING

### Junior sail training sessions planned for this month

In conjunction with CGSC, we are planning 3, 2 day Junior training sessions for sailors wanting to enhance their sailing ability.

Aimed at the juniors with a basic knowledge of sailing, however we're unable to accommodate new beginners on these courses due to COVID & social distancing measures

More Sail Training details

## LOOKING AHEAD

### The Bosuns.....

Are in the process of purchasing a smaller safety/training powerboat that can be operated by one person. It will enable COVID secure safety cover on a regular basis, and in a normal year will be an Instructor craft.

The Committee is looking at the possibility of providing some training for folk interested in Stand Up Paddleboarding for next season.

Architects are currently drawing up the full set of improvements to the premises in preparation for planning application. If the budget permits this could give a training room, increase the changing rooms and add disabled facilities.

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## MEMBERSHIP Continued.....

### The Club is still accepting new members

Despite restricted sailing times over the recent Lockdown period, our membership has continued to grow, with a number of new members being attracted to the idea of using the reservoir for Paddleboarding, Canoeing and Kayaking in addition to Dinghy Sailing and Windsurfing. We have also welcomed a few new Model Boat members, adding to the diversity of our water users.

Even during these difficult times, the club has retained: 87 active memberships, with more than 148 listed members across our family membership, single members, school groups and social members.

### Welcome to our friends from Teesdale Water Sports Club.

Members of the Teesdale Sailing and Water Sports Club are experiencing a drastic shortage of water at their own club water - Grassholme reservoir, whilst essential maintenance work is being completed by Yorkshire Water.

As a result access to their water is difficult, however we're pleased to welcome 2 TDWSC members to TSSC with a membership to continue their sailing.



### CGSC affiliated membership.

Catterick Garrison Sailing Club, in partnership with Thornton Steward Sailing Club, has also increased its fleet of Fusion boats and similarly attracted new members who are now able to join the club through the joint TSSC membermojo system



### Boat Park changes

Our Bosuns', Syd and Bob have spent a considerable time during the COVID lockdown to reorganise the numbering of the berths in the boat park. This means that the numbers are now more logical, with additional tie down points having been created to accommodate the ever increasing numbers of members wishing to take advantage of renting a berth to keep craft on site.

### Your boat berth number may have changed?

I hope you will have received a recent e mail to all members with boat berths, advising of the new numbering system, which has resulted in a change of your listed berth number. The membership secretary has updated your details held in our database, reflecting the berth number you now occupy.

### Boat insurance

As a requirement of club membership, all members sailing their own craft are responsible for maintaining public liability insurance. The club is required to record insurance details: policy and expiry as part of the membership records.

### Are your details up to date?

Please take the time to update your insurance details on the "Mymembership" page of our database system.....Simply login with your e mail address and select edit to update the information we currently hold. Or.....You can always send the insurance details to the membership secretary to update on your behalf if you prefer.



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## JUNIOR SAILING SESSIONS



Following requests from the membership, Catterick Garrison SC are planning to operate a number of junior sailing sessions during August, these are only open to existing members of TSSC and CGSC.

The sessions are specifically targeted at junior members (or as part of a family membership), who have some basic sailing skills already, as this will allow for COVID-19 precautions to be applied more effectively.

We cannot accept total beginners due to the one to one coaching responsibility this would require, however if the junior sailor has taken a previous sailing course/session and is looking to enhance their skills we are planning to operate the following sessions.

Each session will be two days, a Thursday and a Friday,

they are:

Thurs 20th & Fri 21st August

Thurs 27th & Fri 28th August

Thurs 3rd & Fri 4th September

Timings will be 10.00 – 5.00 each day .

The sessions will consist of up to 6 juniors in 2 groups with an instructor per group, using the fleet of Fusion dinghies available, buoyancy aids will be provided for the sole use during the sessions and will be disinfected after use.

We intend to operate a single manned safety boat service whilst sessions are on the water, however all juniors must be accompanied by parent/guardians, who will also be required to remain on site for the duration of the session and will be called upon to assist with rigging, launching, recovering craft and to help pack up, thereby minimising contact and to observe social distancing.

The Clubhouse will not be available for changing facilities, so all juniors would need to be ready to sail on arrival or change on site.

However, the Clubhouse toilets will be open, but we will only use one toilet each day on a unisex basis....A one at a time access system will be established with COVID-19 precautions as is now the norm.

There will be a session charge to cover expenses of £25 per 2 day session per Child.

This can be booked and paid for through our booking system [here](#).

If the event is cancelled for any reason, there will be a full refund available, however non-attendance cannot be refunded.

As numbers are limited, we will have to take nominations on a first come first served basis.

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Visit our [Booking page](#) for Junior Session bookings, sailing slots, Other water user sessions and to reserve a club boat for personal use.



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## Don't forget

Too windy to sail?  
or  
Too little wind? Usually one or the other! Why not try out paddle-boarding or using a Canoe / Kayak on the reservoir?



## Canoeing

Always follow our club rules when using the water. Buoyancy aids must be worn, keep away from our friendly fisherman and only launch from the boat park area.



## Model Boat members

Great to see our model boat members making good use of the water, during some of our very calmer days. Sailors beware if sharing the water with the model boats!



## Boats For sale

We regularly get asked to circulate For Sale notices to our membership from existing members who are selling their craft or sailing accessories.

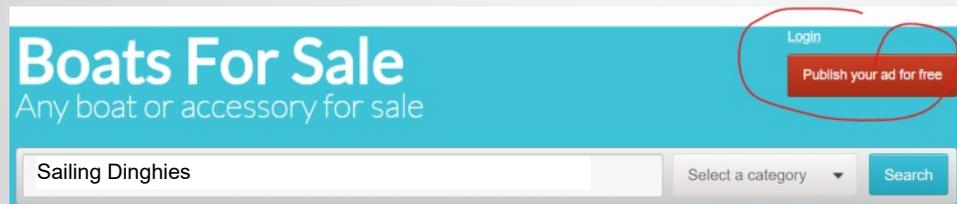
In addition to offering a free of charge classified advert facility to list craft and sailing accessories for sale our members can also send their "For Sale" (Sail?) And "Wanted" requests to the Club's webmaster who can publish details on your behalf.

Want to advertise an item for sale?.....Sign up for a free listing [here](#)

Currently there are 2 boats for sale, both berthed at the club:

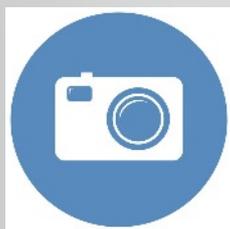
- A Comet 540, owned by Dave Sedgwick
- Janet Cummins is offering for sale a Topper Sail no 29643

Click photos to link to the advert with full details and contact information >>>>>>>>>



## PHOTO UPLOAD

Whilst writing this newsletter, I find myself continually looking for suitable images from around the club to use in our various publications and for use on our website.



Our bank of images gets used on a regular basis, but it would be great to include some fresh content.

Do you have any good photos or images to use?

Use our upload service [here](#).

## PHOTO COMP

### Guess the year...Photo No 1



Answers by e mail [here](#)

First correct answer out of the hat will be announced in the next edition of SailTime.