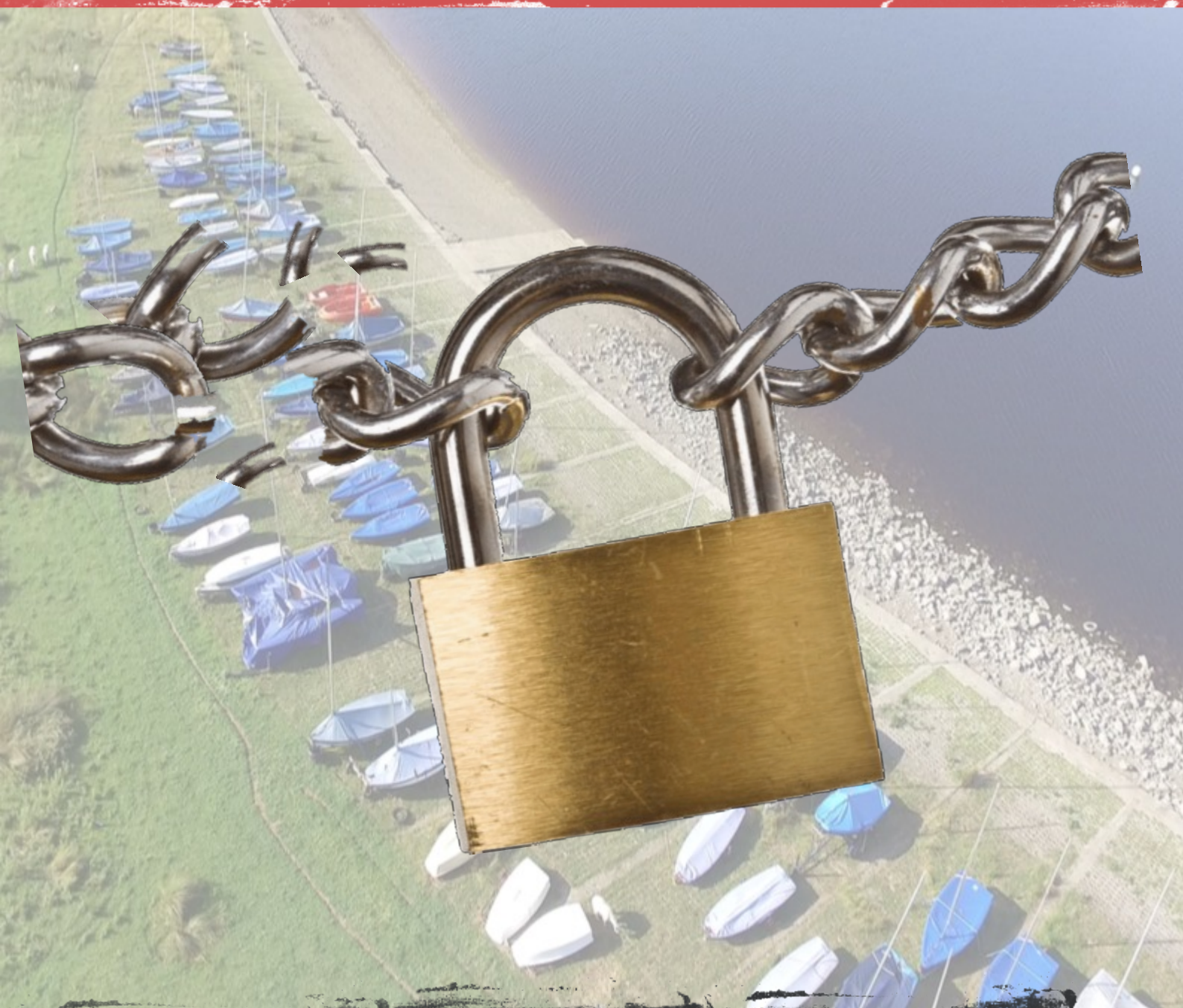


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CLUB REOPENING

Sailing and Watersports to start at the club as soon as 29th March.

SAILING PROGRAMME

A draft plan of events for the coming 2021 season.

AGM REPORT

A summary of our successful Zoom AGM held in February.

BOSUN'S REPORT

Getting boats and equipment ready for a return to the water.

BOOKINGS NOW AVAILABLE ON THE CLUB WEBSITE [HERE](#)

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WELCOME TO THE 2021
SAILING SEASON

Irrespective of the adage that 'Life is what happens while you are busy making Plans', your Committee has scoped out a plan for the next few months. While the arrangements are described in detail elsewhere, in summary, the Club will start where it left off just before Lockdown 3.0 last year.

Sailing will start on 29 MAR 21. The Clubhouse will still be closed, but there will be access to the Clubhouse Toilets.

Club boats will be available for an extended loan, the duration depending on the demand, but the previous constraints on numbers on the water and the upper wind speed will still apply as there will be no rostered Safety Boat.



WHOOPS PTSD!

I bet he's got another set just like that at home....Editor

The hope is that it will be possible to start some organised activities at the end of April, and I would like to encourage all Members, in the interim, to take advantage of the courses that will be laid on to refresh and extend capabilities in handling the Safety Boats viz a refresher/initial training

on the Rigidflex Boat, and a familiarisation course on the Blue Boat for competent helms.

Beyond April it remains to be seen where the Country is with the pandemic restrictions, but the Committee has inked in the diary a camping/caravanning week at the end of August and plans are being developed for that week to include activities for everybody to celebrate a return to more usual circumstances. Fingers crossed.

For some of us it is many months since we have sailed, possibly not since the end of the summer season in 2019. So long ago. It won't just be our boats and equipment that will need checking out and fettling in preparation for going on the water, but also our minds and muscles !

Watch out for PTSD - 'Pre-sailing Traumatic Stress Dysfunction'. Symptoms will undoubtedly include discovering that the wet suit has shrunk by a couple of sizes and at least one return trip home is needed to round up all the kit needed that you forgot for the first trip.

Whatever... the beginning is in sight ! I look forward to seeing you all in person at some during 2021.

See you soon hopefully

Phil Gamlen - Commodore

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WELCOME BACK DAY
22ND MAY

If all goes to plan, we'll be staging a welcome back event for up to 30 on 22nd May.

CAMPING WEEK IN
AUGUST

By August, let's hope we'll be able to enjoy our regular camping week 21st - 29th Aug.

RACING TO START
28TH APRIL

Our first scheduled race in the popular sunset series, could start on 28th April.

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COVID-19 ROADMAP *Announced*

KEY DATES FOR OUR REOPENING ROADMAP

- 1** **29TH MARCH**
Sailing will be allowed by members of the same household or support bubble
- 2** **12TH APRIL**
Gatherings of 2 households outside permitted
- 3** **17TH MAY**
Social events for up to 30 people on site allowed
- 4** **21ST JUNE**
A new normal as all restrictions may be lifted?

At last some light at the end of the tunnel!

Following the government's announcement of their roadmap to recovery, the committee are now in a position to plan our own return to activities at Thornton Steward.

In conjunction with advice from the RYA and government guidelines, we are planning to lift restrictions in 4 stages in line with the national relaxation of COVID-19 measures.

Limited services will also be available - e.g. toilets will be open as from 29th March.

REOPENING ARRANGEMENTS AS FROM 29TH MARCH

A RETURN TO BOOKINGS, TRACK & TRACE AND SOCIALLY DISTANCING AT OUR CLUB FACILITIES

Sailing at the club may commence from Monday 29th March. **Stage 1** Recreational sailing/water sports re-starts for individuals or groups following the rule of 6 or 2 households restrictions. Clubhouse toilets available. Access to club/water must be booked online (numbers capped)

All sailing slots, must be pre-booked through the club's booking system, tickets will be limited to the maximum capacity in line with each stage of restrictions.

Stage 2 on 12th April, changing facilities may open

Racing will likely restart with the first sunset series race scheduled for 28th April, bookings are required.

On 17th May we will be implementing **Stage 3** allowing a maximum of 30 people to use our outside space and planning a "Welcome Back" day on Saturday 22nd May as a celebration of the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions, booking required. Limited safety boat cover is being considered from 17th May.

Finally if all goes to plan, on 21st June the club will be operating as near to normal as we can under **Stage 4**, although we anticipate some social distancing measures may remain in place for some time.

[MORE....](#)

CLUB FACILITIES DURING RETURN TO NORMAL ACTIVITIES

As from 29th March, Sailing/Watersports may take place and we plan for toilet facilities to be available to members on site. The changing rooms, showers, lounge and galley areas may not be accessed during Stages 1 & 2, but will be reviewed as we approach Stage 3 Sanitising and all usual social distancing rules of "1 in - 1" out must be observed,

there will be sanitising stations and products available to ensure safe usage of the toilet facilities are upheld. Your Key to the entrance gate will also allow access to the main door of the clubhouse and it is every member's responsibility to maintain security and checking all doors are locked before departing the site.

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STICK TO THE RULES AND KEEP EVERYBODY SAFE!

CLUB BOATS MAY BE LOANED FOR EXTENDED PERIODS UPON REQUEST.

In addition to the resumption of water based activities, the committee have decided to once again allow member's use of the club's dinghy fleet.

Previously we offered boat loans on a 4-day booking system with a 3-day quarantine period, however, we will be taking requests on an individual basis from members wishing to borrow club boats during the 4 stages before returning to full operations on 21st June.

If you would like to take advantage of borrowing a club boat, please contact the membership secretary [here](#).

If available a boat can be allocated for your personal use on a fair usage basis, so you may be asked to relinquish your loan craft if demand exceeds the number of boats available.

Spare boat loans are also being made available on our booking system.

All social distancing measures will remain in place for accessing the Robinson building to gain access to club equipment. Follow the instructions on your booking tickets.



OUR NEW SINGLE-HANDER SAFETY BOAT WILL BE IN USE AS RESTRICTIONS ARE LIFTED

Safety boat services

Although we are not planning safety boat facilities until full restrictions are lifted after 21st June, this is however being kept under constant review, so look out for requests to man the safety boat soon!

Have you completed your on-line video training session conducted by our Powerboat trainer and chief instructor?

We will be scheduling further on line sessions, keep checking the booking system and further announcements for dates.

This is a really useful safety refresher, when posted, all details can be found on our booking page [here](#)

SAFETY FIRST ONLY SAIL OR USE THE WATER WITHIN YOUR OWN CAPABILITIES.

- The following guidelines should be observed if taking to the water
- The upper limit is 20mph wind speed, do not sail in higher strengths
- If sailing/Paddleboarding/Kayaking/Canoeing make sure you have booked a place on our booking system
- When using the water outside the times at which safety boat cover is available, please try to sail/paddleboard etc with a buddy, or ensure there is someone ashore keeping an eye on you.
- If you are going to be at the reservoir alone, make sure somebody knows your plans
- During colder weather, you must have appropriate clothing and sailwear, that means a wet or dry suit.
- You must maintain social distancing If using the toilet facilities.
- Check the clubhouse is secure prior to departure.

** VISIT OUR BOOKING PAGES HERE **

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OUR SUCCESSFUL VIDEO AGM

On 10th February the club AGM was held using the ZOOM Platform.

More than 35 members joined the virtual meeting to hear a round up and summary of the previous year's activities...And non-activities as a result of the pandemic. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting. Financial accounts were discussed and approved (*Now available in the members only area of the [website](#)*). A number of changes to club rules were also accepted unanimously and the meeting heard that despite the challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic the club remained in a sound and healthy position.

KNOW YOUR WAY AROUND THE WATER
SEE OUR MAP ON LINE [HERE](#)



WELCOME
TO OUR
NEW
MEMBERS

Welcome to our
new members for
2021

Thanks for joining us, we
hope you'll be looking forward to a great season of
activities at the club in 2021.

If you have a boat berthed at the club, please ensure
your insurance policy is fully up to date and recorded
on our membership portal here: [MYmembership](#).
Don't forget as part of your membership T&C's you
must fulfil your obligations to cover safety boat duties
when they become operational again in 2021.

You must also have taken our safety boat
familiarisation course by joining one of our virtual
on-line theory training video forum and practical
session before your duties can start.

Book an online theory meeting when the next session
is posted on our booking system.

Our provisional programme of events is now being
prepared, so we will be asking members to cover the
safety boat rosta soon.

This is usually required on selected Saturdays,
Sundays during the main season and you'll probably be
asked to cover approx 3 sessions during a membership
year.

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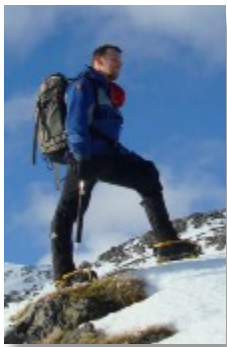
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NEWS FROM OUR BOSUNS AND APPOINTMENT OF OUR NEW HOUSE BOSUN

Welcome to David Oldacres who is joining the team in the newly created role of House Bosun. David stepped down from committee member



duties at our AGM due to pressure of time, but has kindly offered to oversee general building maintenance at the club.

David knows the site inside and out and will be ensuring all is in “**Ship Shape and Bristol**” fashion.

(See the origins of this phrase).

In other Bosun News

Syd and Bob are busily preparing all of our boats and equipment ready for reopening.

Syd says.... **“Prior to the shutdown we had continued to fine tune the storage in the Robinson building to make it more user friendly”.**

The new engine trolley for the 10hp outboard is a big improvement on the old red one and we are in the process of procuring some new oars and boat hooks so that the three powerboats including our new single-hander all have identical equipment and ancillaries and we'll prepare a check list to make sure all helms of the safety boats are fully equipped for the water.



New tie down points that were installed previously have suffered from the high rainfall we had last year, more than usual, and the ground was saturated leading to one or two securing points popping out of the ground during the heavy winds. As soon as we can access the boat park we will be creating new tie downs.

Amongst other things we took all the wheels off the trolleys for the winter so we shall hopefully soon be putting everything back in place for sailing this year.

If you notice any boat or building repairs that may be required, please report it to the Bosuns, or a quick e mail would be helpful....

[Contact the bosuns here](#)

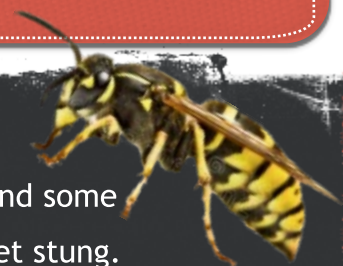
STAY SAFE • SAVE LIVES • KEEP SAILING!

Off your trolley?

We are again appealing to owners of trailers stored at the club to ensure they are marked with ownership details, or they will be removed...we promise!

WARNING!

Bob & Syd are reminding everybody to beware of sleepy wasps, having found some drowsy but angry beasts when uncovering boats after the winter! Don't get stung.



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OUR PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF EVENTS FOR 2021

With growing confidence in our ability to resume activities at the Club, the programme for 2021 can now begin to take shape.

We hope the proposed events will see a cautious return to organised activities, racing and the opening up of the clubhouse and its facilities, all reflecting the Government's guidance and road map out of lockdown.

In this time of ever-changing restrictions (and freedoms) please keep a regular eye on the Club's website for the latest information about what's on, start times and activity formats.

I look forward to seeing you back out on the water - at last!

Annabelle LePage - Sailing Sec

CAN WE START RACING?



Organised sports are permitted from 29th March and we'll be starting the racing programme with the first Wednesday evening handicap race on 28th April - when the clubhouse changing rooms should be open following Stage 2 restrictions being lifted.

We'll need volunteers to act as Race Officer for each session this can also be booked/volunteered using the online system.

.....So please can all regular racers take a moment to allocate themselves at least 1 duty in each series of races that they'll take part in. We'll also be looking for safety boat volunteers to cover these sessions after 17th May, but in the absence of a safety boat- Racing will be on a 'buddy' basis.

F A Q'S ABOUT RETURNING TO THE WATER

WHEN CAN I START TO USE THE WATER AGAIN?

Access to the water to sail, Paddleboard etc can begin from 29th March, but to limit numbers and keep a record for track and trace purposes you must book a slot using the online system

[Visit the booking page Here](#)

CAN I USE THE CLUB HOUSE?

The toilets can be accessed from 29th March but only one person/household group in the clubhouse at a time please.

The rest of the clubhouse remains closed until 12th April at the earliest – this includes using the changing rooms for storing gear, getting changed etc.

WILL THERE BE ANY SAFETY BOAT COVERAGE?

Until social distancing is eased from 21st June, the Safety Boats will be crewed by one person alone or two members of a single household.

All crew must have (as a minimum) completed the 'Safety Boat Familiarisation Course' Video theory session and practical instruction.

[Check booking page for next training dates](#)

It's really important people sign up to do the powerboat courses, as the more trained crews there are, the more safety boat cover we can provide – it's a simple as that!

The amount of cover this season will depend on the number and availability of trained volunteers, but the goal is to provide Safety cover on Sundays and Wednesday evenings from 17th May, plus Saturdays from 21st June.

You'll be able to volunteer yourself for Safety boat duty through the booking system. We can't guarantee all the slots will be filled with volunteers, so if you want to check whether there will be a safety boat present on a particular day, please check online to see if a crew has been allocated for that day.

As always, please only sail/paddle if you are confident in the prevailing conditions and the forecast is for wind speeds less than 20mph. If sailing outside the times when safety cover is available, do consider sailing with a buddy or having someone ashore who can keep an eye on you.

**** VISIT OUR BOOKING PAGES HERE ****

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IS ANY TRAINING BEING PLANNED?

Yes! The initial push early in the season will focus on powerboat training, with our Powerboat Instructors offering both online courses on handling the safety boats and following this up with water-based sessions to both familiarise crews with operating the boats and refreshing skills.



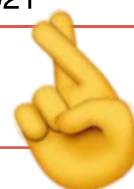
TSSC will again team up with Catterick Garrison Sailing Club to provide a programme of sail training for youths and adults at different levels.

The number of spaces and type of course will depend on progress through the Covid-19 Roadmap and demand, but we are planning to start with a youth course on w/c 31st May and run several series of 3 or 4 day courses throughout the school summer holiday and in October.

We'll also be looking at running sessions covering the basics of racing and the Race Officer role. The Instructors are meeting soon and more information will be announced shortly.

A SUMMARY OF OUR EVENT PLANNING

Sunset Series Racing Events		Regatta Sailing	Training Courses	
Early series	Late series	21/05/2021	Youth course	31/05/21 to 04/06/21
28/04/2021	07/07/2021	06/05/2021	3 Day sailing courses throughout summer	Weekly from / to
05/05/2021	14/07/2021	04/07/2021		28/07/2021 05/09/2021
12/05/2021	21/07/2021	01/08/2021	Camping week	21/08/21 to 29/08/2021
17/05/2021	28/07/2021	**29/08/2021	** Commodore's Cup	29/08/2021
26/05/2021	04/08/2021	**12/09/2021	** Bart's Bash Event	12/09/2021
02/06/2021	11/08/2021	**26/09/2021	** Laser & Fusion event	26/09/2021
09/06/2021	18/08/2021	03/10/2021	Social events	
16/06/2021	25/08/2021		Welcome back BBQ	22/05/2021
23/06/2021	01/09/2021		All events subject to change in accordance with current restrictions in force, so fingers crossed!	
30/06/2021	08/09/2021			



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THE TRAINING CREW ARE PREPARING FOR SOME ACTION IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

It has only been on-line so far with a couple of refresher sessions around Safety Board operations; an excellent presentation by Darren Kirkham (Army Sailing Association Regional Coach) on the course for Senior Instructor certification, and next week an on-line session for all instructors to review our resources and our plans for the year.

Ensuring Members are confident and capable in handling the safety boats is important for everyone's peace of mind. In April there will be :-

1. A familiarisation and practical handling session for competent helms on the new addition to the fleet, known as the Blue Boat. It's smaller and lighter than the Rigiflex and so the handling is noticeably different.
2. Practical work with the bigger Safety Boats for everyone, either as a refresher or first-time training.

As the COVID restrictions are gradually eased the next priority will be the RYA dinghy sailing course for those members starting out in sailing.

More information will be communicated as and when the dates can be firmed up.

Phil Gamlen
Principal Instructor

Ready & Raring to go!

DREAM ON!

