



Tell Tales

Ahoy!

Winter Sailing

We have one more Saturday sailing session this coming month and we invite all members to participate. It has been a great year so far for our sailing but you can always have another practice with a little help, or just a free sail with your family member. The adult course sailors will be around to finish part of their course, due to the lack of wind and it is a great time to catch up with what is the latest at the club. These sessions are all manned by kind volunteers that keep on turning up to support the sailing.

Please do come down and support these activities and just enjoy the water and have fun. See you there.

*Juley Simmonds
Vice Commodore*

Our Thanks

With the season now at an end, I would like to reflect on what the committee have achieved this year with all of the restrictions and uncertainty that required constant planning and adaptability.

We really should consider the work of all the members and helpers involved and applaud this good work.

*Mike Valentine
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Introducing our Treasurer—Liz Ballinger



My daughter Anna joined the sailing club a few years ago and I was asked to help with tea & cake on a few occasions. I then joined the adult sailing course in October 2019 – considering I am not the most

physical or bravest of people this was a big step for me. Getting from the shore into the boat was enough of a challenge on its own!

I completed the course and really enjoyed it and since then was asked to join the Committee as Treasurer. My background is in human resources and I have been involved in budgets & strategy so it has been a slight change to take on this role.

It has been a really good year – the committee has worked well together and put lots of things in place in the background through the challenges of Covid to ensure that everyone can enjoy their sailing in a safe and enjoyable way. I really enjoy my time with WWYSA and look forward to an exciting future.

Liz

The WWYSA AGM

Our AGM is to be held on January 29th 2022. Open to all members.

All nominations for officers of the committee should be submitted by 15th January 2022. Please email all submissions to Secretary@WWYSA.org.uk

Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Treasurer, Secretary, Membership Secretary, are all up for election at the AGM

The ones underlined are the ones we have no one standing at present.



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Activity Calendar

Day	Date	Activity
Saturday	27th November	Members Free Sailing
Saturday	29th January	WWYSA AGM

Please note that activities may be subject to change & we will issue an updated calendar in each newsletter, along with times.

If you have any ideas for activities that you would like to have/see or help with please contact one of your committee!

From your Chief Instructor

I am hoping to keep some sailing going during the winter months. Unfortunately the first attempt came to a sad halt because of, yet again, lack of wind. Thankfully the second session was much more successful, thanks to all those who attended.

One further date is on the calendar... **November 27th**...do come along any time between 12.30 and 3.30 and just get some time on the water. As usual adult volunteers and instructors are needed for safety cover but if there are enough you are also welcome to have a sail.

I am in the process of checking off the log books ready for the AGM.

It's great to see how many of you have made progress towards your next stage certificate.

Portland adventure

At the end of September there was an invite to 8-14 year olds with at least stage two to join in an activity weekend at Portland. R.S Zest boats were used and youngsters from south and south west clubs took part

There were 45 sailors in all including 4 from Westbury and myself as one of the instructors.

The aim of the weekend was to progress their sailing skills through games based activities to develop on board qualities. These are teamwork, communication, creativity, confidence, initiative and determination.

A date for a similar adventure is already set for next year (18th/19th June) so hopefully some more of you will be able to join in.

Margaret

Top Tips—

Tell your crew or helm what you are about to do...communicate

Wildlife on the Lake



The Black Headed Gull

Scientific name:
Chroicocephalus ridibundus

Black-headed gulls are the most common inland gull and can be seen all year round.

Black-headed gulls are sociable, quarrelsome, noisy birds, usually seen in small groups or flocks, often gathering into larger parties where there is plenty of food, or when they are roosting.

In the 19th century black-headed gulls were quite rare and were hardly ever seen inland. Now, they are the most common inland gull species found throughout the country .

Community Foundation Awards Celebration

On Tuesday 22nd October in the town hall at Devizes we were invited to attend the Wiltshire Community Foundation annual celebration.

It was a lovely setting with many of the charities and groups they have helped this year in attendance. The Chairman presented an annual report of all the wonderful things, they had done in supporting different groups.

The foundation intend to have even more funds available this coming year and would be interested in continuing to support us in what we do. Whilst there I linked up with another charity, Phoenix Enterprises, who support individuals with mental health issues into training and employment. Sailing would provide an excellent team building opportunity for their members.

I hope we can strike up a great relationship with them moving forward. This also, was very exciting for the people involved with the Community Foundation, as their funding had a double impact putting the two organisations working together would be ultimate benefits for both parties.



It was a lovely evening with presentations awards and music by yet another charity they funded to help through the lock down period.

The Community Foundation won the Wiltshire Life, Pride of Wiltshire Award and were also presented with an appreciation certificate for the support they gave to the Nepalese Association of Wiltshire.

We are grateful to the Foundation for their continued support of West Wilts.
Juley

‘Money makes the world go round.....’

With Christmas getting ever closer please consider inviting relations, siblings and friends to support us on Easyfundraising. The more people we get involved the more money we will get for nothing!

We now have **£52** in the kitty and **19** supporters.

For more information visit: <https://wwysa.org.uk/easyfundraising/>

A blast from the past....

Story posted on February 23, 2016 from Wiltshire Times Wiltshire Herald....

WEST Wilts Youth Sailing Association held its annual meeting and awards evening last month, after seeing a successful year back on the water following a devastating fire that destroyed the clubhouse in 2014.

Emily Abbott of the association reported, "2015 was a mixed but exciting year for the association. We started with only three evenings running due to a slight fall in numbers after the disruptions of the fire the previous year.

"However once the season got under way many of our students joined in the extra activities that were kindly organised by our instructors and adult helpers. These encouraged visits to other sailing locations, which is always a good experience, as well as inviting friends and family to have a taste of sailing at Westbury.

"Highlights of the year included: • The instructors' trip to Mount Batten, Plymouth. It was great to see so many of our instructors and helpers on the water. • The Roadford weekend involved 50+ people and with good conditions there was lots of time on the water, including members in their own boats enjoying the wide open spaces.

"A wonderful chance for families to have a weekend away with a wide range of activities such as paddle boarding, canoeing, sailing, racing, walking, cycling or just sitting around chatting and then the barbecue on Saturday.

"The following members were presented with trophies by the Commodore, Mrs. Margaret Pell:

Association Trophies: Junior Trophy (Most Progress and Effort, 12 years or under) – Malin Cranston and Rebecca Goodsmann. **Laslett Cup** (Most Progress and Effort, Senior Cadet) – Emily Bullock and Lydia Smith. **Glarus Trophy** (Individual Service to the Association) – Sophie Ellis

Lynne Yates Shield (Best Trainee Instructor) – Fraser Jones. **Endeavour Shield** – Edward Abbott. **Racing Trophies:** The following members were presented with Racing Trophies by Mr. Kenneth Adams: **RNLI Pennant** (now we award RYA socks as pennants aren't available!) – Thomas Brookes and Fraser Jones. **Royal Oak Challenge Shield** – Thomas Brookes and Fraser Jones. **Inter-Night Shield** Tuesday Night – Thomas Adams, Felix Plant, George Adams, Jordan Lee. **Summer Points** – Thomas Brookes and Fraser Jones. **Seamanship Trophy** – Helm: William Bromham – Crew: Thomas Brookes and Fraser Jones

News for Newsletter

We invite all members to submit their stories, interests, or experience, as articles for our newsletter.

Please submit articles to secretary@wwysa.org.uk.

History of the Club

We are asking anyone with a story to tell, articles to offer, copies of old photos, alumni's, or anything else to do with the club to please offer a copy.

We are planning to compile a book for the 55th year of the club and are looking for present and past contributions to put in it.

Bosuns Locker

Model Arab Dhow

Free- 40 years old in need of restoration

Contact via secretary@wwysa.org.uk

SMALL BOATS wwysa.org.uk/model-yachting

BIG RACES

SERIES RACING FOR DRAGONFORCE 65 & RG65 MODEL YACHTS

THURSDAYS 2-4^{PM}
SATURDAY 10-12^{AM}

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