

# SailTime

Thornton Steward Sailing Club Jan / 2020



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Chairman elect, Phil Gamlen offers some thoughts on the coming year

### *Money matters from our treasurer*

Rob Wyatt, gives a brief overview of the last year's accounts, expenditure and income and future club financial commitments for 2020.

### *Membership Round-up*

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Not yet renewed? On-line renewal is available on our membership pages [>>>here<<](#)

### *Safeguarding*

Jonathan Stephenson outlines important considerations when it comes to keeping our members and visitors safe

### *Sailing Sec outlines plans for 2020*

Annabelle has been working hard to set out our sailing programme for the coming season with a number of new features and ideas.

### *Training Report*

A full round up of last year's training events is summarised by Martha Mahon and our Instructor, John Pilgrim

### *Bosun's Chair*

Syd and Bob, remind us that the season is starting a little earlier this year.....

## AGM

Our club secretary, Nick Hatch has been busy preparing for.....

Our Annual General Meeting  
to be held on

Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

7:00pm

at

The Old Black Swan,  
19, Market Place,  
Bedale, North Yorks.

DL8 1ED

Formal AGM commences at 7:00pm with a report to members, presentation of accounts for 2019 and an outline from nominated committee members of the plans for 2020 and beyond.

Committee member nominations will be voted on, concluding the statutory requirements of the club's constitution.

A cold buffet will be served following the formal proceedings, providing a chance to catch up with fellow members - old and new.

The evening will be rounded off with a presentation of cups, medals and awards for the 2019 sailing season.

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## Chairman's message



On behalf of the Committee I look forward to welcoming members to the AGM. While there is formal business to be done because the Club is a Limited Company, the occasion is also a gathering of members to share stories about 2019, and to help the Committee plan for 2020 and the future.

After many years of service on the Committee, Ken and Gillan Gibson, Kay Anstay, and Malcolm Cummins have stood down. Their dedication and efforts over several decades have put the TSSC on firm foundations to develop further over the next decade.

In recognition of their service the Committee has proposed that they should receive Honorary Life Memberships and members will vote on this at the AGM.

The success of the TSSC is built on the time and efforts put in by its members. From serving on the Committee; instructing on courses; manning the Safety Boat; maintaining the Club Boats and Club Premises, through to ensuring there are such essentials as food and toilet rolls in the Club House. On behalf of the Committee I would formally like to record our thanks for everything that you do.

The next couple of years will be demanding as the Infrastructure Project gets underway. The first phase has been funded, and planning of a new road access to the site and a new pathway from the compound to the boat park has begun.

The planning of the second phase to renew and upgrade the changing facilities is starting. Inevitably there will be disruptions and while every attempt will be made to reduce the impact on the operations of the Club, the patience

and forbearance of Club members will be much appreciated.

Your Committee will be developing the Club Strategy for the next decade. Strategy is all about making choices and the Committee will want to hear how its members feel about the options.

Annabelle Le Page, the new sailing secretary, has already run a pilot to explore how members feel about the sailing and racing options. It is of course inevitable that the Strategy agreed will not please everybody all of the time, but hopefully it will please most of the Members most of the time !

Please read the detailed reports from the Club Officers in this special newsletter.

We hope they give you an idea of the breadth of the activities in the Club, but equally importantly a sense of the fun and pleasure of being on the water at Thornton Steward.



“ The next couple of years will be demanding as the Infrastructure Project gets underway - Phil Gamlen ”

Here's hoping for blue skies, steady winds, and plenty of water in the reservoir for 2020 !

Phil Gamlen - Chairman

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## Treasurer's report

### Financial Update from the Treasurer

As we start a new membership year and we are at the end of the Club's financial year I thought it would be useful to give all members, both new and old, an insight into how the club is run from a financial perspective.

Our long standing Treasurer Ken Gibson, has stepped down from the role and we would thank Ken for all his hard work over the years.

We are set up as a Limited Company and as such, we have to submit annual audited accounts to Companies House. Our financial year ends on the 31<sup>st</sup> October. This year's accounts will be presented for approval at the AGM which is to be held on the 26<sup>th</sup> February.

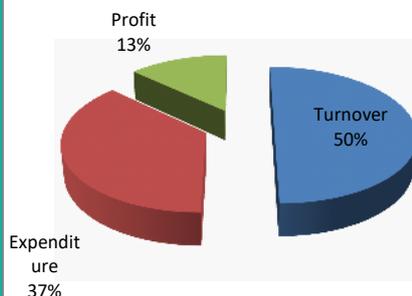
A full copy of the accounts will be circulated with the AGM papers in due course.

The headline numbers are as follows;

<b>Turnover</b>	£ 13,683
<b>Expenditure</b>	£ 10,087
<b>Operating Profit</b>	£ 3,596

As we started the year, we had £22,292 cash in our current/deposit accounts.

### TSSC Financial Summary



On the face of it we are in a reasonable position but as you will no doubt be aware, we need to embark on a programme of updating and improving our facilities for the long term as well as maintaining and updating our sailing and powerboat fleet. It is therefore essential that we carefully manage our funds moving forward.

Our income comes from two primary sources namely Memberships and Training. Last year the split was 70/30. This clearly demonstrates the value of the efforts put into RYA courses, Junior Club and Schools. The challenge for the club moving forward is to build on the membership base and with our decision to allow Paddle Boarding, Kayaking and Model Boating, this will open up a wider group of potential members. The response has been encouraging.

Our main areas of expenditure are on Insurance, Rent, RYA Affiliation, Utilities and Boat/Clubhouse maintenance. The budget for this coming year is £11,000

For the past 20+ years, our accounts have been audited by Trevor Newnham, a Chartered Accountant and a club member. Trevor has expressed a desire to step down from the role and we need to find a suitable replacement. If you know of anyone who may be prepared to take on this role then please let the Treasurer know.

Our thanks go to Trevor for all his efforts in support of the club.

Treasurer - Rob Wyatt



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## Membership

Our first foray into online registration and membership renewal for this year has proved to be a successful move!

Members have been able to renew and pay for their membership completely on-line through our new membership portal at [membermojo.co.uk/tssc](http://membermojo.co.uk/tssc). At the end of the membership year - 31/12/19, I'm pleased to report that many members have taken advantage of renewing at a special discounted rate for Single and Family memberships prior to expiry at the end of the year.

We have also combined our Cadet and Junior membership categories to encourage our younger members to continue their sailing at the club and this now represents one of the lowest Junior/Cadet membership fees in the region.

The convenience of armchair membership renewal and payment has resulted in maintaining our existing membership levels approaching an 80% of returning members.

New for 2020, we have created a new category of membership to welcome model boat members to the club. Gate access to the reservoir and clubhouse is included in their model boat membership and all model craft will abide by our usual sailing club rules and will hopefully provide an interesting diversion on those calmer days! Please make our model boat new members welcome and show them the ropes!

### Not renewed yet?

Don't forget to vote at the AGM, you need to be a current member, so visit our renewal page [here](#) to join before our AGM.

You'll only need an email address to access your personal renewal page and payment can be made on line using PayPal, or a BACS payment directly from your own online banking system.



If you're planning on renewing at the AGM, Credit/debit card payments can now also be taken as well as cheque payments - made payable to "Thornton Steward Sailing Club".

Note: all members will still need to have completed the renewal forms on-line, in order to accept the club's T&C's and agree to our GDPR conditions. Boat owners also need to confirm that their craft is fully insured, this is also a requirement for the club's own insurance, and keeps the records straight! This would be a good time to check we have got your up to date contact number/s and email address.

Need to contact another club member? This can be done using the directory service on your members page, log in using your e mail address and select the member directory option, where contact details can be found.

[Mike Smith - Membership Secretary](#)



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## Safeguarding

**A**s part of our preparations for the 2020 season I'm using this newsletter to provide members with a little safeguarding training and understanding. It's important we recognise the signs and indicators of abuse, through the promotion of awareness we help make the club a safer place for everyone to enjoy. If you have any questions or would like to ask a question please email me: [j.stephenson36@outlook.com](mailto:j.stephenson36@outlook.com)

### Different Types and Signs of Abuse

*Where can abuse happen?* It's important to understand abuse can happen anywhere

*Who might be an abuser?* The abuser is often well known to the person, but could be a stranger.

*Different types* of abuse include; physical, emotional, neglect, organisational (*Club Culture*), sexual, discriminatory, financial, domestic violence and modern slavery

*Signs of abuse* these will vary depending on the type of abuse; for example, the signs that a child is being neglected will vary from one being physically abused.

*Common signs* to look out for include; unexplained changes in behavior, being overly familiar or withdrawn, knowledge of subjects inappropriate to their age, appearing anxious, always wearing clothes which cover their body, running away, distancing themselves from their friends or lacking in friendship.

*It's important to know* that these signs don't necessarily mean a person is being abused, just that there is cause for concern and reason to share with the club safeguarding officer.



### *Why is it important to report abuse?*

You may feel uncomfortable or worry that you're making a mistake, you may not want to upset anyone or get somebody into trouble. However, if you don't share your concerns the risk of harm for the child increases, by reporting your concern you're starting to help keep the child safe.

**If you suspect a child is in immediate danger always call '999'**

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## Sailing Sec plans for 2020

I hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year. A draft of the 2020 programme is on the website to whet your appetite but don't write it in your diaries just yet as there's a few things still to be confirmed; all will be finalised by the AGM.

One of our priorities this year is on Safety Boat duty. All our activities are run by volunteers and the contribution of full adult members in carrying out Safety boat duties is an essential part of this. Put simply, without a safety boat many people wouldn't go out on the water at all or when conditions are more challenging - it can help people be more confident and enjoy themselves. But of course it's very important that the helm and crew are able to carry out the role effectively, safely and with confidence (and hopefully enjoy it too).

At the moment there are a handful of people with RYA Powerboat Level 2 (PB2) qualifications (mainly the Dinghy Instructors) but most members have had no training or only informal training in using the powerboats at the club.

This is something we want to address as a priority so we're going to offer a range of dates initially in March (7<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 28<sup>th</sup>) when a full day of training will be on offer to give members experience in power boat handling and basic safety boat skills. This will be free and will follow a bespoke syllabus drawn up by our Powerboat Instructors for our situation at TSSC so we have a standard format and can provide a TSSC certificate on completion.

We're incredibly lucky to have RYA powerboat instructors in-house able to provide quality training. So PLEASE use this fantastic

opportunity and sign up for a day. Even if you're already experienced in helming the powerboats it will be a good refresher and opportunity to practice rescue techniques. I'm sure it will be enjoyable and most importantly will give you essential skills for when your turn on the roster comes.

The goal is for all Safety boat helms to have as a minimum this basic level of training. But if it whets your appetite the Powerboat



team will be happy to support you further if you want to go on to do PB2. I'd also like to put out a plea to anyone with PB2 already to let either James Proctor, John Knopp or myself know so we can maintain an up to date list of members with this certificate.

Following a successful trial we are also going to make management of the duty roster easier all round by starting to use the online system called DutyMan. More details will follow, but using this system will allow you to select the dates you want to do duties, arrange swaps more easily, and importantly (for me!) receive automatic reminders. The roster will be available online and automatically update if people use the system to arrange swaps so should always be up to date.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM when we'll also be awarding the trophies from 2019. Do come along and celebrate the success of our sailors last season, catch up with old friends and new, and start looking forward to the 2020 season - it's not so long to go now!

Annabelle LePage - Sailing Secretary

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## Training 2019 report...By Martha Mahon and John Pilgrim



**A**s a RYA training centre our club has provided formal training for a wide range of people of all skill levels. In 2019 TSSC became an RYA On-Board club to help us tailor our training .

### Youth training

112 juniors had their first experience of sailing in 2019. They were trained through a range of different programmes including Junior Club, Carmel College, Aysgarth School, and Catterick Garrison Sailing Club summer courses

### Junior Club

Junior club days were very successful in 2019 with increased numbers. *The average number of attendees was 11 up from 4 in 2018. Consistent attendance has enabled 12 children to achieve Stage 1 -2 certificates.*

How can we build on Junior club's success? It is planned that Junior club days in 2020 will be split into half days with beginners and experienced sailors separated. Junior club days in 2020 will avoid Regatta Sundays and junior/beginner racing will be encouraged through the Kick-start programme.

### Carmel College

Students from Carmel College attended on 14 dates with an average of 10 per session. Most of them began sailing in September 2018 and now achieved Stage 2. The 4 students of the WISE group have all achieved Stage 3.

All the students appear to have enjoyed developing life skills through games and activities linked to the OnBoard programme, something we plan to develop further in 2020.

In the future Carmel College students should continue progressing through the Youth sailing stages. Some of the WISE group will also be moving towards qualifying as assistant instructors.

All being well sessions in 2020 will include visiting other venues and sailing on the sea to broaden experience and increase confidence to sail outside of school-based activities.

### Training for adults

17 adult club members received formal RYA training at Thornton Steward reservoir during 2019.

### Beginner sailing

There were Level 1 courses provided during 2019 in May and July, in all 13 people achieved their Level 1 qualification. Scheduling one of the adult courses to follow Push The Boat Out has been effective in maintaining interest from visitors.

Developing new members after they have completed sailing courses is perceived as a challenge. Pizza club does not provide formal training, but it is hoped it will bridge the experience gap between formal training completion and independent sailing..

In 2020 we would also like to see people who come through the sailing courses start racing and we are developing a strategy to encourage this e.g. the Kick Start Programme



### Other Watersports/Skills

A powerboat skills refresher course was attended by 4 members.

In October a Safety boat course was provided through Catterick Garrison Sailing Club for 4 members from TSSC and CGSC. The course was run over non-consecutive days in order to make it accessible for participants and instructor. It is intended that this course will be scheduled in the 2020 calendar and advertised to members generally.

### Instructor training

Between them four members from our club gained 3 dinghy instructor qualifications and 2 powerboat instructor qualifications in 2019. There is still a need for more instructors. Part of the challenge for 2020 is to develop an interest in instructing and culture of progression among the members.

It is encouraging that in 2019 a total of 6 instructors from Thornton Steward took one or more additional qualifications and/or attended regional training days showing their commitment to continuing personal development.

### Training 2020

Apart from the comments about changes for next year above, possible future options will be explored as part of the Club Strategy being developed.

Martha Mahon and John Pilgrim

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## Bosun's chair

Thanks to Bob and Syd our Club Bosuns, there has been quite a bit happening in the background....Engines have been serviced, the Robinson building organised and boat repairs effected ensuring we will be shipshape and Bristol fashion in readiness for '20 sailing season!

We will be undertaking an audit of boat berths and making a few changes to improve access to the launching area and slip way. We have received a kind donation of a laser from Rob Brown and will be integrating into the club fleet for this year...Many thanks Rob!

With an earlier fitting out day this year, volunteers always welcome, mark your diary now 29<sup>th</sup> Feb.

See you on the water.....Syd & Bob



Date for your diary!  
Proposed work and club fitting out day, planned for

Sat 29<sup>th</sup> Feb



*Heigh Ho It's off to workday we go!*



Secretary



Chairman



Treasurer



Sailing Sec



Safeguarding



Membership



Committee



Committee



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## Committee nominations



There's still time to nominate or volunteer your services to assist on the working committee.

Nominations can be completed on line on the Club's website [here](#)

**If you can't commit to a full committee position, can we rely on your help or skill that you could bring to club?**

**All help, no matter how small is always welcome!**

See you at the AGM.

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