



Tell Tales

Ahoy! - Commodores Report

Is it not great that we are all allowed to go sailing again, be it a little restrictive. during our first week the enthusiasm during the nights showed through. I think we would all like to thank those that made this happen.

During 2021, we have lined up some special events for all to engage in once Boris lets us move forward with more freedom. Please make a note of these from our always changing for the best diary events calendar, so you do not miss out.

May I also enlighten members why Roadford was cancelled this year. At the time of the decision there were a lot of unknowns due to the Pandemic and the government's rulings at the time and having just formed a new committee there was a lot of work within the club to be done so it was decided to amalgamate our postponed grand new facility Open Day from 2020 with the Commodores Day, we will review the possibility of another away weekend in 2022.

Your club is always looking forward with so we have decided to try and work towards becoming carbon neutral. Starting with our power units used on the safety boats. Our fundraising sub committee lead by Juley has managed to procure some money to enable us to trial one electric outboard - going electric is not cheap and a lot of research has gone into this new technology, so look out for the quiet boat that will be coming near you in the future.

May I remind members that we are still in the middle of a pandemic this has necessitated several changes to how we run our sessions, we are guided by both the RYA and the rulings of the UK government in order to help keep our sailors and volunteers safe. We all hope better news is forthcoming so we can get together again in larger groups but please bear with us and abide by the rules that we have set out. If you are unsure of or unhappy with any of the procedures we've put in place please speak to a member of the committee. Thank you for your patience and understanding.
See you at the club.

Chris Wheeler.

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Introducing the Instructors

I am Nic & I am the Senior Instructor on Thursdays.

I learnt to sail at 14 with the Scouts where I grew up in Essex. My first boat was an 'Osprey' dinghy which I sailed & raced on the River Crouch, in Burnham.

Moving to Westbury in 1981, working on the new railway I saw 2 Mirror dinghies & a rowing boat on the lake. Calling in one evening, on my way home I joined West Wilts & the rest as they say is history.

I retired from the Railway industry in 2007 after 44 years service, which gave me more time to help with & develop the club into what we all enjoy today, holding positions from general committee, Principal, Chief Instructor & Vice Commodore for many years.

Chris Wheeler & I attained our RYA Senior Instructor certificate together at the Royal Navy base at Portland in 1992 followed by our RYA Power Boat ticket in 1993 at Plas Menai. We've enjoyed running many courses since then.

I am also a Racing Coach & Club 'Race' Officer,. In 2007 I was awarded & presented with the RYA Senior Instructor of the Year award, presented at the Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace. Walking on stage to Tina Turners, 'Simply the Best' though embarrassing in front of my family & friends, it still makes me smile when I hear it!

Thousands of youngsters have passed through the club in my time, many becoming life long friends & several working now in the sailing world.

Achievements, many, since 2005 with my son Tim, an RYA Coach/Assessor (who learned to sail on the lake), the club has run Instructor Courses at the lake for our 16-year-old & above students. Some 70 odd youngsters have become Instructors & some going on to become S/I's.

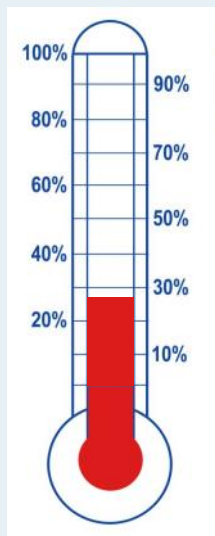
Away W/E sailing trips on coastal waters to Lymington, Weymouth & of course Mountbatten are legendary, some 39 trips in all not including our Commodores W/E's at Roadford.

Many youngsters have crewed for me over the years in my Day Boat, At Salcombe Regatta weeks, both Will & Eddie Abbott, 'Day Boat Nationals' at Rock & Salcombe (Miles Clarkson & Louise Haedicke). In 2018 Eddie & I did the "Birket" Trophy held on Ullswater Lake in the Lake District. This year Oli Welbourn & I plan to go again.

I've enjoyed 3 trips now to Antigua working as a volunteer Sailing Instructor at the National Sailing Academy. Sounds grand but just like West Wilts though with palm trees, sand & of course sun.



easy fundraising target 50 registrations



‘Money makes the world go round.....’

EASY FUNDRAISING

Our Easy Fundraising has gained 7 new supporters and raised £7.66 in the last 30 days. Total raised since we started is £8.85.

Please investigate this you can find the information and link on the website and at the club.

The more people using this to book holidays, get their weekly shop online or just general purchases online the more free money we get. It won't affect your purchases or the price you pay so lets see if we can get all members and their families to use it and see how much free money we can really get.

The Link is <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/wwysa/?invite=9AJUZI&referral-campaign=c2s>

For joining and purchasing something we get an extra £5. We have 4 supporters that are active at present so you can see the potential if we have 40 say or more.

Very Good News!

The Mercers' Company.

Juley's latest project to raise money has been working with The Mercers' Company. They are a livery company in London. One of their members on a commute from the railway station, to work noticed our club and offered us a chance to apply for some funding.

Thanks to Juley's hard work putting together an application along with contributions from several club members. We are delighted to announce that we been awarded £5000 which will be put to-

wards purchasing an electric outboard and the associated equipment.



'Become an adult member & help shape the future'

Radio Controlled Boats

The Perils of Radio Sailing Part 1.

How hard can it be to sail a model yacht around a set of racing marks?

Well, harder than you might think judging by our performances so far this season - and I include all participants in this sweeping statement, no pointing fingers.

We have seen, or in this case, not seen very well how difficult it is to judge distances from our standing or sitting position on the shore to racing marks set out in the lake. Some of us miss the buoy completely and have several attempts at re-rounding, some yachts become neatly parked on the buoy causing a log jam for the following boats to avoid, some of us sail too far past the mark before turning so that we lose places to our competitors, some yachts pass the mark at a perfect distance but heel over causing that long keel to snag the buoys anchor chain. In mitigation, sometimes the sun makes it difficult to see the mark, and quite often many yachts all arrive at the turn at the same time, making your own sails invisible. And sometimes not all boats are necessarily under full control, sometimes we are not all on the same page when it comes to course direction.

So we have decided the answer to all of this is BIGGER BUOYS!

Alternatively can you remember that well known saying?

You should have gone to Specsavers!



Wildlife on the Lake

There is a variety of wildlife on Edenvale Lake, including

Swans

Swans are gracefully long-necked, heavy-bodied, big-footed birds that glide majestically when swimming and fly with slow wingbeats and with necks outstretched. They migrate in diagonal formation or V-formation at great heights, and no other waterfowl moves as fast on the water or in the air.

Swans feed by dabbling (not diving) in shallows for aquatic plants.



Swans are sociable except in breeding season. They mate for life. Courtship involves mutual bill dipping or head-to-head posturing. The pen incubates, on average, a half-dozen pale unmarked eggs on a heap of vegetation while the cob keeps close guard; in some species he takes his turn at brooding.

Health & Safety

We are going through the process of renewing the DBS all of the volunteers at WWYSA.

It is done through the RYA via an agency.

If you receive an e mail from 'noreply@employmentcheck' please do not delete as this is your starting point.

It may alternatively appear in your junk box.

When you have filled in the form and returned it can you then let me see your identification so that I can verify it. This is usually passport, driving license and something with your name and address on it.

This can be done face to face or on FaceTime.

Your cooperation would be appreciated so that we can get this task behind us.

Many thanks. Margaret

First Aid Training Course

At the club we take safety as a priority, therefore we are looking to organise first aid training for all members aged 14+ who are interested.

Currently, we are looking to host a one-day course, with a maximum of 8 attendees per day. The course will be held on a Saturday - if we have enough people interested, we will be able to offer 2 different dates (each on a Saturday).

The course ideally would be in the next 6 weeks depending on government restrictions, and the cost somewhere around £60.00 Please can I ask that anyone interested, reply to this email with an expression of interest. Just so that we can plan numbers and confirm costs. Obviously, the more we have, the less the cost. Expressing an interest won't tie you to attend, but purely give us an idea of who is interested.

It would be great to have as many qualified first aiders as possible. Enjoy the sunshine and the sailing.

Take care and keep safe.

*Kind Regards
Mike Valentine*



Proposed Activity Calendar—

Day	Date	Activity
		Bank Holiday Activity Postponed
Saturday	29th May	RYA Instructor Training Day
Saturday	3rd July	Activity Session
Sunday	11th July	Portland trip
Saturday/Sunday	24th & 25th July	Commodores Weekend And Club Opening
Mondays	2nd 9th 16th & 23rd August	Taster Sessions
Monday	20th September	Last week of sailing

From Your Chief Instructor

I hope that you have all settled into this years sailing season and managed some time on the water, not in the water!

I have a few extra activities organised for you in the next few months which I hope you will want to join in with. The more time you spend on the water the better will be your sailing.

Monday 3rd May

Free sailing, unfortunately this has been postponed we hope to reschedule this once restrictions allow.

Saturday 29th May

This is a change of date.

The chance for all instructors and volunteers to have a day of training, mainly on the water by a team from the RYA. This is not high level sailing, just a chance to learn fun ways to teach the youngsters.

I don't have time details at the moment but could you please let me know (chiefinstructor@wwysa.org.uk) if you intend to come so that I have an idea of numbers.

Sunday 11th July

Now a chance to sail on the sea.

I have booked a day of tuition at The Andrew Simpson Centre at Portland—I strongly recommend you take the chance to sail in a different location.

It is open to anyone...adults included ..stage 1 and above. By then new members who have attended most weeks should be at that level. The centre has all sorts of well equipped boats and will offer help and safety cover.

You will need to get yourselves there. You can take sandwiches for lunch and your driver has a lovely terrace to sit on and look out to sea or can walk on Portland Bill. There is also a coffee shop at the centre.

As I need to confirm the booking and pay could you let me know if you would like to join us by 3rd May with your payment of £55.

In the meantime enjoy your evenings at Westbury and looking forward to meeting up with you. Margaret

'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—

'Sail With Your Head Out of The Boat'

This means to look where you are going all the time watching for hazards, other boats and gusts on the water.



Bosuns 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 & if there is something that is offered for free could whoever gets it please make a financial contribution to the club.

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Contact : Chris Wheeler (commodore@wwysa.org.uk)

Radio Controlled Boats—Cardboard Boat Race



During the last lockdown the RC yachting members were given the challenge of producing a 500 mm long sailing boat made only from cardboard, string, bin-liners and a wooden keel and rudder! The course would be down wind and the first to reach land would be declared the winner. As you can see from the picture there were some fantastic creations along with some less successful! On the day the wind direction was not in our favour so it was decided to let these crafts go from below our flag sock on the headland, a lot of preliminary adjustments were made prior to the launch, even then one craft sunk, but the remainder set off up the lake.

Margaret Pell was declared the winner and the endurance award was given to Chris Wheeler as his boat made it all the way to the top of the lake. Great fun was had by all so perhaps next time we can get even more members involved.

Even the winners cup was made from papier-mâché by Alan Brown. A big thank you to all that participated in this activity. Pictures thanks to Andrew Allen.



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