

Commodore's Corner

The Bulletin was always intended to be a very short publication in-between the quarterly Troy Times. This bulletin seems to have grown in size, which is a good indication that we have a lot going on at the moment. Please give your support to everything that Committee are laying on for you all.

Martyn Hawkins has done a lot of work on the web site recently, so please look at it for updated information about the Club and events.

May is set to be a busy month, kicking off over the weekend of 11th/12th May which sees the International **I4s** on both Saturday and Sunday, joined by the Fireflies on Saturday and Solos on Sunday. If anyone else can help out with safety boat duty, would they please get in touch with me as soon as possible please. There will also be a chilli supper on Saturday. Please book and pay online using PayPal, just go to the website or email your reservation by [clicking here](#).

Push the Boat Out Day is the following Sunday, 19th May. Any more offers of help, please contact Caroline Smethers.

In preparation for these events, we anticipated a good turnout for the working party last Saturday. Disappointingly, only six members turned up, with the same number emailing their apologies, so not that much was accomplished. I must thank Paul Hills and Graham Riley who stayed feeding the bonfire until

about 5pm. Thank you to those who did pitch in.

On behalf of the Committee, may I please remind you that we are a self help club and, as such, members are expected to turn up and help to maintain the facilities. Unless this support is forthcoming, the Committee will reluctantly have to consider increasing the subscriptions so that we can sub-contract some of the work such as ground maintenance, grass cutting, clearing debris etc. Club funds cannot support these costs so the only way this work can be financed is through increased subscriptions or a working party levy applied to those who do not turn up and lend a hand. I don't like naming individuals, for fear of leaving someone out however, recently both Ian Turffrey and Paul Hills have been putting in an extra amount of time without which, a

lot of things would not have been sorted. Thank you both and of course, other unsung heroes.

The Sunday lunches are drawing to a close, thanks to those who have supported them and especially the ladies who have cooked and served the lunches. We will have made in the region of £350 by the time we end on the 5th May to go towards club funds. After this date, there will be burgers, cheese and baps available (for you to BBQ yourself). Ingredients will be in the freezer in the ladies changing room and payment should be added to the tea money box in the kitchen.

I would recommend to you the "Introduction to Racing Day" on the 25th June that Jonathan Carter is running, more about this further on.



Commodore

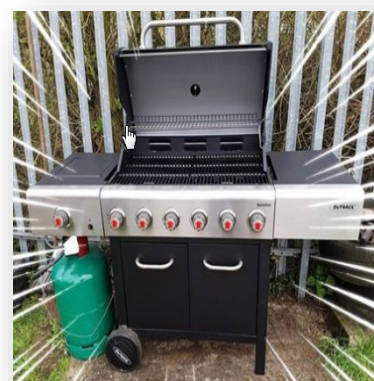


Followed by a BBQ
Bring your own food to cook.
The Bar will be open all evening.

Look what we have!!! All set up ready to go.

Lights from left to right. Can we please all keep a check on the gas and let us know if it gets low and we can get it replaced. Feel free to bring food to cook anytime you are down. **Please clean it after using it.**

Roll on Wednesday evenings ... Sunday afternoons ... Saturdays ... and sunny



TRY SAILING IN MAY



PTBO Open Day, Sunday 19th May 2019 from 11am

The date is fast approaching **Sunday 19th May**. This is the date we have selected for this year's RYA's Push the Boat out day at our club.

This scheme was set up a couple of years ago by the RYA as a Nationwide event to encourage people to take to the water in some form of activity whether it be Sailing, Windsurfing, Canoeing etc. as part of a series of taster days during May.

RSC has run these events the past few years and resulted in some 60 new members joining the Club as a result of last year's event.

This year the event is Sunday 19th May and It would be great to see as many people on the lake as we can to show visitors how great the club can be. We would also love to have as many members on hand to talk with visitors and to assist in some way.

If you are free for any part of Sunday (and or also Saturday 18th to help the club get ready) and have not already told me, please do come down on the day and let me know you are there and able to help out. I am sure we will be able to find things for everyone to do as it takes many people to put an event on like this a success. Even if you can come and put your boat on the water to show visitors that it is a fun hobby, that would also be great.

There are still a supply of posters (various sizes) and leaflets available in the clubhouse which we would love you to take and distribute amongst local establishments (offices, libraries, pubs, shops, restaurants, schools or clubs etc). Please take some now and help to spread the word locally. The event is also advertised on the website and the Facebook page for you to share with your network. Please try and encourage as many people, friends and family as you can to come down on the day.

I do still have three final requests:

- ⇒ Does anyone has a gazebo that they can lend us for the weekend apart from those who have replied?
- ⇒ Do you work locally – can you ask your office to display some posters or put on your Company intranet?
- ⇒ Does anyone have any prizes they may be able to offer for a raffle? Do you go to any local restaurants who may be able to offer a meal as an example?

If you have any questions or would like to get more information, please contact me by [clicking here to send me an email](#).

Thank you and hopefully see as many of you as we can on the 19th May.

Caroline

MAY Duty Roster

Date	Event	OOD	DUTY_1	Duty_2	Ambassador
Sun, 5 May	Spring Pursuit	Sean Hodges	Wendy Barnes	Steve Forrester	Ian Turffrey
Sat, 11 May	14 and Firefly Open	Martin Smethers	volunteer required	Martin Smethers	
Sun, 12 May	14 and Solo Open	Martin Smethers	volunteer required	Martin Smethers	
Wed, 15 May	Wednesday evening 19:15 start	Steven Greaves	Sam Mendes da Costa	volunteer required	
Sun, 19 May	PTBO	Caroline Smethers	volunteer required	volunteer required	
Wed, 22 May	Wednesday evening 19:15 start	Jono Pank	Sue Davies	volunteer required	
Sun, 26 May	Spring Pursuit	Alan Richards	Merlene Davis	David Phipps	Sue Davies
Wed, 29 May	Wednesday evening 19:15 start	Alastair Wilson	Nicholas Wheeler *	volunteer required	



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There are a few members who have indicated that they would like to take the RYA First Aid Course, but we are still short of the number to make it worthwhile.

So, if there are any members who would like to take part, please email me at martin@smethers.co.uk and I will let you know when we have a date.

It is a full day course from 9am - 5pm, with the cost to members set at £50, including a manual.

Martin

Our new Treasurer



The Committee has recently accepted an offer from Peter Sutton to take on the role of Hon. Treasurer. He was co-opted to that position at a recent committee meeting.

John Thomson has been Hon Treasurer for approaching 20 years, during which time he has managed the clubs funds with the diligence that the role requires.

Will those who are involved with funds in any way, either incoming, outgoing or both, please continue with the current arrangements (i.e. via John) until such time as John and Peter let you know that the routine changes. This may be spread over a period, depending on how the handover goes.

This seems an ideal time to change to an accounting programme, which Peter is looking into. We wish him well in this new role.

Before and After



What to do with an old boat hull Madelyn and Ian Turffrey spent several hours just before Easter moving this hull from Alcatraz, filling it with rubble

and soil and then planting it out with plants and seeds and positioning it on the path below the bar windows. Feel free to water it when you pass.



Thank you

Summer Lunch and Regatta
Saturday 22nd June

Regatta starting at 10.30am

Lunch for members and friends

Cold Buffet and BBQ
Mouth watering Desserts
Cheese and Biscuits

Regatta continues into the afternoon

Further details of the Regatta and Lunch arrangements will be announced nearer the time.

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In Memoriam

We have recently heard that **Richard Gammage**, who was a member from 1950 until 2016 sadly passed away during March. His family is well known in the Club with a prestigious **14** trophy the **JACK GAMMAGE Trophy**

House and Social

Summer is approaching and we have a number of events coming up. We start with the Open Meetings on the weekend of 11th and 12th May and the food we are doing for both days will be the same, namely, a breakfast bap and a cup of tea to start the day for both competitors and helpers. This will be followed by our tried and tested Ploughman's Lunch and as usual in the afternoon, there will be tea and cake. We are offering on the Saturday an evening of social chit chat along with a bowl of chilli followed by a dessert for £10. If any members would like to come down please register on the web site in the usual way or email reservations@rscsailing.org and we will be pleased to see you.

The following weekend on Sunday 19th May sees Push the Boat Out where a good number of members are involved in the organisation of this event. There will be a free breakfast bap and a cup of tea to start the day for all helpers. Food will be on sale with a BBQ and on-going tea, coffee, biscuits and cake. At this point I would like to thank all the cake makers who have promised to bring down cakes for the Open Meetings as well as PTBO they are gratefully received and should we be in the unlikely position of having too many we shall freeze what we don't use for the Open Meeting in September.

Our next event is on Saturday 22nd June which is a family regatta to include a BBQ lunch of beef burgers or chicken breasts together with a selection of salads and delicious sweets or cheese and biscuits to follow. This will be a reasonably priced event with families in mind, so we do hope you will come down and join us. There will be more details of this event in the next Bulletin, so watch this space.

I would just like to mention our Sunday Lunches that we have run since February. They have been a great success and we have had an average of 15 people a week, reaching 21 on one occasion. We have achieved what we set out to do and make some money to go towards the Club renovation fund and also provide a value for money lunch time meal between races. They have been well received by the sailors. We think that we may start them again sometime in October but we would like to see some volunteers to cook the meals. You don't have to cook anything at home, unless you want to but whatever, bought or homemade, your expenses will be reimbursed. If are interested to join our rota for October, November and the first two weeks of December please let me know. The more people to help means maybe we only need to do one Sunday each during this period.

Lastly, I would just like to thank Madelyn and Ian Turffrey for creating a boat garden outside the bar. Ian dragged out an old disused boat round from Alcatraz and he and Madelyn proceeded to fill it with rubble from the demolished fisherman's hut and then filled it with soil and some plants and I think it will look very attractive once they start to flower.

Sue

Out of Service



Dory 1 is out of service as the kill cord was found not to stop the engine.

Will all power boat drivers please

CHECK THE KILL CORD WORKS

before going out, otherwise it will not perform the job it is intended to do.

Membership



Firstly, we have three new members to the Club this month and I'd like to welcome Nigel Ellis, Tim Cruddas and David Beaney. We all look forward to meeting you in the near future.



As I said in the April Troy Times, I have now set up the WhatsApp group for Sunday practice [rsc@sundaysailingpractice](https://www.whatsapp.com/channel/00299a63300000000000/rsc@sundaysailingpractice) so far there are seven brave souls who have volunteered to help anyone who needs some extra coaching or practice. They might not always be available, but hopefully enough will be able to be around when necessary, so please feel free to put messages on this group and ask for help.

This group will also be so useful after PTBO when, hopefully, we will get as many new members as we achieved over the last two years. So thank you to all concerned. It is very much appreciated.

Let's hope we continue to have the wonderful weather during the Summer - nothing better than Troy Lake.

Sue





You may have learnt to sail for many different reasons: to hire a boat whilst on holiday, cruise along the coast on summer days, sail at your local club, or become a top flight racer.

Once you have completed your RYA learn to sail courses, how do you improve the skills that you have? The only way to maintain and improve your skills is to practice them and club racing provides the perfect way to achieve this.

Taking part in club racing will give you the skills to enjoy sailing at whatever level you want.

The “Start to Race” course teaches everything you need to know to join in and enjoy racing at club level. Even if you do not intend to race, the course will enhance your overall sailing skills.

The course will follow the RYA’s Start to Race syllabus, although this will not be an official RYA course, and will be led by Jonathan Carter an RYA qualified Dinghy Instructor, Club Racing Coach and successful dinghy racer (the picture above shows him battling upwind against a force 6 wind).

The course will run 9am - 5pm on Saturday 15th June and for those that are interested we will continue on the Sunday morning leading up to taking part in the 12noon club race. There are two further club races that day for the truly enthusiastic. We will aim to cover the following, but the course will be adapted to the needs of those taking part:

- ⇒ Racing rules
- ⇒ Starts
- ⇒ Tactics
- ⇒ Local club racing
- ⇒ Strategy
- ⇒ Boat handling
- ⇒ Boat speed
- ⇒ Boat preparation
- ⇒ Physical and mental preparation

To book in for this course on the 15th June, please visit the web site by [clicking here](#)

**If you already take part in racing but would like a more advanced course,
please contact Jonathan directly**

Fitting out Supper

Sunday the 30th March saw the beginning of the old tradition of fitting out the boat. For those not familiar with this expression, it refers to years gone by when sailors equipped their boats ready for sea or inland sailing. We as a club go back a long way, so it's important that we maintain some of the old customs. More importantly, it brings like minded people together to talk and laugh the evening away. On this occasion fifty or so members and guests joined in.

Organising such events takes place weeks earlier with the 'brains' of the club. Sue Smethers, Madelyn Turffrey, Sue Johnson, Sue Davies and Janis Dowling. Each decides what event they are happy fronting and what support is needed. A week before food shopping commences.



Carnivores and Vegetarians need catering for. Cooking utensils need cleaning and the grand table laid out. I am sure you all will agree that these ladies are Ricky Sailing Clubs most treasured assets.

Ah, the night in question started with a slow 'drift' towards the bar. After the first Rebellion pint was pulled by Head Barman, Paul Hills it was clear that the evening was going to be a good bash! It was great to see Peter and Shirley Axford attending as they have not been around of late.



After two Rebellion barrels the bell rang for supper. Martin said grace after which all queued for Beef in Guinness plus vegetables. This was followed by lovely desserts, cheese and biscuits. not bad for £10. In my local this equals two pints of Guinness!



Let us Pray



At least one member did



Between servings our wonderful ladies were presented with a rose as a minor way of saying thank you for all the hard work put in.

After supper, Chris Milner gave an illustrated talk of his trek across part of the Sahara Desert last November, when he and 19 others raised money for the St Francis Hospice in Berkhamsted. The proceeds of the raffle amounting to £125 was donated to the Charity.

Suddenly it was realised that the clocks go forward and the next day was Mothers Day. Yes, it was 11pm, well 12 midnight. All hands went to the kitchen for a quick clear up.

Lights out. I am sure there were a few hangovers on Sunday.

Hey Ho roll on the next bash.

Liam



If you need a Burger and Bap to cook on the BBQ, you will find them in the freezer in the ladies' changing room.

Please put **£3** in the tea money tin in the galley. With or without cheese slice for the same price



The first Trojans session was held on Saturday 6th April, with nine youngsters attending aged 3 - 16. They all enjoyed their time on the water sailing a variety of boats (Wanderer, Pico, Laser 2000, Solo and an Oppie). The slightly colder weather meant that most of the time was spent in their boats as well rather than in the water! Thanks to Sue Smethers for manning the kitchen and getting the burgers cooked despite temperamental electrics, Andrew and Nigel for manning the rescue boats and Steve for taking some kids out in the solo.

Louise



The Club will be open on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 22nd May from 1300, when U3A will be sailing. All members welcome.

Sailing

Now that the weather is getting warmer, a reminder that OOD is at the Club from 10am to provide safety cover for those wishing to get onto the water for sailing before the races.

The first race will be run as a pursuit race or a handicap race at the discretion of the OOD depending on numbers. Wednesday evening sailing starts on 15 May, come down to sail or race with a BBQ to follow racing. Our Firefly, International 14 and Solo open meetings are on 11 / 12 May, please contact Martin Smethers if you can help in any way.

I hope to see you on the water.

Caroline

Frostbite

Results are provisional as of 19:26 on April 13, 2019

Overall

Sailed: 16, Discards: 8, To count: 8, Rating system: PY, Entries: 14, Scoring system: Appendix A

Rank	HelmName	PY	R1 6/1/19 12:00	R2 13/1/19 12:00	R3 20/01/2019 12:00	R4 20/01/2017 13:45	R5 27/01/2019 12:00	R6	R7
1st	Toby	1432	(5.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNF)	(3.0)	1.0
2nd	Jonathan Carter	980	(2.0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
3rd	Steve F	1230	(4.0)	(15.0 DNC)	3.0	2.0	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNF)	3.0
4th	Paul Hills	1016	1.0	(15.0 DNF)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)
5th	Richard Webb	1282	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	1.0	(15.0 DNC)
6th	Ilyas	1330	7.0	3.0	4.0	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)
7th	David Matthews		(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)
8th	Caroline Webb		(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNF)
9th	jannis		(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)
10th	Sean Hodges	1230	3.0	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)
11th	Jonathan Baggot		(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)
12th	Scott F	1330	6.0	(15.0 DNF)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNF)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)
13th	Paul Johnson	1088	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)
13th	webb		(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)	(15.0 DNC)

R8	R9	R10	R11	R12	R13	R14	R15	R16	Total	Nett
(4.0)	(2.0)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	56.0	8.0
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(5.0)	3.0	3.0	3.0	(15.0 DNC)	3.0	3.0	(4.0)	(4.0)	100.0	23.0
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2.0	(15.0 DNC)	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	5.0	15.0 DNC	217.0	97.0
1.0	(15.0 DNC)	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	226.0	106.0
(15.0 DNC)	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	2.0	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	227.0	107.0
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(15.0 DNC)	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	240.0	120.0
(15.0 DNC)	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	15.0 DNC	240.0	120.0

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OPEN MEETING

Entry fee
£15
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Saturday 11th May at 1500
Sunday 12th May at 1100 and 1400

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Ian Turfrey

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SATURDAY EVENING AFTER RACING AT 7PM

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Firefly Open Meeting part of the M25 Series

Saturday 11th May 2019

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 1030

1st Race 1100

2 out of 3 races to count

Lunch and afternoon tea available

For further information, please contact either

Caroline Webb

carolinewebb@btinternet.com

Mobile: 07767 838749

or

Martin Smethers

martinsmeters@rscsailing.org

Mobile: 07960 352279



Solo Open Meeting

Sunday 12th May 2019

Entry fee £15 per boat



Free breakfast bap
and hot drink
from 0900



Briefing 1020

1st Race 1100

2 out of 3 races to count

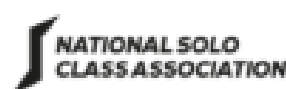
Lunch at £5 a person

For further information, please contact

Paul Johnson

secretary@rscsailing.org

01923 770691



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