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## AHOY!

Well as the 2022 season and year come to an end, we can look back on an action packed 12 months.

We have had a full schedule of evening sailing sessions. There was a successful trip to Portland, a fun packed Platinum Jubilee celebrations , Volunteers Fish and Chip Supper, many weekends on the water with sailing dinghies or radio controlled boating, and a number of well attended training courses. The wider community have also used the club.

The Club has definitely reached a turning point in it's history and with this hive of activity I am proud to be a part of it .

Recently Liz Ballinger and I went to the Westbury Town Council Presentation Evening and we were awarded £250 towards the maintenance of our boats. We also met some very interesting people and groups, with many expressing an interest in sailing next year.

We have our AGM and awards afternoon coming up on the 28th January 2023, so please put the date in your diary. It will be at the Westbury Leigh Community Hall.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and participation in our activities and events, and I look forward to seeing you all next year. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Yea , I will see you on the water soon.

Juley Simmonds  
Commodore

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## Farewell to Nic Cross



Following Nic's move to Wivenhoe I'd like to pen a few words about Nic. He was already a permanent fixture at WWYSA when I started sailing ten years ago. He took me and many other people to Plymouth to do a power boat course and encouraged us to help the club. His company was always great fun and he makes a good cup of British Rail Tea! I was having great trouble starting the safety boat engine one day and looked up to see that Nic has just arrived. Was it a coincidence that it started at the very next pull?! Lockdown was particularly hard for Nic, but we would take turns to water the plants that he established at the front of the car park. Over the

years Nic gave so many hours of practical and skilled help to the club, as well as a sense of fun and friendship. We will all miss Nic and I for one will be visiting him in the sailing club at Wivenhoe!

Peter Barnes



## October's Free sailing session

What a perfect day wind and weather wise.

On the afternoon of 22nd October, a dozen youngsters and a significant number of adults turned up for this session. The youngsters plus sailing adults chose what they wanted to sail, it was notably double handed boats as they wanted to sail with their friends. They set off to explore the lake and practice the sailing skills they had learned during the season.

Towards the end of the session Nigel arranged some short fun races before the sailors had to be brought to land.

Many thanks to those who turned up to make it a good venture and to the safety boat operators. Margaret



### Did you know?

That the crew of the old ships stayed warm by just huddling up together below using their body heat. The moment they went back up on deck they got extremely cold again.

## The WWYSA AGM

Our AGM is to be held on Saturday January 28th 2023 at 4pm Open to all members.  
Just another reminder that all contributions should be submitted by 14th January 2023  
Committee Member current nominations

Commodore	Juley Simmonds
Vice Commodore	Liz Ballinger
Rear Commodore	Chris Wheeler
Treasurer	Neil Whittemore
Secretary	
Membership Secretary	

## Activity Calendar

Day	Date	Activity
Saturday	10th December 22	Free Sailing and mince pie social
Saturday	28th January 23 4pm	AGM and Presentation evening

## Chief Instructor's Report

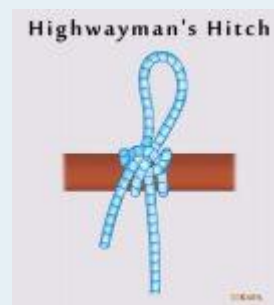
The winter training programme for potential assistant instructors and dinghy instructors continues on a monthly basis. Thank you for the support and to those happy to do safety cover.

I have just finished writing out the certificates of last season's sailing ready for the AGM at the end of January. I am still missing a few log books that are not in the club house. If you have your log book at home perhaps you would get in touch with me ([chiefinstructor@wwysa.org.uk](mailto:chiefinstructor@wwysa.org.uk)) and then I will arrange to get it from you and sort out any certificate you might have earned.

Similarly I am also still missing cups that need to be returned if those who hold them could contact me. They need engraving for the next recipients again at the AGM.

Margaret

## Knots



This quick release knot is of the draw loop type and can temporarily secure a load that is to be released cleanly and easily. It can be tied at the middle of a rope eliminating the need of the working end to be passed around the anchor while tying or releasing. It involves 3 bights of the same rope each of which successively lock the previous one as is evident from the below diagram. The name of the knot is attributed to Dick Turpin, a notorious 18<sup>th</sup> century English highwayman

## Work Party

Just to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the people who turned out at the weekend for our work party day.

To Margret for supplying the food for the sandwiches and the 'girls' for cooking it all.

Also to James Pearce and his JCB, without which it would have been a tough grafting day.

We achieved so much that day, whilst James was spreading the gravel the rest of the gang were able to get on with the much-needed other work

It was great to see so many people there. We had families, RC boat members, regular volunteers, and sailing members young and old. There was a job for everyone. even our youngest attendee helped her mum

I for one really enjoyed it and had a laugh and it was great to catch up with so many of you.

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## Christmas Sail and Mince Pie Social



  
**Members  
Free Sail**  
WWYSA

**10th December 22**

**Free Sailing and Remote  
Controlled Boats  
10am to 12:30pm**

**Followed by Mince Pies  
Tea, Coffee & Mulled  
Wine until 3pm.**

### 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](mailto: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.

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