



June 2019



Commodore's Corner

As predicted, May was a full on month for the Club. Those of you who were able to get down for either the Open Meeting Weekend or our Open Day, PTBO, will know what I mean. Those who stayed away can read about what they missed further on in this edition of the Troy Times, upgraded from the Bulletin which was due this month. You will be able to read reports on these events, but I would like to thank our class captains, Caroline Webb, Ian Turffrey and Paul Johnson for encouraging support for the three open meetings; Caroline Smethers for masterminding the PTBO Event and of course Sue Smethers and Madelyn Turffrey who spearheaded the catering for all these events. Each event was a success and would not have been possible had it not been for the main players and of course, many other club members who supported them in one way or another.

The Committee are conscious that the Club is looking like a building site from the end of the boat shed as far as the reinstated slipway at the end of the compound. Work has come to a halt since the start of the year, as we are having to get several ecological and other surveys undertaken in order to satisfy the Environment Agency and possibly Natural England. There is a considerable amount of time and money being spent on this undertaking, much of the work being done by Paul Johnson, to whom we owe a great deal of

thanks for the time he is spending on this paperwork. This has, by the very nature of what is involved with time and effort, meant that some other things are taking a back seat. We do have to deal with the important and legal matters as a matter of priority.

We had hoped that by now, we would have commenced the replacement of the front and side elevations to the Clubhouse, taking advantage of the better weather during the summer months. Unfortunately, this has also fallen behind schedule as we must now undertake a bat survey before we can commence the work along with other approvals. This is likely to take a minimum of one month on the bat survey but could be longer if we have to have further surveys carried out if there are signs of bats on the initial survey. The cost of this initial phase is being funded from club reserves.

You will notice that Jayne Hodges has kindly agreed to look after the cleaning of the Clubhouse, rather than continuing with the contractors we have had. Please do follow the requests made elsewhere and make sure the Club building in its entirety is kept tidy. It is NOT Jayne's role to tidy everything up after people leave it dishevelled.

The Club Regatta is being reinstated after many years absence, this is being combined with the Summer Lunch on Saturday 22 June. Further details

inside, please book your tickets as soon as possible, so that we know how many members and guests to cater for.

You will also read that Liam has decided that the time has come to hand over the bar keys to someone else. Some details are included elsewhere about what is required to make it a success. Please speak to either Liam, myself or anyone on the Committee if you would like to know more. At this stage, I would like to thank Liam for what he has done over the years and the time and effort which he has put into keeping members well lubricated.

Commodore



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Summer Lunch and Regatta

Saturday 22nd June

Regatta starting at 10.30am

Lunch for members and friends

Between 12.30 and 2.30pm

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Cheese and Biscuits

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From the House Chair

I think we have just experienced our busiest time of the year with the Open Meetings held over the weekend of Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th May, where we did lunch and tea on both days for an unknown number. This was followed seven days later by Push the Boat Out, there was a barbeque ably manned by Peter de Schulthess and Tomaz. The ladies were in the kitchen, of course, serving out many cups of tea, coffee and cake all day. I must say a big thank you to all the members who donated cakes for both weekends. We did have some left over and they have been frozen because there is another Open Meeting in September.

I have now come home for a rest until the next big event which is the Summer Lunch and Regatta on Saturday 22nd June. We are planning a barbeque with a choice of beef burgers or chicken breasts and for those of you who would prefer something not barbequed, Coronation Chicken. There will be several salads to accompany the meats followed by delicious summer sweets such as pavlova, roulade and strawberries and cream plus cheese and biscuits. The price for this feast is £10 a person or £20 for a family of four, which, I think you will agree, is very reasonable. You do not have to be sailing everyone is welcome to join us for lunch, so long as we know you are coming. Please pre-book your ticket(s) by sending an e-mail to reservations@rscsailing.org or book via the web site. we would love to see you whether you are sailing or not. Forget the roast and

two veg when you go home, you will not have room for it. I am sure Caroline will outline the sailing programme elsewhere.

That was the good and interesting part, now I am afraid I am going to have a couple of moans. Firstly, we are trying to keep the main club room clear of objects which don't belong there; namely sails, rudders, tillers, clothing and life jackets. We have a new cleaner starting on the 21st May. She should not be expected to move all the 'stuff' that is left lying around, and we would like her to have clear access to the tables so that she can wipe them down and clean them. The life jackets should be put back with all the others, after the first Wednesday night sail I found two life jackets just left on a bench by the starting box stairs, please hang them up with the rest. If we find personal life jackets that have been left around the Club room they will automatically become the property of RSC and will be found on the racks of club life jackets.

My other rant is that the Club purchased forty eight new tea mugs and they were placed in the cupboard during March. There are now only nineteen of these mugs left in the cupboard, please where are the missing twenty nine? Please search your boats, your sailing bags and if you find any please return them clean to the cupboard.

Finally, and not a rant this time, I would just like to thank everyone who helped out at the Open Meetings and Push the Boat Out, it really does make a difference when there are willing helpers, thank you.

Sue

YOUR CLUB BAR



NEEDS

YOU!

Liam has been a familiar face both behind and in front of the bar for several years. He has decided that the time has now come for him to hang up the bar keys and hand over to someone fresh.

So, unless someone comes forward to take over from Liam, the social side of the Club will undoubtedly suffer through lack of the right kind of lubrication.

This is not an arduous task, it really is a question of making sure that we have sufficient stocks and that these are replenished as required.

It is a job that can be undertaken by anyone in the Club, you do not have to be a sailor, you do not even have to be a man; I'm sure there would be volunteers to help a lady move the stock around as required.

Liam has been at the helm of the bar for 4½ years and has brought innovations and charm to that part of club life, which is so essential in any club. If you feel that you have the attributes and willingness to take over as Bar Secretary, would you please speak to one of the Officers or Committee Members, or to Liam, and we can give you details as to what is involved. It is understood that he will still be conducting trips to the boat shed!

TRY SAILING IN MAY



The Club held it's RYA Push The Boat Out Day on Sunday 19th May.

Having prayed all week for the weather forecast to change, we were very lucky with the conditions on the day. We had no rain, some sun and a gentle breeze to get the visitors on to the lake and able to try sailing. In addition, we also had a training stand available to talk to all about what training the Club can offer, the RLSS teaching a number of children about CPR, a good number of Kayaks on the water and the Club's new paddle board to try out.

Overall, we had some 75+ visitors with a few individuals and families signed up for membership on the day. Feedback from all was that they loved the Club and the atmosphere but wanted a little time to think about joining and perhaps another visit.

It is too hard to thank everyone individually for contributing to the event as there were so many and I would miss someone out, so, I would like to thank everyone who helped out on the day, those who helped by prepping the Club on the Saturday, cake bakers, sign producers, jetty cleaners, trainers, chefs, sailors, rescue crew, first aiders, boat riggers and de-riggers and all other work that was done in advance away from the Club. Overall it was a very good day, and it was lovely to see so many members pull together to make this happen. It was also lovely to see so many boats out on the water.

Reminds you of how great this sailing club can be when everyone comes together.

Thank you all again.

Caroline

Organising this event starts several weeks earlier under this year's leader Caroline Smethers. Being Captain of the show takes bravery, leadership skills linked to we can do it! Well all credit to Caroline. She put her heart and soul into organising this years open day. Or as the modern's call it Push the Boat Out. Whatever you want to call it, there was no doubt it was highly successful.

Weeks prior you had Peter Tobin hanging up the road signs and Paul Hills cutting grass until the lawn mower broke down! This did not 'phase' our trusty engineer. Within a few hours one saw Paul back on his 'pony' riding into the sun set kicking grass into the air.

The Saturday before opening a full team of helper were cleaning the Club house, shopping for food etc. This important activity was captained by Sue Smethers, the loyal and trusty wife of our Commodore, Martin Smethers. Meanwhile a large team were outside, lead by Ian 'the Turf' Turffrey. What a job they did. The place looked immaculate.

The big day opened with bacon butties for all the staff on duty, again prepared by Sue Smethers. A ten minute briefing was called and safety was explained by John Ashton whilst radio instructions were provided by John 'the compere' Thomson. John was the man with the microphone. It was noted that he was observed at the end of the day rushing to the bar to wet his whistle!!

The doors opened at 1100. All was quiet for the first hour. Peter and Tomaz had fired up the BBQ. Worried looks appeared. No customers. Then like thunder the 'customers' poured into our

grounds. Jonathan Baggott, Caroline Webb and other trusty skippers were soon flying potential sailors around the lake.

People were outside enjoying the sun and sailing whilst the 'Galley Girls' were pumping out teas, coffees with a big slice of homemade cake. I can tell you they looked fantastic. Well done to the chefs!

Meanwhile, the sun encouraged a steady flow to the bar where Liam 'the pint puller' managed to sell nearly three barrels of Rebellion beer. When extremely busy Paul Hills jumped in to help with the 'pulling'. It was observed that Liam was showing Paul how to chat up the Galley Girls. Needless to say, without any success. Paul was heard saying "let's stick to the pints it's a lot easier!!"

Liam



We had a wonderful day on Sunday for our PTBO Open day with 75+ visitors coming along. We were very lucky to have good weather, especially since last year was a hard act to follow.

We've had a lot of interest in joining the Club, but would, in particular, like to welcome some new members - Adam Pamment, Siobhan Donohue, Gera and Marco, Dimitris along with Max Troisi. All of you, please make full use of our facilities and get on the water for the Summer. I hope that if you would like training, you get in touch with Martyn or Jane Hawkins so you are on their list as soon as possible.

I very much look forward to seeing you at the Club over the next few weeks.

Sue

TRY SAILING IN MAY



The weather forecast wasn't very promising for the second Trojans session but we had six young people turn up to sail. It was a day of sunshine, showers and squally winds but everyone got on the water in a mixture of boats (Oppies/Picos and a Tera). A lot of fun was had blasting around the lake and a fair bit of swimming was done too. Thanks to Sue and Caroline for manning the BBQ, John and Andrew for providing safety cover as well as Alexia and Peter for helping on shore.

The next session will be on **Saturday June 1st**. If you would like to come along and haven't already done so, please let me know. You can find more details on the Club website.

Louise



The Club will be open on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 26th June from 1300, when U3A will be sailing. All RSC members are welcome.

Club Enterprise



A big thank you goes to Peter deSchulthess who spent much of the winter in bringing an Enterprise up to standard for our use. This has now joined the Club fleet of boats and will be used for both training and for hire by members. Those of you who were at the PTBO Day, will have seen it in action then. This is not the original number.



Club Cleaning

The Committee have found a club member to undertake the cleaning for us. Jayne Hodges will be starting on Friday the 31st May.



However, we do have to help with this. Jayne will be removing ANY clothing or gear left in the Clubhouse or changing rooms and put it somewhere for you to reclaim.

Will the Duty Officer or whoever is last out, please remove the waste rubbish from the galley bin and place in a Biffa. Food waste should not be left overnight in the kitchen as this attracts vermin.

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JUNE Duty Roster

Date	Event	OOD	DUTY_1	Duty_2	Ambassador
Sun, 2 June	Spring Pursuit	Nick Harper	Alexia de Schulthess	Peter de Schulthess	Sarah Peterson
Wed, 5 June	Wednesday evening 19:15 start	Richard Webb	Nicholas Wheeler	volunteer required	
Sun, 9 June	Early Summer Pursuit	Simon Donaldson	Chris Buckland	Ian Watson	Paul Johnson
Wed, 12 June	Wednesday evening 19:15 start	Matthew Tobin	Damien Tobin	volunteer required	
Sun, 16 June	Early Summer Pursuit	Paul Hills	Peter Sutton	Andrew McFarlane	Celia Tobin
Wed, 19 June	Wednesday evening 19:15 start	Ann Allen	Steve Forrester	volunteer required	
Sat, 22 June	CLUB REGATTA	volunteer required	volunteer required	volunteer required	
Sun, 23 June	Early Summer Pursuit	Martin Smethers	Linda Gibbons	Michael Grace	Sue Davies
Wed, 26 June	Wednesday evening 19:15 start	Paul Johnson	Merelene Davis	volunteer required	
Sun, 30 June	Early Summer Pursuit	Ed Pryor	Yannis Gkoumas	Jhinuk Basu	Wendy Barnes

Open Meeting Reports

14 **7** boats in all took part in our two day event over the weekend of 11th / 12th May

Race 1 on Saturday afternoon was quite difficult due to a shifting increasing breeze. As we approached the start Paul Hills and Toby McFarlane capsized twice in *Windbarron* 1224, Toby needs to put some weight on!

Alastair Wilson and John Watling pulled clear in *Siete* 830, James and Sam Vaughan capsized *Sea Storm* 1252 three times and Ian Turffrey and Sean Hodges in *Billabong* 885 thought they were in with a chance of second place but James recovered and Alastair maintained first place.



Chili Supper Saturday evening

Race 2 on Sunday morning conditions were easier, with Ian on the line only to be overhauled slowly by Alastair then both of us



by Paul and Toby in *Windbarron* with good speed, rounding the windward mark. Alastair maintained his position to the end.

Race 3 on Sunday afternoon the main trophy race started with very light winds. This time Alastair built a commanding lead to win the very handsome Rickmansworth Trophy. James Vaughan coming 2nd to win the Transom Trophy.



Thanks to Martin Smethers and his race team, also to the ladies in the catering team for keeping us all fed and watered.

Ian Turffrey
14 Captain



This report on the *Firefly Open* was sent in by the winner of the Trophy, Guy Davison.

Rickmansworth SC hosted the 2nd M25 trophy event of 2019 for the Firefly class on Saturday 11th May on a lovely barmy breeze type of day. Four visitors trailed to Troy Lake where they were met by bacon butties and tea served by Caroline Webb – as ever the enthusiastic class captain! The visitors were joined by a small but lively local Ricky fleet.

It was great to see Johnny Bickford return to the fleet after a short break, crewed by his son Charles who is a mere 5 years old. Charles had a good day with some mixed weather experience, namely a sudden cloudburst and squall at the end of the 2nd back

to back morning race. Though spirits were dampened a bit, he was not phased by his first crewing experience at an Open meeting.



In the first race in a light northerly, Richard and Caroline Webb and Matt Thornton and Laura Bevan (QMSC/UL) led off, closely followed by Lucy Boreham and Rachel Crebbin (Chichester YC) and the Bickford team. Guy Davison (Llangorse SC) in *Dillon* crewed by local youngster Toby McFarlane was looking rather rusty after his early morning start But the current class national champion seemed to wake up after two rounds and slowly clawed his way up and then on a slightly fluky beat had a bit of Ricky luck for a change and was right on the leading two boats transoms. On the next beat Dillon took some good shifts and took the lead which they held to the 4th lap and the finish. Lucy and Rachel held 2nd.

The wind lightened for the second race, which *Dillon* made best use of at the start getting away on port ahead of the fleet. By now Toby, Guy's local crew had worked it all out and shepherded Guy expertly around the course! The rest of the fleet had a great race with lots of place changes, but *Dillon* stayed ahead managing to avoid those Troy lake calm patches for once. Again Lucy and Rachel fought off the challengers and took 2nd place. Matt and Laura took 3rd.

The fleet enjoyed the third race whilst Guy had a nap, claiming it was a very early start for person of his years Johnny and Charles led with Matt and Laura hot on their heels with 2nd and Richard and Caroline (RSC) taking 3rd.

Overall results:

(2 races out of 3 to count)

1. Guy Davison and
Toby Mc Farlane
Llangorse SC / RSC
2. Lucy Boreham and
Rachel Crebbin
Chichester YC
3. Johnny and Charles Bickford
Oxford SC



Many thanks to Rickmansworth for hosting us and providing great close racing, no lake weed and generous hospitality. We hope to return with even more competitors next year!



Solo Open Results

1. Godfrey Clark
Fishers Green SC
2. Roger Bennett
Silver Wings
3. Steve Jones
Littleton SC



Yottings from the Sailing Secretary

It's been a busy May with open meetings for the Firefly, International 14 and Solo's, racing is not for everyone, but it is a great way to improve your sailing skills.

To try and encourage more boats on the water and to join the racing I will be at the Club from 10 - 11am each Sunday in June to provide on the water coaching and we will be holding a race training event on Saturday 10th June if there is enough interest. See page 9 for more information.

Summer evening racing is the ideal way to get away from your day job and enjoy the benefits of RSC, the Wednesday evening racing has started with 7 boats on the water, lets try and get double figures for the rest of the series. If you don't want to race just come and sail around the lake. The optional BBQ afterwards is great for meeting other members, if you don't have to rush home to put kids to bed. Frozen beef burgers can be bought from the galley at £3 each (kept in the freezer) if you don't have time to go out and shop.

The Club Regatta is on 22nd June, which is the same day as the Club lunch, this is the first time we have run this format, but the idea is that everyone can enter a race, be it paddling or sailing. Some races will be timed or relay races and the emphasis is on having fun. The regatta races will be before and after lunch so there is no need to choose between lunch and sailing. All races will be short format with the longest race planned to be 30 minutes long.

Caroline

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Provisional Regatta Programme

- 10.30 Race 1 - Adult and Junior race
- 11.15 Round the Buoy (paddle or sail) team event
- 11.45 Race 2
- 12.30 Lunch**
- 14.15 Balloon Race (open to all, no sailing experience required)
- 14.30 Race 3 - Personal handicap
- 15.15 Race 4
- 16.00 **Prizegiving**



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.

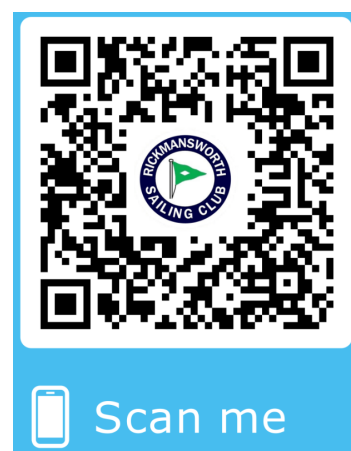
Taking part in club racing will give you the skills to enjoy sailing at whatever level you want.

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 12 noon 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.**