

TELL TALES

AHOY!

I would like to just say , it was appreciated that so many of you took an interest in the AGM held on 5th February. Even though we were in competition with the Rugby Six Nations games , and the fact this was a ‘Zoom’ meeting we had 22 people attending on the day.

We received 31 votes via email prior to the meeting, which were kindly verified by a Frome Town councillor Jane Berkley. Our thanks and appreciation have been passed on to her.

The Bosun and RC Group have been very busy with sorting out the Deja Vu Duo repair and also preparing the container where we store the rescue boats for some major maintenance to the floor. Nic Cross has tidied the ‘front of house’ garden and it is looking lovely with all the spring flowers starting to kick in.

The RC Boats members have been appreciating the wind we have been having lately they can finally have a brilliant set of races on the sessions held on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

Behind the scenes Margaret Pell and Chris Wheeler filmed a section for the RYA conference about our electric outboard.

We have planned a presentation afternoon for 2-4pm on the 19th of all your certificates and Trophies for the sailing evenings and for RC boats. More details to follow

Looking forward to the season starting soon, trips planned, exciting sailing and due to the covid restrictions being lifted more scope, to have fun!

Stay safe.

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What to do on wet winter days

Winter exercises

While it is less suitable for sailing because of the colder weather there is no reason why you should not remind yourself of the skills that you learnt last season.

The RYA have a series of fun learning videos that they put out during lock down but they are all still relevant.

To access them search for 'Sail Smarts' on youtube and enjoy.

eSailing on Virtual Regatta - free to play

eSailing has been hugely successful and kept racing going for so many individuals and clubs around the UK. eSailing is a fantastic way to have some off-the-water fun with friends and fellow club members on the virtual race courses.

For individuals

You don't need to pay to use Virtual Regatta. It's as simple as visiting their [website](#) from a laptop or PC or downloading the app on a smartphone or iPad and clicking 'play now' on either the inshore or offshore game. You can then enter the game and learn how to use it and compete against others all around the world. If you want to compete and keep your score, you'll need to create a login and a user profile. You also have the option of entering the eSailing World & GBR National Championships.



Top Tips—

Check over your sailing gear ready for the start of the season....Does it fit?

The WWYSA AGM

Our AGM held on 5th February 22 Officers of the Committee were voted in by the membership as follows:

Commodore Juley Simmonds, Vice Commodore Chris Hargreaves, Rear Commodore Chris Wheeler, Treasurer Liz Ballinger, Secretary, Chris Hargreaves Membership Secretary Debbie Stone.

After some feedback of the membership on the proposed changes and updates to the constitution were suspended, as it was deemed that more time was needed to amend this.

Since the AGM the Committee have accepted Margaret Pell and Mike Valentine's offers to continue as Chief Instructor and Principal.

Chris Hargreaves has agreed to continue as Secretary alongside his new role as Vice Commodore but would welcome anyone wanting to take this on. We are also looking for a minutes secretary as Andrew Farebrother will be stepping down due to work commitments.

Activity Calendar

Day	Date	Activity
Saturday	19th March 2-4PM	Awards and Trophy Presentation
Wednesday	23rd March 6:30	Pre Season Instructors/Helpers Briefing
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	4th April	Sailing Season Begins!
Saturday, Sunday	4th/5th June	Jubilee Weekend Regatta/ Celebration
Sunday	10th July	Portland Trip

Easyfundraising

This month we have reached a total of £92.71.

We greatly appreciate all of your support and it is encouraging to see more going into the coffers.

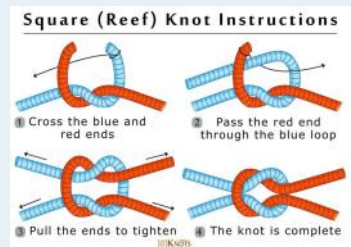
We now have 20 supporters. A BIG thanks to all of you .

For more information visit: <https://wwysa.org.uk/easyfundraising/>

KNOTS AND THEIR USES

The Reef Knot

The name "reef knot" dates **from at least 1794** and originates from its common use to reef sails, that is to tie part of the sail down to decrease its effective surface area in strong winds. To release the knot a sailor could collapse it with a pull of one hand; the sail's weight would make the collapsed knot come apart .



Volunteers Needed

In common with most sailing clubs we have an increasingly long waiting list and a shortage of volunteers to help us run our sessions.

There is a need for helpers in many of the areas of running the club. While we are obviously looking for senior instructors and dinghy instructors we also need a lot of hands on support with getting equipment out at the beginning and away at the end of sessions and helping with the running of activities.

Many hands make light work. You don't have to be able to sail in order to help.

We appreciate that a weekly commitment is not always possible so even a flexible offering would be appreciated. If you are interested in following up this request please get in touch with the chief instructor.



Chief Instructors report

Firstly be assured I have all the log books and certificates that you earned last year ready to present to you all. It is hoped that early in the season I will have the opportunity to hand them to you with my congratulations. Hopefully you are looking forward to the start of the season when you can put into practice all the things that you learnt last year.

I am in the process of organising some away trips because sailing on other waters is an important part of your sailing experience.

In the meantime do watch the sail smarts videos referred to in the section on winter exercises.

Margaret

Bosuns Film Debut...

A electrifying cold day!

It was in December 2021 that I was approached by the RYA to do a short video on our move towards a greener planet by introducing the club to electric outboards for our safety boats.

So, in January Margaret and I rocked up at the club to carry out this task, it was one of the coldest days of the year! We had no practice in what we were about to say but were just asked many questions about the highlights and any problems encountered over the last year into trying to bring this new technology to our club. It has been an extremely tough time trying to make this work because we were too far ahead of any commercially produced products which had been tried and tested to this new market, we have been under trial and error all the way and still we are pushing the envelope to achieve the best system that is cost effective, readily available to the market place and works for clubs across the UK. The videoing went very well but the cold conditions did not help (rattling teeth and shaking hands) The RYA then used this recording as part of the online Training Conference which was attended by over 600 delegates across the world. We hope this put our club on the map for our initiative in moving forward with all that we do at the club in order to better our memberships enjoyment when visiting the club.

Chris Wheeler Bosun and Rear Commodore.



Radio Controlled Boat News

This month I thought it might be useful to compare the two classes of model yacht we currently race at WWYSA, the Dragonforce 65 (DF65) and the RG65. Although both yachts are very similar there are differences, I will do my best to explain.

The RG65 class was the first to be developed quite a few years ago, it is a restricted class yacht which means multiple designs are possible provided they conform to a few basic measurements. These are a maximum overall length of 65cm, a maximum sail area of 2250 sq cms, and a maximum rig height of 110 cms.

Displacement is not controlled but most boats weigh around 1kg to 1.1kg, any hull material is allowed, carbon fibre, wood, grp, and plastic are all possible. Both swing rigs and conventional rigs are allowed in 3 sizes A, B, and C, remember that the sail area must not exceed 2250 sq cms so this would normally be the A rig, various mast heights and sail plans are possible but the maximum mast height of 110 cm must not be exceeded.

The design of an RG65 can be tuned to suit the prevailing conditions where you sail, for example open water conditions or light wind inland sites. It is also possible to home build although the 'professionals' will most likely sail professionally built boats.



RG65
Swing Rig



DF65
Std Rig

The DF65 emerged around 10 years ago developed from an RG65 design as an off the shelf value for money racing yacht. It is a tightly controlled one design yacht which must be sailed in an unmodified form as purchased from the manufacturer, however it fits into the RG65 rule book with one major exception, it can have 4 rigs A+, A,B,C.

The DF65 is a good all round performer, it is heavier at around 1.3kg than most RGs and with a lower mast height of around 90cms windward performance is probably compromised when compared the taller rigs available on the RG65.

The A rig in both yachts is the same in area at 2250 sq cms, however the DFs A+ rig is significantly larger and provides a benefit off wind.

There is little to choose performance wise between the two, either can win or lose dependent on the helms or the conditions. Sailing with A+ rigs the DF65s will probably have the advantage overall on our lake.

The full set of rules for both classes are available online in the relevant class association websites.

Finally, we have had really close racing recently, please keep turning out on Thursdays and Saturdays to maintain our numbers.

Thank you

Alan Brown

News for Newsletter

We invite all members to submit their stories, interests , or experience , as articles for our newsletter.

Please submit articles to secretary@wwysa.org.uk.

History of the Club

A reminder...

We are asking anyone with a story to tell, articles to offer, copies of old photos, alumni's , or anything else to do with the club to please offer a copy.

We are planning to compile a book for the 55th year of the club and are looking for present and past contributions to put in it. We will need help doing this so if you can offer some time this would be appreciated

Thank you

Bosuns Locker

Lost property

From last season there is still a selection of lost property to be claimed.

There is

a turbo small wet suit

a rooster rash vest

2 pairs sailing boots

a red waterproof top

5 pairs of sailing gloves.

If you think you are the owner of any of the items please send an email to the chiefinstructor@wwysa.org.uk

The Word Wheel



Using the letters in the wheel you have ten minutes to find as many words as possible of three or more letters none of which may be plurals, foreign words or proper nouns.

Each word must contain the central letter and no letters can be used more than once per word

There is at least one nine letter word to be found.

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