

Tell Tales – news from the lake

Feb 2023



AHOY! FROM THE COMMODORE

Well, it has been a while. I hope you had a great festive season. Thanks to all those that turned up and supported our Christmas and New Year sailing. Despite the weather both were well attended.

We then had our AGM. There were a few changes on the committee (details later in this issue). Thanks to all who made this possible.

We have a new winch to assist us pulling in the safety boats. We have had all new external lights fitted to the club and the boats all float tested.

All this is down to the hard-working RC boat team and the Bosuns. A big thanks to you.

We have had a club development meeting where we have a general club plan and training schedule.

We have some great events planned for the coming year. The first is our Adult Sailing Course. Those of you who are interested please contact the secretary.

We have a preseason working weekend planned, and the season starts 28th March 23.

It is approaching fast so we need to get everything in place for our RYA Inspection.

The Club has been entered into the Westbury Soap Box Challenge, we are looking for club members, families' parents, grandparents and siblings, all to join in this venture. Anyone interested please contact the Rear Commodore/ Bosun Chris Wheeler, via email. Work starts soon!

Liz and I also met up with other Youth Groups in Westbury to help put the club on the map and to exchange ideas for a better club.

Lastly, we must apologise for the delay in our newsletter as we have had some challenges.

See you out on the water or at the club!

Juley Simmonds, Commodore

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Congratulations to Nic Cross B.E.M.

Stalwart member of wwysa for over 40 years, Nic was awarded a British Empire Medal in January for his services



We have been honoured to have Nic as a member of our club for over 40 years. Helping the club get on its feet when it first started, and after the fire, he has done a lot of charity and youth work during that time.

This New Years' honours list Nic was nominated BEM (British Empire Medal) for his services to young people and to charity. The club wish to congratulate Nic on this honour.

We have also had a member in the past who was awarded an OBE (Order of the British Empire Medal) and awards for the club from Princess Anne, The Princess Royal.



Annual General Meeting 2023

Thank you to all those who organized the AGM for this year .

We have had a few changes on committee and also we gave out the trophies and awards.

We would like to thank Mike Valentine, Margret Pell and Chris Hargreaves for all the hard work you have put in for the last two years.

We would like to welcome Liz Ballinger (treasurer of last year) as Vice Commodore



1 This years' award winners at the trophy presentation

WELCOME NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS



NEIL

Neil Whitmore is our new Treasurer



NIGEL

Nigel Silman is our new Chief Instructor



DAVE

David Long is our new Principal

RC BOATS UPDATE – ALAN BROWN

Please try and race whenever you can and help to maintain numbers on the water

Although we like to sail year-round, in recent weeks our Thursday and Saturday sessions have been more of a social gathering than actual yachting.

This is mostly due to the weather conditions being against us. We have seen the lake frozen over on several occasions and there has been a lack of wind, or it has been too cold, too wet, or too uninviting to venture away from the kettle and biscuits.

However, things are looking up, the days are longer and warmer, we have new members, and soon we will be starting on the new seasons racing with March winds and lots of enthusiasm.

The fleet now seems to have settled on the DF65 using the A+ rig...

and this is providing close racing when we actually get on the water.

Having eight or nine boats on the start line is good fun and adds to the competition.

The A+ rig really enhances the DF65s performance over the standard rig and although there is a cost implication it is well worth the expenditure. The boats can be trickier to set up and due to the larger foresail, tacking through the wind in a stronger breeze can be problematic. There is plenty of advice on hand for tuning and setup, a good technique can overcome the issue with tacking. Best to tack with some boat speed and be decisive in changing direction, (I think, not sure it always works? I spend quite a bit of time in irons!)

The Spring series kicks off on Thursday 2nd March.

The Annual series on Saturday 4th March.

We are putting a book together of the club. If you have any articles or memorabilia in your archives, please share it with us

WINCH FOR THE SAFETY BOATS

Behind the scenes we have a team of keen helpers who have helped Chris Wheeler and Alan Brown (our Bosuns) build us a winch.

The winch will be used to pull up the safety boats. This will assist immensely when we have limited volunteers, or the rain has filled the boats up with water.

We are hoping this will make a big difference.

Members will have to learn the procedure to operate the winch safely.

Many thanks to the Bosuns and Team.



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 up on deck, they got cold again.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Save the date! Please note these may change.

Pencil them in your diaries and watch for updates.

We will be doing taster days and other training for sailing and PB2 at some point during the season.

Saturday 4 th March	Working Party 9am-12 midday
Saturday in March	First Aid Course – TBC
Saturday 18 th March	AI / DI training 10am-4pm
Saturday/Sunday 15 th /16 th May	Adult Course part 1
Saturday Sunday 25 th /26 th May	Adult course part 2
Saturday 3 rd June	Coronation Activity Weekend
Saturday/Sunday 17 th /18 th June	RYA SW Regional Championships at Torbay Sailing Club
Sunday 9 th July	Portland Trip
Saturday/Sunday 12 th /13 th August	Commodores Weekend

Season start dates for sailing evenings:

Mon 27th March

Weds 29th March.

Fri 31st March 2023

Top Tip! Make sure you bring warm complete change of clothing for this time of year and maybe an extra tracky bottom for extra warmth if you go in!

FUNDRAISING

Supporting the club is easy using apps and online shopping.

We're registered with Easy Fundraising, and ASDA green tokens



EASY FUNDRAISING

We now have £154 in the kitty and 22 supporters.

Support us while you shop online. This is totally 'Free' money. We haven't had to do anything for this except have it paid into our account.

A big thanks to everyone who is participating.

Remember you can use it doing your weekly shopping and sometimes we can double the percentage we get from offers from retailers & holidays. It doesn't cost you a penny.

For more information visit: wwysa.org.uk/easyfundraising

ASDA

We have also been nominated for the Asda Green Token Giving. We need to raise enough tokens / votes for us to win a place in the running to be nominated for £15,000 grant. In the meantime, we still get awarded £300, £400, or £500 depending on how we fair. So please look up the details that were sent to you as this run until April.

You can add tokens weekly online or in store:

<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4996>

CLUB SPONSORS



MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

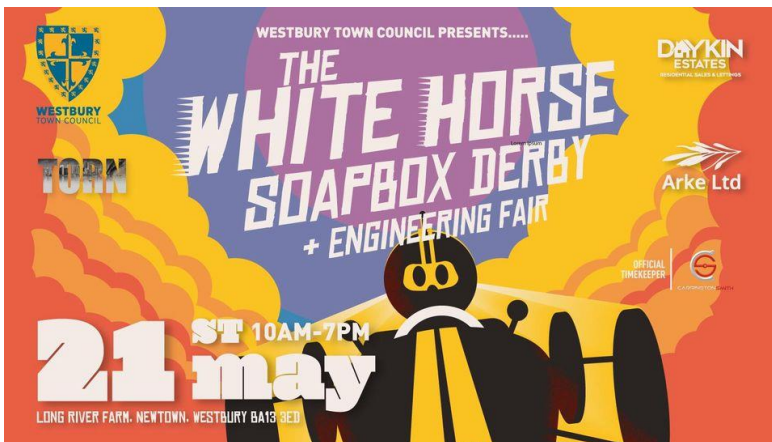
The 2023 season starts soon. Please arrange payment of this year's membership fee asap.

MANAGE YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP ONLINE

You may have received a payment request by email in early February from 'Membership-WWYSA'.

We are now using an online club management system to manage membership, payments and event sign up. Please follow the link in the email to login, check your details and pay for you/your child's memberships. Junior Membership for 2023 is £30.00 and tuition fees £140.00. Tuition can be split over 2 payments of £70 each. Tuition fees are due 15th March and 1st July.

SOAP BOX DERBY



The Club has been entered into the Westbury Soap Box Challenge.

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Anyone interested please contact the Rear Commodore/ Bosun Chris Wheeler, via email.

Work starts soon.

Find out more at

<https://www.facebook.com/whitehorsesoapbox/>



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