

JULY 2024

TELL-TALES

WWYSA NEWSLETTER



AHOY!

BY JULEY SIMMONDS, COMMODORE

July has flown past! We've had two school visits. Firstly, Castlemead School, who had 3 fabulous days with us - helped by **WOLT** who did some Stand Up Paddle-boarding sessions. Then Dilton Marsh School, who have been visiting us for more than 30 years! I would like to thank all the volunteers who helped to make these sessions possible and enjoyable for all, it is greatly appreciated.

We've had our second Portland trip. These trips offer a great opportunity to gain sea experience and try out different boats with instruction. Read on for a full report.

RC Boats hosted visitors from Warminster Model Boat Club and were invited to their anniversary celebrations in return. Sunday Sailing has been a great success with 20+ people turning up for the July day. Unfortunately we have had to cancel the next one planned for the 18th August due to a lack of qualified volunteer availability. We are working hard to organise a new date and we'll keep you posted.

We have our member reunion on 8th September where some of our past members visit and share memories. Please pop down if you can, have a chat, socialise and maybe find out some interesting club history!

We'll soon be taking bookings for our up and coming Fish 'n' Chip Supper. This is a thanks to all our volunteers and a chance to get together and enjoy everyone's company.

Finally, don't forget to watch the British Sailing Team at the Olympics - read on for more info. See you out on the water sometime soon!

KEY DATES

AUGUST 2024

18th – Commodore's Sunday Sailing (with races and BBQ)

24th & 25th – Level 1 Adult Sailing Course

SEPTEMBER 2024

8th – WWYSA Reunion and Sunday Sailing

23rd – Last session for Monday tuition

25th – Last session for Wednesday tuition

27th – Last session for Friday Scouts tuition

27th – Fish 'n' Chip Supper for volunteers

28th & 29th - Level 2 Adult Sailing Course



AT THE HELM



CHIEF INSTRUCTOR'S REPORT

BY NIGEL SILMAN

We have just finished running two fantastic days with Dilton Marsh Junior School, 12 and 14 pupils from year 6 visiting us each day. We had slightly overcast weather on the first day but plenty of breeze (which resulted in a few inadvertent swims!) and sun but light winds on the second day. All the students (and teachers!) had a really great time with us and so it is with very grateful thanks to all of our volunteers who gave their time to make these days happen. Thank you all very much, you know who you are.

Adult Course Update

We recently contacted everyone on the adult course waiting list with our confirmed dates. There are still some spaces left though! Level 1, will be taking place on 24th and 25th August. Level 2 is taking place on 28th and 29th September. These are weekend courses, taking 2 days to complete each RYA Level qualification. Courses are discounted for members to £175 each. Non-members pay £200. If you are interested in either course then please get in touch with Michele via membership@wwysa.org.uk

Don't Forget To Follow The Olympic Sailing!



The Olympic games are upon us once again and Great Britain is fielding another strong lineup of sailors going for gold. If you are new to Olympic sailing, there is a very good guide to the various classes and timetable of races on the RYA website [here](#). In brief, there are a number of classes of boat and board as follows:

1. **WOMEN'S DINGHY – ILCA 6** (used to be called the Laser Radial)
2. **MEN'S DINGHY – ILCA 7** (used to be called the Laser)
3. **WOMEN'S SKIFF – 49ERFX**
4. **MEN'S SKIFF – 49ER**
5. **MIXED DINGHY – 470** (a change for 2024 as there used to be mens and women's events in the 470)
6. **MIXED MULTIHULL – NACRA 17**
7. **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S WINDSURFING – IQFOIL** (new for 2024 and replaces "conventional" windsurfing class)
8. **MEN'S AND WOMEN'S KITE – FORMULA KITE** (new for 2024)



All classes sail a series of races and the top 10 after the series go onto a medal race (dinghies) or medal series (boards). Scoring in sailing is backwards compared with most sports, with the winner scoring one point, the second two and so on. Sailors can discard their worst result unless they receive points for any disqualification. The medal race scores double points. At the end of the race series and medal race/series, the boat/board with the lowest score wins the gold medal. Find out more about how you can watch the races and which channels [here](#). Enjoy!

As always please do not hesitate to contact me via chiefinstructor@wwysa.org.uk should you have any other queries, questions or points to raise.



PORTLAND JULY 2024!

BY MARGARET PELL, SENIOR INSTRUCTOR

Yet another brilliant day at Portland so a proud thank you to all those attending and the willing car drivers! The forecast had not been very promising but while we had light winds in the morning it picked up a bit in the afternoon. Just right for beginners. Warm and sunny all day. We were allocated Zests and Fevas and the more experienced sailors were in 29ers and Laser 2s. Many thanks for your support and I have now made bookings for next year!

BY FRED FAREBROTHER, SAILING STUDENT

Had another great time at Portland, there are always fun activities during the sailing and the instructors are very friendly and welcoming. I like it as we have lots of space to sail in and we get to try out new things and different dinghy's each time. Sometimes we sail to a beach and land, which is a laugh. This time we did capsizing races, where you had to sail a course, capsize at a certain point, recover the dinghy and sail on! But best was the pirate game - here we had to sail close to another boat and our crew member had to "board" the other boat and try and capsize it, before swimming back to get onto our boat. Huge fun!





Making a Difference - Get Involved!

BY DAVID LONG, PRINCIPAL & LIZ BALLINGER, WELFARE OFFICER

As a committee we are looking at all opportunities to give our members the best experience and take the club into the future. To support this, we have created working groups for specific areas. These are each being led by three committee members. Have a look at the group subjects to the right and if there is an area that you would be interested in getting involved in, please speak to us or any of the committee.

We are especially interested in our younger adult membership getting involved, so don't be shy! Your involvement could be big or small – you may be able to help with maintenance, organise or help on the day of an event, have some ideas for the future of the club – speak to one of us & help make a difference!

WWYSA WORKING GROUPS



If you'd like to know more about what each working group has been set up to do, then please get in contact with David - principal@wwysa.org.uk



CONGRATULATIONS! CAMILLA & LILY

Newly Qualified Senior Instructors!

Congratulations are due to two new Senior Instructors, Camilla Blakesley and Lily Swerdlow who attended the same course at the Andrew Simpson Centre at Portland. Well done both of you, it's great to see our volunteer instructor team progressing through the RYA Qualifications. As a result we now have a bigger pool of SI's to call on for running events such as school and taster days.

