

## Commodore's Corner

The wind has been better these last few weeks. Fingers crossed it will continue.

We are sorry that Amy has also resigned from the Committee. I would like to thank her for organising the two Push the Boat out Events, I will miss being "Amey'd". I would also thank her for supporting David Hurst as Sailing Secretary.

If you can be at the working party on the 1st September, your contribution will be more than welcome.

The next meeting for the Trojans is on 15th September, which may start earlier than usual. You will hear more about this later. There are always a good number of young members who enjoy the lake and boats.

The last Wednesday evening sailing and BBQ for this season is next Wednesday the 5th September. The Comet Open is just around the corner on Saturday 8th September. If you would like to take your boat out before racing on a Sunday from 10 o'clock, no worries, there is a patrol boat on call.

I hope you enjoy the last few weeks of Summer.



Commodore

## Additional Club Boats



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## 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 hire a Club Boat?

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

### Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September

10.00 - 11.30  
in the Clubroom.

### FREE

tea and coffee provided.



**Working Party**  
**Saturday**  
**1st September,**  
**09:00 - 13:00**


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

## Comet Open Meeting


**Comet Combined Classes**



**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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**  
[martyn\\_hawkins@hotmail.com](mailto:martyn_hawkins@hotmail.com)  
 07951 694673 or 01753 651353


**RYA**  
Racing Charter



Charles FOX and Rohita KOPF,  
 Michael GRACE,  
 Andrew and Toby McFARLANE,  
 Julian and Katie WARD and  
 their family, Amelie, Sophie  
 and Max



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**RYA FIRST AID**

**Sunday**

**16<sup>th</sup> September**

**09:00 - 17:00**

**Please contact  
Martin Smethers  
on 07860 352279**

**or email**

**[martinsmethers](mailto:martinsmethers)**

**The cost to Club  
Members is £50.**

**\*\* Three places left \*\***

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



**MEMBERSHIP  
INFO!**

**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 these visitors.**



**Do not swim**

**Blue-green Algae**

Blue-green algae may not always be harmful but you can't tell simply by looking, so it's best not to let your dog near the water. Please keep your dog on a lead at all times.



The Club will be open on  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September  
from 1300 > 1600 approx  
when U3A will be sailing.  
All RSC members are welcome.

**Last Wednesday  
Evening race  
5th September  
at 19:15**



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**20th October**

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friends to a  
Music Quiz  
and Supper.**

**More details  
next month.**



**TROY TIMES**

The next TROY TIMES will be published on the 1<sup>st</sup> October.

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





# The Trojans are here!



A full turn out of Trojans wanting to play on Troy Lake were faced with a few dilemmas when they arrived at the club on Saturday, 4 August. Not only was there the worry about the yet unidentified and growing algae bloom by the shore, but no one could manage to turn on the water in the clubhouse to wash off those who did get wet. After some concerned discussion if we should go ahead at all, resolute hearts prevailed and it was agreed that with sensible precautions we could proceed safely. So after a careful briefing to parents, and with drums of fresh water at the ready, we made a plan to launch the kids as far past the algae as possible and ask everyone to keep toward the centre of the lake.

There was a good range of abilities and parents were happy to pitch in which helped immensely as we allocated everyone to boats. After introductions and careful crew selection we managed to get 2 Optimists, 2 Picos, a Laser 2000 and a Comet Versa onto the water without mishap. Suddenly shore side switched gears and the parents joined in to figure out how to fry and wash up lunch without any water!

Meanwhile, on the water, Claudia ran a series of drills to work on boat handling and put the crews through their paces. With pairs of similar sized boats on the water, everyone had a boat to compete with as they tried to tack on a whistle and retrieve balls thrown from the coach boat. It started getting competitive in some areas which has led some to discuss the possibility of a "Fun Race Regatta" in September. Watch this space!

After about 90 minutes in the heat, some of the boats were starting to drift in so a swift lunch was called and lovely fried burgers and sausages were supplied along with free water to rehydrate. Parents had mostly brought lunches as well so everyone had a break and then we headed back out for even more sailing. By 4.30pm we had to drag Toby, Alex and Scott who were sailing the 2000 off the water because they still wanted more of the lovely breeze and spinnaker weather. These three could well be future racers on Troy Lake, so watch out for them!

All in all we think everyone had a great time other than Jason Bew who, having helped us immensely on the safety boat all day, managed to slip and catch his Achilles Tendon on the dock chain as he was coming in. He is getting better but will have a big bruise to show off!

The next Trojans meeting is on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> September** (timing to be confirmed as it may be earlier to fit in briefings etc) it is imperative that we get everyone to let us know beforehand if they are planning to join us because we want to make a first crack at balanced boat allocations for the possible "Trojans Regatta".

Much like a 'serious' racing event we will be publishing NOR's and SI's, having a race committee, a series of different races (maybe even a parents race!) and even prizes! We can only do this if we know the number, names, ages, and abilities of everyone who is coming along. For this to run smoothly we will need lots of parent volunteers to help with the running of the day, so please help if you can, there will be a job for everyone!

**Please email [trojans@rscsailing.org](mailto:trojans@rscsailing.org) asap if your youngsters can join us that day.**

*Peter de Schulthess and Claudia Wilson*

**The next session will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> September, we hope to see you**



# Saturday 4th August





**W**e passed our Annual RYA Inspection with flying colours with the Inspector observing that we are better organised and deliver training to a higher standard than many commercial centres that they have inspected - a huge well done to all in the training team, both afloat and the shore team and a big thanks to the committee who support our efforts so enthusiastically.

We have delivered training and awarded certificates to many candidates in the last few weeks (*see pictures below*) and hope to train more before the year is out.

Please remember that we are a team of volunteers who do our best to meet the training needs of as many people as possible but it isn't always possible to book dates that suit everyone and we've had a couple of sessions with more instructors than students who could make it. As a student please do your best to accept dates that are offered as this really helps. If you are booked on a course, we know that emergencies can prevent you attending, but last minute dropouts does mean that, on occasions, we have to stand instructors down through not being able to fill the gaps at short notice.

We have recently welcomed Caroline Webb and Nigel Smethers as Assistant Instructors along with Peter de Schulthess who is assisting with land based theory. If anymore of you can offer us some time, please let me know, you will be more than welcome.

We've also trained around a dozen people to Powerboat Level 2 over the past months – again my thanks to the team for all the time they give up to achieve this.

*Martyn Hawkins*  
Training Principal

**Editor's note:** Thanks are due to Martyn and Graham for the enthusiasm, time and effort that they both put into making the training so successful. The result of the RYA Inspection and the comments received, is evidence of this.



Beatrix Li



Glenn Walkley-Stubbs



Steve Forrester



Megan Cochrane



Lesley Mitchell



Megan Cochrane, again





*Valeria Molinari*



*Romula Vinhas-Chaves*



*John Byrne*



*Wayne Moran*



*Thomas deSchulthess*



*Alex deSchulthess*



*Pam Donaldson*



*Alastair McLeod*



*Wayne Moran (again)*



*Jonathan Harrison*



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