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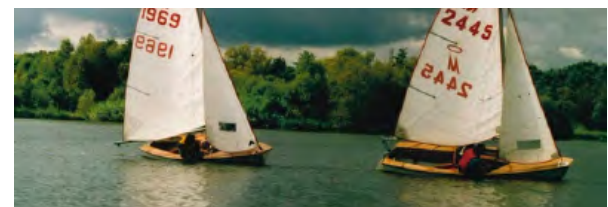
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So Much to Tell You

Every month I find there is so much to tell you but so little space to write it all down as I try to keep it to one page in the newsletter.

From the Management Committee's point of view, we have a variety of projects on the go including a safety review as well as progressing actions from the lake survey.

I have had a second 1:2:1 with our RYA Regional Manager as I seek to better utilise their expertise across the range of topics we manage on your behalf and deliver to you as members. We've also met with local neighbours – something that we might extend as we continue to build relations with our community beyond the Community Spaces project. My thanks to Ursula (Secretary) and Ted (VC Estate) for a successful meeting with them.

The Sailing and Training & Junior Sub-committees continue to provide events in the programme while also gearing up for NSSA and Junior Helm week – during which we'll also have our annual RYA Inspection. An additional training opportunity is also being planned, and we are introducing another membership benefit to recognise our Juniors' achievements – there is another article on this later.

Articles in the newsletter often contain snippets of information that I feel are often lost either in the news itself or even between publications – hopefully you can prove me wrong and make a reply to the CMYC Time Capsule article also included in this newsletter.

Duties are running well thanks to John. Membership and the Boat Park audit are also progressing well with thanks to Julian and Gordon. This is a big undertaking as we have plans for the boat park and all we ask is that you visit the Clubhouse, collect your boat stickers and, meaning politely, stick 'em on.

Thanks also to Graeme for standing in and providing useful enhancements to the way we manage the finances.

While we're on the thanks I'd like to thank everyone that came to support our Open Day and I'm only sorry I was unable to attend. Despite the weather we had an absolutely excellent turnout and some new members too. I have since had several of you come up to me and express how good the day was, contributing friendship and support to make the most of what we have – thank you. More feedback is listed later in this newsletter.

In addition to all our usual monthly fixtures for June we have our Early Summer Social on 07th June. Like Open Day this is another opportunity where we come together and simply enjoy the lake from an early swim, getting on the water, planting a special tree (see later), lighting the BBQ (please bring your own food) etc., and is ideal for new members to get to meet and discover the Club first hand.

In other news SailGP remains nail biting watching but the Americas Cup preliminaries didn't get off to such a great start.

That's it another page done, do ask if you want to know more, Richard Commodore.

Cobnor - Last chance to sign up



Booking for our planned trip to the Cobnor Activity Centre for the weekend of 23rd to 25th October closes at the end of June. Payment is only required once we confirm our booking in July.

Book now if you want to go!

Cost: £130 – includes accommodation, dinghies and great food (£60 for instructors and powerboat crews).

Experience sailing in the beautiful tidal Chichester Harbour. Take your sailing to new levels or just enjoy the freedom of the open water.

These weekends are primarily aimed at our youth sailors (13 to 18 years), but if we have space then we are also happy to include adults or perhaps confident younger sailors. Ideally sailors will have achieved Stage 2 or Level 2, but this is not essential. Those with advanced skills such as RYA Seamanship can put these skills into practice.

We sail in Wayfarer dinghies belonging to CACT plus one or two of our RS Quests or 2000s. The Wayfarers take up to four crew including one of our instructors. The Quests and 2000s take three crew including one of our instructors. We put our more experienced sailors in the Quests so that they can experience sailing with a symmetric spinnaker and trapeze.

Sailing in a tidal harbour is very different from sailing on Hedgecourt lake; tides, waves, steady winds, moored boats and racing fleets all add to the challenge and interest.

For further details contact Jeff Smith: jeffsmith76@gmail.com



RYA Dinghy Sailing Course for Adults

Start Sailing – Level 1 & Basic Skills – Level 2



**Course Fee per person using a club boat:
£180**

Course Fee per person using own boat: £155
(If you wish to use your own boat, it must be a suitable double handed dinghy large enough for 3 adults)

All course training books and certificates are included in the cost of the course.

This four-day course covers the Start Sailing and Basic Skills syllabi from the RYA National Sailing Scheme. No previous sailing experience is necessary. The course provides a basic knowledge and understanding of dinghy sailing. On successful completion of the course, you will be able to handle a dinghy competently in light wind conditions.

This course is essentially a practical one giving instruction in the basic techniques needed to rig a dinghy, launch, leave the shore, sail around a course involving all points of sailing and return to land. Practical sessions are held on Hedgecourt Lake. Theory sessions required to support the practical aspects of the course along with briefings will be held in the CMYC Clubhouse. The emphasis is very much on a safe, seamanlike approach to sailing.

For this course we use appropriate double-handed dinghies, club dinghies include: RS Quests; Laser 2000; Wanderers and Topaz Omega. You may also use your own boat provided it is capable of holding three adults and considered suitable for the course.

The course is intended for adults and older teenagers, as younger members will have the opportunity to join the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme Stage 1 & Stage 2 course running on the same four days, details elsewhere.

Day 1 – Saturday 20th June; 9:00 – 17:00

Day 2 – Sunday 21st June; 9:00 – 17:00

Day 3 – Sunday 28th June; 9:00 – 17:00

Day 4 – Saturday 4th July; 9:00 – 17:00



Booking via Web Collect from 1st April 2024

(This may all seem a bit early but Open Day is on 10th May this year, so to avoid disappointment, book before then.)

Payment is required by the 14th June and should be made by bank transfer if possible.

Any queries? email: training@cmyc.co.uk - Bookings close on the 7th June

If the course is fully booked, please add your name to the waiting list, we may be able to add more places if we have sufficient instructors and boats.

RYA Young Sailors Stages 1 & 2 Course

Course Fee: £115 - for those using their own Topper

Course Fee: £140 - for those using a club Topper

All course training books and certificates are included in the cost of the course.

Day 1 – Saturday 20th June; 9:00 – 17:00

Day 2 – Sunday 21st June; 9:00 – 17:00

Day 3 – Sunday 28th June; 9:00 – 17:00

Day 4 – Saturday 4th July; 9:00 – 17:00



This course is ideal for complete beginners and for those who have been attending Junior Saturday Clubs, it will teach the basics for beginners and reinforce knowledge gained previously and expand on this for those with some experience. This course covers Stage 1 & Stage 2 of the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme and is open to young sailors aged 10 to 15 years. It runs concurrently with the adult course, giving parents the opportunity to achieve RYA Level 2 at the same time.

By the end of the course the young sailors will be safety conscious and able to rig and sail a dinghy confidently in light winds. Toppers dinghies will be used and each sailor will be in a boat on their own. Please be aware there are a limited number of club Toppers available and you should use your own Topper if you have one. Numbers on the course are also limited by the number of instructors available. All sessions are held at CMYC.

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Women on Water

The club is pleased to continue offering Women on Water, a monthly sailing opportunity designed for women who would like to experience sailing in a relaxed and supportive environment. The sessions are also a great opportunity for non-sailing members who are curious about the sport, as well as those whose partners or children already sail and would like to try it for themselves.

Women on Water runs once a month on Friday evenings from April to August, with dates for the 2026 season listed below. The group meets at 6.00pm, with the aim of being on the water between 6.30pm and 7.00pm and returning to shore by sunset. While weather conditions vary, an evening on the lake provides a rewarding and enjoyable end to the week.

The group operates on a friendly and informal basis, and no prior sailing experience is required. Participants do not need to own a boat, space for crew is usually available on member's boats or, on suitable club boats, subject to instructors' availability.

A WhatsApp group is used to share updates, and a reminder for each session is circulated on the Monday preceding the event.

Members who are interested in taking part are warmly encouraged to join the group and enjoy an accessible introduction to sailing in a supportive setting.

2026 dates, all at 6pm

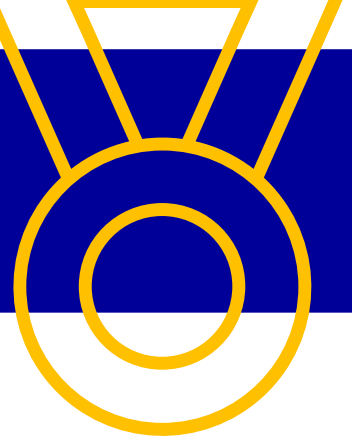
- 12 June
- 17 July
- 14 August

Any changes to these dates will be communicated in the What's app group.

For further information please contact Ursula via email secretary@cmyp.co.uk or by joining the Women on Water WhatsApp group.



Gold Medal



Pleased to say we finally caught up with Esther at the April Saturday Club and were able to present her with the gold medal she won for being part of the CMYC Team who won the Team Trophy last year at the West Sussex Regatta at Itchenor.

Esther crewed for Charlotte in an RS Feva. Glad to say that all the team now have their medals.

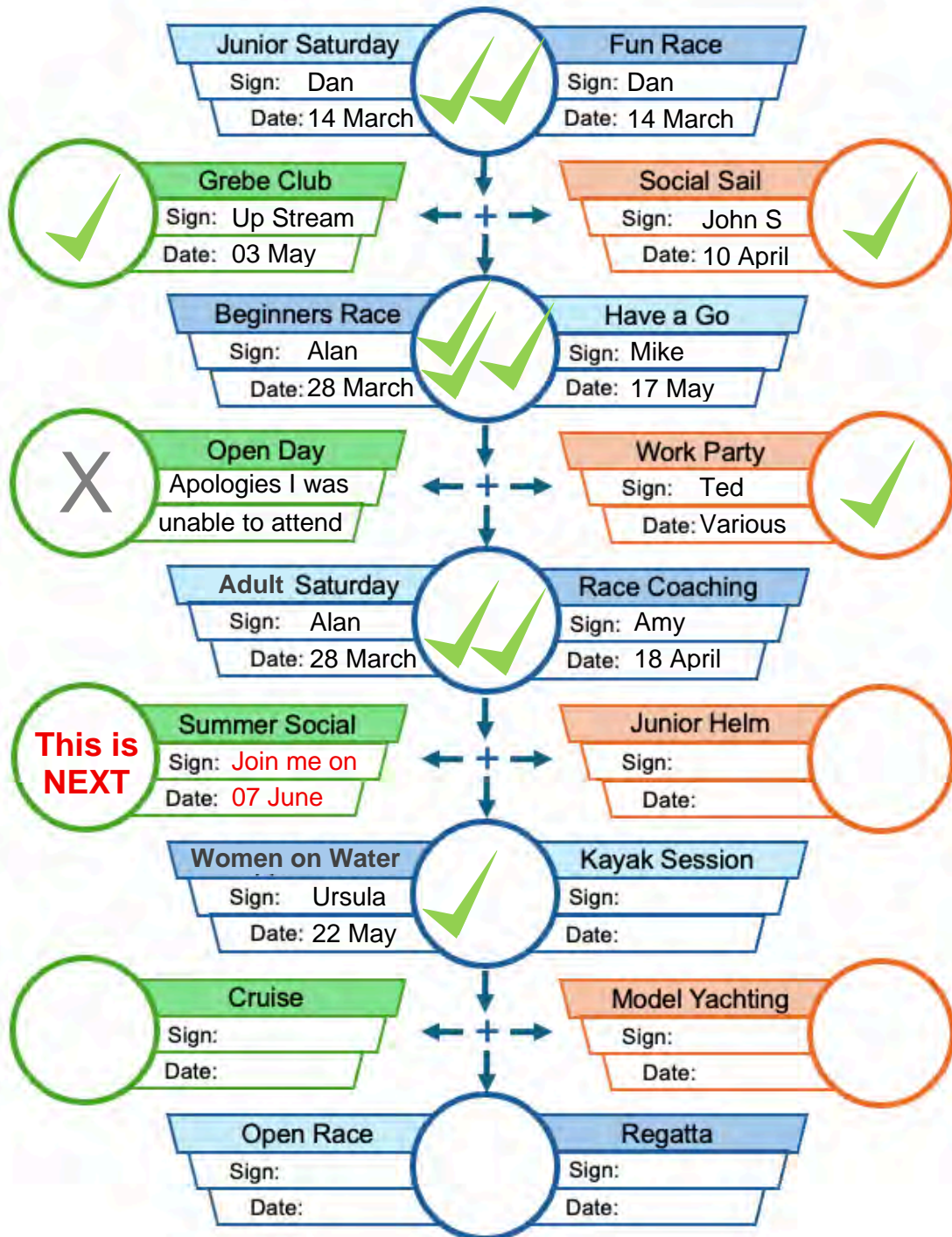


Participation Challenge

The Challenge is on! – Can you participate in more activities than our Commodore, Richard?

Below is his challenge sheet but your challenge is to do more than him. Awards may be given so be ready to present your record sheet at the end of 2026 (or before if you're quick off the mark).

The challenge is open to all and can be found on the website under Juniors / Grebe. Print it double sided if you can, adding your name and start recording what you have done and then each time you participate in an activity with a date and the signature of the event lead.



Training & Development

Upcoming Training & Development Opportunities

- Junior Saturday Club - 13th June - booking on Webcollect
- Adult Saturday Club - 27th June - booking on Webcollect
- Social & The Grebe Club - Fun - 7th June
- Have A Go Racing - 7th June, see details elsewhere in this Newsletter
- RYA Stages 1&2 (juniors) - 20, 21, 28 Jun & 4 Jul - booking on Webcollect (**closes 7th June**)
- RYA Levels 1&2 (adults) - 20, 21, 28 Jun & 4 Jul - booking on Webcollect (**closes 7th June**)
- NSSA - 19th to 24th July - Contact Sarah F for details
- RYA Safety Boat - 26 Jul & 1 Aug - Contact Mik S
- Junior Helm Week 17th to 21st August - details elsewhere in this Newsletter
- WSSYSA Regatta - 19 & 20 Sep - Contact Martyn F
- Cobnor 23rd to 25th October - book on WebCollect from 1st May to **30th June**, no payment until July, see separate flyer in this Newsletter.

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.

Training WhatsApp groups

Two new WhatsApp groups have been created within the CMYC WhatsApp community to provide more timely and better directed communication for training. Information will continue to be supplied via Newsletter and noticeboards. The groups are:

CMYC Training - Adults

CMYC Training - Juniors

Please join these groups if you are interested in our training programme.

Book now for these events/courses

RYA Stages 1 & 2 - booking closes 7th June

RYA Levels 1 & 2 - booking closes 7th June



Training & Development

Cobnor Weekend - booking closes 30th June. It may seem early to book, but we need to be sure that we have sufficient numbers to make the weekend viable. The club is liable to lose its deposit or have to make up the difference if insufficient people go. Cobnor weekends are a great experience. Did you go last year and have a good time, then why not book up now?

Junior Saturday Club



It was a lovely day with the wind light to start but freshening as the day went on. Bookings were quite low, which was just as well as there weren't many instructors available.

[Thanks to Esther and Charlie for instructing the Oppies.](#)

[Topper 1 am - thanks to Geoff for instructing and supplying this report](#)

The session started with reach to reach sailing, then a shallow triangle was introduced and gradually deepened. The session finished with the ever popular Whistle game

[Topper 1 pm - thanks to Alison for instructing and supplying this report](#)

With a mixed ability group in the afternoon Toppers we started with reaching between 2 buoys and then added challenges to stretch the more experienced helms. The dog ball thrower was bought out to set target balls for the sailors to retrieve and then return to the powerboat practising their coming alongside skills. After some capsize practice the Oppies sailors were given a ride on the front of the toppers.



Training & Development

[Feva/Laser PM - thanks to Geoff for instructing and supplying this report](#)

The session started with sailing a triangle but the marks kept being moved to add to the challenge. The Whistle game was played and the session finished with 3 short races.

Adult Saturday Club & Powerboat Refresher

Bookings were slow coming in but in the end we had nine participants including Lucy who joined on Open Day and Alex who joined earlier in the year. There was sun and sometimes some wind, it was not the easiest of days, but enjoyed by all. Thanks to Mike S, Alan, and Caroline for instructing.

Lucy stayed on for the Beginners race, sailing the Quest with Caroline, she was joined by eight others, which was great to see.



Junior Helm Week - 17th to 21st August

Our week of fun week of sailing for juniors is on the horizon. Booking will be open from 13th June until 19th July, full details of how-to book are on the WebCollect Junior Helm Week page (log in then go to <https://webcollect.org.uk/cmhc/category/junior-helm-week>). The cost will be £60, the same as last year. You can book either mornings (10:00 to 12:30) or afternoons (13:30 to 16:00), but not both. A member of your family who is not a member in their own right and is not covered by family membership may only be booked onto the waiting list. Oppies (for those 6 to 10 years old) will use club boats. Toppers (for those 10 to 15 years old) should use their own boat if they have one, club boats will be available for those who don't have their own.

The great egg boat race will be held during the Friday lunch break, more details nearer the time.



WE NEED YOUR HELP! Junior Helm Week has always relied on volunteer helpers which is why the costs are so favourable. Safety on and off the water is the highest priority. We need parents, grandparents, instructors, first aiders, and support boat helms. Even if you can only manage half a day, it will be a great help, but ideally at least two sessions. We need help with: rigging, launching, making tea and myriad other activities that go into making the week a success. We value the experience of those who have helped in previous years and welcome new volunteers who will be shown exactly what to do – no experience necessary! Volunteering helps you to get involved in the club and make new friends, it can also help you appreciate what a great time the children are having. Please sign up on WebCollect.

Jeff & Sarah



Have a Go Racing

'Have a go racing' sessions are aimed at members who may not have raced before but could perhaps be tempted to participate in an informal session introducing racing with help at hand where they wouldn't feel intimidated. The sessions may include mini races, practice starts or other exercises to suit the participants. If mini races are run then handicap results are not calculated as the emphasis is on participating not winning. The sessions are intended to be 'relaxed, friendly and encouraging' so that everyone should feel comfortable and enjoy joining in. There will be help at hand, in the form of a Race Coach providing a pre-session briefing, on the water support and post-session debrief.

The session starts at 14:30, you should be changed and have your boat ready for the briefing where you will be provided with guidance on the basic rules, just enough to ensure you know who has right of way, and on the course. The sessions are not expected to exceed 1 hour although time should be added for getting to and from the operating area so time on the water may be up to 1 1/2 hours, you should be off the water by 16:00.

After the session the Race Coach will debrief you and you will be able to ask questions.

We would encourage parents to have a go if their children are participating.

If more experienced sailors wish to join in then they should help promote the 'relaxed and friendly' ethos, they will be encouraged to be helpful and may even offer to crew.

Club boats will be available for those who have achieved Level 2 or Stage 2 or an equivalent standard. You should aim to sail a boat that you have learnt how to rig and sail, most likely at a Saturday Club.

Dates for 2026 are: 17th May, 7th June, 5th July, 2nd Aug, 29th Aug, 6th Sept

Please register your interest using the RSVP on the online programme. Go to the website ([Members Area -> View Programme](#)). Click on the session date, then scroll down to Have A Go Racing and click on RSVP.

Any questions contact Jeff Smith



CMYC Time Capsule

We are going to bury a time capsule in the Clubhouse grounds and would like your suggestions about what to put in it and when we should dig it up again.

A time capsule is a deliberately sealed container filled with present-day items such as; letters, photographs, newsletters, and everyday objects. It is buried in a known place so that it can be found and opened at a set date in the future.

The CMYC Time Capsule will preserve a snapshot of the current Crawley Mariners community for future generations to discover.



Where will the CMYC Time Capsule be put?

We intend to plant this near to the Commodore's Tree. This will be a Hornbeam tree that we plan to plant at the **Early Summer Social on 07th June** near the picnic area. Come and watch, throw some compost in and wish the tree a long future.

The tree is to recognise the important contribution that our previous Commodores and their supporting committee members have made over the last 60+ years, making CMYC recognised as the friendliest RYA Sailing Club in the area.

PS: The name of the Hornbeam stems from Old English "horn" meaning hard, and "beam" meaning tree. It is native to our woodland and historically has been used in boat building so is ideally suited for the commemorative purpose.

When will the CMYC Time Capsule be buried?

We intend to bury the Time Capsule at the **Late Summer Social on 29th August**, although we have yet to find a suitable box or capsule (any suggestions?).

What should we put in it and when should we dig it up?

What message would you like our future Crawley Mariner community to read and find out about who we are today? Perhaps what it is like as a Crawley Mariner or what we sail and offer to all involved as a Club? Perhaps a record of the wildlife that currently enjoys the lake?

We need you to help identify what we should put in it and when it should be dug up. You can do this by using this easy to complete form:

CMYC Google Form: <https://forms.gle/ivr6g8iSBC9e95pRA>

Thank you.

Calling all Guides and Scouts

Calling all Guides, Scouts, Brownies, Cubs, Squirrels, Beavers and any I've missed...

We're extending the benefit of being a member of
Crawley Mariners Yacht Club

Your time at the lake trying new things, spending time on the water, learning to sail and helping in our community can double-up your rewards.

1. At Crawley Mariners we want to recognise those that participate throughout the year attending different events (yes, regardless of age) simply complete a record of your achievements which can be found on the website under Juniors / Grebe. Print it double sided if you can, adding your name and start recording what you have done each time you participate with a date and the signature of the event lead. See also the Commodore's Participation Challenge in this edition of the newsletter. Easy, then submit your record sheet ahead of the awards evening for the chance of a prize.
2. You can also use the Crawley Mariners record sheet as verification for various Guide and Scout badges, although there is nothing better than an RYA Certificate for this too.

Our next Stage 1 & 2 learning to sail course starts on 20 June (adult and junior options available – book via WebCollect).

Although we, as a Club, are not registered to deliver the Duke of Edinburgh's Award we have been known to help support this ambition too. You can always ask.

'Junior Development' is in our hearts from basic skills to specific sailing know how, on to those skills required to become an Instructor.

Maximise your reward using a combination of CMYC events from the monthly Grebe and Saturday Clubs, coaching and training sessions, coastal Cobnor weekends to participating in external regattas like NSSA.

So many opportunities at Crawley Mariners – what will you do?

Do let us know if you gain recognition for your skills.

* We are planning on providing this later this year.



Sailing



Navigator



Community Impact



Leadership



Environment



Disability Awareness*

Information Sharing

Have you seen this hiding in the Galley cupboard?



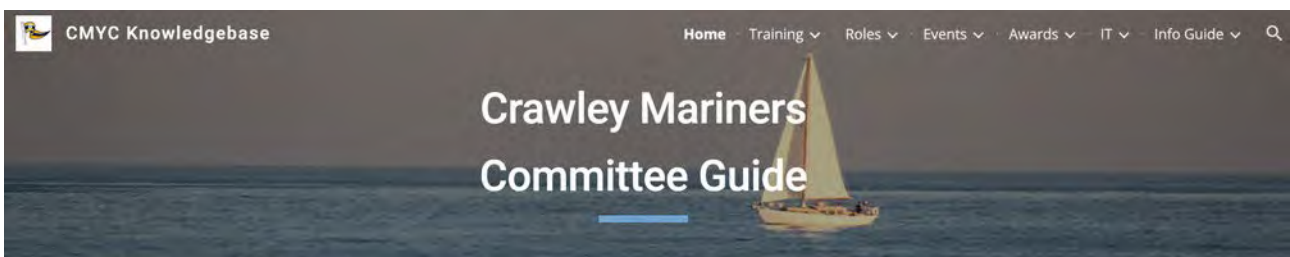
It was started by the Tuesday Volunteer Group to hold pamphlets and 'key' information and the like. They recognised that at times we might all need to know how to turn off the mains water for example and hence this folder was born.

It has been beautifully put together by Mandy who has also been marketing the Community Spaces project to local care homes [*You don't know what that is?*, then check it out here: website / about the Club / Community Spaces:

<https://www.cmyc.co.uk/about-the-club/community-spaces/>

As it stands the folder has an index you can write in when you add information to share. Periodically we'll look to re-print the contents although if you fancy being the custodian, perhaps with a view to helping new members learn about the Club and where to find things, then please let Richard know.

Communication is important and the Committee have also created an information sharing intranet. This was pioneered by Martyn and cunningly called Knowledge Base:



Over 2U: Update the folder and help us share information over the years without forgetting what we once knew.

Generosity Unlimited

We have been fortunate enough to have been given a new strimmer.

The family of a late cruising Mariner, Eric Bright has kindly donated a petrol strimmer to the Club, with much appreciation from Ted (VC Estate) and the Tuesday Volunteer Group.

It is a "Mountfield" which is a quality brand and is in mint condition - it still has the plastic wrapping on the handles! Thank you.

Last year we were given an 'as new' lawn mower!

The title of this news item is one you are probably familiar with. Acts of generosity continue to come in, be that in giving some time to the Club or financially.



For example, we offered a bursary to a newly qualified Instructor only they declined saying it should be given to someone else wanting to become an Instructor!

By collecting your boat stickers from the Clubhouse you are saving us money that we would have spent on postage. Every time you help to keep the Clubhouse clean, in whatever way you choose, you save the cleaner time and time saved is money saved.

If you have ideas on how to save money or on how to create funds, then please let anyone on the Committee know. *Who is on the Committee?* we hear you ask – look out for a new feature on a Clubhouse noticeboard coming soon.

Here is some great feedback we've had this month (May):

- Great cruise led by Donal on Saturday, and thanks to Harry & Martyn for manning the support boat all day.
- Fabulous Grebe Club event (the river jungle exploration). Richard received three positive comments about this event.

Why not give these events a try? You are welcome to visit any of our events to see what is involved if you're not sure. All the events are listed on the Club's website.

Thanks for your generosity, participation and understanding, you make the Club what it is, see you at the lake soon,

CMYC Management Committee

A message of thanks

Thank you to all our visitors and members for making Open Day such a great event!

Amazingly we ran out of cakes by 3.30pm and raised approximately **£150** toward the NSSA Team Tops.

Thanks to everyone who provided the cakes. It really was an amazing selection. Your support and hard work was much appreciated.

The many visitors we had buy them during the day were very impressed by all your efforts. We look forward to seeing what colour the team tops will be this year for our NSSA sailors.

NSSA Regatta at Deal Sailing Club Kent (20th – 24th July 2026)



Fun Race

At Junior Saturday Club – 13th June 2026

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

Sadly the May Saturday Club was a very quiet affair for attendance as the weather was not ideal. However, Esther and Charlotte did get the Am Oppies out for a short while and gravel sacks came into play as it was a bit too windy for proper sails. The afternoon Oppie group fared better with the wind dropping a little. Not many Toppers about, but the Laser and Feva group were able to enjoy the conditions.

Please note: there are two very nice awards for the Fun Race:
One for the best Oppie sailor and the other for the best Topper sailor.

Fun Race: only two very keen sailors for this: George sailing his Laser and Theo with a full 5.3 Topper sail. The final score for them was a draw, but watching the improvement in their sailing skills during the race was great. They certainly put into practice all the things that Amy and Dan have been concentrating on so far this year. As both of them will be attending the NSSA Regatta this year I would imagine both will improve their skills even more and take onboard sailing near Dover in some fairly strong tides. Good Luck to you both, and all the team.

FUN RACE: do come and join us for the June Fun Race and be sure to be there and ready by 12.00 noon so that we can get a boat ready for you and sort the course out.

1. If you are using a club boat, ask an instructor to allocate you one and if you have your own boat do ask if you need help with your rigging.
2. Sign on – Outside the clubhouse there will be a form to complete.
3. Briefing: The person running the race will blow a whistle, by the Clubhouse, before you race and explain where the race will be and the marks to go around.

We Look forward to seeing you and it is great to see new sailors having a go. If you want to join in the race do indicate this when booking in. – Diana



Topper Open

When the race team arrived at Hedgecourt lake the water was enveloped in fog and with a forecast for very light wind there were concerns as to whether the competitors would even get onto the water. Fortunately, as the fog burnt off a light breeze started to fill in, but it was patchy at best which set the scene for the rest of the day

Race 1 started from the Committee boat which was closer to launch area as the wind had dropped to nothing again. A few minutes before the start the wind swung 180 and it looked like they would be starting on a run. The Race officer persisted and one minute before it swung back to the forecast Easterly and they were off! A very light wind race proceeded with a few puffs to keep everyone interested.

There were similar conditions for the second race and again the wind gods trying the officer with a massive shift a few minutes behind the start that reverted to the mean just in time. The winner of the first race, Rex Wraight, disappeared into the distance with the same gang of 5 boats chasing. The wind picked up with the first lap completed in 15 minutes and of course it dropped just after they started a second... Right at the finish Rex disappeared into a hole with Ethan Pullinger rapidly catching, but just managed to inch over the line before he was caught

After a nice lunch provided by Jessica Ching, the wind picked up as the fleet launched for race three. And then dropped, shifted northerly, southerly and then back to the forecast easterly. But the fleet coped admirably. Rex stormed off again in the main fleet but making their way through the back of the 5.3 was Szymon Giersz and James Pettyfer in the first 4.2 despite having smaller sails.

With the wind dropping right off the race team contemplated cutting the event short to three races. However just before they made the final decision the wind picked up and the final race was held as a short one lap 'sprint' to finish the event.

Topper 5.3

- 1 Rex Wraight (Datchet Water SC)
- 2 Ethan Pullinger (Papercourt SC)
- 3 Hugo Arthur-Crow (Crawley Mariners YC)

Topper 4.2

- 1 Szymon Giersz (Crawley Mariners YC)
- 2 James Pettyfer (Papercourt SC)
- 3 Reggie Wraight (Datchet Water SC)



Topper Open

Continued

The CMYC Team



The week prior to the Club's Topper Open, Amy had a whole day coaching the CMYC sailors taking part in this event this year (thank you Amy!), and the six taking part worked hard in some really good conditions.

We have held an ITCA Topper Traveller at Crawley Mariners for over 30 years, and we always have a good attendance from other clubs in the London & South East area.

As mentioned by Geoff in his article, this years winds were particularly light so difficult conditions for all the competitors.

Although conditions were very tricky, nobody complained and they finished all four races – really well done to you all!

Please see below the CMYC team along with their results:

Szymon – 1st Topper 4.2

Hugo – 3rd Topper 5.3

George – 5th Topper 5.3

Theo – 10th Topper 5.3

Caitlin – 12th Topper 5.3

It was great to see the result of the effort that Szymon, and his parents, have put in entering a number of the 4.2 Topper Opens. For Hugh, George, Theo and Caitlin this was their 1st Open. George joined the club earlier this year and usually sails a Laser Radial (so has not sailed a Topper for a while), however when I asked if he would like to do the coaching day and also the Topper Open; plus, if he would act as Team Captain for our CMYC sailors. Considering he is a bit big for a Topper and had not sailed one for a while he did really well.

Diana



Cruising Update

We have had some lovely fine weather cruises in April and May

We had six boats out sailing on 18th April. Jim Dracup and Sarah Peay joined me in my Victoria 16. Patrick Hamilton and Simon Blanchard sailed in Patrick's Wanderer. Ian Michel and Kathy Lugt sailed their Comet Versa. Shirley Williams joined Kevin East in his Wanderer.



All these boats launched from Cobnor dinghy park which is a new trend. Brian Dart and Dave Monk sailed from Itchenor in Brian's Comet Versa as did Steve Grey and Rachel Danvers sailing Steve's Miracle. High water was about 13.00 so we decided to turn right at Camber beacon and to explore the Thorney Channel. Brian and Dave fancied a longer sail and having called me on the VHF radio they set sail independently for the Royal Oak Pub near Langstone Bridge. The five remaining dinghies sailed to the top of the Thorney Channel and landed at Printhead. This is a very pretty spot with benches overlooking the harbour with the additional benefit of the scout hut which serves tea, coffee, homemade cake and ice-cream! We enjoyed our lunch ashore in the sunshine before heading back on the gently ebbing tide. Brian and Dave were also successful in their quest for a glass of real ale at the Royal Oak. It was a most enjoyable sail.

I was away for the next one on 2nd May and Patrick Hamilton very kindly acted as cruise co-ordinator. There were just three sailors in the end and very little wind. Kevin East and Phil Davies piled into Patrick's Wanderer. The wind failed to materialise but that provided Patrick with the opportunity to test out his ePropulsion electric outboard. I expect that we will be seeing many more of these as auxiliary power units on cruising dinghies.



Cruising Update

Our “small boat and novice” cruise was on 2nd May. Many regulars were away and just four boats sailed in the end. I sailed with Phil Davies as Crew. Mike Smith and Russell Logan sailed in Mike’s newly acquired Comet Versa. Kevin East sailed his Wanderer. John Pilkington sailed with Paul Rawlings in John’s Arctic Tern. For those of you who have not seen it at Hedgecourt this is an Iain Oughtred designed double ender. It was built by John and it has a traditional lug sail with reefing points. Its Viking heritage is clear from its lines and this was the first time that John had sailed it on the sea. It kept pace with the racing dinghies on all points of sail save close hauled. Maybe it is time for Crawley Mariners to establish it’s own classic boat section. If members are curious about Iain Oughtred designs then follow the link here:

<https://www.oughtredboats.com/mainpages/doubleendedbeachboats.html>

Martyn Fagg and Harry Warnett accompanied us in the club RIB. Thank you both. The wind was as forecast’ Easterly Force 3-4 accompanied by sunshine and flat water. We sailed on the ebb and soon found ourselves on East Head, just 11 o’clock so a bit early for lunch! I toyed with the idea of going to Hayling Island SC but as we had time in hand I decided in favour of some seal watching in the Emsworth Channel. There they were, nine or ten, basking on the sand. We did not approach too closely but sailed back down and across to East Head where we had lunch. Afterwards we sailed up the Thorney Channel to Thorney Island SC before returning to our respective home ports at Cobnor and Itchenor. It was a truly wonderful sail. We should with hindsight have brought some champagne to celebrate the Arctic Terns launching and first voyage on the sea.

Fair winds

Donal

Cruising co-ordinator.



Model Yacht Update

It is a Wednesday and I have just returned from another visit to Hedgecourt for some model yacht sailing. A showery afternoon saw seven Mariners enjoying themselves sailing a mix of DF 65s, DF 95s, and one Bottleboat. We meet up most Wednesdays about 13.30 and all classes of model yacht are welcome. Do come along if you are curious.

The model yacht group sometimes seems more like a model engineering group. Brian Dart has laser printed and built a diminutive foxy yacht and is now working on a more ambitious project, building an IOM, International One Meter. Richard Tittle and his friend Roy joined us a few weeks back and they brought with them a very different radio controlled craft. A self-propelled marker buoy! Yes, it has its own motor so it can manoeuvre and position itself and it can then drop and retrieve its anchor all under radio control. The talk was of winch servos, friction pads, stepper motors, GPS positioning and the like! It may come in useful when we run our next series.



We are planning a Summer series to run every second Wednesday of the month will be a race day for DF-65 and DF-95 yachts. A course will be set and races will commence at 13.30. We will race 65s and 95s alternatively, hoping to complete 3 races for each class on any given day. While 65s race a 95 owner will act as timekeeper and vice versa for the 95s race. The first trial will provisionally be 20th May then alternate weeks, i.e 3rd June, 17th June, 1st July, 8th July. If any one cannot attend a race day, a single discard will apply. We will use the DSRC race app for the start sequence and results.

Model yacht sailing is proving popular and we are attracting new members to our MYG. It is inexpensive and a whole lot of fun. Do come and join us.

Fair winds

Donal



CMYC Programme

Date	Event
5 th June	Thursday Informal Sailing
7 th June	SUMMER SOCIAL - Early Summer Social & The Grebe Club Social Sailing Have a Go Racing 2
8 th June	Instructed Kayak Session
10 th June	Hedgecourt Cup 1
11 th June	Thursday Informal Sailing
12 th June	Women on Water
13 th June	Junior Saturday Club & Fun Race
15 th June	Instructed Kayak Session
17 th June	Hedgecourt Cup 2
18 th June	Thursday Informal Sailing
20 th June	Itchenor Cruise
20 th June	Level 2 / Stage 2 Day 1
21 st June	Level 2 / Stage 2 Day 2
22 nd June	Instructed Kayak Session
25 th June	Thursday Informal Sailing
27 th June	Adult Saturday Club Beginners Race One Per Month Series Race



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