

Commodore's Corner

We are almost into September, the Summer seems to have gone very quickly.

Before I move onto what is happening at the Club over the next few weeks, our thoughts must be with Leszek and Christine Marcinowicz who tragically lost their daughter Hannah, her husband and their six month old daughter in a tragic air accident in Switzerland last Sunday, whilst they were on holiday.

Those of you who were members in the 80's and 90's will no doubt remember Colin and Jan Lumley. I heard recently that whilst Colin and Jan were on holiday in Cyprus, Jan got into difficulties whilst swimming. Sadly, she could not be saved from that incident and passed away. Our sympathies are obviously with Colin.

Moving on, we have several events coming up in September. The first is the **QUIZ NIGHT** on **Saturday 7th September**. This is not wholly based on sailing questions, although a few will obviously creep in. So, please gather your friends together and make up a team (maximum of eight members per team). Caroline has put a lot of effort into arranging the question rounds and the ladies are sorting put another superb supper for us. Please **BOOK NOW**, either by emailing [reservations](mailto:reservations@rickmansworthsailingclub.org) from here or visiting the web site and book on-line.

We really do need bookings in by the end of play on WEDNESDAY 4th September please.

The following day, there is an EGM at 3pm to sort out a few tidy ups to the current rules.

Then on Sunday 15th September, following the success of the regatta held in July, we are running a similar event again. The emphasis will be on the 'fun side' of sailing; a list of likely events is set out elsewhere in this

bulletin. Please do come along for a Fun Day, along with a BBQ lunch, served with salads.

Although a few weeks away, the **Laying Up Supper** is on the **19th October**, see the information elsewhere and make a note of the date now please, if you have not yet done so. Details about booking will be announced later in the month.

You will all have noticed that the works that we have been talking about to refurbish the Clubhouse have not yet started. Jonathan Carter has written an article outlining where we are currently, which we urge you to read. We are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel, having jumped through so many hoops, ticking so many boxes, we hope that we will soon be there. You will shortly be seeing some Bat Boxes on the outside walls of the boat shed, in order to provide homes for the bats which currently reside within the walls of the Clubhouse. These boxes must not be disturbed or moved by anyone. Bats, as you may not appreciate, are the most protected species of mammal around and there are hefty fines for anyone who does not follow the correct procedures with them.

It may have escaped your notice, but in 2020 the Club celebrates its **90th Birthday**. Celebrations are being planned to take place over the weekend of 27th - 28th June 2020. Please make a note of the weekend now and let anyone who used to be members that you may be in touch with, know as well.

Well, that just about sums things up for this month. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the various events during September and October.



Commodore



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Whilst there are travellers in the vicinity of the Club, please be vigilant even when there is activity at the Club

- 1) Lock the white gate at Marable & Granite
- 2) Lower and lock the road barrier
- 3) Shut the gates into the compound behind you
- 4) Make sure that your car is kept locked and nothing is visible inside
- 5) Do not leave any cash boxes out, lock them away and lock the stores
- 6) Do not leave any valuables in the changing rooms, use the lockers
- 7) Challenge any strangers in the compound you do not recognise.

**KEEP YOURSELF SAFE
CALL THE POLICE ON 999
IF THERE ARE ANY
PROBLEMS**



**The Club will be open on
Tuesday 10th and
Wednesday 25th September
from 1300 > 1600 approx
when U3A will be sailing.
All RSC members are welcome.**



General

QUIZ NIGHT

and SUPPER

Saturday 7th September

Book on the Web Site

or email

reservations@rscsailing.org

- Tables can be made up of members and friends
- Join a team option
- Maximum 8 players per team
- Rounds to suit all tastes
- Prizes for winning team



Adult £10 Junior £5



Family Summer Fun Day
All Welcome

**along with a BBQ Lunch
on Sunday 15 September**

Fun events may include

One series race at 1100

Tag on the water

Kayaking

Paddle boarding

Best dressed Pirate

Best dressed Pirate Boat

Water guns

Raft Building

Building for the Future



Towards our Centenary in 2030

What's the worst thing about our Club? For most the answer will be the state of the club house.

The current building was constructed in 1959 and the last major investment was the double glazed windows in 1993. The building has reached the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced or undergo substantial renovation.

You will almost certainly have noticed the partly completed extension to the dinghy shed. This will provide a workshop for members to work on their boats.

Further along the dinghy park we have re-laid one of the slipways to make it easier for members to launch and recover their boats. At the top of this slipway we are planning to have a storage area for the two safety boats currently taking up the gangway in the boat shed.

Both projects are on hold and with the combination of warmth and water this summer both areas have become a little overgrown. But neither of them have been forgotten.

To complete these projects and for any work we're going to do on the club house we need to obtain permission from several environmental protection

bodies. The process of obtaining the necessary permissions is long and involved and includes:

- Three Rivers District Council
- The Environment Agency
- Natural England and the County Ecologist
- The Canal and Rivers Trust

These organisations need to be assured that the work we are doing has no impact on flood and river management, or rare and endangered creatures and their habitats. Preliminary investigations have shown that we are home to voles and bats, and we'll need to make satisfactory arrangements to ensure that we don't disturb them.

We are nearing the end of the application process and hope that by the end of the year we'll be able to progress the projects we have started and then to start work on the club house.

In some ways it would have been nice simply to knock the current building down and start from scratch to produce the very best building possible. Such a plan is unrealistic unless someone has at least £400,000 that they would like to give to the club.

As an alternative we have developed a plan that will allow us to refurbish the current building. The

cut-away illustrations shows a possible layout. The basic plan follows the current layout of our club house.

This is in part driven by the need to keep the club operational throughout the refurbishment programme, which will probably take several years to complete. Many of the details have not been finalised and may only be fixed when we are ready to start a particular phase of development.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please send them to me. We cannot promise to implement them, but we'll be happy to consider them as the plans move forward.

The refurbishment has eight phases:

- 1) Replace front and side elevations (estimated cost £18,000)
- 2) Replace bar store and install new access stairs to starting box (£15,000)
- 3) New changing rooms and disabled toilet (£20,000)
- 4) New kitchen (£8,000)
- 5) New bar (£6,000)
- 6) Replace roof covering (£14,000)
- 7) Refurbish club room (£8,000)
- 8) Replace electrical system (£6,000)

The order of the works will allow us to deal with the most important issues first and the estimated cost for all eight phases, including a contingency fund, is £105,000 at today's figures.

Each phase is an independent project and we will only start work on a phase once we have enough money to complete it.

We'll tackle each phase by buying the materials needed only when we need them and will use as much voluntary labour as we can get. We'll hire in contractors only where necessary.

So, we need money and realistically there are only two sources of getting that:

- ⇒ club members, (you!), and
- ⇒ grant awarding bodies.

Grants are hard to get and generally will only fund at most 50% of a project. Planning for the worst case (that we get no grant assistance) means we must aim to raise all of the money from members and perhaps past members as well.

Because of the amounts involved we plan to raise the needed funds over a period of several years.

Each year the club makes a small surplus on its normal operations. We've committed a sensible proportion of the surplus we already have to the completion of the two projects that are partially completed and in obtaining the necessary permissions to allow the building work to continue. Over the next few years we plan that any surplus will be used to progress the refurbishment project.

Those of us who have sailed at Rickmansworth have benefitted from the generosity of others. The lake was purchased by the then members in July 1971, so that we'd have somewhere to sail rent free and without the threat of a landlord taking it away from us.

The Club has about 200 adult members and if every one could donate an extra 50% of their membership fees for the next few years and we commit all of the operating surplus, then we can raise enough to completely refurbish the club house in under five years

You may prefer to make a simple one-off donation; any amount that you can afford to give will be welcomed gratefully.

The details of the project bank account are given below:

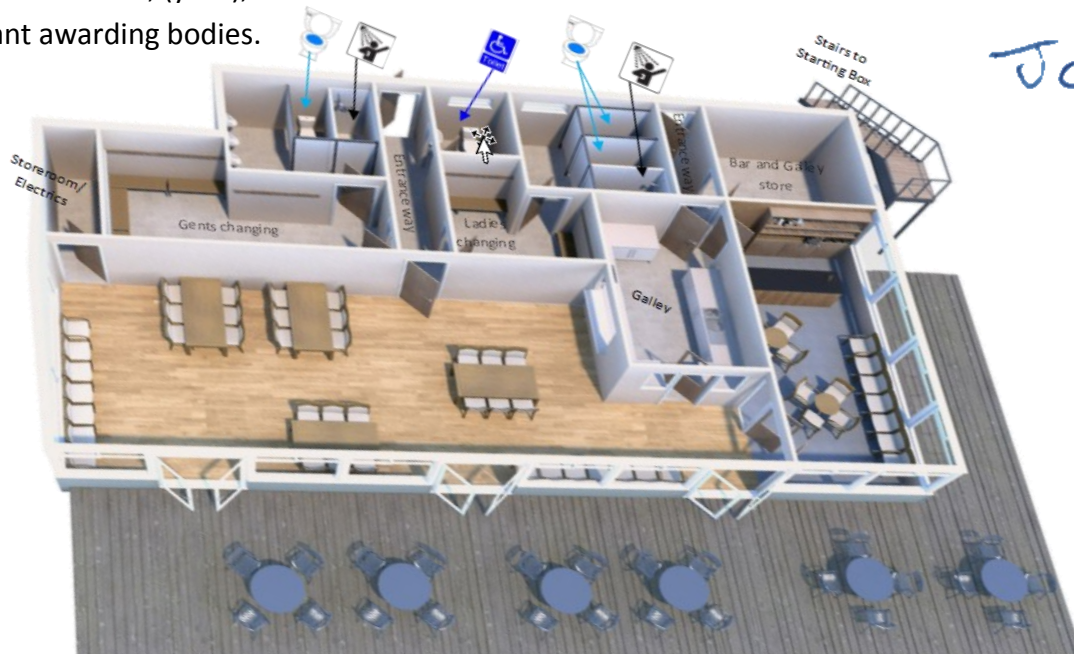
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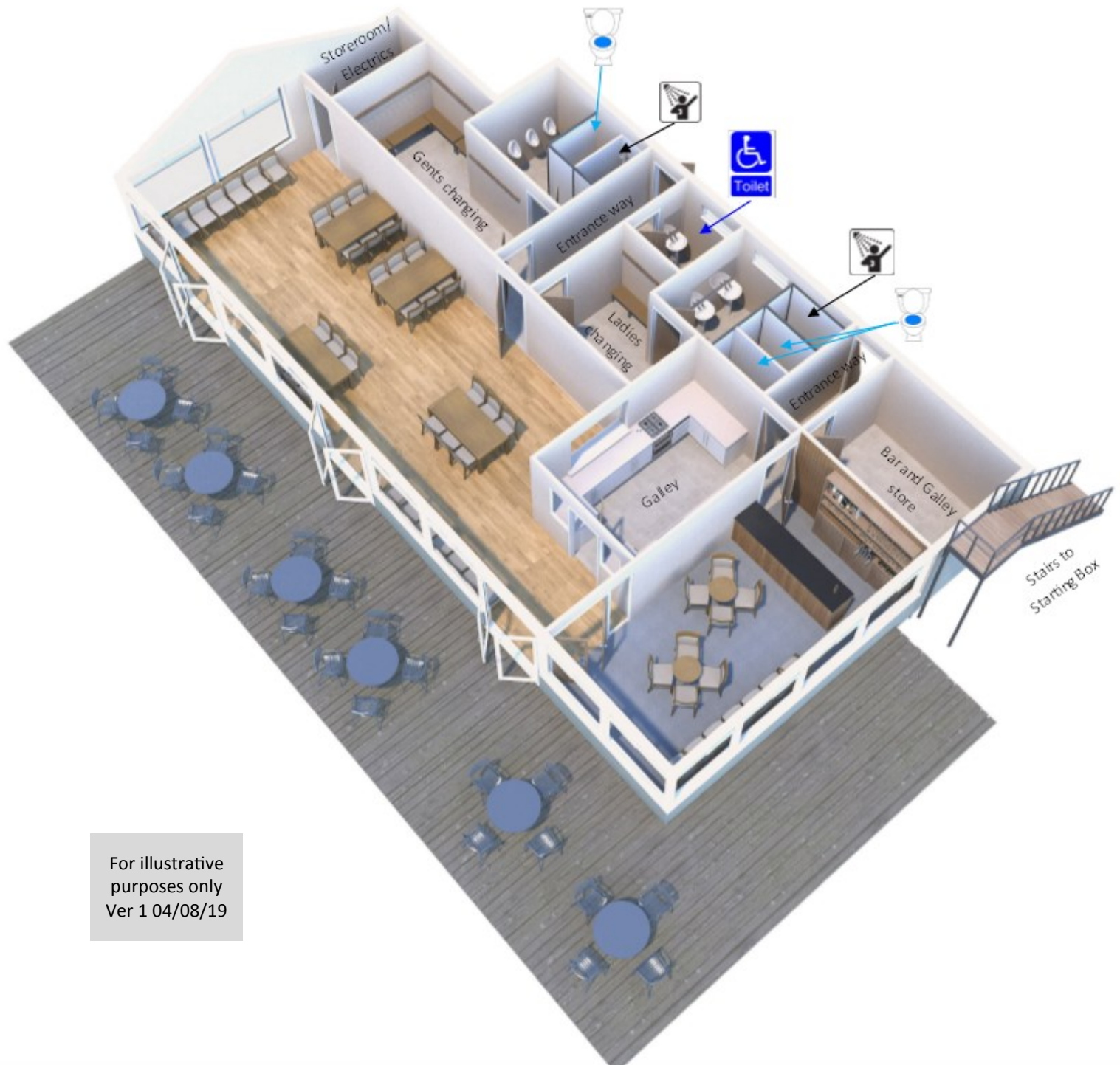
Finally, if you have any questions or suggestions, please either speak to me at the club or email me at vicecommodore@rscsailing.org

Jonathan



For illustrative
purposes only
Ver 1 04/08/19

The Roof is Off



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The Trojans are here!



Despite it being the school holidays, we had a reasonable turnout at the last session on the 3rd August, with 11 children turning up. There wasn't a lot of wind but they tried to sail, then spent lots of time on the kayaks and paddle boards and in the water. Thanks to Ian and Madelyn Turffrey, Lesley, Alistair and Scott for their help on the day.

Louise

The next session will be on **SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER**, we hope to see you there..



THINK! - WEAR YOUR KILL CORD - always ensure the kill cord is attached to the driver of the boat.

Watch Video



RYA

FIRST AID COURSE

There are a number of First Aid Certificates due for renewal by March 2020.

Obviously they can not all be done at the same time, so please let me know if you are due for renewal.

We also have outside people wanting courses, so they could fill up quickly.

Please contact Martin Smethers on 07860 352279

or email

martinsmethers

The cost to Club Members is £50.

This certificate is accepted for First Aid at Work requirements.

EGM
EXTRAORDINARY
GENERAL MEETING

**Sunday
8th September
at 1500**



Join



Shop



Raise

Collect FREE funds for us
any time you shop with



easyfundraising
feel good shopping

Sign up now

[Click here](#)

£218.05

Has been raised so far



If you speak to any prospective members who come to the Club

to get information about joining, you will find some Membership Information packs in envelopes in a box, either on or behind the Bar. Everything they will need to know is in these packs. Please hand one to any visitors.

**IF YOU'RE
THE LAST
ONE OUT...**



**TURN
OFF THE LIGHTS**

But before you turn the main electricity switch OFF, would you please turn the lights, fridges and any other electrical appliance OFF.

If you do not, then whoever switches on has to go round and do it, they often forget, so we use electricity for no reason and waste money!

Get to know YOUR Club

If you have recently joined the Club or have been a member for a while, you may be wondering how the Club operates, where things are kept, what other members' roles are, how to hire a Club Boat?

If so, then do come along to a **FAMILIARISATION** session on these and other aspects of Club life.

**Sunday
6th October**

**10.00 - 11.30
in the Clubroom.**

FREE

tea and coffee provided.



Network ID:

RSC-24 or RSC-54

Password Ricky1930

TROY TIMES



The next TROY TIMES will be published on the 1st October.

Deadline for copy to be included is the 27th September, although it would be appreciated earlier than the deadline please.

Subscriptions 2020

In accordance with rule 5.2, the Committee have decided to increase the subscriptions from renewal on or after the 1st November 2019 by a modest amount of an average of 1.84%.

Renewals will be emailed out during October for those due for renewal in November. Those members who joined during the year will be emailed when their membership is due. It would considerably reduce the administration if payment is made by BACS transfer please. Full payment details will appear in the email with your renewal.

Category	2019	2020	+ %
Full	105.00	107.00	1.90%
Family	215.00	219.00	1.86%
Junior	46.00	47.00	2.17%
Student	46.00	47.00	2.17%
Social	59.00	60.00	1.69%
Outport	22.00	22.00	0.00%
Boat Mooring	80.00	82.00	2.50%
Entrance Fee	83.00	85.00	2.41%
Average			1.84%

SEPTEMBER Duty Roster

Date	Event	OOD	DUTY_1	Duty_2
Wed, 4 September	Wednesday evening 19:15 start	John Thomson	Simon White	volunteer required
Sun, 8 September	Autumn Pursuit	Claire Maclean	Peter Williamson	Liam Dowling
Sun, 15 September	Autumn Pursuit	Jonathan Carter	Merelene Davis	Glenn Walkley Stubbs
Sun, 22 September	Autumn Pursuit	Richard Foyle *	Celia Tobin	Vanessa Lawrence
Sun, 29 September	Autumn Pursuit	John Thomson	John Watling	David McLeod



Conor FEEHAN,
Amar PATEL,
Alex, Iryna, Maria
YAKOVLEVA,
Freida CALLF and
Nick McATEER



Working Party on Saturday
14th September,
09:00 - 13:00

An Inspired Facility

