

Commodore's Corner

This summer has been very hot with only light winds. Although the water level is slightly lower the weed has not been dreadful this year.

Please read the article about the wearing of a PFD and safety on page 2. There have been a few occasions recently when the the Bye-Law has not been followed.

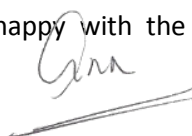
The Trojans are meeting up again on Saturday 4th August. The youngsters enjoy the kayaks, paddle around and then jumping into the lake to cool off. Then back into the kayaks. Fun Fun!!!!

U3A are going from strength to strength with their next meeting on Tuesday 7th August.

Our August working party is scheduled for Saturday 11th August.

Saturday 8th September sees us hosting our Comet Open Meeting

The "Ambassador" role is working well. New people coming down are shown around the club house and lake and seem very happy with the help they are given.



Commodore



RICKMANSWORTH SAILING CLUB
Troy Lake West Hyde Rickmansworth Hertfordshire WD3 9YB

Comet Open Meeting

Comet Combined Classes

Comet Class Association

Saturday 8th September 2018
Entry fee £15 per boat
(reduced to £10 if both helm and crew are under 18)



Free breakfast bap and hot drink from 0900

Briefing 1020
1st Race 1100

2 out of 3 races to count
Lunch and afternoon tea available

For further information, please contact
Martyn Hawkins
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07951 694673 or 01753 651353

RYA
Racing Charter

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

Sunday 12th August

1000 - 1130 in the Clubroom.

FREE tea and coffee provided.



RYA FIRST AID COURSE

Sunday 16th September 09:00 - 17:00

Please contact **Martin Smethers** on **07860 352279** or email martinsmethers

The cost for Club Members is **£50**

This certificate is accepted for **First Aid at Work** requirements

Tea and Coffee Price increase



The price of tea and coffee has been increased to £1 per cup, the first increase for many years.

Please feel free to make your own drink and put the money into the catering cash box.



David and Karen PHIPPS along with their sons, Joseph and Matthew; Yannis GKOUHAS and Kasia KORDY





Club Kayaks

We have TWO club Kayaks which are Grey and they have RSC on the front. Please DO NOT use the blue or red ones (of which there are three blue and one red) without permission from the owners. There is ONE paddleboard that remained unclaimed following our previous attempt at finding the owners. Please DO NOT use the paddleboard with a red tag on it, it has an owner and is not club property. There has, since Push the Boat Out, been an apparent disregard to which boards and kayaks are RSC property and which are not. One member was even overheard to be disgusted at the fact they had to have permission to use a members' kayak. How they would feel if they found out a member had used their boat without asking. It is the same thing! Please remember that the Grey Kayaks and Paddleboard without a red tag are the ones to use!

If you see others using members' property not club property, please advise them which they can use.

If you do happen to use a member's boat, having asked permission, please ensure that it is put away correctly, hopefully as you found it. That includes putting the sails away tidily, not just thrown in the boat, securing the cover the right way and finally, tying the boat down securely.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Personal Flotation Devices (PFD)

The Committee remind all members of the following Bye-Law regarding the wearing of a PFD **"Anyone going afloat in any kind of craft shall wear a PFD at all times. Wet suits alone are not classed as a PFD."** This means at any time, not just when engaged in sailing activities.



If flag Y is flown, that just emphasises the point and just because it may NOT be flown does NOT mean that you can go afloat without a PFD.

Whilst the Bye-Law does not require you to wear a PFD when on the pontoon, it is good practice and indeed common sense to wear one at all times.

Thank you for your understanding.

THiNK! WEAR YOUR KILL CORD

If a boat is on the water with the engine running the driver must be wearing the kill cord. It doesn't matter if the boat is in neutral and secured by chains to the dock, accidents can and do happen and an unintended push on the throttle or gear lever is all it takes to start the meat mincer turning. If the engine needs warming up, you sit in the boat wearing the cord. If you need to go forward or aft beyond the scope of the cord (for any reason) **stop the engine first**.



If any members and their families are interested in a Summer Social on

Saturday

8th September,

in the evening following the Comet Open, will they please email reservations@rscsailing.org ASAP. From those who say they would support such an evening, will they indicate if you are willing to help arrange it please.

Any ideas as to the format etc.,?



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Working Party
Saturday 11th August,
09:00 - 13:00

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.



It has been a busy year so far for the training team. Unusually hot weather has had its own challenges but has certainly helped to make the club look at its best during the sessions.

• Dinghy Sailing

For those who like statistics, there have been already been eight dates on which we have delivered 47 individual training sessions to 21 students using seven instructors.

All of these sessions have been supported by safety and shore crews without which we can't operate. We continue to try to improve our offering to students and are grateful for the support offered by Peter de S this year as a theory teacher.

• Power boating

We continue to deliver this important training, thanks to Graham and John for running all the sessions so far. It helps to make the water a safer place and it is great to know that we have helped so many people to become better drivers this year.

Please try to take advantage of free training offered to members or why not take advantage of the great price available to you to get your PB2?

• RYA Annual Inspection

We have our annual inspection this year on 11th August. An inspector from the RYA will be on site that day to observe the training session taking place, he will want to see that it is safe, fun and effective and carried out to the high standards set by the RYA.

He will also inspect our premises and equipment to ensure that they are safe and in good enough condition

Last, but not least, he will check our procedures and record-keeping.

I probably don't need to ask but, if you're at the Club that day, please respect the usual safety regulations so that the Club in general gives a good impression.

• Kit

We rely heavily on the Club boats owned by RSC, so please make sure that you report any broken or damaged equipment on them (we understand that things do break and would just like the chance to fix them as early as possible)

I should have looked earlier but recently I was preparing to take students out in a club boat and got to the part where I ask them to look for the piece of string that goes right to the top of the mast that we use to pull the big sail up with. Of course, on this occasion, it wasn't there! It turned into a useful lesson in how to reeve a new main halyard but that isn't really on the syllabus and it was fortunate that we had enough line on hand to do it.....

Even if you aren't able to roll up your sleeves and be part of the team, just being a member of the club keeps the club going and growing and helps us to maintain our status as a training centre so thank you for your continuing support of the club and training at RSC.

Of course we always welcome new helpers and if you would like to join the team please let us know.

Martyn Hawkins
Training Principal

Jottings from the Sailing Secretary

Various repairs to the Club Lasers including repairs to the sails and various hull fittings have been completed.

The Laser 2000, which needs a block on the centreboard will be completed this week.

Please remember to complete the boat hire form, which includes insurance requirements and damage reports. It is only if you do this that we know of problems which can be rectified so that others have the perfect boat to take out.

If you borrow a boat then please tie down and put back in a good state for the next person.

Dutyman - Updated with rest of the sailing year- If you do not have a duty and want to help then please contact me.

David Hurst
Sailing Secretary

Works update



Our recent working party started at 8am on Saturday 28th July to avoid the heat,

but the early start was not necessary as the weather was good to us, windy but cool. Most of the effort went into making further progress with the far slipway and garage standing and with laying a cable for electricity supply but other jobs were also tackled.

The first job was to bury the conduit for the electricity cable then finish laying the sub-base. To move the materials from the back gate to the site Paul Hills arranged for a small digger and dump truck, the digger, driven by Paul, also excavated the trench for the cable.



Thanks to the good work of the members on site, we made good progress but, by 3pm exhaustion



was setting in so it was time for the concreting and cable laying teams to clear up.

In other parts of the Club: Jonathan worked towards reinstating the weir at River, rampant growth was cut back along the lakeside, windows cleaned and some general tidying up happened.



David Hurst had a great time driving the dumper around the site. The new slipway and path above it needed a total of 5.3 cubic metres of concrete, that's nearly 13 tonnes



On Sunday morning a small team resumed work on cable laying and concreting despite the forecast of



Vinny Francis catching up on the history of the Club in a quiet moment



cool weather and persistent heavy rain. The cable is now laid but the trench has not yet been fully back-filled and concrete has been laid on two thirds of the slipway. More needs to be done and another working party will be organised soon - great news for those members who were disappointed not to be available this time.



Thanks to everyone who has helped so far, your efforts really are appreciated.



The Trojans are here!



The session on the 7th July was attended by some 14 Trojan members, many of who spent probably more time in the water than on it.

We started with a BBQ for those who came early enough and then into kayaks, or sailing in a Pico or Optimist. Although there was not that much wind, everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

When we came to pack away, only a few people were there to do this due to some going home to watch the World Cup. Please remember we rely on parents to help the youngsters pack away so, if you are going to leave early, please see if there is anything you can do to help before you leave.

The next session is on **Saturday 4th August** is being organised by **Peter de Schulthess**. If you will be attending then please drop an email to trojans@rscsailing.org so we can have an idea of numbers! Alternatively, join our Teamer page and share your availability there at <http://tinyurl.com/y8mmq39t>

All our younger members are welcome along with their parents. If any parents can offer their help please let us know by sending an email to trojans@rscsailing.org

We are getting ready for the next Trojans fun day at RSC on the **4th August** and are looking for some help on and off the water. This month it is being organised by Peter de Schulthess and he has plans for some fun sailing - assuming there is at least a little wind - some playing around in boats and some off-the-water fun activities too!

On the water we'd like to do some "Follow My Leader" to practice sailing skills, and some duck (or ball) collection which helps to simulate retrieving someone / thing in the water – always a good skill to have. We may also have some time for "tack on the whistle" practice if everyone is keen. Off the water we'd like to practice wind finding, naming boat parts and possibly knots if that doesn't sound too much like hard work. Finally, I'm sure everyone will end up swimming and getting cooled off in the water and we might have an old favourite game of "Pirates".

If you think you can help with any with this, we'd really appreciate the extra hands and please send an email to let us know how many to expect.

**Peter de Schulthess is the 'Man in charge of festivities' –
Phone 01372 279 227 – or email peter@deschulthess.com**

We are looking for a volunteer to head up the final session on the 15th September please.

If you are able to do so, or can help in some other way, please send an email to

trojans@rscsailing.org just as soon as possible. Thank you.

The next session will be on the 4th August, we hope to see you there..

