

TELL TALES



AHOY!

Well this is a very exciting time of the year!

With the sailing season under way, and new members starting to learn to sail. It is a pleasure to see the club in full action after so long with the Covid lockdowns and subsequent restrictions. There is a real buzz about the place, making learning fun.

We must thank all our volunteers who are the life blood of the club. Without all of you we couldn't function, it is appreciated by everyone. A BIG THANK YOU.

We have several training events and trips planned. Please see your emails for reminders and the calendar of dates in this issue. The Summer looks like it will be action packed.

Behind the scenes some of the committee are getting ready for our annual inspection with the RYA. Hopefully we will pass with flying colours.

We will also be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee , with a Fun Day and BBQ on Sunday 5th June. See later for full details.

We have our electric outboard fully functioning and saving us money as petrol prices steadily rise.

Let's hope we have fair winds and warm sunny evenings

Stay safe. See you on the water

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Fun on the water.

Sailing

**Recycled Boat
competition**

Raft building

BBQ

RC Sailing

Duck race



WWYSA

**Join us for
our Fun Day
BBQ**

Jubilee Party

**Sunday June 5th
10am - 4pm**

Adults £7 Children £3

Tickets & RSVP

membership@wwysa.org.uk



RECYCLE BOAT COMPETITION SUNDAY FUN DAY 5TH JUNE

To help celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee we are holding a recycled boat competition.

THE RULES

The boat must be made out of rubbish to be recycled

It can be no longer than 35 cm.

It has to have some kind of sail



Activity Calendar

Day	Date	Activity
Saturday	21st May	Instructor training
Saturday	28th May & July 9th	Start Racing Course
Sunday	5th June	Jubilee Celebration
Saturday	10th July	Portland Trip

Top Tips

Consider wearing a helmet especially on windy days!

Did you know?

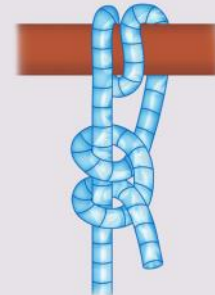


Whistling

Whistling is usually considered to be bad luck with the possible. It is said that to whistle is to challenge the wind itself, and that to do so will bring about a storm. Another tale is that it has been considered bad luck ever since the mutiny aboard HMS Bounty; Fletcher Christian is said to have used a whistle as the signal to begin the mutiny against Captain William Bligh.

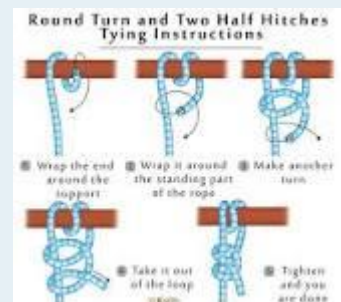
KNOTS AND THEIR USES

Round Turn and Two Half Hitches



What is the purpose of a round turn and two half hitches?

The round turn and two half hitches was traditionally used for **holding mooring lines**. The knot fastens a rope to a fixed object such as a post, tree, ring or column. It is a strong knot and consists of two parts - a round turn and two half hitches.



Volunteer Team

The club is run purely by volunteers and their efforts and time. We are truly grateful for this. Without these amazing people we would not be able to run any of our sessions. It is amazing how much fun volunteering can be. It results in new friendships and social circles and can be very enjoyable.

If you are a parent and would like to get involved there is always something you can do. Don't feel you have to know sailing or be qualified, we have such a varied amount of things to do, a helping hand would be appreciated.

Volunteering provides many benefits to both mental and physical health.

- Volunteering increases self-confidence. Volunteering can provide a healthy boost to your self-confidence, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. ...
- Volunteering combats depression. ...
- Volunteering helps you stay physically healthy.

We offer training and different courses you can sign up for if you wish to upskill and get RYA qualifications in Sailing and Power Boating.

Speak to Margaret chiefinstructor@wwysa.org.uk or Chris Wheeler rearcommodore@wwysa.org.uk
For further information

‘Money makes the world go round.....’



Easyfundraising

Each month I get notified on how much ‘free’ money we have in the account.

This month we have now reached a total of over £120!

We greatly appreciate all of your support on this 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/>

Radio Controlled Boat News

Sails talk.

Over the last few weeks it has been interesting to observe the performance of the A+ rigs fitted to some of our DF65 yachts. The A+ gives a considerable increase in sail area over the standard DF65 rig and consequently gives a useful boost in performance, particularly in lighter winds. On our lake with its variable and lighter winds it makes sense to move to the larger rig purely to get more enjoyment out of your yacht.

I would go as far as to say that a DF65 fitted with an A+ is now level on performance with the RG65s using their maximum sail area in either conventional or swing rig forms. Remember though in strong winds the A+ fitted yacht will get overpowered sooner.

However to get the best out of any model yacht regardless of rig size it is important to have your rig and sails well set up and tuned. Follow the excellent published guides regarding mast rake and sheeting angles, do not constrict the slot between the jib and mainsail, adjust the jib boom to allow some twist and keep the slot open. Make sure you have some twist in the mainsail by adjusting the main boom height and do not over tighten the foot of either sail to make sure there is some camber or flow in the sails.

Sails constructed from a lighter film than the standard Joysway items have only one main advantage, and that is it is easier to see at a distance when your sails are lifting or fluttering thus allowing you to make adjustments quicker and tack and gybe on wind shifts sooner.

Finally look after your sails during transportation (especially sails in the thinner film) it is very easy to get creases in the material which are impossible to remove.

ALAN BROWN



The difference between the two rigs with the sail are comparison.

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.

Jubilee memories

Be great to hear from you

We are asking anyone with a story to tell, articles of your memories of your experiences of Jubilees of the past and how you celebrated

Thank you

Start Racing Course

I have booked a racing coach to run a Racing Course for us on 2 Saturdays. As long as you are at least a stage 2 sailor you are welcome to join in the training days and hopefully achieve an RYA start sailing certificate.

The course will be from 10.00 until 4.00 on Saturday May 28th and Saturday July 9th.

The cost of the 2 days will be £20

If you would like to attend can you let me know on chiefinstructor@wwysa.org.uk and then pay by BACS or hand the money to your senior instructor.

There will be limited places so please book quickly.

Margaret

Chief Instructors report

Training

We have been fortunate enough to book our regional development officer, Rob Howlett, to come to do a days training.

We did something similar last year and it was enjoyed by all as it was water based.

The date is **Saturday May 21st.** from 10.00. All volunteers and instructors are welcome. Just bring sailing kit and sandwiches.

It would be good to have an indication of numbers before hand to the chief instructor.

Portland sailing.

Following on from the success of last year I have booked a day at the Andrew Simpson Sailing Centre in Portland which is to be **Sunday 10th July** from 9.30.

It is a full day on the water within Portland harbour and is suitable for anyone with at least a stage 1 certificate. It is also suitable for parents and helpers. We are put into groups according to our ability level with an instructor.

Their boats and equipment are all relatively new and in excellent condition there is safety boat cover. We come off the water for lunch which you can buy there or bring your own sandwiches.

The price for the full day of sailing is £60 per person.

If you would like to take part please sign up by emailing Margaret (chiefinstructor@wwysa.org.uk) before the 1st June.

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