



January 2019

Commodore's Corner

Firstly, I'd like to wish all members a Very Happy and Peaceful 2019.

To start with some very good news concerning our rates. I managed to get us re-rated so that we are now being charged as appropriate for business premises. This resulted in a repayment of some £3,400 for over payments for 2017/18 and 2018/19, with no further payments in this fiscal year. Net result is some £4,500 that we have not had to spend. Good use of some of this money will go towards getting contractors to do some of the groundwork for the boat house extension and RIB garage. I am still pursuing a challenge on our rateable value to see if we can get that reduced.

The Christmas Lunch was almost a sell out with some 56 members and friends sitting down to a superb lunch, followed by a visit from Father Christmas and then we had the Prizegiving for the 2018 Season. There is a report and photographs further on.

The Turkey Trot was held the Sunday before Christmas, with eight boats on the water, the race was won by Caroline and Jamie Webb. Thanks to Peter Axford, Ann Allen and Ed Pryor for running the race and others who chipped in on the water.



Those who have been down since the Christmas Lunch will have seen that there have been significant changes to the landscape outside the side gate up to and beyond the bridge to the car park. We now have a much flatter and larger parking area at the side, which amongst other advantages, will be easier for disabled members who find the car park difficult, to access the Club area. Thanks to Jack Byne and Paul Hills for overseeing this.

Thanks to Ian Turffrey and Paul Hills for going down a couple of times during the holiday to sort out the electrics and the gutters on the training hut.

Finally, as was mentioned at the AGM, we are having two "workshops" one on Friday 11th January, the other on Sunday 20th January, where you can have your say on what you would like to see during 2019. Please come along and share your views. Further details elsewhere in this Troy Times.

Commodore



Into 2019

We're looking forward to another season of RYA Training at RSC with fingers crossed for another great year.

We still rely on the goodwill of all involved and so hope for the support of the "regulars" again in 2019 but also put out a welcome to any member of the club who would like to join us.

You don't have to be a fantastic sailor at the head of the racing fleet to instruct as the majority of the courses we run are aimed at beginners and we also need help with safety and shore duties.

If you're interested in joining the team please let me know.

Changes

Graham Smith has spent several years in the role of organizing bookings and trying to ensure that we have enough instructors, safety crew and equipment available on each day that we run courses. Not an easy job we thank him for a great job that he's done for us and for the vital help in making our training a success.

Graham continues in the team as a Senior Instructor and Power Boat Instructor but is stepping down as Training Officer. We are pleased to thank Jane Hawkins for agreeing to help with this role and wish her every success.

We are also intending to introduce a new booking system early this year which should hopefully simplify things.

First Aid

Don't forget that we have an RYA First Aid Instructor, Martin Smethers, on our team so that getting great training in First Aid is really convenient and a great qualification to have even if you're not in the training team.

Please check out the club's [calendar](#) for forthcoming courses or contact [Martin](#) if you're interested in this training.

Our 2019 programme

We are hoping to arrange dates for dinghy training and, once set, these will be published on the website, you can see them most easily on our [training page](#), they will also be in the calendar. There will be plenty of opportunity for powerboat training with in-house courses or RYA powerboat level 2 or Safety Boat on offer. If you're interested in undertaking any training or would like to join the team please [let us know](#).

Boats

We're really glad to have a good fleet of club boats.

Please help us to keep them in good repair (we have a new team looking after repairs for the coming season) so please do report any problems that you become aware of – you can do this easily by completing a hire form (you can fill one out with an appropriate comment if you notice a defect but haven't hired).

"Staff"

Once again our thanks to all who help with training, we do appreciate it and couldn't do it without you.

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Martyn Hawkins



Martin Smethers (RYA First Aid Instructor)

will be running a

RYA FIRST AID course on Sunday 17th February



SUBJECT TO A MINIMUM OF SIX PARTICIPANTS

This is a full day from 9am until 5pm, with breaks for tea/coffee and a break for lunch (bring your own lunch; tea and coffee will be provided).

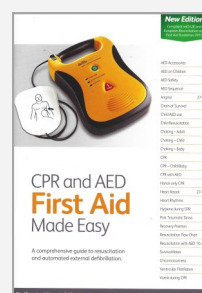
This is an interactive session which at the end of it qualifies you for the RYA First Aid Certificate, which is valid for three years. Essential for instructors.



The cost for the course is **£50** each, which includes the RYA First Aid Manual and CPR and AED Made Easy Handbook.

Places are limited to eight people. Please email Martin Smethers at martinsmethers@rscsailing.org as soon as possible.

First come, first booked! If oversubscribed, a further course will be arranged.



YOUR CLUB



**Friday 11th January 2019
at 7.30pm**

or

**Sunday 20th January
at approx. 1.30pm (*after racing*)**

**Come and have YOUR SAY
on some of these issues:**

- ⇒ Sailing and Racing Programme
 - ⇒ Club House Project
 - ⇒ Club Development
 - ⇒ Trojan Programme
 - ⇒ Fundraising
 - ⇒ Training
 - ⇒ Socials



and anything else not listed here that

YOU want you discuss

Christmas Lunch and Prize Giving



The big day, Sunday 16th December 2019, started with a bar full of people all trying to take advantage of the special prices. Paul Hills and Liam Dowling were pulling rebellion pints faster than rocket man! The atmosphere was buzzing with humour and good will. The 'little people' were excited about Father Christmas attending the event. Meanwhile, Paul Johnson was in the kitchen practicing for 'master chef'!! The bell was rung and all hurried to their chairs. Peter Axford said a very short grace after which there was a mad dash for roast turkey, potatoes, and all the trimmings.

Silence was called for our, Commodore Martin Smethers, who explained that he had recently managed to obtain a substantial refund on our rates bill (*more about this elsewhere in the Troy Times*). After an applause, Martin thanked the outgoing Commodore Ann Allen and presented her with a lovely engraved bowl. Acknowledgements and thanks to the catering team followed on.

Martin continued and asked Ann to present trophies to all the winners of the sailing season just ended.

Regardless of trophies the star of the show was Father Christmas. He was fantastic. He knew all about each child. Well you would expect him to know! Each little person received a gift and a few words of wisdom from Father Christmas. We all know that Father Christmas is St. Nicholas. Before departing, his last job was to draw the winner for the Christmas Hamper, ably run by Sue Davis, and the winner was Ian Moore.

After drawing the raffle, off went Santa, not to be seen for another year.

The party ended with all hands to the dishes.

True to form, the food was fantastic. The service second to none. Finally, thanks go to all the members and friends who attended and embraced the RSC 'family ethos'.

Book now for next year **Sunday 15th December 2019**

Liam



What some members had to say

"Thanks to everyone who helped out and attended today - both myself and Scott had a really good time. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to everyone - see you on the water soon!" ... **Steve Forrester**

"May next year be good for you all." ... **Liam**

"Thanks to all that made today go so well. Big end of year race next week. Who will take the last trophy?" ... **Paul Hills**

"Great lunch today. Very tasty and I think everyone enjoyed the day." ... **Caroline Smethers**

"Yes - a lovely occasion, thank you!" ... **Andrew McFarlane**

"We really enjoyed the party." ... **Alexia Deschulthess**

Christmas Lunch and Prize Giving





Trophy Winners 2017 / 2019



Series	Trophy	Winner	2nd place	3rd place
2017-2019 WINTER SERIES				
Winter 2017	Spartan	Jonathan Carter	Paul Hills	Mike Herman
Frostbite 2019 Handicap	Frostbite Tankard	Jonathan Carter	Paul Hills	Sean Hodges
2017 SUMMER SERIES				
Spring Trophy 1	Beale	Paul Hills	Alastair Wilson	Ian Turffrey
Spring Trophy 2	Bury Tankard	Paul Johnson	Leszek Marcinowcz	Steve Forrester
Spring Pursuit	Moth Cup	Paul Hills	Alastair Wilson	Ian Turffrey
Afternoon Trophy 1	A Class	Steve Forrester	Sarah Peterson	Paul Hills
Early Summer Trophy 1	La Riviere	No result sheets		
Early Summer Trophy 2	Lacewing	No result sheets		
Early Summer Pursuit	Leigh Grundy	No result sheets		
Late Summer Trophy 1	Gammage Cup	Ian Turffrey	Paul Hills	Paul Knight
Late Summer Trophy 2	Mat Tankard	Not sailed		
Late Summer Pursuit	Imp Tankard	Paul Hills	Paul Johnson	Wendy Barnes
Pursuit run as Handicap	Strathyre Cup	Not sailed		
Solo Mini Series	Esox Lucius	Not sailed		
Autumn Trophy	Herouncroft	Steve Forrester	-	-
Wednesday Evening	Bosun's Pipe	Caroline and Richard Webb	Dave?	Alastair and Claudia Wilson
EVENTS				
New Year Bracer 2019		Paul Hills		
6 Hour Race	Mars Bar Trophy	Not sailed		
Bonfire Cup	Golden Jubilee Cup	Jonathan Carter		
Club Trophy		Not sailed		
Ricky Chase (Turkey Trot)		Caroline Webb		
INDIVIDUAL				
Crew	Crew's Cup	Linda Gibbons		
Away	Away Cup	Jonathan Carter		
Most Improved Adult	Red Sails	Steve Forrester		
Most Improved Junior	Junior Trophy	Scott Forrester		
Sportsmanship	Rob Atkins Trophy	Ian Tuffrey		
OPEN MEETINGS				
14 Open	Rickmansworth Trophy	James and Sam Vaughan	RSC	
	The Ricky Transom	Chris and Loise Barlow	Shearwater Sailing Club	
Firefly Open	Firefly Trophy	Stuart and Robbie Hudson	Spinnaker Club	
Solo Open		Godfrey Clark	Fishers Green Sailing Club	
Comet Standard Comet Versa		Bob Dodds	CMYC	



I hope everyone who came to the Christmas Lunch enjoyed themselves and to those who didn't come please look at the photos elsewhere in this Troy Times. For new members who are unaware, we do try to run several evening events during the year. We have our old favourites of the Fitting Out Supper in March, a Summer Lunch in June and the Laying Up Supper, usually at the end of October and of course the Christmas Lunch which consists of a roast turkey dinner. However we are asking you for your input to run some new events during 2019. So if you would like to see, for example, a hog roast one summer Sunday after sailing is finished or any other ideas you might have we would love to hear them.

As you may be aware the Club are holding two open evenings during January and the social events that we hold will be one of the subjects for discussion. Are we holding sufficient social events; how do we encourage members to attend; is pricing of the events an obstacle? Do please come and give us your views. We usually charge in the region of £10 to £15 per person depending on the event and we ask you to pay up front by the usual methods. I think I should mention that we like to make a small profit on events to help with fund raising for the Club.

We have four team leaders, Janis Dowling, Sue Johnson, Madelyn Turffrey and we are being joined in 2019 by Anna Daczowska. We rely on the ladies of the club to help out. When we have Open Meetings which happen a couple times a year the sailors expect to buy a Ploughman's type lunch and we like to serve tea and homemade cakes. We would love some of you (male or female) to volunteer to help on the day or just to bring a cake, if asked, down to the Club.

I think I can say that our ladies actually enjoy helping out with the catering and we do have a laugh, so if you would like to be involved occasionally please let me know, my contact details appear below. I hope perhaps some of you might be prepared to help us from time to time.

Sue

suesmethers@hotmail.com

01425 652196 or 07751 814591



Open Meetings 2019

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**Saturday 11th -
Sunday 12th May**



Saturday 11th May



**Sunday
12th May**



**Saturday
7th September**



Join



Shop



Raise

Collect FREE funds for us
any time you shop with



Sign up now

£188.01

Has been raised so far

[Click here](#)



The U3A Dinghy Sailing Group seems to go from strength to strength. There are more than 30 members signed up from 8 different U3A areas, but fortunately, they do not all turn up at the same time; the average attendance being 14. On one occasion last season there were 19 U3A members hoping to sail, and all the club boats were pressed into use. At the recent 10th Birthday celebrations of Chess Valley U3A, another 12 people expressed an interest in joining the group, so there may be even greater demand next season. Hopefully, there will be more club boats to choose from.

RSC members are very welcome to attend on U3A afternoons, (the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of the month from the end of April to the end of October), as there is always a patrol boat on the water. More than 20 of the members have been trained in the use of Betty and the Jaffa, and the rota is designed so that the members on patrol boat duty can also sail for half a session.

U3A is a self help organisation, for retired people who still have a zest for living and learning, so the more experienced sailors help those with less experience. The focus this season has been on practicing starting techniques and negotiating a simple triangular course. Progress has been made, but there is still room for improvement!

Special thanks should be extended to Paul Johnson, Ian Turffrey and Peter Tobin, who took it in turns to be the OOD, helping the members to rig and launch the dinghies and being on hand to give advice and encouragement.

For more information, please talk to Wendy Barnes or Judith Young.

Working Party
Saturday 12th January
09:00 - 13:00
Clearing up for laying
the concrete bases to
garage and boat shed



This is an extract from the Uxbridge Rovers web site:



We have agreed with the sailing club that we will not pay any rent for five years and that the money will be spent on restocking the lake.

After that five year period we will be given a minimum 10 year lease which secures our water for the next 15 years minimum.

The restocking has taken place recently with initially;

1. 14,000 - Mix of Roach, Rudd, Bream and Perch
2. 60lbs of 3-6 lb Bream
3. 15 - 10lb -15lb Carp

It is our intention to bring this fishery back on line asap, but we must be careful how we do it. We think it is important that Troy is rebuilt as a mixed



fishery capable of producing specimens of every species as it has through its 60 year history and not just a carp lake.

The committee has worked hard in negotiating with the sailing club, EA and our supplier to make this happen. We are working to bring in a stock of reasonable sized Tench at a future stocking, but these are hugely expensive to buy especially in the numbers we would need for a 45 acre lake!



Fishing on the lake is still pretty much off limits, so please bare with us, however once we have begun restocking we will be doing limited, experimental fishing on the lake, this can be arranged through

Tony Smith the Fishery Manager. Please do not fish the lake without Tony's say so, this could cause major problems with the sailing club and jeopardise our future.

The river is open as normal and is fishing well for small pike and perch to lures.



Ground works on the roadway and banks



Sub Committees and other contacts for 2019

Sailing Caroline Webb Martin Smethers Briony Brock Jonathan Carter Steve Forrester Martyn Hawkins Paul Hills Ian Turffrey	House and Social Liam Dowling Sue Smethers Jason Bew Angus Cameron Caroline Smethers Madelyn Turffrey	Catering Sue Smethers Anna Daczowska Janis Dowling Sue Johnson Madelyn Turffrey	Works Ian Turffrey Chris Buckland Paul Hills Richard Foyle Paul Johnson Peter Tobin
Membership and Marketing Sue Davies John Thomson Briony Brock Jane Hodges Sean Hodges Linda Wheeler	Bosuns Ian Turffrey (<i>Power</i>) Andy Hunt (<i>Dinghies</i>) Chris Milner (<i>Dinghies</i>)	Safeguarding Officer Martyn Hawkins Child Protection Officer Ann Allen	Class Contacts Firefly - Ann Allen Int 14 - Ian Turffrey Laser - David Matthews Solo - Paul Johnson
Webmaster webmaster@rscsailing.org	Harbour Master Jonathan Carter	Bar Secretary Liam Dowling	 Training Martyn Hawkins Jane Hawkins
Honorary Members Peter Axford Richard Barnes Ian Moore	Trustees Alan Richards Martin Smethers Frank Weight	Assistant Secretary Health and Safety Martin Smethers	 Trojans Bryony Brock John Thomson Steve Forrester

** PROVISIONAL DATES 2019 **

Further details and other dates may be announced during the year
and included on the web site

Date	Event	Contact
Saturday 16 th March	Working Party	Ian Turffrey
Saturday 30 th March	Fitting out Supper	Sue Smethers
Sunday 31 st March	Start of 2019 Summer Series	
Saturday 11 th May	I4 and Firefly Open Meeting	Ian Turffrey Caroline Webb
Sunday 12 th May	I4 and Solo Open Meeting	Ian Turffrey Paul Johnson
Saturday 18 th May	Working Party ?	Ian Turffrey
Sunday 19 th May	RYA Push the Boat Out Day	
Saturday 29 rd June	Summer Lunch	Sue Smethers
Saturday 13 th July	6 Hour Race ??	
Saturday 20 th July	Working Party ?	Ian Turffrey
Saturday 10 th August	Working Party ?	Ian Turffrey
Saturday 7 th September	Working Party ?	Ian Turffrey
Saturday 14 th September	Comet and Laser Open Meeting	Martyn Hawkins David Matthews
Saturday 13 th October	Working Party	Ian Turffrey
Saturday 19 th October	Laying Up Supper	Sue Smethers
Sunday 3 rd November	Bonfire Cup ?	
Saturday 9 th November	Working Party ?	Ian Turffrey
Sunday 17 th November	Annual General Meeting	Paul Johnson
Sunday 15 th December	Ricky Chase Christmas Lunch and Prizegiving	
Sunday 29 th December	New Year Bracer ?	



Range of Club Clothing



Fleece

£26 inc VAT



Polo Shirt

£21 inc



£9 inc VAT

Not included in the price of a Fleece or Sweat shirt.



Sweat Shirt

£21 inc VAT

RSC Logo on left breast

RSC Website beneath the collar line on back

RSC Website above the adjusting strap on back of cap

Personalisation can be done at extra cost, contact John Ashton on 07779 800424 to discuss details and costs

Polo shirts only in 5XL and 6XL

Size	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL	6XL
Chest to fit (ins)	34-36"	36-38"	38-40"	40-42"	42-44"	44-46"	46-48"	48-50"	50-52"	52-54"

ORDER FORM			
Item	Quantity	Size	Price
Total amount due £			

How to pay and order

- 1) Complete the order form above, include price and calculate the TOTAL amount to pay
- 2) Pay by BACS transfer to
Rickmansworth Sailing Club
Sort Code: 30-15-95 Account Number: 00056128
and mark payment reference as NAME / CLOTHING
- 3) Scan and send your completed order form to: John Ashton at john@vja.me.uk
- 4) Complete your details below

Name		Telephone:	
Email address			

You will be advised when your clothing is ready for you to collect from the Club

Working Party
Saturday
12th January
09:00 - 13:00



Clearing up for
 laying the concrete
 bases to garage and boat
 shed, some of which will be
 undertaken by contractors
 early in the New Year.

Subscriptions 2019

With only a very small number of subscriptions remaining to be paid, the renewals this year have worked extremely well and we have collected most of the subscriptions already. The Committee would like to thank everyone who responded to the request to pay via the web site, as this makes the whole process much easier. There were a few who 'bucked' the system requiring manual intervention, hopefully next time, most will succeed in doing it the correct way.

**Please remember to pay by the
 31st January to avoid a possible
 surcharge of £25 effective on the
 1st February.**

Thank you.

*If you have posted a cheque to Sue Davis recently,
 she is away until the 10th January, so it may be
 stuck in the system. If you receive a reminder and
 you have sent a cheque, please bear with us.*



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RSC-24 or RSC-54
Password Ricky1930



*Next Committee
 Meeting is on
 Monday 21st
 January at 7.30pm*

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