

Tell Tales – news from the lake

May 2023



AHOY! FROM THE COMMODORE

So very exciting this month! We have all been out on the water learning to sail and having fun!

The nights have had lots of new members join (Welcome to the Club) and we now have a Facebook Page!!

Big thank you to Claire Cooper and Kim Wiltshire for their expertise.

Please have a look and join if you haven't already.

Please keep a look out it will be very helpful on inclement weather nights as to what is going on.

Also, for all the updates on the club about what is going to happen and what we got up to on the respective sailing nights.

We must congratulate Alex Llewlyn on becoming our latest DI and PB2 qualified driver.

We are now officially a Sailability Training Centre which now means we have the opportunity for more training for our volunteers to help with our existing neurodiverse members to make things easier for everyone.

We have the Coronation Fun Day on the 4th of June (date has changed) and plenty of sailing to come.

We also have an opportunity to sail on a larger vessel in August with OYTS on their boat Prolific.

RC Boats members have their racing season in full swing on Thursday afternoons, and Saturday mornings please come on down and see what is going on.

That's it from me at the moment.

Hope to see you about the club or on the water.

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RESILIENCE PAYS OFF

July has been training for and has now finally passed her yachtmaster exam. It hasn't all been plain sailing.

So, in 2017 I took my RYA Day Skipper. It was a great experience and the examiner looked in my log book a little more, interested in what I had been up to as relief crew on sail training ships.

They encouraged me to do my Yachtmaster Exam. So, me being me, rising to a challenge I thought I would do the Yachtmaster Theory. Well, this proved to be a challenge in itself.

With work time away on ships and finding time in life's rich tapestry of challenges, I eventually found time to finish it off. By January 2019 I was on it!! Fired up raring to do my practical.

No one really knows the difficulty and nature of this exam. So, even doing an intense prep week and training beforehand, it became evident that actually, I was nowhere near as ready as I should have been.

So, I put number 1 exam down to training and experience and thought I needed to up my game! After some more sailing and training, I thought that September 2022 was my time for another try.

With all the instruction and extra trips under my belt I booked up another prep week and off I went. Sailing off into the sunset I was not delegating as I should, Crash Gybed and yes failed because of it.

I put this exam down to my lack of delegating and experience of being in charge of the boat. Back to more training, picking up more tips and then, finally going for it in March 2023.

Well it all went very well... except... my passage plan needed more details for the examiner to pass me.

So, I went away with an action plan of 6 weeks to put a passage plan together and a Zoom meeting to discuss the results.

One other thing, one of my passages didn't count the distance (no one picked up on this). So, finally YES!! I passed my Yachtmaster Coastal.

One more step for my offshore qualification to do another non stop 60 mile plus passage... Well , no matter what sailing experience you have this is a real toughy to achieve.



Chuffed!

DID YOU KNOW? The phrase 'feeling blue' originated at sea...

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT

The season is in full-swing and what a great start it has been. We have attracted quite a few new members this season so it is great to see our beginners getting out on the water and starting to get to grips with learning to sail.

At one stage, I thought that it was never going to stop raining; every evening I was at the club and out on the water, it rained on me.

However, those clouds have passed over and the last few sessions have been glorious and mostly with good wind too.

As I write, it is early May and hard to believe that we have already run a Saturday Taster session for the Salisbury Scouts (from two troops, the 3rd Salisbury Sea Scouts and the 4th Salisbury Scouts – new to us this year).

We are now also well underway with the regular Friday night Scout sessions and have a mix of Scouts

from the 3rds and also the 23rd Salisbury troop (they joined us last year and are continuing). Thanks to Hugh Sturdy, one of our members, he has done a great job of encouraging other troops to join his Scouts on a Friday, such that in June we will have 15 or 16 Scouts on a Friday.

Whilst we are talking about numbers, every evening has more students than last year so this is really great news and it's good to be finally working our way through the waiting list.

A couple of pieces of very good news:

Firstly, Alex Llewelyn, one of our young AI's attended the Dinghy Instructor course at the Andrew Simpson Centre, Portland over the Easter week.

Needless to say he passed, I am sure with flying colours as he is a very competent sailor and will be a super instructor.

I had the pleasure of working with him at a Monday session and he has loads of good ideas for different ways of doing things.

Secondly our very own Commodore, Juley Simmonds has recently passed her RYA Yacht Masters certificate. Anyone who knows the Yacht Master scheme will appreciate how tough this is as a qualification.

Well done both of you, well-deserved indeed.

Finally, we have a packed season of events, our Coronation Fun Day is on Sunday June 4th.

Come along and join us for some free sailing, mildly competitive races and great BBQ food. See you there!

As always please do not hesitate to contact me via chiefinstructor@wwysa.org.uk should you have any queries, questions or points to raise.

NEWLY QUALIFIED DINGHY INSTRUCTOR

Alex Llewelyn is one of our Salisbury Scout Members

Alex has helped us out on Fridays and Mondays, at some of our Taster days on Saturdays and our winter sailing.

We managed to help Alex through some of his stages of sailing and then put him through the training for a Dinghy Instructor qualification.

In order to complete this qualification you also need to have a valid First Aid Certificate and Power Boat Level 2 Certificate. Alex has been successful on all of these and we are very proud to announce he is our latest Dinghy Instructor on our membership.



Well Done Alex!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Save the date! Please note these may change. Pencil them in your diaries and watch for updates.

We will be doing taster days and other training for sailing and PB2 at some point during the season in addition to the 3 nights we offer of summer sessions

Saturday/Sunday 15 th /16 th May	Adult Course part 1
Saturday/Sunday 25 th /26 th May	Adult course part 2
Sunday 4 th June (note the date has changed)	Coronation Activity Weekend
Saturday/Sunday 17 th /18 th June	RYA SW Regional Championships at Torbay Sailing Club
Sunday 9 th July	Portland Trip
Saturday/Sunday 12 th /13 th August	Commodores Weekend

LOST PROPERTY

Have you lost anything? We have some lost property at the club. Please check it over when you are there. It is by the notice board.

FUNDRAISING

We have got the Westbury Town Council sailing with us on 16th August. They have given us great support in the past, so it is only right that they get a chance to sail from our club.



EASY FUNDRAISING

Easy fundraising has now £162.91 of funds

All down to 22 people just shopping and doing stuff online. Please come and join us. You can book travel insurance, weekly shop, holidays, or just purchases online. All for just going through the App we get funds. For more information visit: wwysa.org.uk/easyfundraising

ASDA

Trowbridge ASDA Green Token Giving Scheme has now finished!

The tokens from the store and from online voting are being counted and the results will be available in June.

KIRSTEN NEUSCHÄFER WINS GOLDEN GLOBE RACE.

Her win makes history as the first female skipper ever to win a solo round the world race.

The Golden Globe Race is inarguably one of the toughest sporting events in existence and the skill she demonstrated throughout, places Kirsten firmly alongside the greats of ocean racing.

In 1966, British yachtsman Francis Chichester set out from England to sail solo round the world setting the challenge going for a race sailing solo non-stop around the globe.

By offering a trophy for the first person to sail solo non-stop around the world via the five great capes and a £5000 prize for the fastest time, the Sunday Times Paper created an instant race and a great story.

In 1968, nine colourful characters with varying sailing skills headed off at various times in a strange collection of yachts.

Today's GGR challenges sailors to have no modern means of navigation and just to use the traditional methods of navigating with sextant RDF (Radio direction Finding), and old-fashioned charts,

SHOUT OUT FOR HELPERS AND VOLUNTEERS DI'S AI'S

We have some dates for scouts, taster days and school trips. Volunteer with the CI.

to sail non-stop around the world.

The boats that compete are made/designed no later than 1988, and are no longer than 38ft long.

There is a wind vain steering gear to aid the crew member.

This year, there were 16 taking part, 233 days later there 5 are left and only 3 qualified for the race. The other 2 stopped for repairs.

1 boat sunk completely; another is floating around the Indian ocean still after being severely damaged by a 'knock down' (Yacht capsized).

If you have followed it, the race has been really exciting, especially towards the end where 3 boats finished just with hours between them after all that distance.

Very skilful sailing by all participants and a well done to the first woman to ever achieve this win.

4th June - 11am until 5pm
Coronation Activity Fun Day

17th/24th June - 10am until 4pm West Lavington Scouts

Train to be the next Kirsten...

9th to 15th August 4 spaces left from Brixham on OYTS PROLIFIC

Experience sailing on bigger boats RYA competent crew, bosun training and more

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<https://www.oytsouth.org>

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(1 person is going from our club)

You might have seen the 2017 file 'The Mercy' about Donald Crowhurst's race, in circles around the Atlantic

26th/27th June - 9.30am until 2.30pm Castlemead School
17th/18th July - 9am until 3.30pm Dilton Marsh Juniors
16th August - 10am until 4pm Westbury Town Council

CORONATION BBQ AND FUN DAY

Come on down and celebrate and have a great family day out at the Club. Tickets in Advance! £7 Adult £3 child. We have some great activities for you on and off the water.

We will be holding our annual Fun Day in honour of the Coronation this year. There will be a Race. Sign up for in the afternoon for the 'Kings Trophy'

We will be having a traditional BBQ with various salads and Burgers for all.

Please pay by BACS ref BBQ and pick up your tickets on your sailing night filling in the Dietary requirements and allergy form.

Tickets will be sold up until FRIDAY 26TH MAY. (If there are any left we may be able to sell them on the day)

There will be a Cake Competition, we will be looking for quality and the decoration. There will be an Adult and a Childrens Competition. The cakes are asked to be donated and will be judged and eaten on the day, for all to enjoy.

We have a Recycled Model Boat Competition and Race. Made out of plastic bottles and designed by you may the best boat win!

Water activities, kayak, sailing, SUPS, Raft Building and Racing, have a go at RC Boating. Land games and a boat ride for the younger ones.



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