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WHAT A MONTH TO REMEMBER

The Club returned to the Cobnor Activity Centre in October with fantastic feedback from participants. This is not just a great sailing experience in a tidal flow but one that develops skills within our Crew both on and off the water and is a foundation for lasting friendships.

Thanks to all that made this possible and to all those that participated.

The Club also returned to Greece for the annual Flotilla (see cover page). Navigating the South Ionian with some good sailing plus a few swimming opportunities, fun on the Stand Up Paddleboards provided and enjoying the local cuisine.

Thanks to Neil for arranging and to all the crews that cast off for the sunshine sailing.

I can't help including the success of our GB team in SailGP in this line up. I only mention this because if you've not seen it, the last event in Cádiz Spain shows some excellent sailing tactics and edge of your seat viewing. It's sailing but not as you know it. GB are also leading in the SailGP Environmental Challenge, something we should aspire to.

The environmental topic featured in the excellently delivered 'Oceanwide' theme at the Grebe Club this month, with thanks to Gill and Mark.

Our Junior Saturday Sessions and Grebe Club work hand-in-hand developing on the water skills and off the water opportunities to form lasting friendships. This re-creates the brilliance of what Cobnor and the external regattas offer, but here at the lake, as part of our local community rather than further afield.

This Club is amazing. Its success is due to you, for joining in and contributing to make it happen. 'Success' refers to achieving an organisation's or an individual's goals, while 'success'-ion planning ensures continuity and long-term stability developing talent for future leadership roles.

And here is where we complete the circle. We hope that by participating in an active programme, where our events can be linked to develop your skills and talents to achieve your interests, we will also create our next contributors. Without your help the Club fails.

Driven by our aim to ***'help our members enjoy their sport, safely, by making the most of what we have on offer'*** our activities are linked with purpose. An example of this starts at Open Day in May, followed by a warm welcome at our Early Summer Social leading to training in June. We then offer opportunities to develop skills, catering for recreational and race interests from Social Sails, Have a Go & Coaching events, Beginners Races, Chichester Harbour Cruises through to giving a leg up to Yacht sailing.

But it's not just about having fun. The serious side is looking after and enhancing our facilities. Come along to the AGM and take a look at joining one of our new teams...

Richard
Commodore



Training & Development

Upcoming Training & Development Opportunities

- Grebe Club - Annual Roundup - 2nd November
- Junior Saturday Club - 8th November - [book on WebCollect](#).
- Adult Saturday Club - 22nd November- [book 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.

Junior helm Week - 2026

Although the programme for 2026 is by no means finalised it looks like JHW will be 17th to 21st August.

Cobnor Weekend - 2026

Provisionally, not yet booked, 23-25 October - tide times are similar to those we had this year. Make a note of the date and check when the programme is finalised.

Junior Saturday Club - October

It was a busy day, besides the usual Saturday Club Activities, Vanessa was running a halloween cake stall raising fund for the Ellen MacArthur Trust, Martyn was sorting gear following the WSSYSA Regatta, Stuart was finishing repairs to the grey 2000, which now looks immaculate, Sarita and some other helpful parents were cleaning the two Quests and AlanC and Jeff were preparing kit for Cobnor. Thank you all for your hard work.

Race Coaching - report by Dan (Instructors Dan & Charlie)

It was a very light wind session; the race coaching group focused on improving their light wind sailing and learning to roll tack. They also mastered their paddling technique when the wind disappeared.

Fevas - report by Dan (Instructors Dan & Vanessa)

It was a very light wind session; the Feva group focused on improving their light wind sailing and learning how to set the boats up for the conditions. A few of the sailors also learnt how to use the spinnaker for the first time and managed to get some good runs with all sails up despite the very light winds.

Adult Saturday Club - report by Jeff

We had enough instructors to have one to one coaching in most of the boats. Donal sailed with Franc in the Omega, Caroline with Will in the Miracle, Ian with Kirk in the Wanderer



Training & Development

and MikeS with Clementine and Ursula in the 2000, which they had to put the mast up as it had not been erected after returning from WSSYSA. Also AlanC accompanied Dani in the powerboat to allow her to build on the training she received on the PB2 course. There were some quite challenging gusts, which resulted in a couple of capsizes. Thanks to all the Instructors.



Cobnor Weekend



What a great weekend, good to be back at the Cobnor Activity Centre after a break of two years. Let's start with some comments received from the participants.

"Thanks to all for organising the great weekend, the girls concluded they would like to go every weekend." from Hal.

"This is the first time I have gone to Cobnor with Crawley Mariners. It was great fun to be with my friends and learn more about sailing bigger boats, like Quests and Wayfarers. The instructors were very helpful, kind and encouraging. We arrived on the Friday, had dinner and slept over. The catering was amazing all weekend. On the Saturday we had a fantastic breakfast and at nine we had the briefing and then we went to rig the boats. We had four Wayfarers and two club Quests.

In the Wayfarer I was sailing in there was one younger instructor, and two young sailors . It felt safer, than a Topper because you don't sit on the gunwale but on a seat inside the boat. The older instructors were in the two Quests because they had more experience with bigger boats. We switched round after lunch, so everybody could sail with as many people as possible . At the end of the day we de-rigged our boats, changed and went for a walk together along Cobnor point. It was fun to see where we had sailed but from the shore. We



Cobnor Weekend

walked back and had a fantastic dinner of mashed potatoes and sausages followed by lots of games together.

On Sunday we thought it might be too windy to sail but in the end there wasn't that much wind, just a drizzle of rain. I was very pleased to have a go in a Quest and I even got a chance to helm. We sailed up to Dell Quay where the members of the sailing club generously welcomed us in for a much needed hot chocolate. On the way back we used the Spinnaker, which was great fun. When we got back we had lunch and started to pack up. It was a great weekend and I would love to go next time." from Hugo.

I think Hugo has summed it up pretty well. We had four adult sailors and twelve juniors, some younger than we had taken before, but they coped well.



The forecast for Saturday was F4 gusting F5, so we reefed the Quests and put the storm sails on the Wayfarers. In the morning we headed up the Bosham Channel, making the most of the tide. There were some fairly challenging gusts, but every one coped OK. We watched a fleet of Oppies from Bosham training and gradually depleting as the strong wind took its toll, but they looked like they were having fun. In the afternoon, we had a very fast run down to East Head where we sailed around for a while, with one boat becoming a little



Cobnor Weekend

too familiar with the sand banks on the northern side. Heading back we had time to venture up the Thorney Channel, getting about half way before heading back to Cobnor for tea and cakes.

As Hugo mentioned, before dinner we walked to Cobnor Point, this gave our cooks a little peace and quiet whilst preparing dinner.



Photo courtesy of Hal B

We had been warned prior to our visit that we may not be able to sail on the Sunday due to strong winds, on Sunday morning CACT were still hesitant about letting us out, but eventually having explained to them that we were going to Dell Quay and should be relatively sheltered, they let us go on the proviso that we were back by 13:00. The wind was actually lighter than it had been on Saturday, so much so that I was concerned that we might not make it to Dell Quay, but we did. We were welcomed into the sailing club to shelter from the rain and had hot drinks and delicious flap jack made by Lucy. We made it back to Cobnor bang on 13:00!



Cobnor Weekend

Lucy and Piers had by this time mastered the steam oven and prepared Pizzas and salad in next to no time.



Photo courtesy of Hal B

Thanks to our instructors, Amy, Dan, MikeS, Caroline & Alison, our helms Esther & Thomas, our powerboat helms Martyn & Alan, assisted by Piers, Hal & Will and to Piers and Lucy who planned, ordered and cooked all the food.

I would also like to thank all the children for being so well behaved, all asleep by 10pm!

CACT are planning a major redevelopment of the accommodation blocks, but this will not start until late 2027, so we should be OK for another visit in 2026, currently I am looking at 23-25 October - tide times are similar to those we had this year. This date is only provisional but make a note and check the dates when the programme is finalised.

Jeff





CMYC Greek Flotilla 2025

Ian



This year's CMYC flotilla holiday to sail around, and visit, the islands of the South Ionian Sea off the west coast of Greece certainly exceeded my expectations. A combination of reasonable weather, much better winds than forecast, and great company, made for a superb week's holiday.

The islands create a stunning backdrop, and give you lots of bays to anchor in, and harbours and villages to spend the night in. Fiskardo on the island of Kefalonia, is always a highlight, with Spartahori, on Meganisi a close second.

With everyone talking about where to go next year, even before the end of this year's holiday, gives a flavour of how much everyone must have enjoyed themselves



Neil

Everybody loves a good holiday with sunshine, good food and enjoying it with old and new friends so how can we improve this anymore you might ask.

Well if you add some sailing and locations where normal tourist don't go and it turns into an amazing holiday and we all know how much Crawley mariners love sailing.

Have you thought about sailing a yacht in beautiful clear waters in a very safe environment where any of the stress of sailing in a new place is all taken care off well that's what sailing holidays provide for their holiday makers.



When on a flotilla holiday there are 10-12 boats that meet each night at a taverna for dinner and socialising while the weather, location, docking and route planning is all taken care of by the lead crew enabling you to just sit back and enjoy the sailing in the beautiful waters of Greece.

If this type of holiday appeals to you please do get in touch so we can start planning the 2026 sailing holiday for Crawley Mariners.

CMYC Greek Flotilla 2025

Bridget



It has been about 15 years since we have done a flotilla trip and our first with CMYC.

We are new members to the club and saw this trip as an opportunity to meet and interact with club members in a beautiful setting.

If one is not used to big boat sailing this is a great way to learn the ropes in a relaxed informal environment.

We were lucky enough to join Richard and Harry, Rachel and Neil on Cassandra and win the "Rear Guard " award for our relaxed and laid back attitude to leaving port. (After all it was a holiday not a competition)!

Special thanks to Neil for organising it and everyone for their company.



Harry



What I love about the CMYC Flotilla holidays is the fact you get to the airport and see all the other Crawley Mariners around. The same for when you moor up in a harbour or quay side and then see other Crawley Mariners in the Tavernas or the mini-markets. It gives it such a community feel.



This years flotilla was in the South Ionian. We were lucky with sunshine most of the time. A couple of days of rain but the rain brought the wind, which was perfect for sailing! Going at this time of year also meant that the sea was the perfect temperature for swimming - the waters were incredibly clear and the fish swam around you in bays.

Being in a flotilla means you get a lead crew, and they help you with anything you need throughout your holiday.

Huge thanks to Neil for organising this years flotilla. Join us for our Pre-Christmas Laughter for information on a potential 2026 CMYC flotilla holiday!



South Ionian Flotilla

October 2025 – A Report from the “EU Delegation”

We met up with our fellow Mariners at Gatwick early on Sunday morning for our flight with Easy Jet to Preveza. There we were in turn met by representatives of Sailing Holidays before boarding a bus for a one-hour drive to the town of Sivota on Lefkas. Here we boarded our yacht “Ambrosia”, a Beneteau Oceanis 35. Crawley Mariners had chartered four boats out of a total of eleven on the South Ionian flotilla.



I was sailing with Ursula and Christina, team Kestrini on our last flotilla. Christina was delighted with the space and layout of the more modern Beneteau 35 and the twin wheels were the icing on the cake. We met up with our lead crew, Will (skipper) Meg (hostie) and Huw (engineer) who were sailing on lead boat “Kamara” We paid a visit to the local mini-market to top up on essentials, Greek tomatoes, feta cheese, hummus and other delicacies for lunch stops. We signed various papers, had a boat briefing and then went to the local taverna for dinner.

The next day we motored from Sivota then up the channel between Meganissi and Lefkas. When the wind kicked in we sailed around the islands Skorprios and Skorpidi. The former was once belonged to Aristotle Onassis and Liz Taylor but Christina informed us it is now owned by some Russians. We moored up stern to at Spartahori (despite me initially confusing it with the next harbour, Little Vathi) We ate ashore in Steve's restaurant. The next day the winds were light and we motored across to Polis Bay on Ithaca. I practised my sextant noon sights on the way. At Polis Bay we had a lovely paddle board and swim stop and I enjoyed watching the myriad of fish around the boat while snorkelling. After lunch there was some wind so we sailed across to Kefalonia before beating up channel to Fiskardo. We were moored stern to on long lines which meant some ingenious dinghy work to get ashore. After a cocktail briefing in Theodoras bar we adjourned to Nicolas Taverna where we had been on a previous visit and we had a lovely traditional Greek meal while enjoying stunning views over the harbour. On the Wednesday we sailed around the North tip of Ithaca and moored up in Kioni for lunch and a swim stop. We then went back up to Frikes where the boats were rafted up. The forecast was for some wet and windy weather on the Friday so we used the Thursday to sail back north. We sailed all the way to the Meganissi channel where the winds were either light or sudden and katabatic* so we motored up the channel before entering the harbour at Nidri and berthing stern to on the Armonia pontoon.

The Friday was indeed wet and winy, we motored out to just north of Skorpidi where we hoisted sail with 2 reefs in jib and main. Despite the go faster lines and twin wheels the limitations of the boat soon became apparent when beating to windward in a F5. (Poor pointing ability and a lot of leeway) Having experienced some wet and windy sailing we motored into Little Vathi for another lovely evening in the taverna next the quay. On the Saturday the worst of the wind and rain had cleared so we motored down the East side of Meganissi before hoisting sail and sailing back to Sivota. There we had a group meal to celebrate the week in Delfinias taverna. Here the lead crew awarded arbitrary prizes to the various boats. We were dubbed the “EU Delegation” as we had one Irish, one Swiss and one true Greek aboard Ambrosia.



South Ionian Flotilla

October 2025 – A Report from the “EU Delegation”

A really lovely and stress free week. Thanks to my lovely crew and to Sailing Holidays. We will be back again.

Donal

* Katabatic winds are sudden unpredictable winds caused by masses of cold air dropping down from the mountains.



Junior Saturday Club & 'Fun Race' Results

The October Saturday Club suffered from a lack of wind, so we decided to cover some light wind sailing techniques.

We laid a very small triangular course and amazingly they achieved two laps; with Hugo managing to do one more.

Martyn and I were on the start line coaching and encouraging them, whilst Dan followed them around in a powerboat, spending time getting all of them to make progress.

It was possible to see by the second lap that they were actually finding and following slight puffs of winds and achieving momentum by their own decisions. This was very satisfying to see and they all realised they had learnt a lot about how to sail in very light winds.

Hugo was 1st

Caitlin was 2nd

Theo and Ila crossed the line together, coming joint 3rd.



Well done to them all and they will benefit greatly from this rather unexciting race.

Our final Saturday Club will be on the 8th November, so do keep your fingers crossed for some decent wind. Do try and get along as there may be a few small prizes for those taking part in our final Fun Race of the year.

CLUB RACING still continues until the end of November for the Saturday afternoon races, and until the first week in December for the Sunday morning racing.

There are still a couple of trophies available for those Under 16 and Under 13, so you never know you may win one.



West Sussex Regatta 2025

Itchenor SC



Here is the more detailed write-up for the WSSYSA Regatta which I promised in the last newsletter. Firstly 'even the best laid plan can go wrong' and we had our 'ups and downs' over the weekend - however; I hasten to say that there were definitely 'more ups than downs'.

We had a team of two lasers; two double handers and six Rookie Toppers booked on to sail in the CMYC team, but sadly the Friday before we left one of our Rookies (Ila) was very poorly and had to stay at home - really pleased to say that she recovered by the Cobnor Weekend and was able to experience some really good sailing there.

After an early lunch on Friday, Mike and I called at the lake to pick up a double trailer with a Feva and Topper on. We had a good journey down and arrived to book in with Cobnor office and find out where they wanted us to park the three camper vans. Quite a bit later on Martyn arrived with the powerboat, along with Pier's and family (plus the large Topper trailer). They were held up leaving as there was a problem with the powerboat trailer hitch causing a much later departure than expected. Martyn then went to find out where he was to put the powerboat ready for use the next morning.



We had sufficient helpers to get all the boats unloaded and were able to get all the Toppers and Feva ready with the correct sails, spars etc. At this point the Gatton's arrived with their



West Sussex Regatta 2025

Itchenor SC

two lasers. Both Pier's and Terry's family were camping, and both had very impressive 'tent boxes' on top of their vans. The 2000 arrived shortly after this so Thomas and Liam were able to start getting it ready.

We had our evening meal in the Jubilee Room looking out over the water, which was really great.

All to bed early as we had an early start, needing to leave Cobnor by 7.45 to enable us time to tow the Topper sailors across to Itchenor SC by 8.30 in time for the safety-boat, team manager and sailors' briefings.



We were so glad the Toppers had practiced being towed at Saturday Club and it all went very smoothly, although for Martyn helming the powerboat and Will and I keeping an eye on the tow rope and sailors, it was a little nerve racking – but the sailors really enjoyed it.

I had spoken to the organisers the previous day and found they were short of coaches for the Rookie Fleet, so it was great that both Amy and Dan were able to come down and help as well, it certainly helped when we got to Itchenor and Dan was there waiting for us. By this time the parents left at Cobnor had driven around ready to help on shore with trollies etc.

The weather was good and a reasonable breeze enabled the racing to start on time. It was good having Martyn in the powerboat and Amy and Dan working with the Rookie fleet, as our Rookies had someone they knew there.

Overall, they managed to get in three or four races, which was just as well, as the wind and tide got stronger during the second day.

Martyn had some problems with the powerboat but managed to get it back to Cobnor that evening. Due to this we left the Toppers at Itchenor SC ready for the next day. A small ferry boat was organised to get the sailors back to Cobnor. Esther and Thomas were scheduled to do their 'DI Sailing Assessment' on the way back with Matt Wright observing them. To enable this to happen Liam went back in the Feva with Charlotte and Esther joined Thomas in the 2000. During their assessment on the way back to Cobnor they had a couple of exciting capsizes but after Matthew had accompanied them back to Cobnor, he told them they had passed their assessment and coped well with the conditions and had demonstrated a 'textbook' capsize drill.

When all safely back two of the parents organised the fish & chips and they arrived just as everyone had finished changing and were ready to eat. We all enjoyed the meal and had a relaxed social evening, before heading early to bed ready for another early start.



West Sussex Regatta 2025

Itchenor SC

The next morning Martyn and Tom from Cobnor tried to get our powerboat working again, but this was not possible, and none of the Cobnor powerboats were available for us to hire.

So new plans had to be made. After an early morning distress call to WSSYSA Committee & Itchenor SC a small ferry was organised to collect our sailors, plus several adults to get the sailors back to the sailing club in time for the briefing and racing. Due to the increased wind and strong tide the Rookies only did one more race, but the Medium and Fast Fleet did a couple more. Whilst we were waiting for the Prize Giving to be set up we were able, with the Committee, sailing club and some of our parents, to organise getting our Toppers towed back to Cobnor. The Feva & 2000 sailors had sailed back with their boats and were able to get a lift back to the sailing club for the prizegiving.

We were aware that we had some good results from the first day, but did not know the final results, we realised these were good when Hugh and Caitlin received 1st & 2nd prize in the Rookies. This was followed by a surprised Charlotte & Esther with a prize in the Medium Fleet and then Olli was called up as 1st Fast Fleet and 1st overall sailor of the event.

We were really pleased. Szymon was also presented with the NSSA trophy as the highest placed West Sussex sailor at this year's event.

We were one of the smallest teams there, with both Felpham and Worthing having teams in double figures, so finding out we had finally won the Team Trophy was really amazing, as we had been 2nd and 3rd several times during the past 15 years.

Thanks to the parents who had organised the Ferry to collect the sailors and some parents from Itchenor to take them back to Cobnor, we were able to get the boats ready for towing, check we had left the Jubilee Room and kitchen clean and depart from Cobnor in reasonable time.

The journey home was free of heavy traffic, but it was dark by the time we got to Hedgecourt to leave the trailers there. As Liam's family had left first, we were surprised to find they were still there, but it transpired they had a puncture which delayed them. The rest of us arrived about ten minutes apart, which meant we were able to help each other get the boats each safely stowed and sails in the clubhouse. A long day, we arrived home about 9.30pm to have quick meal and go to bed.

N.B. It was all worth it as it was a wonderful weekend, great company and excellent results.

It was sad that our powerboat decided that weekend to pack-up, but I have to say we received terrific support from all the clubs and committee involved with the event, and would not have been able to do it without them.

We would like to thank the great team of sailors and parents, plus Dan & Amy, who all helped make the weekend such a great experience for themselves and for both of us.



Diana and Mike



Model Yacht Update – New Race Series

“The Autumn Tea Leaf Trophy”

The Crawley Mariners has now firmly established itself as having an active Model Yacht Group. We are affiliated to the MYA and I have about twenty names of would be model yacht sailors and a core of about ten who meet up regularly at the lake, at about 2pm on Wednesdays. Mostly we compare notes, tweak our settings, practice our sailing and mark rounding and most importantly see who is the fastest on the water. It is very relaxing. We have a mixture of model yacht classes, these include. DF-65s, RG-65s, DF-95s, International One Metres (IOM) a Hurricane 1m, a Footy and a few older Marbleheads. All classes are welcome. Do come down and join in the fun.

I am very conscious that new formats and sailing times are needed to cater for a diverse membership. In particular we currently have two junior members and we hope to attract some more so we will look at school friendly sailing times.

Exciting News! We have just commenced our inaugural DF-65 and RG-65 combined racing series. This is for the new and prestigious “Autumn Tea Leaf Trophy” It is to be held over five Wednesdays with three races each day with a windward leeward course. Last week was plagued with almost non existent wind and Alan Carlile showed his dominance in these tricky conditions with three wins on day one. This may well change in more breezy conditions and there is all to play for.

We use a phone app called DSRC to time the starts and record the results. So far it seems to work very well. It can also be used for dinghy racing as it also covers the 5,4,1, Go sequence as well as PY handicaps. We also have our own blue and orange mark buoys for courses plus a very handy little rowing tender for laying the course and also to rescue any wayward models.

Do get in touch if you have a model gathering dust in the loft. You will be most welcome.

Donal



WHEN IS AN AGM...

NOT AN AGM?

Don't be surprised to learn that our Annual General Meeting on 26 November 2025, scheduled from 8:00 pm until 10:00 pm, will not last two hours!

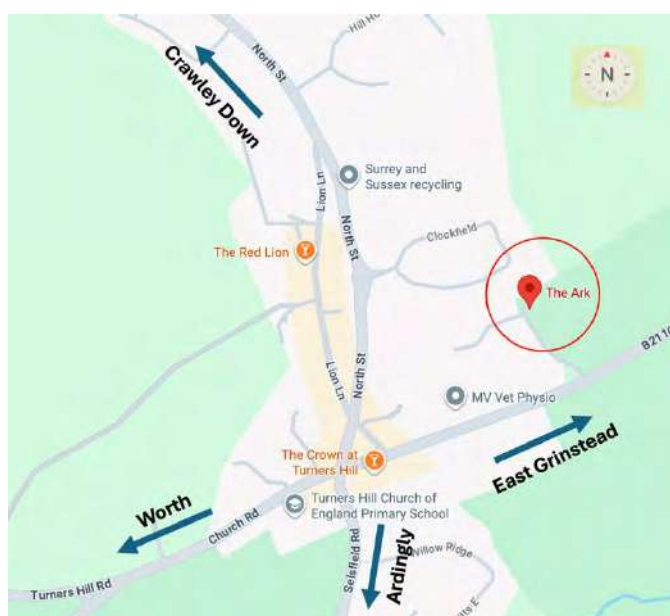
We will hold this at The Ark in Mount Lane, Turners Hill, Crawley RH10 4RA, the same location we often use for the Awards Evening.

But when is an AGM not an AGM?

The answer of course is when it's a social.

The meeting usually lasts just half an hour and will then give us plenty of time to socialise.

To make the most of this opportunity please feel free to bring your favourite drink, perhaps a glass to put it in and some nibbles if that's your fancy.



To keep the event on track please ensure any questions are sent in advance to secretary@cmyp.co.uk as there is the opportunity to review the revised Articles of Association. We also have the roles of Membership Secretary and Boat Park Manager vacant. Please refer to the Club email "Notice of CMYC AGM 2025" sent on 01 October 2025, as this also includes forms for Nominations for Club Officers.

The Articles have been revised and updated to ensure they are easier to understand, remain applicable to our Club while also being better aligned with RYA recommendations.

A lot of work has been completed behind the scenes on these and the Club's Byelaws as well as those Club Policies that had not been reviewed for a while. Ursula, our Club Secretary and the Committee Members are thanked for their contributions to make these updates possible.

Come and support the event with doors open from 7:30pm for a pre-meeting chat. Meet the committee, find out what 2026 has in store and most importantly meet other Mariners.

Richard & the Committee look forward to welcoming you to the CMYC AGM & Social.



MAKING A CONTRIBUTION



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THANK YOU!

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Wednesday 10th September 2025

To Richard and the team at Crawley Mariners,

On behalf of everyone here at the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust, I would like to express our sincere thanks for hosting Vanessa's cake sale, raising money for the Trust. I am delighted to confirm that a total of **£256.20** was raised. That money will go so far in helping us to support more young people in 2026. **Thank you.** As a gift of thanks, I enclose our 'proudly supporting the Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust' burgee flag for you to display at the club.

Our mission is to provide life-changing sailing and outdoor adventure experiences to young people aged 8-24. Your support enables us to inspire them to embrace a brighter future, empowering them to navigate life through and beyond cancer. One such inspiring young individual is Izzy:

"I think for me it was getting the chance to do something on my own. It's so easy to get caught up with your parents, and they're your safety net. Sometimes you do need to have them taken away just so you can understand who you are yourself. And just have enjoyment and something that's all for yourself."



If you ever have any more fundraising ideas or would like to support us more, I would be absolutely delighted to assist with anything you need.

Registered Address: Ellen MacArthur Cancer Trust, Units 53-57 East Cowes Marina, off Britannia Way, East Cowes, Isle of Wight, PO32 4DD.
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All Credit to Vanessa, Well done!



Halloween Cake Sale

In Aid of Ellen MacArthur Trust



Many thanks to all those who purchased some of Vanessa's lovely cakes last month.

You will be delighted to hear that she raised £92, which was amazing and hope you all enjoyed eating them.

OCEANWIDE



When I read this, I wish I'd been there...

Taking the theme literally they identified 5 oceans and their names and then talked about the relationship between rivers, lakes and the oceans, concluding that wherever you live you were close to feeders for the oceans. What we do here impacts downstream.

The children told us about evaporation, rain clouds and precipitation – it was amazing what they knew!

Together they discussed what we gain from the oceans; including jobs, food, leisure opportunities, transportation, energy etc., we didn't push too much due to their age but they seemed to take a lot in.

From small acorns ships are built and friendships made.



We read the story "The Undersea Cleaning Spree" which led us into the games of clearing the rubbish from the oceans we had marked out on the ground (they chose which material the two colours were). We talked about how the rubbish affected sea creatures and humans.



The second game was to spill the oil and see how we could try and clean it up, we brought various things, cotton wool, cups, sponges, toilet paper to see what worked best. It was quite chilly and almost didn't have enough bowls for the enthusiasm, but the focus was on making it fun!

...and fun they had, talking about what they had used and what they thought worked best. They enjoyed both games.

Pictures were drawn; George drew a boat and told us what each part was with his Dad labelling it for him. A printed word search was given for them to take home with them as many Grebe Challenges can be completed at home and put towards a recognition award.

This is an excellent example of the Grebe Club in action, making related learning fun for everyone from pre-Opie, Opie sailors and above including the parents. Our thanks go to Gill and Mark for hosting this in our absence from Steve, Will, Liam and the Grebe Team.

The programme shows two more social sessions both 10:30 am - 12:30 pm:

- November 2nd Social & The Grebe Club – Annual Round-up
 - o Please note you are all welcome to attend the Clubhouse for a social, but the Grebe Club Team will not be there. We will be looking back at the Grebe Club's first year and thinking about how we generate more fun in 2026 at a later date, all ideas welcome.
- December 7th Social & The Grebe Club - Pre-Christmas Laughter
 - o Just that, something for all ages and you can expect a few pre-Christmas treats too, mulled wine anyone?



IMPRESSED?

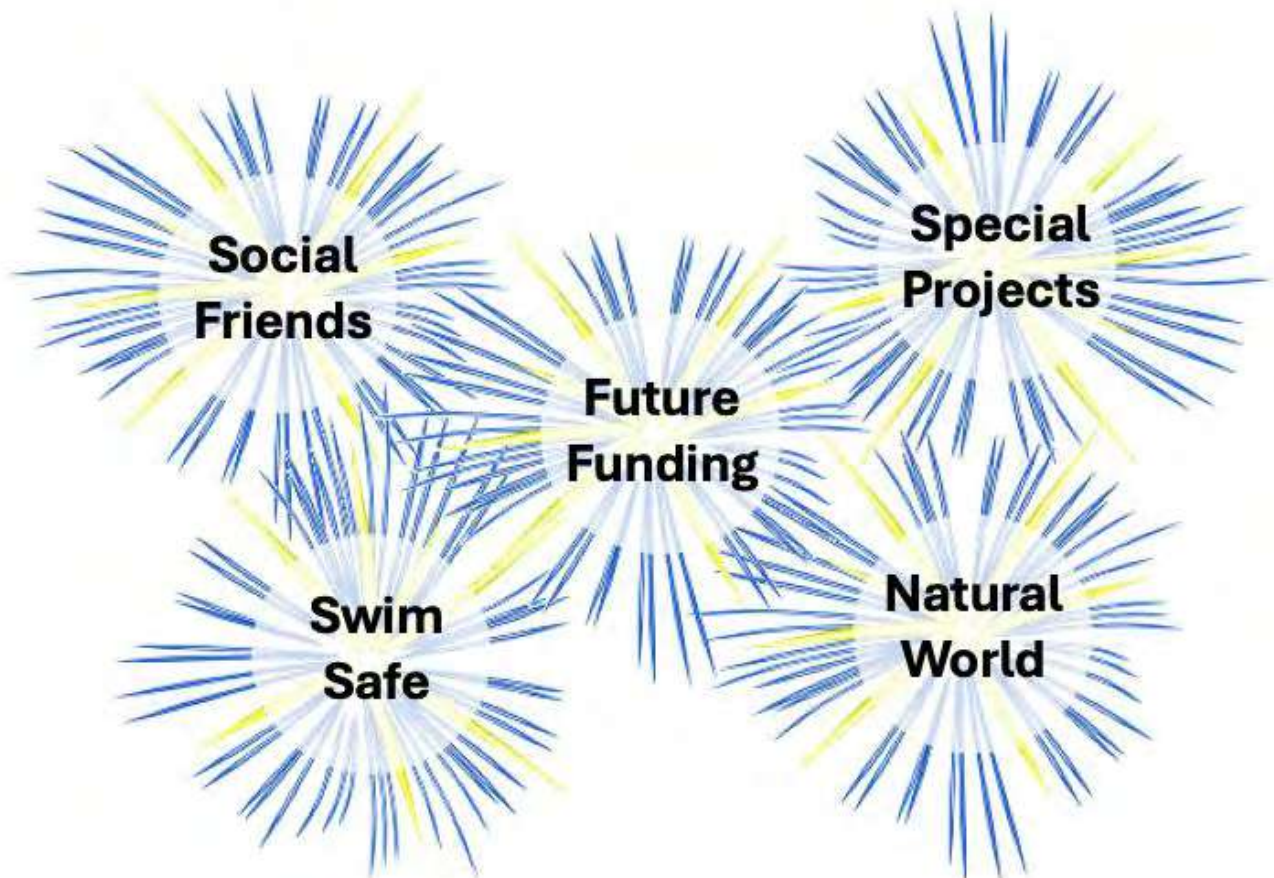
You cannot help being impressed, or can you?

Are you impressed by those that have:

- helped you learn how to sail, or
- the dedication to maintain our facilities, or
- supported our junior team to win the Club Award, or
- those that support everything else we offer from;
 - o kayaking,
 - o collating race results, to
 - o controlling the water level using the huge 'tap' we have in the Dam wall.

I am impressed, and the list is a long one and I offer my thanks to you all.

We are a small Club that delivers much more than most, but we can do more.



The Commodore recognises that some aspects of the Club are drifting, and they need Crew to get them home before they fall over the sluice never to be seen again.

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IMPRESSED?

We are looking at creating some small teams with your support. These are just work-in-progress titles, and you may have your own suggestions to add...

Funding Our Future

Possibly the biggest challenge we've ever had is dredging as part of our Lake Management Plan. This coupled with other expenditure to bring things up-to-date is where we will need to generate additional funds rather than increase fees.

Can you help?

Social Friends

We have a fantastic reputation of being the friendliest sailing club and wish to build more fun and social opportunities into the 2026 programme of events. The two main events (early and late summer socials) could do with an injection of your imagination to include what you'd like to do.

This can be at any level to suit your availability. Is this for you?

Special Projects

We wish to support the Tuesday Volunteer Group (TVG) and our Sailability initiative. Either visit the Club on a Tuesday morning or contact me as we have a range of small projects requiring DIY, woodworking and other such handy skills. The choice and scope of involvement is yours.

Think of this as TV's Repair Shop meets Boat Shed at a lake near you.

Swim Safe

This is a specific RYA scheme and may well be suited to an Open Water Swimmer or Swim Instructor to enable us to offer this to our membership.

The frequency of delivery is entirely in your hands and would benefit all, especially in generating water confidence in our youngsters.

Natural World

We rely on mother nature to power our sailing, and we are dependent on the natural environment with an abundance of wildlife at our doorstep.

We would love to form a small team who understand the natural world and help us learn about it as we visit the lake.

In each case we are asking you to step forward individually or with other members that you are friends with to help take on some of these initiatives.

It is time to join one of our new teams for 2026
they are represented above but we're in your hands, you decide
simply write to the Commodore
With your help we plan to announce the results in the New Year.



PRE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Sunday 07th December from 10:30

Join us for some festive fun and pre-Christmas laughter at this our last social before 2026.



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 can't promise you any mince pies or stollen unless you're early to the party as we're not asking you to sign up in advance for catering, but some mulled wine has been purchased ready for the event.

There are several short fun themes being planned plus a chance to meet fellow mariners and discuss the Club's 2026 Flotilla and other plans for next year.

Simply just come along and meet some of your fellow Mariners over a relaxed hot beverage.

It's going to be a 'cracker' of an event.

See you there,
Neil, Andy and Richard.



PS Our New Year social is on 04th January at the same time and location coupled with the Pursuit Race.



MEMBERSHIP & BOAT PARK

The roles of Membership Secretary & Boat Park Manager go hand-in-hand. This is because once new members are on board, they seek a place to store their boat or kayak.

This connection prompts us to seek two members to take on these vacancies.

Perhaps you get on well with another member, have a sailing, kayak or swim buddy or as a couple you might be able to support these important roles together.

We believe “Two heads are better than one”. This is something that we have been pursuing within Committee to help ensure that an individual doesn’t get overloaded and this is true of these vacancies too.

Please note that the new member process is now largely automated via WebCollect so that also reduces any hassle factor.

Membership Secretary

- First point of contact for new members
- Confirm membership payments
- Send out membership packs and handbooks
- Manage annual renewal communications
- Manage membership database using WebCollect software package
- Report new members and leavers to the Committee
- Respond to RYA Membership Survey and report to Committee.



Boat Park Manager

- Allocate boat park spaces based on Club and Members needs
- Arrange for the printing of boat park stickers
- Maintain boat park space identification
- Organise the relocation of boats
- Liaise with boat park users.



The Membership Secretary role has the added benefit of being a Committee position. With the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in November we would love to receive your nominations.

Please ask if you have any questions as this is valuable contribution to the Club and not that demanding.

Thank you,
Richard, on behalf of Duncan.



CMYC Programme

SAT
1

November 1 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Autumn Saturdays (pm) 3

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SUN
2

November 2 @ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Social & The Grebe Club – Annual Round-up

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SUN
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November 2 @ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Autumn Leaf 11&12

Autumn Leaf 11&12

THU
6

November 6 @ 10:30 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday Informal Sailing

Thursday Informal Sailing

SAT
8

November 8 @ 12:00 am
Junior Saturday Club

Junior Saturday Club

SUN
9

November 9 @ 11:15 am - 12:15 pm
Remembrance Sunday Pursuit Race

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THU
13

November 13 @ 10:30 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday Informal Sailing

Thursday Informal Sailing

SAT
15

November 15 @ 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Work Party – Hedgecourt Heroes

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SAT
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November 15 @ 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Autumn Saturdays (pm) 4

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SUN
16

November 16 @ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Autumn Leaf 13&14

Autumn Leaf 13&14

THU
20

November 20 @ 10:30 am - 4:00 pm
Thursday Informal Sailing

Thursday Informal Sailing

SAT
22

November 22 @ 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Adult Saturday Club

Adult Saturday Club

