



## Commodore's Corner

June has been a slightly quieter month, although still a lot of activity.

The Trojans met early in the month, and there has also been some training undertaken. Sadly, the Summer Lunch did not take off as was hoped it would. I think this will have to be reviewed going forward, as the 'customer base' for the event as it has been run for many years, is no longer there. Present members do not seem to want to support it in its previous format. However, on the up side, having moved to Sunday, Sue S, Sue J and Madelyn prepared a superb salad array, Madelyn turned to be BBQ Chef along with Sue J to help the process along and between them they served over 30 members with lunch. There were several comments as to the quality of the meal so, this may be the future. Run alongside was the regatta, after many years absence. At one time there were 12 boats on the water. All in all, there must have been some 40 members throughout the weekend.

Can I please remind all helms to SIGN OFF AFTER EACH RACE, making sure that you include the class of BOAT YOU SAILED and any SPECIAL RIG COMBINATION. Otherwise you may not get a result. The duty team should not have to chase round to get this information. Please help by doing this.

September sees the Comet Open on Saturday 7th and, in the evening, there will be a Quiz and light supper for members and friends. There is a question mark over the Laser Open that was also planned for the same day as the Comets. A final decision will be made this month.

Enjoy the summer.

Commodore



The Trojans are here!

The last Trojans session took place on Saturday June 1st. It was a perfect day with warm sunshine and a light breeze. We didn't have as many young people turn up as expected but those who did enjoyed some sailing, kayaking, paddle boarding and games. Thanks to John for manning the safety boat and Sue for cooking the burgers. Hopefully, we will get a few more for the next session which is on **Saturday 6th July**.

Louise



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## Comet Open Meeting

Comet Combined Classes

Comet Class Association

**Saturday 7th 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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**Wednesday Evening race  
starts every week at 19:15**



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





# QUIZ NIGHT

## and SUPPER

Saturday 7th September

Please **RESERVE**  
the date **NOW**

- Tables can be made up of members and friends
- Join a team option
- Maximum 8 players per team
- Questions on sailing but also other rounds to suit all tastes
- Prizes for winning team

**£10 each**

Further information nearer the event



# House Committee

We have just had a really enjoyable Regatta and Summer Lunch where we served thirty people with a BBQ lunch of beef burgers, chicken thighs and variety of salads, strawberries and cream which was well received. The weather wasn't wall to wall sunshine but rather grey but at least it was warm enough to sit outside and everyone seemed in good spirits.

The House Committee enjoys putting on a variety of social events, but recently, we have noticed that there has been slight drop in numbers from members in attending the events that have been arranged. Everyone these days live busy lives and everything is much more [@lastminute.com](https://www.lastminute.com). What we would be keen to better understand from members is why numbers for social social events have dropped?

- \* Is it that the events are too expensive? (we do try and keep the prices down and we believe that we give good value for money – often cheaper than a pub meal!)
- \* Is it that you don't feel you know other club members well enough to socialize with? (your friends are always welcome to join you and it is a great way to meet other members)
- \* Is it that the Club room is inhospitable, particularly in winter? (we do try and do our best to make social events comfortable, i.e. we do have the heaters on in the winter and it does warm up with body heat!)

As you are no doubt aware, the Club is shortly going to be raising money for improvements to the clubhouse. However, as we all know, building works are expensive and, we, in our way would like to try and make a profit on the events that we put on, in the hope we can contribute to these improvements. Therefore, now more than ever, we would really like to see more of our members supporting our socials.

We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas for social events or comments about what we have previously put on. Please do let me know, or speak to any member of the social team.

The next social event is a Quiz with a nautical theme and Supper on **Saturday 7th September**, it would be great to see you at this event. Although there may one or two questions on sailing, there are plenty of other questions and so it would be great if you could get a table of friends to join us for a great evening or put your name down to join a table and make some new friends. Please contact Caroline Smethers for more information, further details to come.

Sue

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Amazing what a few months can do  
when TLC is applied to the plants.



**There have been  
several new members  
this month, they are:**

**Siobhan Donohoe**

**Gera, Marco, May and Dimitris Troisi**

**Adam Pamment**

*You are welcome at any time, please make  
yourselves known and you will be well received and  
made very welcome.*

# Training News



Over the three sessions of RYA training delivered this year (4 May, 25 May and 1 June) we have:

- Trained 12 students
- Delivered 17 days of training
- Awarded 4 certificates



*Left to right: Dominika and Jerome Giet with Graham Smith, Yannis Gkoumaqs and Romulo Vinhas Chaves with Lewis Ashton*



Capsize drill during a recent session

**To deliver it has taken the voluntary efforts of:**

12 instructors and 7 crew (safety and shore), that's 24 days given up by volunteers

**Safety boat training:**

U3A Safety boat training – Thursday 13th June

PB2 – Sunday 16th June and Sunday 14th July

**Training programme proves difficult to organise as:**

The training programme is challenging to organise as we are reliant on volunteer staff agreeing to give up more of their spare time and often the spaces that can be offered are not convenient to prospective students





# JULY Duty Roster

| Date         | Event                         | OOD             | DUTY_1          | Duty_2             |
|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Wed, 3 July  | Wednesday evening 19:15 start | Judith Young    | Ian Kavanagh *  | volunteer required |
| Sun, 7 July  | Early Summer Pursuit          | Martin Smethers | Nigel Heeler    | Ross Charrot       |
| Wed, 10 July | Wednesday evening 19:15 start | Ian Turfrey     | Robert Kipias   | volunteer required |
| Sun, 14 July | Early Summer Pursuit          | Paul Johnson    | Nigel Heeler    | Andrew Burns Snook |
| Wed, 17 July | Wednesday evening 19:15 start | David Matthews  | Peter Heilbrunn | volunteer required |
| Sun, 21 July | Late Summer Pursuit           | Martyn Hawkins  | Jane Hawkins    | Penny Baggott      |
| Wed, 24 July | Wednesday evening 19:15 start | Sean Hodges     | David Jeffers   | volunteer required |
| Sun, 28 July | Late Summer Pursuit           | Judith Young    | Robert Kamola   | Norman Coombs      |
| Wed, 31 July | Wednesday evening 19:15 start | John Thomson    | John Watling    | volunteer required |



## Club Dinghy Hire Fees

*per session*

**Double handed dinghy - £10**

**Single handed dinghy - £5**

**Kayaks - No charge**

**Please be sure to sign the Boat Hire Book behind the bar so that we have a record of the usage and gear problems.**

**This also includes a declaration which is required for insurance purposes.**



**Club Boat Usage/Payment Log**

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Double handed boats **£10 per session**  
Single handed boats **£ 5 per session**  
Kayaks **No charge**

|                                                       |           |                      |     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----|
| Member's Name                                         | Name      |                      |     |
| Time OUT                                              |           | Time BACK            |     |
| Boat Class                                            |           | Boat or Berth number |     |
| RYA Certificate (if any)                              | RYA Level | Fee Paid £           | £00 |
| <b>Report breakages, damage or missing parts here</b> |           |                      |     |
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### Insurance

Boats are fully insured by the Club, with third party cover to £3,000,000 (three million pounds).

**Statement of Risk which applies equally to casual sailing as it does when racing.**

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states:

**"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."**

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.

By taking part in the event or casual sailing, each member of the crew agrees and acknowledges that:

- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- They accept responsibility for any injury, damage, or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event or for cruising and they are fit to participate;
- The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances;
- It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event referred to in the Sailing Instructions and to attend any safety briefing held at the venue.

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|------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Signed                                         |  | Date                                     | DD / MM / YY |
| Distribution: White copy: Cash Box (Treasurer) |  | Pink copy: Remains attached to this book |              |

**When you use a Club boat, please do the following:**

- 1) Speak to the Ambassador or Duty Officer and select a boat to hire
- 2) Complete the Usage/Payment Log which is usually behind the bar
- 3) Note any damage evident BEFORE you use the boat
- 4) Pay the appropriate amount
- 5) When you finish, please note any damage or breakages that occurred whilst you were using the boat
- 6) **Remember to read the Statement of Risk and sign the form before you sail**