



TELL TALES

AHOY!

Well that's a wrap! The arrival of autumn marks the end to this seasons evening sailing sessions. Well done to everyone who took part and helped to make the evenings so enjoyable.

However, sailing has not finished at WWYSA. We will be holding training sessions, and free sailing on some selective Saturdays during the winter so look out for the dates.

Our Fish 'n' Chip Supper was a great evening thanks to all who attended.

We are hoping to hold some kind of social event in late November early December, we'll let you know.

We will be erecting a noticeboard in the club. This will display and Events Calendar and What's on List so watch out for this when using the Club. As always events will continue to be publicised in this newsletter and electronically to all members.

The AGM to be held 28th January 2023 (in person this year). Anyone considering volunteering for committee positions please let us know by emailing secretary@wwysa.org.uk.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our adult course this autumn due to small numbers, but will be running it again in the Spring.

We have a working party scheduled for 19th November (please see details inside) Please do come along as actually they are great fun and we achieve a lot in a short time to maintain and keep the club facilities up together. (There may also be cake!)

Thanks, see you soon

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RC Boats

Imagine something different

As we know the wind in Westbury can be a little fluky or even elusive, the best of the wind usually is well out in the middle and to the far side of the lake. This can be an issue for small yachts and we have been thinking around solutions.

How about we build a grand pier which would extend about 50 metres out into the lake from in front of the club house, it would have a circular covered section like a bandstand at the far end and of course handrails for safety, the pier could be Victorian or contemporary in style with maybe some seating for the older club members.

This construction would be of benefit to all members not just model yachters wishing to get closer to the breeze, on tuition evenings the instructors could tend their flock from the comfort of the bandstand, the pier could be rented out for tea parties and weddings, boat trips around the island would become a possible income stream.



Of course all of the usual viability studies, crowd funding, and loopholes would need to be hurdled but WESTBURY GRAND PIER would certainly put WWYSA on the map, maybe a Royal personage could even be persuaded to come to the grand opening and cut the tape. Please let our project manager Chris Wheeler know if you would be happy to help with this worthwhile addition to the club.

Alan Brown.

Top Tips

What to wear when winter sailing?

- Wear layered clothing
Wool, silk, and polypropylene inner layers hold body heat better than cotton, which when wet absorbs and traps water in its fibres. A wind- and water-resistant outer shell will go a long way toward comfort, as will a pair of boots designed for sailing.
- Dry suits could be worn but you may get rather hot at times dinghy sailing as you are always moving.
- Always drink plenty of fluids, as you can still get dehydrated even in winter.

Next Years Committee

Principal, Chief Instructor, and Membership Secretary vacancies for nomination at AGM and Committee

If any of you have some spare time and would like to join in your committee and make a difference to our club, then please let us know. With all the work that we do we need some more members to help us with this task of running our ever active club. We must welcome to committee Claire Cooper who has taken on the Secretary's job , she has all ready made a big difference with sharing her expertise.

Please contact us if you are vaguely interested and we can give you more details as what is involved.

All required if possible to meet once a month for a meeting , sometimes can attend via zoom.

Young members will be considered as well as keen parents.

Many Thanks

Activity Calendar

Day	Date	Activity
Saturday (1pm—4pm)	22nd October	Free sailing
Saturday (1pm—4pm)	29th October	Volunteers Training
Saturday (10am-3pm)	19th November	Work Party
Saturday (1pm—4pm)	26th November	Volunteers Training
Saturday 4pm	28th January 2023	AGM & Certificate Presentation
Sunday	4th June 2023	Summer Fun Day & BBQ
Sunday	9th July 2023	Portland Trip

Did you know?

The youngest person to circumnavigate the world was 16-year old Laura Dekker

16-year old Laura Dekker (NED) is the youngest person ever to circumnavigate the world solo, after Jessica Watson (AUS) did it just before her 17th birthday. Dekker was 16 and 123 days. She almost didn't make it because of the interference of the Dutch government, who didn't think it was a good idea for a teenager to sail the world. She proved them wrong .

(The youngest circumnavigation isn't recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records, because they don't want to encourage 14-year olds to sail around the world alone.)

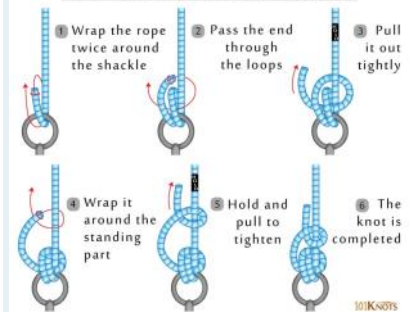
KNOTS AND THEIR USES

Anchor Hitch



How to Tie an Anchor Knot

Anchor Hitch Instructions



Also known by the names anchor bend and fisherman's bend, this knot is basically used to connect an anchor line to an anchor. The nautical knot can also join a rope to a ring or similar termination. It is helpful when you need to set up a second anchor in a hurry. It doesn't significantly reduce the line strength, is easy to tie and about 10% stronger than the bowline. The bend holds well even if you alternate the load between heavy and slack.

Chief Instructor's Report

Well we have got to the end of the season. As expected the last few weeks had shortened time on the water because of the darker evenings. Certainly on a Monday evening, and I am sure also on Wednesdays, it gave us a chance to do some theory and tidy up the log books. It also meant that we could have another go at knots that seem so easily forgotten.

If you have your log book at home could you make sure that it gets to me so that I can process the certificates ready for the AGM.

Mentioning the AGM could you be sure to return any cups or trophies that you were awarded last year..

The winter training programme for helpers and assistant instructors started in the middle of September. There were 12 candidates all wanting to improve their sailing skills and in many cases prepare themselves for training as a dinghy instructor. It was good to see that 6 of them were from our rank of aged 15+ seamanship students. For this session which lasted all day we had a coach from the RYA who was looking for a very high standard of sailing so a lot was learnt by all.

The coach has since sent me a training programme that we will work through during the three planned half day sessions before he returns to teach more in March of next year.

Any youngsters who would like a free sailing session can join me on Saturday 22nd October from 1 until 4 or a shorter period of that time. As always I will need power boat drivers to cover the safety boats. Could you please let me know (chiefinstructor@wwysa.org.uk) if you plan to come or if you are able to help as I need to be sure of youngsters and helper numbers.

Have a good winter and look forward to meeting up again next year. Margaret



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

Easyfundraising

Free money!!

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

This month we have reached a total of over £135.39 now!

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

We now have 21 supporters. A BIG thanks to all of you .

Can we increase this for next months newsletter, with Christmas shopping just around the corner, wether you weekly shop or something purchased online use the easyfundraising portal and lets double it by the new year. Rise to the Challenge!

Look out for Bonus donations that can help boost our funds.

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

WORKING PARTY 19TH November 22

10am onwards

Our working party is invaluable towards the functioning ,safety, and maintenance of our club.

Steve Ballinger has kindly painted the window frames so that's already one job off the list.

If you think you can do one of the jobs on the list then, please let us know and if possible bring the tools needed,

The jobs involved are as follows:

- ◆ Scrub & clean all the boats
- ◆ We need to spread gravel on the carpark to cover grids. (This will be delivered)
- ◆ Clean some of the clubhouse brickwork
- ◆ Treat the roadside wooden fence (paint provided)
- ◆ Paint the roof of the sail locker. (paint provided)
- ◆ Front garden to be prepped for winter
- ◆ Cut back branches behind the fence of the container
- ◆ Deep clean the Club house
- ◆ Clean and treat club house wooden beams (oil provided)
- ◆ Cut back trees at main entrance from the road
- ◆ Oil & treat new picnic benches (oil/paint to be provided)

It sounds a lot but actually but there is a job for everybody of all ages, it could even be a family activity. Many hands make light work as they say.

WE HAVE A PHOTO FRAME AT THE CLUB THAT NEEDS YOUR PHOTOS OF THIS SEASON . PLEASE SEND US YOU PICTURES SO WE CAN DECIDE WHICH ONES WILL GO INTO THE FRAMES THIS TIME ROUND . WE INTEND TO ROTATE THE PICTURES FROM TIME TO TIME.

Send them to

secretary@wwysa.org.uk

Over To You !

Anything you would like to see in the newsletter please let us know. We are always open to ideas and influences and opinions so please do let us know .

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

Volunteers and Helpers Fish n Chip Supper and Social

30TH SEPTEMBER @ RAILWAY INN WESTBURY

Our Fish n Chip supper went extremely well with 18 of our volunteers attending. We had a great time and by all accounts everyone enjoyed meeting the other evening volunteer groups they haven't had the opportunity to do so before.

The food was really good and a few people treated themselves to dessert as well.

For those that couldn't attend this was a thank you on behalf of the club members and committee for the tireless work you all have done during the season and to say we really appreciate it

THANK YOU!

Dates for future events at WWYSA

NOV/DEC Club end of year event and tombola (donations are being collected now at the club thanks)

WWYSA Gallery SOME OF OUR VOLUNTEERS



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