



Tell Tales

Ahoy!

Welcome to the first of our Tell Tales, the new newsletter which will be sent out on a regular basis and will be full of information, competitions, fundraising activities and things that you can share.

We welcome any input from you to include in our Tell Tales, so if you have anything you would like to share, or have any questions please email: membership@wwysa.org.uk or when we are back in action speak to one of the instructors .

Making Way

For everyone it has been a very strange year and although many of you were able to do some social sailing during the summer, we are very much looking forward to getting back to the evening sessions with fun, instruction, qualifications and seeing everyone.

As soon as we have information on what we can all do then this will be passed on and we can get back on the water—don't forget to wrap up warmly for the first sessions and bring a hat!

As members we want you to achieve your personal goals so bring your wish list — whether it is to get the next level qualification, learn more about the upkeep of boats or become more confident, whatever is important to you.

There have been some changes to the committee with a particular mention to Mike Valentine who is taking on the role of Principal and thanks to Claire and Emily who have been so helpful for many years handing over their responsibilities to Chris Hargreaves who is now Secretary and Liz Ballinger as Treasurer. We are delighted that Margaret Pell has become Chief Instructor, with Juley Simmonds kindly agreeing to drive fundraising with some great ideas that we can all support.

There is lots to do at WWYSA and opportunities for everyone to get involved— we are a RYA approved sailing centre and our main priority is to introduce young people between 8—18 to sailing.

There are lots of activities that the adult members and parents can become involved with and we would really like to learn about your skills and knowledge so that you can help if you would like to. We will be listing some upcoming tasks in the newsletters so if there is anything you would like or are able to assist with please let us know!

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Introducing the Instructors



I feel very privileged to be your chief instructor and trust that I can move the club forward into the 2021 with less restrictions than last year.

Monday night sailors will know me but a few words to the rest of the club.

I learnt to sail on one of the WWYSA adult courses and then went on to help as a volunteer. I then moved on to get more qualifications as a sailing instructor. I also did power boating and big boat courses.

Once I learnt to dinghy sail I was amazed at the openings it offered. My husband and I have dinghies at Shearwater and Poole Yacht Club. We use the boats for racing and day adventures. We have entered national competitions as well as club racing.

This moved me onto big boats. My first adventure was Weymouth to the Solent but that was followed by sailing to many ports on the south and east coast of England and

South Wales. I then went further afloat

chartering boats in Gibraltar, Greece, Croatia, New Zealand, the Whitsunday Islands off Australia.

The highlight of my big boat experiences has been sailing the canals and lakes of Holland, several times. To start with we borrowed boats over there but once we took our own boat across the North Sea before entering the canals. An amazing experience.

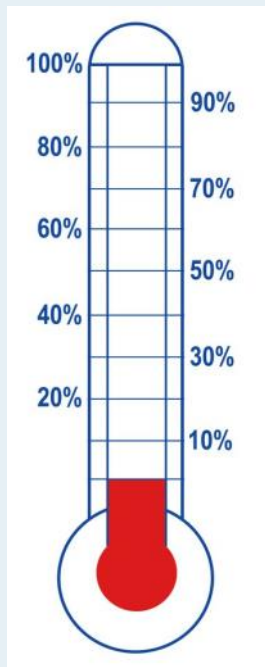
I hope that reading a small taste of what you can do with your sailing skills will encourage you to enjoy your time at WWYSA. You never know when you may be able to use the learnt skills or where they would take you in the future or who you might meet on your journey.

If there is anything I can do to help or support please ask. You can e mail me or talk to me at the club.

Here's to a great season. Margaret

'Would you like to train to train—become an instructor and share your interest'

easy fundraising target 50



'Money makes the world go round.....'

West Wilts Youth Sailing Association are now registered with **easy fundraising**, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easy fundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

It is easy to use just follow the instructions and start to raise funds for us through your normal shopping online, even your weekly grocery shop. You can earn another £5 for the club by referring a friend.

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easy fundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wwysa/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1



Wildlife on the Lake

There are a variety of birds on the lake, including

Indian Runner Ducks

Indian Runners are a breed of *Anas platyrhynchos domesticus*, the domestic duck. They stand erect like penguins and, rather than waddling, they run. The females usually lay about 300 to 350 eggs a year or more .

Here we have a great picture of the new facilities—do you have any photos that you would like to share? Some from the beginning of the club would be fantastic—especially if there was a story to tell!



Radio Controlled Boats

Did you know WWYSA has a thriving Model Yachting section. We race on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

The focus is on series racing and the primary yacht classes are the affordable Dragon-force 65 (DF65) and RG65 yachts. A large sailing area allows a wide variety of courses to be set out to suit the wind conditions of the day. Should the weather be poor the superb new clubhouse provides the possibilities for tea, talk and shelter, although the weather rarely prevents sailing completely.

Anyone wishing to join or to come down and have a go, please contact rcsailing@wwysa.org.uk, membership is free to existing WWYSA members.

Obviously, all our activities are on hold due to lockdown. But please get in contact with your interest so we can include you in the information once we start up again

These ducks do not fly and only rarely form nests and incubate their own eggs. They run or walk, often dropping their eggs wherever they happen to be.

Only females quack and drakes are limited to a hoarse whisper.

Dredging Work



Fantastic news— the lake has been cleared, the island has shrunk and you can now sail right around it—thanks to all who worked on this project to make it happen especially Chris who managed things and Margaret who provided hot meals which were very welcome!



Let's Celebrate

It has been a very strange year, and we have not seen you very much, do you have anything that you have done over the last year that you would like to share?

Thank you Chris for your devotion to the club and the benefit we have all had from your 35+ year involvement in WWYSA – long may it continue!

RYA Volunteers Award

We are delighted to announce that Chris Wheeler has been recognised with a Lifetime Commitment award, this identifies people who have given over 35 years of their time, experience and wisdom to the benefit of others.

The awards are usually presented at the RYA AGM with HRH Princess Anne completing the honour. Due to the pandemic this event was cancelled and Chris received it at the club after a model yachting session with Peter Barnes standing in for Princess Anne, thank you Peter!



Proposed Activity Calendar

Day	Date	Activity
Wednesday	31st March	Instructors Meeting
Saturday	3rd April	Volunteers and Instructors Sailing
Monday	5th April	Start of Monday evening sessions
Wednesday	7th April	Start of Wednesday evening sessions
Monday	3rd May	Bank Holiday Activity
Saturday	15th May	RYA Instructor Training Day
Saturday	12th June	Commodores Day
Saturday	3rd July	Activity Session
Mondays	2nd 9th 16th and 23rd	Taster Sessions
Monday	20th September	Last week of sailing

Please note that activities may be subject to change and we will issue an updated calendar in each newsletter, along with times. The full club calendar is on the website: <https://wwysa.org.uk/calendar/>

Sailing Search

Can you find these sailing terms?

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| 1. Stern | 6. Beam |
| 2. Leeward | 7. Upwind |
| 3. Windward | 8. Spinnaker |
| 4. Draft | 9. Trim |
| 5. Gybing | 10. Tacking |

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'What did you always want to know about sailing.....ask the expert'
 email your question to membership@wwysa.org.uk to find all the Top Tips!

Top Tips—Sailing alongside Fishing

We share the lake with a Fishing Club and we work together so that everyone can enjoy the lake.

When you are sailing if there are lines in the water please keep away from them and the fishing people in turn should keep out of your way and not cast the lines near your boat.

Sailing is enjoyable and it is good to hear lots of laughter and conversation, maybe just not too much when you are near people fishing!

The Senior Instructor is there to help and support you so please speak to them if there is anything that you are not sure of whilst sailing, do not get involved or speak with those fishing.



Bosun's Locker

This is your space to advertise any sailing equipment that you no longer need—it can be for sale or just donated.

We would very much appreciate a donation is made to the club of 10% of the sale price and if there is something that is offered for free could whoever gets it please make a financial contribution to the club.

Topper — Sail number: 21809

Rear sheeted
Light-Blue deck
Two sails
£300 ONO
Contact: Nic Cross (07747626891)

Quicksilver Inflatable Inshore Dinghy

4.3 Meters long, maximum 8 persons
Rolls into carry bag for transporting
Wooden floor
Complete with Mercury 9.9HP Tiller steered 4 stroke engine
Approx. 10hrs use since new
£1200 ONO
Contact: Nic Cross (07747626891)

Brand New Buoyancy Aid

Size Medium
£25
Contact : Chris Wheeler (commodore@wwysa.org.uk)



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