



C M Y C

THE FRIENDLIEST NEWSLETTER IN SUSSEX?



NOVEMBER 2024



TABLE OF CONTENTS

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2024

Commodore's News - We're Leaking	01
Pre-Christmas Social	02
AGM	03
Hedgecourt Heroes	04
Poll Results - Duties	06
CMYC Model Yacht Group	07
Training & Development	08
2024 Flotilla Holiday	10
West Sussex Regatta	11
Sunday Socials	15
FUN RACE	16
Yachting & Navigation	17
The Grebe Club	18
Winter Cleaning	19
Work Parties	20
Water Quality Results	21



WE'RE LEAKING

Hope last month wasn't too scary and don't get your fingers burnt this month.

The Membership Poll that we have been trialling since July has given some clear messages, until last month. The Duties Poll makes interesting reading, and a page is dedicated to this elsewhere in this edition of the Newsletter.

Make your views known via the Poll it is in the covering email for this newsletter. It is anonymous and very quick and easy to enter with a click or two.

Additionally come along to the AGM on 27th November to find out more of what is planned for 2025 as we report on the finances etc.

We also have a few leaks and have a few holes to plug.

The biggest holes are a few vacancies we have, but there may have been some misunderstanding. We are not, unless you wish to, expecting you to work alone. We believe two heads are better than one and this is the direction we are taking as shown below:

- Vice Commodore Estate & 3 Estate Team Members

To oversee the estate team in terms of reporting; 1) lake management, 2) clubhouse and 3) grounds maintenance to the main committee once a month.

- Treasurer

Supported by the Vice Commodore for Finance with handover available from the current treasurer to keep the books balanced each month.

- Duty Manager

With handover support from our current committee member responsible for this activity and with previous deputy support within the committee. The task is to populate the on-line Duty Manager tool over the first few, typically quieter months of the calendar year.

Please let me know if you can help.

Will we sink?

The mud levels are getting higher year on year and there is more to do starting with two events in November (look out for Work-Parties and Hedgecourt Heroes in this newsletter). The first is in just a couple of days' time on 03rd so 'up-tools' and join in.

There are many other ways you can help, and too many to mention here so please ask as some are one-off tasks through to monthly support.

Don't just join the Crawley Mariners, become one of the Crew.



Pre-CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

01st December from 10:30

This is the last of the Sunday Socials for 2024 and while more are planned for 2025 why not join us for some festive fun and pre-Christmas laughter?



We'll be there from 10am, watching from the warmth of the Clubhouse as the racers prepare their boats for the Autumn Leaf series and have them ready for the start line at 10:30. We aim to put up a seasonal decoration or two ready for when you arrive, and we'll have the kettle on too.

Can't promise you any mince pies, stolen or seasonal cake unless you're early to the party as we're not asking you to sign up in advance for catering. Simply just come along and meet some of your fellow Mariners over a relaxed hot beverage.

There are several short fun themes being planned from a mini team quiz to an opportunity to be a stand-up comedian and tell us your favourite, side splitting, laughter inducing joke.

...and for the real socialite and party animals alike we're going to do it all over again but slightly differently in the New Year on 05th January coupled with the Pursuit race.

See you soon,
Andy, Celina, Richard and Sarah-Jo



AGM

AGM?

Do you get invitations from various organisations to attend and vote on things?

I do, and if you are anything like me you probably recycle the post or bin the emails, but this is different!

Why?

This is your Annual General Meeting.

It is about your Club.

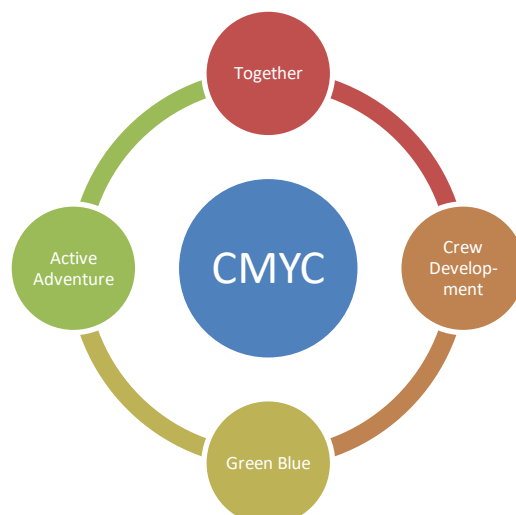
It is your chance to hear what the committee has achieved in 2024, what is planned for 2025 and how together we can shape the future of the Club.

Crawley Mariners Yacht Club is more than a Sailing Club and we want to preserve it for those that use it to relax and unwind to those that live for the adrenaline of competitive racing, and everything in between.

Come along to the AGM to meet the committee and ask about the work we do.

Are you interested in offering some of your time to the club? We have many opportunities for volunteering, from one of tasks to joining the committee. We are currently looking to fill the following roles: Treasurer, Duty Manager and Vice Commodore Estate. For further information send an email to: commodore@cmyp.co.uk

It is on Wednesday, 27th November at 8.00pm the Haven Centre, Crawley Down, RH10 4LJ.



HEDGECOURT HEROES



November 03rd and 17th

Two short afternoon sessions

To maintain the Clubhouse grounds, and

Help preserve Hedgecourt lake, and

Prepare a path for Surrey Wildlife Trust so that they can help us on 11th December

Ingredients

All that is required (and recommended) that you bring with you if you have them, are:

Wellies

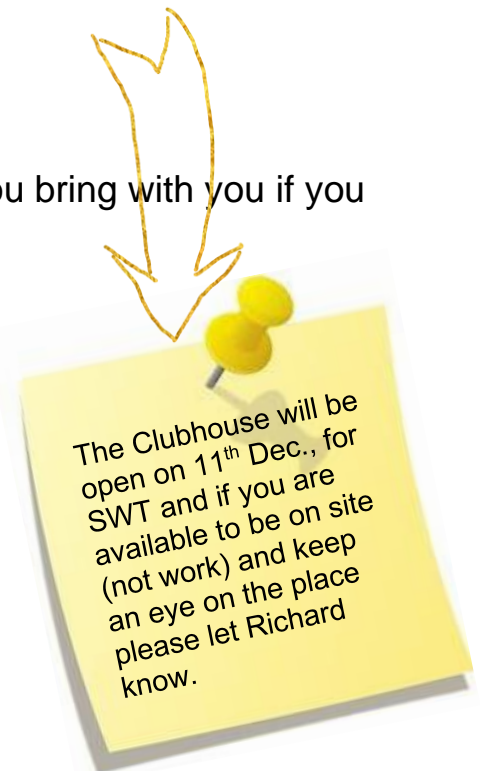
Gloves

Rake

Secateurs

Gardening Clothes

Goggles



We might have use of a strimmer (or two) so ear defenders might be good, especially if you don't like the noise.

...and yourself plus family.

This is a social gathering of members that wish to help restore and maintain the beautiful environment that we operate. The accent is raised because the stakes are higher and those that help will become Hedgecourt Heroes.





THE ALL-NEW

Hedgecourt Heroes

THIS IS A SOCIAL ACTIVITY TO HELP MANAGE THE HEDGECOURT ESTATE, NAMED AFTER THE HEROES, THAT CONTRIBUTE.

BECOME A HEDGECOURT HERO! SEE YOU AT THE LAKE ON:

SUNDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2024 | 1PM - 3PM

FOLLOWING THE SUNDAY MORNING SOCIAL AND THE AUTUMN LEAF

SUNDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2024 | 1PM - 3PM

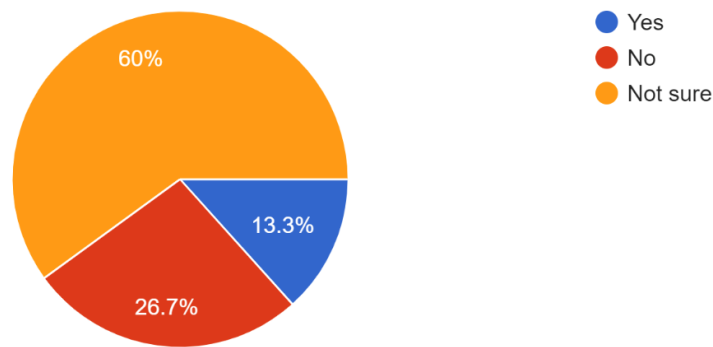
FOLLOWING THE AUTUMN LEAF



Poll Results – Duties

The October Members Poll about duties has sparked some interest.

The question was: **Should there be a wider range of duties available?**



A significant proportion were unsure and without any supporting comments we are not sure why they are unsure, perhaps just not wanting to capsize the apple cart?

Just over a quarter of the respondents were clear with a 'No' response but without any additional comments, however those that responded 'Yes' provided some interesting views including:

- *Catering duties (or at least supporting the supply of drinks from the galley).*
- *I feel there should be less race duties and more social sailing duties.*
- *Alternatives to race duties for families with children that then need to arrange childcare.*
- *The number of duty people who turn out does not reflect the number of sailors benefiting.*
- *The popular events e.g., Saturday Sessions do not appear to have official duty support.*
- *Smaller tasks like sweeping jetties and getting boats out where everyone chips in should not become duties but kitchen at Saturday sessions, running the second-hand stall, or managing the kit distribution could be. These could also be rolled into a couple of larger official duties along with power boat helm / crew and give structured support and take some of the pressure off the brilliant team that run Saturday sessions and helm week etc.*
- *Some non-water based duties for those that bring our kids to sail could be of use.*

This has provoked some discussion, and we are grateful for your feedback, after all it is your Club.

The ultimate solution might be where we never have to assign duties at all, with everyone volunteering some time, but until then please help in any way you can – stick around, have a chat, pitch in, enjoy a cuppa, and join an organised event like the Hedgecourt Heroes (03 and 17 November) advertised elsewhere in this newsletter.

Richard on behalf of the Management Committee



CMYC Model Yacht Group

Mayday on Hedgecourt!

The Crawley Mariners Model Yacht Group is now very much up and sailing!



We met up again last week and were greeted by a very squally wind which came from each and every opposite direction. We had four DF-65s and one RG-65 sailing together at Hedgecourt. Mike also brought along his Hurricane for a bit of variety. The afternoon was not without drama as Malcolm's boat while sailing on a fast downwind run suddenly nose dived and then sank! Our well-rehearsed Mayday routine was immediately put into action, i.e. Malcolm paddled out in a kayak to grasp the tip of the mast to raise and bring his stricken vessel ashore! The battery cover (PVC tape) appeared to have come adrift but only a full Marine Accident Investigation Board inquiry will ascertain the true cause of the sinking!

We all hope the electrics are OK, Malcolm.

We had three DF-65 sailing this week. We are beginning to get to grips with some of the subtleties of sailing these boats. We also found that using the jetty furthest from the Clubhouse to control the racing gives both a better view and better wind for racing. Buoyancy aids everyone.

Our plan is to set up a race series over the next few weeks. The boats are clearly well matched so it should be a lot of fun. Why not come and join us. Email me if you have any query or even a vague interest in model yachts. See you on the water!

[Donal](#) - Cruise Co-ordinator CMYC



Training & Development

Upcoming Training & Development Opportunities

- Junior Saturday Club – 9th November – Booking open on WebCollect
- Adult Saturday Club – 23rd November – Booking open on WebCollect

Feedback

Please give feedback on any CMYC training, click [here](#) to complete the form, there is a link to form on the club Website in Members Area – Policies and Documents.

New Senior Instructor

Congratulations to Annabel on becoming a Senior Instructor, it will be a great help to the club.

RYA Powerboat Level 2

The course was fully booked, one attendee missed the second day so will have to fit in another session. Congratulations to all the other participants on gaining their PB L2 qualification.

Adult Saturday Club – report by Jeff Smith

We've had a lot of Adult Saturdays with light winds, this time there was none. We decided it wasn't even worth rigging. After some initial work swapping boats on trollies, we split into groups.

Stuart, Anna and Vanessa had arrived early and got two powerboats on the water. Mike S took advantage and gave some powerboat instruction to those looking to build their skills or wanting an introduction to powerboats before taking their PB2 in the future.

Ian assisted Lucy with rigging her Comet and sorting out some of the running rigging, Caroline gave shore-based instruction on centre main tacking. While I talked a little about sail setting and controls. Followed by sorting out some Topper sails with help from Vanessa.

Thanks to everyone for their help and acceptance that attempting to sail would be pointless.

Junior Saturday Club

Thanks to Amy for acting as SI in charge and to all our instructors and helpers for making this another successful day.



Training & Development

Topper 2 AM – Report by Amy

The aim of this month's session was to become confident in rigging a topper and sailing a beam reach. To begin with we be paired our new sailors up with some experienced helms, who did a great job at showing our new sailors how to rig a topper. After a quick tacking refresher, we headed out on the water where did some follow the leader. The wind was coming from a tricky direction with some strong gusts but all sailors managed to sail around a shallow triangle course. As everyone had become more confident in sailing across the wind, we played a team ball game to finish the session. Great session from all and thanks to all the parents who helped get the toppers out.

Topper 1 PM – Report by Rebecca

We started the session on shore with a chat about wind direction and awareness. We then discussed the port and starboard rule. On the water they sailed in a figure of 8 and applied the port and starboard rule, we continued to move the buoys closer together making the sailing area smaller. We pulled each topper out to do a come along side drill. We played it with a ball within a small area again reminding about Port and Starboard. Finally come requested capsized drill, those who didn't had to sail a tight circle around the powerboat.

Fevas PM – Report by Amy

The aim of this month's session was to practice our boat handling skills and MOB. After a quick briefing each Feva was allocated a buoy to practice MOB. After everyone had a few goes we practiced some boat handling skills by doing tight circles. We then joined up with the Advanced group to some quick thinking races his activity showed the group's competitive side as there was lots of rules being shouted. Well-done all and thanks to Martyn for driving the power boat.



2024 Flotilla Holiday

Although only three of the ten boats were from CMYC this year (whereas in the past we have made up the whole flotilla) it certainly didn't take anything away from what was a great week's holiday.



Starting at Plataria on the Greek mainland we sailed across to Petriti on Corfu for the first day's outing. The next morning, having bought some freshly landed sea bream from one of the local fishing boats, we set off for Lakka on the north tip of Paxos.

First of all though we went towards Syvota back on the mainland, anchored by a small beach, and after a swim, prepared our fresh fish on the boat, and cooked it for lunch, along with a Greek salad. Wonderful!

The rest of the week continued in a similar vein, visiting places such as Mongonissi, and Emerald Bay on Anti Paxos, with plenty of decent sailing accompanying lunch stops at anchor, and some lovely food each evening in the tavernas at the ports. We even had to 'honeycomb' one night in a busy port, which was great fun.

A highlight towards the end of the week was being overtaken by a famous local boat, the Black Pearl. It's a 106 metre sailing boat (our yacht was 38 feet...!). Quite a sight.



Another excellent flotilla organised through the club, and a big thank you to everyone that went, you all made it very special.

If you're interested in joining us for our next Flotilla – this is now being planned for October 5th 2025. Helm or crew, everyone is welcome. [Contact us now!](#)



West Sussex Regatta at Shoreham SC



The entrance gate to Shoreham SC was one of the most unusual and eye-catching we had seen.

Finally, I am able to give you a few more details of the WSSYSA Regatta held at Shoreham SC in late September.

There were a few mishaps along the way, but it eventually turned out to be a great event.

The most significant one involved Mike Smith's campervan deciding to break down on Friday halfway to the venue. After a flurry of emails and calls a member from Shoreham drove up to meet Mike and towed the club rib down to Shoreham and prepared it ready for the next day's racing. Pleased to confirm Mike returned home safely and came down by car next day to helm our powerboat, along with Celina as his crew. The whole Shoreham and WSSYSA organising team were helpful in every way over the weekend and made us all feel very welcome.

Michael and I were camped not far from the sailing club and arrived early on the Saturday to ensure we were there to register the team and help our team get ready for the racing. During this time the 'heavens opened' too quickly for us to put on wet weather gear and therefore we got very, very wet! Luckily the sailors were undaunted and soon afloat having a great three hours of racing. After racing there was a coaching session before they could go home to dry out ready for the Sunday racing, having secured some good results all-round the CMYC team were keen to get going the next day.



When we arrived early next morning there was already a lot of discussion between the organisers, safety-crews and team managers as to whether racing could go ahead due to a dire forecast which included heavy rain, lightening and strong winds. In the end it was decided that the Rookie Fleet should stay ashore. A sad decision but it enabled the other fleets to go out with sufficient safety cover. During the discussion the sailors had taken the opportunity to take advantage of the bacon rolls to

give them additional energy.

It was decided that all racing should finish by 12.00 as there was to be a lot of shipping movement in the harbour during the afternoon and this proved to be the right decision when we all saw just how huge these vessels were. Although there were some capsizes most of the fleet returned happy and with no breakages.



West Sussex Regatta at Shoreham SC

The wind and waves did increase and the Rookie Fleet all seemed glad they had stayed safely ashore.

All 128 sailors received a medal and certificate for participating and overall our team were 4th out of 10. Only the top five results from each team are added together to find who is the top Team. We had nine boats and eleven sailors in our team, and if you look at the results you will see several teams had between twenty to thirty sailors. So our sailors really did amazingly well, especially the Rookies who only did one day of racing.

CMYC Results:

1st Oliver G - (ILCA6 Fast Fleet)
1st Sebastian - (Slow Fleet)
4th Charlotte/Esther (Medium Fleet)
5th Thomas/Liam (Medium Fleet)
4th Zoe (Slow Fleet)

ROOKIE FLEET 32 boats)
13th James
23rd Szymon
24th Oscar
26th Erin

Many thanks to all the parents who helped tow or car top dinghies and tow powerboats, and of course those who helped launch and recovery of the boats each day. Not forgetting the two support boat crews: Mike & Celina (Saturday) and Martyn & Terry (Sunday) – and thanks for the photos.

Diana



WSSYSA Regatta – Official Write-up

128 entrants compete at 30th West Sussex Schools and Youth Sailing Association Regatta

The 30th Annual Regatta organised by West Sussex Schools and Youth Sailing Association (WSSYSA) and hosted by Shoreham Sailing Club attracted 128 entrants from 10 clubs/schools/ associations from across the county. (The following was written by Roger Belton and appears in the RYA London & South East October newsletter).



It was wonderful to see so many young people having fun and enjoying a sport they love. There was a lot to for the safety teams to consider with a number of ship movements, yacht traffic, a big spring tide and changing weather.

Saturday racing:

After comprehensive race and safety briefings, and a sudden deluge of almost biblical proportions, the racers were

launched under the watchful eyes of the crews of 12 safety boats.

In near perfect conditions of good breezes and gentle swell the Fast and Medium Fleets packed in three races while the Slow Fleet and Rookies completed just two.

At the end of the first day the clear leaders were Sebastian Gatton from Crawley Mariners YC in a Topper sailing in the Slow Fleet, with Jack Gardner and George Long from Bishop Luffa School in an RS Feva XL in the Medium Handicap fleet, feeling very pleased with three bullets.

In this fleet Crawley Mariners came 4th (Charlotte Fagg & Esther Armstrong) and 5th (Thomas Irvine & Liam Taylor).



Sunday racing:

In the morning the Race Officers, Safety Officer, Event Director & Deputy Event Director were in deep consultation around a forecast of lightning and a strengthening wind, neither of which materialised, but in deference to the skill of the sailors a decision was made to rest the Rookie Fleet, who had a great time on the beach instead.

Despite a rapid launch and transit to the race area, the race starts were

delayed by the sailors being far more interested in watching a passing pod of dolphins than getting on with the far more important business of racing!

So who finished where?

When racing was done, Jack and George continued with a perfect score, and Sebastian (Crawley Mariner YC) did more than enough to secure his regatta win.



WSSYSA Regatta – Official Write-up

In the Fast Fleet things were tight at the top with just two points separating the first four racers. Sebastian's brother Oliver took top slot in his ILCA 6, closely followed by Josie Kelly of Felpham SC in her ILCA 4, with Fin Geri (also Felpham) ILCA 6 and Matthew Board of Bishop Luffa School also in an ILCA 6, both on equal points.

For the Rookies, Harry Farrands of Dell Quay SC in a Pico took first place. Just two points behind and tied on points were Freddie Pearson, also in a Dell Quay Pico, and Isla Cookson and Alfred Brosnan sailing a Feva for Adur SC.

The much coveted and sought after Team Trophy was awarded to an ecstatic Worthing SC team after many years of Felpham dominance.

Post race coaching

Jack Miller provided excellent after-racing coaching using video footage recorded during racing.

Thank you to: This event can only happen with the generous support of a huge number of volunteers bringing participants, dinghies and safety boats to the host club, and a massive thanks for a huge effort by the Shoreham team who made it an excellent weekend to remember.

The stats:

- 99 dinghies entered from 10 clubs/schools/associations from across the county.
- 128 young people participated, 32 in two handed dinghies.
- 8 organisations/individuals brought RHIBs to help with safety and coaching, supplementing the Shoreham team.
- 19 different classes of dinghy were represented, from 29er to Optimist.
- Every participant was awarded a regatta medal and a certificate, and about 50 participants came away with a podium prize, or a spot prize.

Hidden behind the statistics is the fun that participants had with their friends. For many it was their first experience sailing in a big fleet, in a different location from their home club. Well done to those on the podium places, and an even bigger well done to those who had their first regatta experience this weekend.

Footnote from Steve Michell - (RYA Regional Manager London and South East) who dropped by on Saturday morning to lend his support to the event, and talk to parents and team managers. Steve said: "This was another well organised event by Shoreham Sailing Club and WSSYSA, bringing together a very impressive number of junior and youth sailors from Sussex sailing clubs and centres. A great response also from the network of clubs and centres who get behind this event and work tirelessly to support their sailors, many of whom are sailing away from their own club for the first time to join a team regatta."



SUNDAY SOCIALS

One Sunday every Month from 10:30

November's Sunday Social is multi-faceted and is on the 03rd. The agenda is as follows:

- Social from 10am coupled with the Autumn Leaf race
- Family Update
 - Family members with younger crew are invited to join us at the clubhouse from 10:30 to discuss training and development opportunities available to their children at CMYC. Discussion will include:
 - Saturday Clubs
 - Junior Helm Week
 - Formal training
 - Club racing
 - The Grebe Club
 - Cobnor
 - NSSA & WSSYSA regattas and more.
- Followed by the first of the all new Hedgecourt Heroes from 1pm
 - A social activity to help manage the Hedgecourt estate, named after the heroes, that contribute. See elsewhere in this newsletter.

In short, the Sunday Social is all about enjoying a chat over a cuppa and a biscuit, an opportunity to ask about the Club, learn about its events and plans, meet other members, help and watch some of the on-water events at the same time.

The December Sunday Social event will be:

Sunday 01st Dec 10:30 **Pre-Christmas Laughter**
Coupled with Autumn Leaf

See you soon,
Andy, Celina, Richard and Sarah-Jo



October Saturday Club – FUN RACE



Thankfully we had a reasonable breeze for the October Fun Race with six sailors taking part, 4 Toppers and 1 Laser 4.7 and 1 Laser 5.3. The Topper results were very, very close.

Hopefully our FINAL 'Fun Race' this year in November will have good wind, but not too much! Do remember it is getting **cold** now, so pack an extra layer and remember your hat, gloves and neck gaiter (if you have one).

Many thanks to Amy and Ollie for helping with race results and coaching on the water.

RESULTS

1st Ollie T	(Laser 5.3)
2nd Zoe L	(first time in a Laser 4.7)
3rd Sheena B	Topper 5.3
4th Jack B	Topper 5.3
4th Sam B	Topper 5.3
5th Leena B	Topper 5.3

Our final 2024 'Fun Race' is on November 9th

Open to all Junior/Youth sailors, so do come along and join us.

The Fun Race is only 25 minute long and **starts promptly at 13.00** so that sailors from the AM or PM sessions can join in. If you can tack, gybe and sail a triangle you will have no difficulty in taking part. There will be a support boat and an instructor on the water giving help and advice to anyone that needs it.

For those new to the fun race.

TIME TABLE:

1. **Find a boat** – if you are using a club boat please ask an instructor to allocate you with one or rig your own ready for **12.30**.
2. **Sign on** – add your name, class of boat, sail number and sail size to the signing-on sheet located just outside the clubhouse.
3. **Briefing 12.30pm** takes place just outside the clubhouse - **(changed ready to sail)**
4. **Launch – 12.40** - head out to the sailing area by the Maid of Kent.

The race starts at 13.00 - sailors need to be near the MOK about five minutes before that to hear the whistle for the start. Finish after 25 minutes (2/3 laps)

Looking forward to seeing you there, and it would be lovely to see some new sailors as well having a go.

It is a great help if you can indicate you will be racing when booking,

Many thanks - Diana



YACHTING & NAVIGATION

RYA Day Skipper Theory - **Booking Closes 30th November**



This course is a comprehensive introduction to chartwork, navigation, meteorology, yacht safety, the basics of seamanship and more.

It is invaluable if you are considering taking the Day Skipper practical course to enable you to charter a yacht and book flotilla holidays etc.

It is intended to provide this course within the warmth of the CMYC Club House with the Club's Navigation Instructor Richard W., and a limited number of participants.

We are also planning a visit to a yacht and if you would like to step on board and explore you are very welcome (and this is also useful if you are joining this course with limited experience).

Book either or both now, full details via [Webcollect](#).



THE GREBE CLUB

Last month we promised to reveal The Grebe Club logo and here 'they' are...



Grebe
Oppie Sailors



Crested Grebe
Topper Sailors



Great Crested Grebe
Young Adult Sailors

We will officially launch The Grebe Club in 2025 but if you would like to know more in advance there are several options:

- Visit the Sunday Social on 03 November from 10 for 10:30*
- Attend the AGM on 27 November starts at 8pm at the Haven Centre, Crawley Down
- Join us at our pre-Christmas Laughter Social on 01 December from 10 for 10:30

We will base activities on eight different themes. Here are the first four and we will share the rest next month.



Can you work out which icon represents which theme from this list?

- Together – Support for our own and wider community
- Safe and Sure – Confidently looking after each other
- Fun – Entertaining others and enjoying all that we do
- Green Blue – Protect our lake and our environment.



*Bring some lunch and some gardening clothes and stay to help clear the grounds in the afternoon from 1pm (see elsewhere in this newsletter). Iron on Grebe Badges are also available at this event for valid crew members.



Winter Cleaning

Just a quick note as we go into the winter months:

The clubhouse will continue to be stocked with hot drinks for members but as always please wash up, dry up and put away anything used.

If you have any rubbish and/or recycling, please take this home with you.

During the winter months, the clubhouse will only be cleaned twice a month.



WORK PARTIES

We are planning three work parties with the first two on November 03rd and November 17th. These two short afternoon sessions follow the morning socials and Autumn Leaf races and are from 1pm, but you can come earlier if you like.

They are needed to help clear a path for Surrey Wildlife Trust from the rear of a couple of reed beds so that, in turn, they can help us on 11th December. If you can 'House Sit' that day so we can leave the Clubhouse open for the SWT please let us know.

We will also use these sessions to maintain the Clubhouse grounds, clear leaves, "carefully" clear around the gas store and electric sub-station, remove brambles and help preserve Hedgecourt lake in clearing some reeds.

If you feel you have read about this elsewhere in this newsletter you are right! We are introducing Hedgecourt Heroes. Rebranding? – possibly, but the accent and importance has been raised because the stakes are higher and those that help will become Heroes in maintaining the Hedgecourt estate. The reason for this and the cause will be outlined at the AGM on 27th November at the Haven Centre, Crawley Down so please come along to that too.

For the Work Party please bring with you, if you have them, Wellies, Gloves, Rake, Secateurs, Shears, Gardening Clothes, Goggles etc., and Ear Defenders if you don't like noise as we might have use of a strimmer (or two).

...and yourself plus family 😊

A work-party is a social gathering for members that wish to help restore and maintain the beautiful environment that we operate. We hope that you will join us because maintaining the estate is vital if we are to provide a legacy.

You are welcome to come along and clear your boat space too, the more the merrier, and why not join in the Sunday Social during the morning at the first of these on 03rd (just add some lunch to your kit bag).

Thank you,
the CMYC Committee.



Water Quality Results

Hedgecourt Lake is tested approximately every two weeks by a fully accredited water quality testing laboratory. In line with Environment Agency guidelines CMYC aims to test water quality about 20 times a year. Under the Bathing Water Regulations 2013 there are four categories of water quality for swimming:

EXCELLENT GOOD SUFFICIENT POOR

The bacterial standards are:

E.coli: less than 500 colony forming units per 100 ml of water = "EXCELLENT"; less than 1,000 = "GOOD"; .

Intestinal Enterococci (IE): less than 200 colony forming units per 100 ml of water = "EXCELLENT"; less than 400 cfu/100ml= "GOOD".

The results of tests in 2024 are:

Date of analysis	31 st October	18 th October	11 th October	27 th September	5 th August	15 th May
E.coli – cfu/100ml	750	61	570	2000	600	18
IE – cfu/100ml	360	690	410	5100	300	63

Source: ALS Laboratories (UK) Ltd

These results show that the quality of water at Hedgecourt Lake at the last samples is:

GOOD

Summary results for all samples taken in 2024

Total number of samples tested - 8	Highest	Lowest
E.coli – cfu/100ml	2000	18
IE – cfu/100ml	5100	63

Source: ALS Laboratories (UK) Ltd

Please note that from now on our testing regime will be:

- one sample per test
- two tests per month from April to October
- one test per month from November to March 2023

If you have an any issue with water quality, please report it to the OWS Co-ordinator Harry Warnett

