

AUGUST 2024

TELL-TALES

WWYSA NEWSLETTER



AHOY!

BY JULEY SIMMONDS, COMMODORE

We are coming to the close of our evening sessions. The nights have really started to draw in at the moment, it is quite notable when we are out on the water. This doesn't mean that the club shuts down by any means. We have winter training sessions for powerboating plus our Assistant Instructor and Dinghy Instructor assessments. We are holding a taster session for waiting list members in September and WOLT and K9 community groups continue to rent our facilities.

You may have noticed how great our clubhouse is looking lately, this is because Andy and Freddie Farebrother have been working hard cleaning it for us. A big thanks to you both from all the members and the committee. In RC Boats Club we have had 3 classes of radio controlled boats on the water and this has been amazing fun. We will be having a RC 'J Class' Regatta in October. Watch out for more news on this, it will be very impressive to watch for sure.

We have had some exciting stuff happening with some of our young members during their summer holidays. Off racing in Dartmouth, Poole, and Wales, bringing some lovely trophies home with them. Some members have been off on larger boats around Portsmouth, Sardinia and the Norfolk Broads. All having different sailing experiences. It all starts at our little club.

Our working party is planned for **17th November**, this is where we clean up the boats and tidy the club. Usually quite a laugh and good get together too. Hope to see many of you there.

Keep an eye on the club board for all the dates and information as well as on Facebook and our website.

KEY DATES

SEPTEMBER 2024

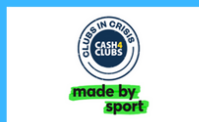
- 8th – WWYSA Reunion and Sunday Sailing
- 10th - **Deadline for booking a place at the Fish 'n' Chip Supper!**
- 14th - Taster Session
- 23rd – Last session for Monday Tuition
- 25th – Last session for Wednesday Tuition
- 27th – Last session for Friday Scouts Tuition
- 27th – **Fish 'n' Chip Supper for volunteers**
- 28th & 29th - Level 2 Adult Sailing Course

OCTOBER 2024

- 5th & 6th – Powerboat Level 2 Course at club
- 13th – RC Boats Club J Class Regatta
- 19th & 20th - Powerboat Level 2 Course at club

NOVEMBER 2024

- 17th – Working Party





Fish 'n' Chip Supper Evening

BY JULEY SIMMONDS, COMMODORE

It's almost time for our Instructors and Volunteer Helpers Thank You Fish 'n' Chip Supper Evening. We'd love to welcome our volunteers to a Fish 'n' Chip supper to say a big thank you for all your help this year. So, you are invited along to join us for a social at the Railway Inn Pub, Westbury on 27th September at 6.00pm!

If you have already got back to me with your RSVP and any allergy or food requirement info, then you don't need to do anything else.

If you haven't yet confirmed you are coming, please could you do so by emailing me **no later than 5.00pm on Tuesday 10th September** as we need to get numbers to the pub in advance by then. If you would like to make a donation on the night, it would be gratefully received.

Email me at - commodore@wwysa.org.uk

THANK YOU!



IN THE PIPELINE...

Your committee are busy working behind the scenes on lots of potential ideas and activities such as...

FIRST AID COURSES

AGM & AWARDS NIGHT

BOAT SALE

RYA AWARDS

DISABILITY AWARENESS

SAFETY BOAT COURSE

NEW BOATS

RACE COACHING

SOLAR PANELS





ADULT COURSE REPORT

BY LIZ BALLINGER, WELFARE OFFICER

On what started as a miserable, wet Bank Holiday weekend we delivered the second Adult Level 1 course of the year. The first morning was spent inside doing theory while it poured down outside, after lunch the rain stopped and we were on the water as we were most of the second day. Everyone had a great time and the new sailors excelled themselves. Many thanks to the instructors who supported the training.

Here are a few quotes from the day:

“ I spent a weekend learning and achieving something with lovely people ”

“ The instructors were really good ”

“ My instructor listened to me and delivered the training in a way that worked for me ”

We still have a couple of spaces left on our Adult Level 2 course in September. If you are interested in a place then please contact Michele at membership@wwysa.org.uk



AT THE HELM

INSTRUCTOR'S UPDATE - Weil's Disease Information

Following reports about the increase in cases of Leptospira bacteria being present in inland waters all over the UK, we are issuing the following announcement to all members. Leptospira bacteria is found in contaminated water, which can lead to Weil's disease. Weil's disease causes flu-like symptoms with a long incubation period, so symptoms may not begin to appear until several weeks following contact.

We would like to reassure you all that we have **not** had any cases at the club, nor do we have any reason to believe the water is contaminated. Weil's disease is extremely rare in the UK, and can be treated by antibiotics, however we would like to remind all members to:

- **Wash and disinfect hands thoroughly following water activities at the club – this includes handling any equipment that touches the water or boats**
- **In the case of immersion (e.g. following a capsized), shower and wash clothes as soon as possible.**
- **Cover any open cuts and grazes with a waterproof plaster before going out on the water, and clean any new injuries as soon as possible.**
- **If you develop flu-like symptoms following any on-water activity, contact your GP and inform them of where you have been sailing.**

Once again, we would like to re-iterate that we have **not** had any cases at the club.



Reminder: Please Return Your Trophies Ahead of the 2024 Awards!

A friendly reminder to all members who were awarded trophies at our AGM and Awards Night in January: please ensure your trophies are returned to the club in good time as we prepare for the 2024 Awards. Congratulations once again to all of our winners!

We kindly ask that all trophies be returned by **27th September** to allow for engraving and preparation.

Also, keep an eye out for more news about our 2024 Awards Night in January next year—we're excited to celebrate another fantastic year at the club!

Thank you for your cooperation!

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

