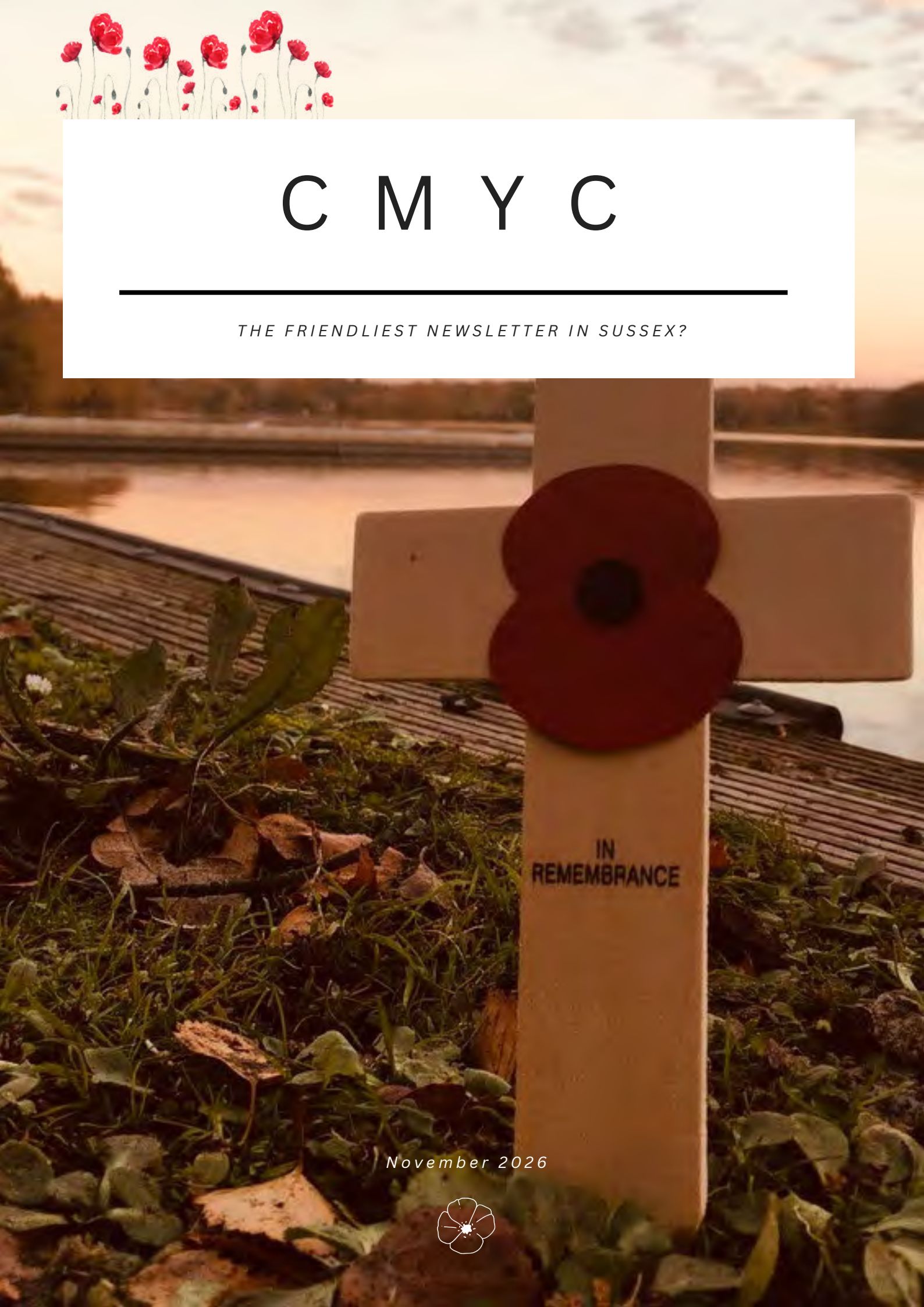


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THE FRIENDLIEST NEWSLETTER IN SUSSEX?

November 2026

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Rain and Shine

Rain

The rain has returned and I'm glad to report that the lake water levels have returned to normal – you can no longer see the jetties legs! Unfortunately, the windy conditions that are helping to bring the rain have also postponed some of our events including Cobnor.

At the start of the year, I was challenged to sail more. Since then, I have been attending and participating in the wide variety of events and activities we offer. It is truly amazing what we offer as a Club run purely by you, the members, all contributing and volunteering to make everything happen. Thank you.

One challenge I wasn't expecting this year was for the position of Commodore. It transpired that the challenger never intended to stand for election and withdrew his nomination just four days before the AGM. His nomination was because he did not feel he was being listened to on behalf of the Model Yacht Group (MYG) regarding the availability and price of MYG membership. Both aspects were already on the AGM agenda and were resolved amicably at the meeting.

Can I respectfully ask that if you ever have an issue, please use the Complaint procedure. This ensures focus is given to concerns involving those necessary to get a result.

I acknowledge that I am not perfect and can get things wrong on occasions. I thank you all for your support, including those on the Committees, and was delighted to learn that all the AGM proxy votes submitted were in favour of the current committee in full.

and Shine

Sarah-Jo and Dani C., received a round of applause at the AGM for they have achieved what was thought impossible… CMYC has been recognised as a Sailability Club, helping our less able members. This is also thanks to Sandy & Andy who started work on this two years ago and with acknowledgement to our Instructors including Amy, Dan and Jeff in accommodating those with some learning difficulties or lack of confidence.

We can also offer Swim Safe with OnBoard with thanks to Esther and Jeff to help members gain confidence in and around water, and hope to expand on this in 2027.

The new teams are already starting to deliver. Their enthusiasm is helping improve the Club and has put a shine on things, including the winch and Oppie gardens. The Lakeside Social Team, have some great plans too, including a pre-Christmas event at the Clubhouse on 12th December, and a special talk from Jazz Turner who circumnavigated the UK and Ireland and set two records – find out what they are on 22nd February.

Everything we do has purpose, often beyond face value, for the long-term benefit of your Club, but if you're ever in doubt, please ask. We welcome suggestions and you can post these in the blue box in the Clubhouse (just under the large white first aid box).

We continue to think ahead and have provided a futuristic look at the Club and Clubhouse - only as a concept - because we want your input on our future. We will start this initiative in 2027 when we will be inviting you to 'Join the Conversation' (see later).

Until then, many thanks once again, and enjoy the deeper water.

Richard (Commodore)

The Club’s Future

This is conceptual only – Nothing is planned – We want your input

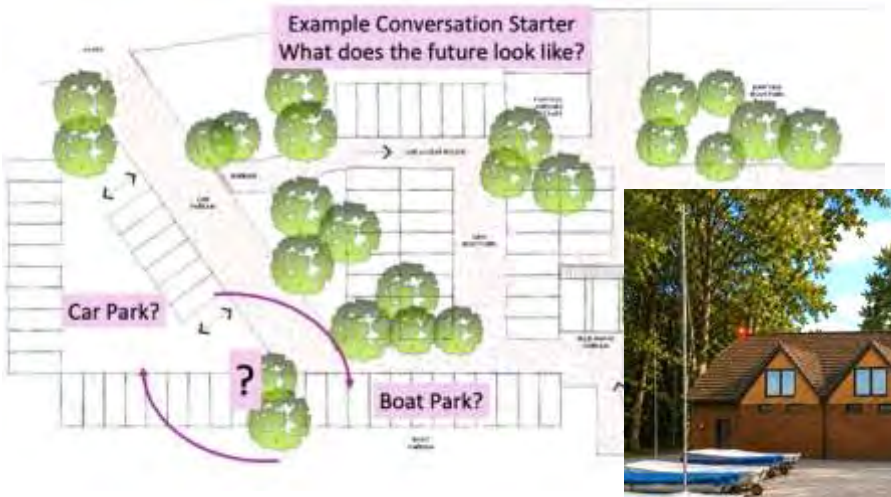
We are looking for your guidance on a range of issues and questions over the forthcoming months and are planning a set of open discussions in 2027.

This has been in the pipeline since August when we received help in looking at the Clubhouse as a conversation starter.

This was triggered by requests from the Training & Junior Sub-committee and views expressed by members, some with hearing difficulties or wanting their boat park space to be nearer the water without having to drag it up a hill.

Objectives include:

- Widen the club's appeal across demographics and user types
- Improve and expand training facilities with additional flexible space
- Improve acoustics and access in the existing facility
- Create a sociable venue with space suited to multiple functions
- Improve boat and car parking to prioritise access
- Accommodate diverse and fully inclusive needs in a changing world.





But is this what you want?

There are so many things, in addition to those we are already dealing with, that we could seek to add, enhance, resolve or improve as part of thinking ahead.

On taking the helm Richard said he was inspired by those that had the vision over 60 years ago to create a sailing club and then later build the clubhouse. Some would have scoffed at the idea, but when we work together it is amazing what can be achieved.

Our Club is already bigger than the lake we own, and like no other, has a fantastic future. Be inspirational and show us what the next 60 years might look like.

Together let us achieve more for Crawley Mariners Yacht Club.

Look out for these sessions and be ready to ‘Join the Conversation’.

Dam Good Job

The low water levels revealed a crack in the spillway, allowing water to seep through.



Problem Averted

A prompt solution was required should the water level recover sooner than expected.

This involved two major stages, shown below, and has resulted in a nice glaze finish.





Thanks to Ted (VC Estate), Peter (Dam Undertaker) and those involved including Aquamaintain,

Your Support at the Dam Work Party

Thank you for your help at the last dam work party – this is much appreciated and achieved a great result.

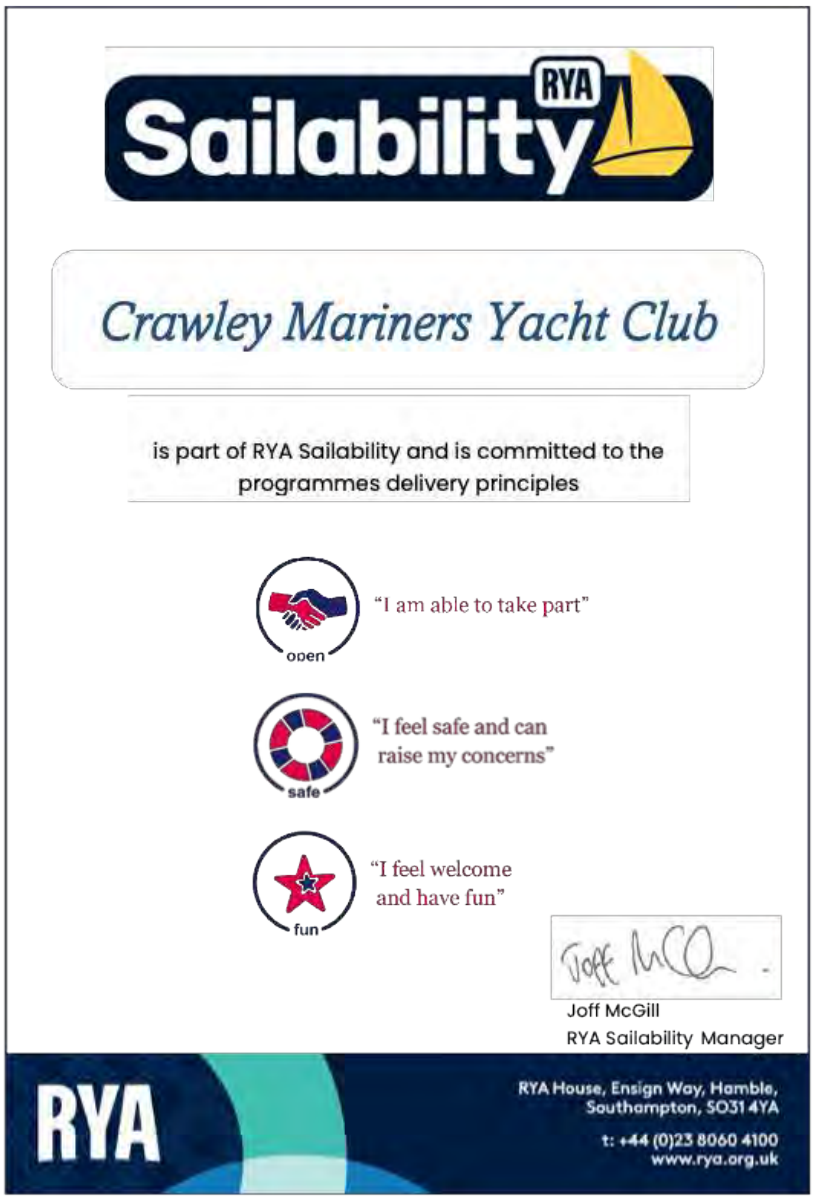
Sailability Success

What a Fantastic Result

Crawley Mariners Yacht Club has been recognised as a Sailability Club.

We have been working towards this for two years and thanks go to Sarah-Jo and Dani for getting this over the final hurdle.

Thanks also go to our Instructors who tailor training to our varying needs and to you all in supporting each other; be that helping to launch or recover a boat, to understanding we are not all the same – as disability is not always visible.


RYA Sailability

Crawley Mariners Yacht Club

is part of RYA Sailability and is committed to the programmes delivery principles

open "I am able to take part"

safe "I feel safe and can raise my concerns"

fun "I feel welcome and have fun"

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There is always more we can do to help ourselves; from the less able to those where age is the disability. You can help. Talk to Sarah-Jo or Dani. Look out for Disability Awareness sessions planned for next year and come along to support our growing community.

November 7th – Junior Saturday Club

Fun Race at 12:35pm

Sadly this will be the final Junior Saturday Club of 2026 (and that means it is also the last 'FUN RACE' this year).

It has been great fun watching so many of you take part in these short races each month. There have been eight to ten sailors quite regularly.
(Ages range from 6 to 15, boats Oppies to Lasers).
The improvement in sailing and racing skills has been exciting to watch, so well done to all of you. When the final race has finished, I can look at the overall results to find out who won the Topper and Oppie trophies.



The October race was very exciting to watch, with some very close racing right until the end. It was very windy with some extremely big gusts that caused a number of the sailors to capsize, not just once but several times! Although the two Oppies only completed one lap, neither of them capsized!!! There was only 20 secs. between the first two boats. We do hope Jack enjoyed himself despite the strong winds, as it was his first day at CMYC and we look forward to seeing him again.



The OCTOBER RESULTS are below:

Name	Position	Boat	no. of laps
George Fairhurst	1st	ILC6	5
George Parker	2nd	ILCA6	5
Jack Connerly	3rd	Pico	4
Ashley Lange	4th	Oppie	1
Harry Trower	5th	Oppie	1

Looking forward to seeing all of you in 2027 as there is such a lot to look forward to with Saturday Clubs, club racing and the two major Regattas. So make sure you look at the programme carefully when it arrives and make a note of what you want to do.

Bye for now and see you on the water in 2027 - **Diana**

Christmas Social Afternoon

December 12th – 2pm Onwards



🎄 **Join us for our Christmas Social on 12th December!** 🎄

Come along for an evening of good company, mulled wine, and mince pies, with the chance to win some fantastic prizes in our raffle.

💳 Cash and card payments accepted.

If you'd like to donate a raffle prize, please make yourself known to the **Lakeside Social Team** via our WhatsApp Community.

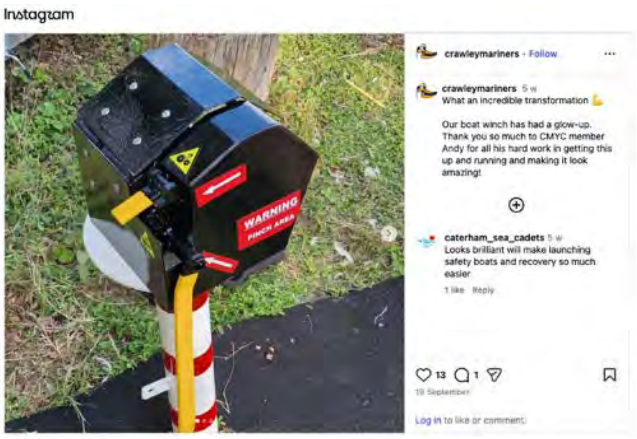
We look forward to celebrating with you! 🎅✨

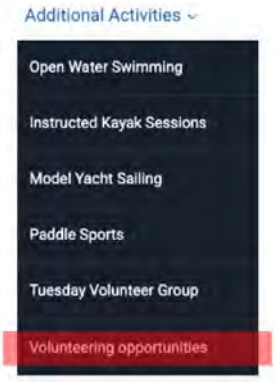
Amazing Results

Andy and Adrian have been amazing in transforming the old upturned rusty bucket into a shiny new winch as part of our new Special Projects team.

This is in addition to the support we get in maintaining the facilities and grounds by the Tuesday Volunteer Group, the Work Parties and that from Stuart in maintaining our fleet.

You can find out more by calling in on a Tuesday morning or take a look at the Club's Website / Additional Activities / Volunteering Opportunities…





They are not alone as Bridget and Ursula have transformed both of the Oppie gardens. They cleared the laurels, weeded, sifted through the soil and added compost, planted the Sedums grown from cuttings, added a spare Sea holly plant from Ursula's garden, planted the Daffodil, mixed Narcissus, mixed Allium, Muscari bulbs, Pansies and Hellebores that should provide some colour until spring. Hellebores are perennials that will flower again from winter to spring. Topped off with a layer of mulch to suppress weeds, slow down soil drying, and feed the plants. They also planted some purple Asters from cuttings grown by Ursula in a gap in the border by the Clubhouse.

The bulbs will start to emerge over the coming months. The sedums and sea holly will also fill out their space over spring and summer, and looking ahead, they have some Nepeta cuttings that will be ready in spring to fill any gaps.

Before



After



Thanks to everyone helping us as part contributing to the Crawley Mariner community.

CRAWLEY MARINERS YACHT CLUB

AUTUMN SERIES RACING

📍 Racing at Hedgecourt Lake

AUTUMN SATURDAY RACING 1 PM race – 60 mins	
24th October	Race 2
31st October	Race 3
14th November	Race 4
28th November	Race 5
5th December	Race 6

AUTUMN LEAF – SUNDAY RACING 2 AM races (45 mins each)	
18th October	Races 7 & 8
25th October	Races 9 & 10
1st November	Races 11 & 12
15th November	Races 13 & 14
22nd November	Races 15 & 16
29th November	Races 17 & 18
6th December	Races 19 & 20

✅ Already sailed: **Autumn Saturday 1** · **Autumn Sunday 1&2, 3&4, 5&6**

JUNIOR RACING · FROSTBITE SERIES 2026–27

DELL QUAY SAILING CLUB

has kindly offered to host **junior racing** at their 2026–2027 Frostbite Series

🎉 **FREE ENTRY**

🎉 **FREE DINGHY PARK STORAGE**

RACE NO.	DATE	START TIME
Races 1 – 2	Sat 7th November	**9.15**
Races 3 – 4	Sat 14th November	**12.45**
Races 5 – 6	Sat 28th November	**12.35**
Races 7 – 8	Sat 9th January 2027	**11.00**
Races 9 – 10	Sat 20th February 2027	**10.00**

Training & Development

Upcoming Training & Development Opportunities

- Junior Saturday Club - 7th November - booking on Webcollect
- Adult Saturday Club - 21st November - booking on Webcollect
- Topper (15:00) & Beginner (13:30) race series - Race 8 - 21st November

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 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.

Cobnor weekend

On the Thursday prior to the Cobnor weekend we were advised that we would likely only get about an hour of sailing due to the high winds forecast and were offered a postponement. After some consultation with instructors and participants the postponement was accepted. The forecast had been correct, the only time we might have sailed would have been Saturday morning and that would have been in rain. The Cambertmet weather station in Chichester harbour was recording winds of F6 or more from midday Saturday onwards with gusts of F9 late Saturday afternoon. We now need to go through the process of arranging a new date.

Adult Saturday Club & Powerboat Refresher

For once we had some wind at the Adult Saturday club, albeit gusty and shifty. Also the sun shone, turning a cool start into a pleasant day. There were seven participants. Donal took George for his second outing in the 2000 and they stayed on for the Beginners race. Mike S taught Sarah-Jo rudderless sailing in her Gull, not ideal conditions for this but all good experience. SJ also stayed for the Beginners race, crewed by Jeff. AndyT took Franc and another Andy T in the Omega while Caroline continued her coaching of Jane and Kirk in a Wanderer. Lucie took out the Comet and survived the at times difficult conditions. Thanks to Alan for his assistance with Cobnor preparations.

Topper Sale

The club is selling a Topper contact Jeff Smith if interested.

CMYC Programme

Date	Event
1st Nov	Autumn Leaf
5th Nov	Thursday Informal Sailing
7th Nov	Junior Saturday Club Work Party
8th Nov	Remembrance Sunday Pursuit Race
12th Nov	Thursday Informal Sailing
14th Nov	Autumn Saturdays
15th Nov	Autumn Leaf
19th Nov	Thursday Informal Sailing
21st Nov	Adult Saturday Club Beginners Race One per Month Series
22nd Nov	Autumn Leaf
26th Nov	Thursday Informal Sailing
28th Nov	Autumn Saturdays
29th Nov	Autumn Leaf





