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Ahoy!

What a year we have had. At the beginning of the year the Committee set themselves targets. Looking at these targets now I am amazed and proud of everything that has been achieved. We have accomplished so much, that actually the committee can't believe the success either.

We have had to deal with all this amid the Government regulations for Covid but with the help and guidance of the RYA.

The children have had a great season, achieving their RYA syllabus grades or all set to.

Our AGM this year is being held on Saturday the 29th January at 16.00. at Leigh Park Community Centre, this is where your children will receive their Certificates and Trophies . We will also be providing information for the coming season, so please do pop along.

We are still having a great time on the water thanks to Margaret and volunteers who are holding some winter free sailing sessions. We have been lucky with the weather, although we could do with a little more wind at times. A BIG THANKS to all those who attended and those who made it happen. Well, as we come to the close of the year, the Committee and Club Volunteers would like to wish you all a great Christmas and an even better New Year. Lets hope we can run in full swing for 2022. That would be a wonderful gift for us all.

Stay safe.

Juley Simmonds
Vice Commodore

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Introducing Woman Who Sail... Apart from at Westbury...

Sailing used to be a “man’s world”. **Grace O’Mally** born in Ireland around 1530 changed this. She disguised herself as a boy to board a ship so that she could join her father on his journey to Spain. After her father died Grace became a famous woman sailor/pirate, and great sailor. History refers to her as the world’s greatest female pirate.

Skipper Thuridur born 1777 was the world’s earliest female sailor. She was only 11 when she joined her father’s fishing crew to become a sailor.

In Modern Times

Krystyna Chojnowska Liskiewicz born 1936. She was the first woman to sail single handed around the world in 1976 narrowly beating Naomi James.

Dame Naomi James born 1949. In 1977 she was the first woman sailor to sail solo around the globe via the great clipper route.

Kay Cottee finished a solo circumnavigation of the globe in 189 days without stopping and without assistance, she was even washed overboard when her boat capsized in a large wave. She lived to tell the tale.

Laura Dekker born 1995. She was 13 years old when she circumnavigated the world single handed. She is the youngest girl/woman to do so.

Ellen MacArthur (La Petite Anglaise as the French call her) born 1976. She broke the world record for the fastest solo circumnavigation of the globe, she did the trip in 71 days and 14 hours.

Galia Moss Born in Mexico was the first Latin American woman to sail across the Atlantic Ocean alone in 2006. She did it in 41 days.

The Latest Achievements Today

Tracey Edwards MBE born 1962. She was the skipper of the first all girl crew to enter the Whitbread Round the World Race in 1989, and won!!



Hannah Mills Ellen MacArthur Pip Hare

Susie Goodall Born 1989. She started racing Laser Dinghies. Susie took part in the vintage Golden Globe Race. Sailing non stop around the world in an old classic boat. She was in fourth position, unfortunately her Rustler 34 pitchpoled and capsized in 30-35 knots of wind, she was knocked out and the boat broke its rigging and mast. In the end she had to be rescued.

Sam Davies Born 1974 in Portsmouth. She sailed the Vendee Globe in 2008/2009 and finished fourth and in the 2020/2021 race her boat suffered keel damage. Only 71 sailors have finished this race out of 138. Her husband was also in the last race in his own boat.

Pip Hare born 1974 from East Anglia. She started sailing at 16. Pip completed the Vendee Globe Race in 2020/2021. and is working towards the next one in 2024. She won the Yachswoman of the Year Award 2021.

Hannah Mills MBE Born 1988 in Cardiff. She started sailing at 8 years old in a mirror dinghy. She has become the 2 times World Champion in the Woman’s 420 and 470 Class dinghies winning in 2012 and 2019. Hannah and Saskia Clark won a silver medal at the 2012 Olympics. Hannah and Eilidh McIntyre won a gold medal in the Women’s 470 at the Tokyo Olympics. She has recently been awarded The World Sailor of the Year.

More Recently

The Americas Cup have just announced an all **woman crew** competition and a Youth Team competition to compete for the most prestigious prize in sailing.

For Your Information

In 2024 the Maritime Museum of Hull is doing an exhibition on Women who sail in both traditional and modern boats....

The WWYSA AGM

Our AGM is to be held on January 29th 2022. Open to all members. Just another reminder that all nominations for officers of the committee should be submitted by 15th January 2022. Please email all submissions to secretary@WWYSA.org.uk

All positions are up for election and currently we have no candidates for vice-commodore

Activity Calendar

Day	Date	Activity
Thursday	30th December 21	Members Free Sailing LAST SAIL OF THE YEAR
Saturday or Sunday	15th/16th January 22	2 First Aid Courses
Saturday	29th January 22	WWYSA AGM

Chief Instructor's Report

We had a very successful free sailing session at the beginning of December after several unsuccessful attempts in November because of too much wind. Attendance was encouraging, wind was good although all sailors needed to be well dressed because of the cold.

I have already had some offers of interest to hold a similar session on Thursday 30th December. 10.00 -12.30. Please come and get in some practice and make use of our wonderful facilities.

Since my last report we have successfully completed an adult course, (thank you Simon Brewerton) and a power boat level 2 course (thank you Simon Taylor and Chris Hargreaves).

If you are interested in a power boat course please let me know.

I now have a stock of club polo shirts with the club logo embroidered on them. They will cost £10 each and will be available for the first time at the AGM if you are interested.

Looking forward to meeting up with as many of you as possible at the AGM on January 29th. All of you have recognition of your years achievements to collect.

Margaret

Wildlife on the Lake

Something to do over the Holidays

Langford Lakes

Nature Reserve

Managed by Wilts Wildlife Trust Langford Lakes just the other side of Warminster is home to three lakes, meadows and the River Wylye.

RSPB BIG BIRD WATCH

There are several bird hides and visitors can often see Canada Geese, Grebes, and even Kingfishers. Plenty of Child friendly trails and lots of our resident UK birds can be found. Don't forget the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch 28th January 22 and 30th January 22. Register at the Big Garden Birdwatch. See how many birds you can id in your garden.



It all helps to get a bigger picture of the climate change effects.

Work Party

In November we had a working party, where many people turned up and gave a hand. They did painting, jet washing, polishing, cleaning, scrubbing, sweeping, cutting, trimming, strimming, digging, and pushing wheelbarrow loads of gravel to landscape the club grounds and car park. We moved one of the dinghies that was being repaired into the Workshop container.



We would like to say a BIG THANK YOU for all your hard work and time, it was really appreciated. We got so much done that day . Nothing would have happened without your help. It was a good day and a lovely get together for a chat and catch up. We were lucky with the weather too, it was kind to us.

Juley

‘Money makes the world go round.....’



Easyfundraising

We now have **£67.79** in the kitty and **20** supporters.

Again this is totally 'Free' money.

A big thanks to everyone who is participating. Lets see if we can double it by June 2022.

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

Radio Controlled Boat News

We have now completed the remaining two series of races for this year, the Autumn series held over the last few weeks and the Annual series which has been running since the beginning of the year.

The results have been calculated using competitors best 20 finishes in the case of the Autumn series and the best 45 finishes for the Annual series. I would normally have used higher thresholds to calculate these results and obtain a more meaningful outcome, but due to the late start to the season and other days when racing was not possible due to light winds or bad weather etc, I have settled on 20 and 45 finishes. Unfortunately, some of our sailors have been unable to reach these thresholds and have been excluded from the final tally.

Autumn Points

1 st Alan Brown	31 points
2 nd Chris Wheeler	45 points
3 rd Peter Hewitt	50 points
4 th Andy Allen	57 points
5 th John Thomas	72 points

Annual points

1 st Alan Brown	58 points
2 nd Chris Wheeler	61 points
3 rd Andy Allen	78 points
4 th Peter Hewitt	128 points
5 th John Thomas	140 points
6 th Geoff Pell	195 points
7 th Margaret Pell	229 points

Many thanks to all the sailors who have taken part this year and made Thursdays and Saturdays more fun. We will continue to sail on through the winter and maybe have a short frostbite series starting in the new year to win some left-over mince pies.

Next year the plan is to separate the results for the two classes of yachts DF65s and RG65s. Also, if possible we would like to increase the number of sailors taking part regularly and attract some new members. Thank you again to everyone and Happy Christmas.



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.

Word Search

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