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Ahoy! - Commodores Report

I hope you have been enjoying the sailing recently, unfortunately I have to open this newsletter with the sad news that we have decided to shelve the planned opening and regatta day for the time being due to the uncertainty around the ongoing government restrictions. Let us all hope that those eligible have been or are going to have their job and this then will enable all to gather in larger groups again.

We have been very lucky in obtaining a grant from the Wiltshire Community Foundation which enabled us to purchase two shiny new red Toppers to increase our fleet to 14 as we will be keeping the two older grey ones due to the increased need for single handed sailing boats this year.
Our thanks go to the fund-raising team for their great work.

Some more great news is that Chris Hargreaves our membership secretary has obtained his Senior Instructors certification and has been running Friday nights for the Salisbury Sea Scouts. Congratulations and thanks for the hard work put into achieving this.

Also this month, some of our trainee DIs and club volunteers went to the Mountbatten centre, Plymouth to do their Powerboat Level 2 or RYA Safety Boat courses this was arranged by Nic Cross and our Chief instructor, again many thanks for their hard work to get this sorted during these very strange times for a full report see Nic's writeup later in the newsletter.

The club is now searching for a minute secretary and someone to compile this newsletter if you would like to be part of the fantastic and friendly committee and fulfil this role then please refer to any committee member for further details.

See you at the jetty.
Chris Wheeler
Commodore

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Introducing the Instructors

I am Chris, the Senior Instructor for the scouts sessions on Friday Evenings as well as being the Club Secretary and Membership Secretary

I work in IT and when I'm not working, I can quite often be found on the water either teaching at West Wilts, Instructing/volunteering with Whitefriars Sailability, sailing my Wayfarer or occasionally crewing in a Comet Trio for club racing and at a recent open meeting.

My sailing journey started when I learnt to sail by doing a Stage 1 course in Mylor, Cornwall while on holiday in 2008.

A few years later I joined WWYSA. After discussing it with few friends at secondary school who were members, I decided to give it a go! I worked my way up through the stages on Tuesday Evenings. I was soon hooked and as a family we purchased our Wayfarer dinghy which I still sail regularly at a local club.

After finishing my sailing stages and in order to give something back to the club I moved into instructing becoming an AI in 2016 before moving on to Dinghy In-

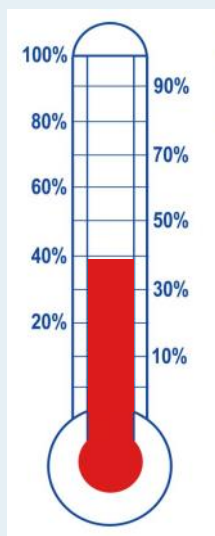
structor and earlier this year completing both my Senior Dinghy Instructor and Powerboat Instructor tickets. I hope to use these at WWYSA for many years to come.



Some of the highlights of my time with west wilts have been trips away with the club to sail at other locations including Mountbatten, Portland and Roadford Lake. They are a great way to test your skills in different boats and more challenging waters. Another highlight is fantastic group of friendly people who make up the club's membership which I feel privileged to be a part of.

Finally, I would like to thank all the club volunteers, parents and sailors for getting this challenging season off to a great start. I would also to give a warm welcome to our new members I hope you will all enjoy being involved with WWYSA as much as I do.

easyfundraising target 50 registrations



Fundraising Update

Our easyfundraising campaign is steadily progressing to the target of 50 people, currently we are at 17. If you haven't already signed up please follow the link for more information, it's free! <https://wwysa.org.uk/easyfundraising/>

We are delighted to announce that Juley has been successful in her application to the Wiltshire Community Foundation & Made By Sport's Clubs in Crisis fund from which we have received £2021 which will be put towards teaching aids and other related equipment that will make it easier for our volunteers to deliver even higher quality sessions.

Our thanks again to the community foundation for their continued support



Mountbatten Weekend Report

Over the Weekend of the 5th&6th June, nine club volunteers and adults travelled down to The Mountbatten Centre in Plymouth to attend a P/B2 and Safety Boat course run by P/B Instructors Chris Wheeler, Simon Taylor and myself, assisted by the Centres P/B Instructor Terry Lane.

Lily Swerdlow and Tom Brooks honed their skills on P/B2 course in readiness for their Dinghy Instructor course later in the summer. Jessica Lee, Poppy Thornton and Oli Welbourn, on the Safety boat course learnt new skills also in readiness for their Dinghy Instructor course. Everyone had a great weekend on and off the water and all gained their certificates.

Our thanks must go to the Mountbatten Centre, who on their first operational weekend after 18 months of closure provided all our needs smoothly.

West Wilts have a long term relationship with the Mountbatten Centre having been some 29 times on sailing and P/B trips since 2007.

It is planned to run another Power Boat course over Easter 2022.

Nic Cross



Radio Controlled Boats

Since the last newsletter the weather has mostly been sunny and bright but has not always played fair to us sailors.

Light to non-existent winds have curtailed racing on several days, and the odd localised shower has dampened enthusiasm a little. But on the whole we have enjoyed good sailing with competitive racing and a good number of boats and winners. As an example on one day seven races were contested by nine boats, with five of these races won by five different helms and the remaining positions being closely fought over.

We are currently holding the Summer series of races on Thursdays and the Annual series which runs throughout the whole year on Saturdays. The idea being that if you can only sail at the weekend, or alternatively midweek, it is possible to concentrate on one series. The more results you can obtain per series the better overall it will be. For each race, points are awarded to the same value as your finishing position, 1 for first place, 2 for second, 3 for third etc. Using the same number of races for each sailor every ones best races are totted up and the worst races discarded, during these calculations an overall series results table emerges. The sailor with the least points wins.

But aside from the sailing, isn't it nice just to be out and about at the lakeside, enjoying the company of other people, the banter, fresh air and wildlife, time away from gardening and chores. Long may it continue.

PS. Anyone wishing to find out more about radio sailing are welcome to visit the club on one of our sailing days.



Wildlife on the Lake

There is a variety of wildlife on Edenvale Lake, including

Muscovey Duck

We have one solitary Muscovy Duck on the lake. He mixes in quite well with the other birds on the lake. His features seem more pronounced than the average Muscovy but seems quite happy. Seen eating the weed and the food from the people that come down and feed the wildlife from time to time.



The only real hazard from it and the other birds is that they want to join in some of our games on the lake invading the pitch of a water football game!.

Help needed

We are looking for more volunteers if you can help on an evening please let the chief instructor know

Alternatively would you like to prepare/edit this newsletter or take minutes at committee meetings (once a month)

We would also like to put together a small team to compile a history of the Club which we plan to produce as a book ready for when we officially open the clubhouse next year.

If you are able to help with any of the above or feel you have other skills you could offer the club please get in touch with a member of the committee.

From Your Chief Instructor

I have seen some exciting and excellent sailing going on in the encouraging winds, and now we also have the sun , and the water is definitely getting warmernot an excuse for deliberate capsizing!

Departing Friend

Lorna Mudie has been a member of WWYSA since a youngster and has moved through the ranks and is now a qualified dinghy instructor on a Monday night. We are very sad to report that she is having to leave as she has a job in Inverness...a bit far to come for an evening!

We have had good fun with her and she has been a calm and gentle influence when needed.

Thank you very much Lorna, good luck with your move and call and see your Monday crew friends if you are ever around the area.

- Margaret Pell

Training Day

12 instructors and volunteers attended a training day one Saturday at the club and went away enthused to approach their coaching in a less formal way. I am sure you will all benefit from their new found expertise. It is planned to continue with this training later in the year. Please remember that all of the helpers are volunteers and that we are immensely grateful for their commitment to the club.

Club Inspection

On a recent Wednesday we had our annual RYA Training Centre Inspection which we are delighted to say we received praise for many aspects of our club and passed with flying colours!

There was a lot of background organization leading up to this for which we need to thank our principal Mike Valentine and Chief Instructor Margaret Pell.

We also need to thank Simon Brewerton and the other Wednesday night volunteers for showing the club off brilliantly

Adult Course

Simon Brewerton will be once again running an adult course over 4 Saturdays (18th , 25th September & 2nd, 9th October). During the 4 days participants will work towards achieving RYA Level 1 and 2 certificates, more details will be published in due course but if you want to register interest please contact the membership secretary (membership@wwysa.org.uk)

Club House Opening/Regatta weekend

Unfortunately with the extension of lockdown, we have made the difficult decision to postpone the opening of the clubhouse , we have plans for an exciting day or weekend in the future.....

Activity Calendar

Day	Date	Activity
Saturday	3rd July	Activity Session
Monday	16th August	Taster Sessions
Saturdays	18th, 25th September & 2nd, 9th October	Adult Course RYA L1 / L2
Monday	20th September	Last week of sailing

Please note that activities may be subject to change & 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/>

'What did you always want to know about sailing.....ask the experts'
email your question to membership@wwysa.org.uk

Top Tips—

REMEMBER YOUR RUDDER BEFORE CASTING OFF!!

We have seen several of you so keen to get sailing you have forgotten to attach your rudder, remember to give your boat one last check before setting off



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 a donation to the club would be appreciated.

RG65—Fonix

Carbon fibre RG65 Fonix built by Taylormadeyachts.

Ready to go racing with full swing rig.

New radio gear and waterproof rudder servo.

2 batteries

£450

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

Brand New Buoyancy Aid

Size Medium

£25

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Free



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