



AHOY!

This month has been even more exciting than the last! Firstly, we have been loaned by RS some very eye-catching dinghies to try. I think you would all agree we have had a lot of fun with them. Sadly, as I write this they will be leaving us to be loaned to another club.

We have to thank Margret Pell and Mike Valentine and the Bosuns for their hard work and dedication to pass our RYA inspection, this means another year of sailing under the RYA flag.

We have had the start racing course second part being held on a Saturday 23rd and again enjoyed by all who took part.

On July 10th, 21 members and families went down to Portland to sail the collection of Andrew Simpson Centre dinghies. This was a great day out for all the club. (Sorry I was unable to attend due to working away) By all accounts everyone had fun. Club members Elliot Whitmore, Charles Evans and Alex Llewelyn won a race over all the other clubs that were in Portland using the facilities that day. Well done boys!

The West Lavington Scouts have been down to the club and had a great Saturday afternoon on the water. It is hoped to hold another session for them next Saturday , so watch out for their report on their experiences next issue.

Chris Wheeler, Alan Brown and Nic Cross (our Bosuns) have been identifying worn out bits and pieces on our fleet of dinghies and we will be upgrading and replacing bits gradually keeping them up to a safe and sail worthy standard.

With August fast approaching and the holiday period upon us, it is vital that you inform your SI when you cannot attend a session, this is for both attendees and helpers alike, as during August it is very hard to gauge how many people will be in attendance. In order to run the sessions successfully any advance information would be appreciated.

Thank you .

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The Visiting Dinghies

We have had a lot of fun over the past 3 weeks, trying out the RS Tera, Zest and Quest.

They have been used by a lot of our members during the sessions and they have thoroughly enjoyed trying them out.

Their colourful sails brightening up the lake and adding more interest to those watching from the shore.

Certainly the Seamanship and stage 4 students have fun with the spinnaker on the Quest and it has been great practice all round.

Also, experiencing capsizing in a bigger dinghy and working out how to right it and the different techniques involved when sailing a larger vessel.

Hopefully in the future after our feedback on their performance and deliberation into how we can incorporate the dinghies into our fleet moving forward then, we can look at fundraising to provide these sort of boats in the future.



CALL FOR HELP!!!

Membership Secretary and Secretary required to join Committee

If any of you have some spare time and would like to join your committee and make a difference to our club, then please let us know. With all the work that Chris Hargreaves is doing at the club and holding down 3 positions on the Committee as well as his full time job we really could do with some more members to help us with these roles.

Please contact us if you are interested and we can give you more details as to what is involved.

- Membership is automated with details requiring input and maintenance.
- Secretary primarily is answering emails and correspondence to the club and ad hoc jobs that arise from committee meetings.

All members welcome

Thanks

Juley Simmonds

Commodore

Top Tips

Always look up when you are near the trees , your mast may be trapped in branches if you get too close

Did you know?

Common Phrases with nautical origin

Long shot. An occurrence that would take a great deal of luck.....

Early ships guns tended to be inaccurate . If a shot made impact from a great distance it was considered lucky.

Feeling Blue. Experiencing feelings of sadness

If a captain or officer of the ship was to die while at sea the crew would fly a blue flag and paint a band of blue along the ships hull.

Taken Aback Startled or surprised

The sails of a ship were described as 'aback' when the wind blew them flat, or back, against their supporting structures.

KNOTS AND THEIR USES

Two Half Hitches



Two half-hitches is a type of knot, specifically a binding knot or hitch knot.

Advantages

- Non-jamming release
- Adjustable
- Secure
- Ties quickly

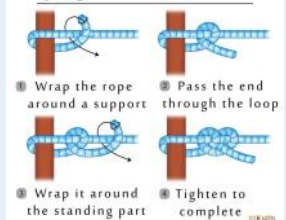
Disadvantages

- Difficult to untie

Uses

- To tie guy lines to a dining fly.
- Tying boats to pilings.
- Securing the ends of a rope that ties things to the top rack of a van.
- Two half hitches and a taut line hitch are used to set up tents.
- When added to a timber hitch near the hauling end, helps in hoisting and prevents

Tying Two Half Hitches



West Lavington Sea Scouts Visit

We had a lovely Saturday afternoon with all the scouts having fun!
One of the parents sent this through afterwards .:

“What brilliant photos and thank you so much for organising such a wonderful experience. Johnny loved it and so pleased he overcame his fears, a huge thank you to Anna. ”

“Anna really was super, really great with the kids and especially Johnny. Please thank her.”

And I was thinking too of all the help our younger (but experienced) members provide to the club and the evening sessions. They really are great.

Thanks to my volunteers!

Andrew Farebrother



‘Money makes the world go round.....’

Easyfundraising

Free money!!

Each month I get notified on how much ‘free’ money we have in the account.

This month we have reached a total of over £126.24!

We greatly appreciate all of your support on this little funder and it is encouraging to see more going into the coffers.

We now have 21 supporters. A BIG thanks to all of you .

Can we increase this for next months newsletter, with you all booking trips out and holidays this and next month?

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

Portland Club Trip



On Sunday 10th July a party of 21 youngsters and helpers took themselves to the Andrew Simpson Academy at Portland for a day of sailing on the sea in Portland harbour.

We could not have had better weather with sun all day starting with a light breeze that picked up slightly after lunch.

We were divided into 4 groups each with its own instructor and safety cover. Each group had different types of boats some of which were changed part way through the day. The boats were Zests, Fevas, Quest, 29rs, Lasers and Aeros. This gave everyone experiences in different boats on different water.

At the end of the day a race was

organised for all the groups attending Portland that day, not just us. I was so proud to hear that a WWYSA team (Elliot Whitmore, Charles Evans and Alex Llewelyn) won that race in a Quest. Interestingly two of the team had completed the start racing course the day before.

Thank you to everyone who attended and represented WWYSA

A booking will be made for next year.

Margaret
Chief Instructor



Congratulations and Well Done

We all send our congratulations to Finn Caddy who has this week passed his dinghy instructor course.

Finn is a solid helper on Monday nights and assisted Leon Ward with the start racing course.

A serious sailor but still happy to give support to our younger members.

We invite all members to submit their stories, interests, or experience, anything to do with the club past and present, your experiences of being a member of the club and how it has changed your life. as articles for our newsletter.

Please submit articles or photos to

Secretary@wwysa.org.uk

Donated Yellow Duo

A big thank you to Grant ??for his donation of a Duo to add to our fleet of boats. It is really appreciated and I am sure we will get a lot of use out of it and the children will enjoy it.

Over To You !

Anything you would like to see in the newsletter please let us know. We are always open to ideas and influences and opinions so please do let us know.

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

Start Racing

During June and July six youngsters successfully completed a two day Start Racing course.

It was run by Leon Ward from the RYA who took them through the different stages of racing; from correctly rigging their boat, starting the race and building up to a full race that included a protest and protest committee. Not only did they learn racing skills they also improved their personal sailing and had time on the water to put theory into action.

Well done to them all and thank you to Leon and those of you who did safety boat cover for the two days.
Margaret

WWYSA Gallery



“Busy Club” taken by Juley Simmonds



“Sunset at RC Boats”

taken by Peter Barnes

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