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# Happy New Year

We start 2025 with a brand-new programme of events. This has been put together thanks to the collaboration of the two sub-committees to integrate not just 'training' and 'sailing' but everything we can offer to support all your interests.

There really is something for everyone.

We are also pushing the boat out and launching some new things too. These will be introduced over the next couple of months and include:

## New – Duty Opportunities

From today we will add a few Galley Duty opportunities to help build the social aspect at some of our events having successfully trialled this as the Hedgecourt Café last year.

## New – The Grebe Club

While aimed at the Juniors there is nothing stopping the adults getting involved in completing some of our fun and educational challenges. These are in addition to the very popular on-the-water Junior Saturday Sessions giving twice the opportunity to form longer term friendships that support Crew and skills development. A challenge record will be included in the 2025 renewal and new membership packs, so don't wait, renew today because we launch this at a special social on Sunday 02 February.

## New – Improved Communication

We are launching a new WhatsApp Community to make our WhatsApp groups more accessible to help you get more from being members of the Club. We are also planning a new website to help improve our communication.

## New – Community Spaces

We all need beauty, space, a place to relax and breathe for our mental well-being and sitting beside the lake offers this. From March onwards we are going to extend an invitation to local care homes to allow residents to benefit from the periods where we are not using the estate to enjoy the wildlife and the calm it instils.

Please note that from the start of the year to end of February we are obliged to reduce the water level as part of avoiding flooding over the winter period. This gives us a rare opportunity to manage the lake, and most importantly, we are asking for your help.

We need your active support on 15 & 19 Jan., and 13 & 16 Feb., as we address the concerns of the dam inspection to fill and lay more sandbags and meet our obligations in the Lake Management Plan. We need at least 15 fit and able crew members for a prompt 9am start with a soup lunch being planned. Please see the related articles in this January edition of the newsletter as we are dependent on your support.

Happy New Year and I hope you can join us at the Pursuit Race and Social on 05<sup>th</sup> January at 10:30.

Richard  
Commodore



# 2025 Programme - What's changed?

## Overall

The 2025 programme is similar to the one for 2024, however there are a few differences, which are outlined below. Copies of the 'At a Glance' quick reference programme, the full chronological programme and calendar view were attached to the Newsletter email, so you can print it or save it. Any updates will be available via the club website. The eCalendar and website calendars will be updated soon if they have not already been when this Newsletter is circulated.

## Racing

There has been a change to the Warm-up (16th March) and One Day (18th August) race series formats, with the aim of encouraging broader participation. The number of races has been reduced from four to three 40 min races, with two races to count. The first race starts at 11:00, then there will be a break for lunch and two back-to-back races in the afternoon. If you are otherwise engaged in the morning you can still qualify by joining the two afternoon races.

## Race Coaching

There are race coaching sessions on 19th January and 16th February for young sailors, ideally those intending to attend NSSA and/or WSSYSA regattas should attend, invitations have been sent to likely candidates.

There is a Topper coaching day on 9th March, it is recommended that anyone intending to sail at the CMYC Topper Open on 29th March or other Topper or open events should attend, book on WebCollect.

There will be six Have a Go Racing sessions again each one will be supported by one of our Race Coaches.

On 5th July there will be a morning session on the Racing Rules of Sailing followed by Rapid Races in the afternoon. These sessions are open to everyone, ideally those going to NSSA and WSSYSA will attend both sessions.

## Training

Training is broadly similar to last year, with Levels 1&2 and Stages 1&2 running over two weekends in June, two Powerboat Level 2 courses, a Safety Boat course and the usual Saturday Clubs.

We will be running an RYA 'Sailing with Spinnakers' course on 2nd & 8th March. We don't run this course very often, so be sure to book on if you are interested.



# 2025 Programme - What's changed?

## Junior Saturday Clubs

On Sunday 30th March we will hold an introductory session for parents and children. Parents and children will be encouraged to come and learn where and how equipment is stored, see or take part in rigging demonstrations. Children will be given some onshore instruction, including tacking drills.

We are considering having a race coaching session on Junior Saturday Club mornings, as well as Topper and Oppie groups. More details will be in the Newsletter nearer the time.

## Grebe Club

2025 will see the official launch of the Grebe Club on 2nd February, land based activities for our young members.

## Model Yachting

Many of you will have seen remote controlled model yachts sailing at Hedgecourt in 2024, This will be a regular Wednesday afternoon feature for 2025, other times may be added as the group develops.

## Thursday Informal Sailing

The season has been extended from the beginning of March to the end of November

## Race Officer Training

Following the poor take up of a specific session for Race Officer Training in the last couple of years, this will now be done on the job during the Have A Go Racing Sessions. It is not difficult, you do not need to be a dinghy racer or have knowledge of the racing rules. Experienced sailors will always give advice if needed. Please help us by volunteering for one of these sessions, contact Augustine ([duties@cmyp.co.uk](mailto:duties@cmyp.co.uk)), our new duties manager, to let him know if you would like some training. Being a Race Officer supports our instructors, committee members and Tuesday Volunteer Group who give a lot of time to the club and like to race. All club members benefit from their efforts so please give a little back.

## Get on the water challenge

On the morning of 18th May we have a challenge to get as many boats on the water as we can, do come and support this event, perhaps stay on for the afternoon social sail or Have A Go Racing.



# Doug Reed. R.I.P.

25th December 1928 – 24th December 2024

Doug Reed, a long-time stalwart of Crawley Mariners died on 24th December, one day before his 96th birthday. He will be very much missed by those mariners who knew and admired him.

Not even Doug himself knew exactly when he joined Crawley Mariners. He has been a feature of the Club for so many years, and he had long been a member when I joined Crawley Mariners as a novice sailor in 1986. He was well known for his dry sense of humour and for the fact that he always put the club first.

I do know from Doug's own account that he was in the Sea Scouts in London in 1941. I understand the RRS Discovery, Scott's Ship was used as a base and the boys activities involved rowing whalers and gigs on the Thames in an era long before personal buoyancy. He described the need to "*trail oars*" smartly before shooting the tide rip through the arches. As he wrote in the mid 1980s "*The Luftwaffe was probably the least of the dangers we faced.*"

Doug was long supported by his wife, Anne also now deceased. She was a non-sailor but a regular face at the Club and she also served as social secretary. They had two children David and Gemma.

Doug was not by nature a committee man preferring practical rather than administrative work. Nonetheless he served as Commodore for three years from 1988 to 1990 and expressed his surprise "*that the Mariners, unlike car parts, boat bits or the electric toaster, hasn't come apart in my hands.*"

Hedgecourt Lake is owned by the club which is also responsible for maintaining the integrity of the dam at the end of the Lake. Doug was a founder member and leader of the Tuesday Volunteer Group. This is a group of volunteers who meet every Tuesday and work to maintain the Clubhouse, grounds, the dam and the water at Hedgecourt. Doug was the foreman of the group for so many years, a term he would doubtless abhor. He was more usually called the "Lootenant" a reflection of some of the less savoury jobs which he would happily undertake. He also kept a record of the water levels in the lake as required by the Environment Agency. Until very recently he was still coming to the club on Tuesdays to assist whatever way he could even if latterly it was just to take care of the washing up.

In 1989 Doug wrote "*Fifteen years ago, my Doctor doubted the advisability of a person of my age hiking out a centre board dinghy. He recommended a change to a fixed keel day boat. It was excellent advice and, no doubt, I may one day follow it. In the meantime, the Miracle becomes more user friendly with every outing.*" Doug was still sailing double-handed centreboard dinghies until last year despite knee surgery, impaired vision and hearing. He has built and sailed so many boats over the years. His boats have included a Foamcrest, Miracle, Maurader, RS200, Vagabond and Enterprise class dinghies. His Doctor clearly underestimated him. Doug also sailed for many years with the Club in an annual flotilla in Greece (pictured).

Doug was held in high regard by those who were privileged to know him. He will be very much missed. Fair winds Doug.

Donal R.



# RYA FIRST AID COURSE

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**Venue: CMYC Clubhouse, Hedgecourt Lake**

***Booking closes on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025***

## **Start and finish times:**

The course starts promptly at 08.30am and finishes at 16.30pm, as it has to be a full eight hours.

**TWO PLACES LEFT**

## **COST: £50.**

*(There is a discount for club instructors revalidating)*



The course includes current CPR methods, and each pupil will be able to practice the technique shown on their own dummy. Parts of the course are specific to water-based activities and covers hypothermia and secondary drowning.



**Defibrillator** – although no training is necessary to use a defibrillator, taking training can ensure you are familiar with the device and ready to act quickly in an emergency.

The club has one of these located on the outside wall by the galley. During the course you will be shown how they work and get a chance to examine and check one out.

This course is open to all club members and would suit anyone who feels these skills would be useful to them - particularly volunteers who help at our events.

*(As spaces are limited, priority will be given to club dinghy instructors needing to revalidate)*

N.B. Any instructors needing to revalidate but unable to make this date, contact me as soon as you can, and I will see if there are any clubs running one in the South East area.

**Booking on Webcollect is open.**

**Diana Thompson – [cmyc.junior.youth.devel.advisor@gmail.com](mailto:cmyc.junior.youth.devel.advisor@gmail.com)**



# WHO is WHO?

CMYC Management Committee

I am pleased to welcome two new members to the CMYC Management Committee:

## **Ted (Edward) Tolson as Vice Commodore Estate**

*"I am happily retired after a career working in science. I am a lifelong member of Surrey Wildlife Trust and have a passionate interest in all things relating to natural history and ecology.*

*I moved to the East Surrey area a few years ago and joined Crawley Mariners with the intention of learning to sail a dinghy. That didn't work out, but I found that kayaking is fun, and the lake is a fantastic place to enjoy. I have volunteered to help with the management of the Estate in the hope of being able to support the Commodore and Committee's work in protecting and improving the lake and to continue a good working relationship with The Surrey Wildlife Trust."*



## **Augustine Eden as Duty Manager**

*In taking this role Augustine has enabled Stephen to concentrate on a single task, that of powerboat maintenance rather than balancing both.*

*Augustine is a whizz at spreadsheets and analysis and is ideally placed to help populate the duty manager system.*

We have a very strong committee with each of us taking specific roles to help safely navigate the Club, they are:

- Jerry G., (Vice Commodore Administration & Finance)
- Ian B., (Vice Commodore Sailing & Chair of the Sailing Sub-committee)
- Ted T., (Vice Commodore Estate)
- Ursula B., (Club Secretary)
- Jeff S., (Training Principal & Chair of the Training & Junior Sub-committee)
- Duncan N., (Membership Secretary & Boat Park Manager)
- Augustine E., (Duty Manager)
- Harry W., (Publicity, Newsletter Editor & Open Water Swimming Coordinator)
- Martyn F., (IT Review and Administration)
- Sarah-Jo D., (Sailability)
- Stuart E., (Powerboat Review)
- Andy T., (Signage)
- Christina B., (General Member), and
- Richard W., (Commodore).



# Clubhouse Secrets

## Features and Secrets of the Clubhouse Balustrade.

During the construction of our clubhouse, the issue of a balustrade was considered. It had to be safe and 'in keeping' with the overall design of the building. Somehow, I found myself volunteering to construct these and so the journey began.

We don't know who came up with the idea of the 'crosses' but getting the proportions right took a bit of effort. Jackie and I spent some time drawing out full size elements on the back of wallpaper scraps and what we have now is the result.

- Feature 1- If you look carefully, you will see that the panels use thinner side pieces compared to the top and bottom.
- Feature 2 - Angle brackets used to fix the panels are recessed to keep them out of sight.
- Feature 3 - The hardwood handrail is deliberately flat on top as I had anticipated that members would sit mugs on it. So don't feel guilty if you do; it was designed that way!
- Secret 1 - To increase strength, the front top rail is continuous so even though it looks like 2 panels, it is in fact one long one.
- Secret 2 - Is the veranda flat? I still don't know but hidden at the base of each post is a large stainless-steel bolt with which I used to set the height of each post. They are located in aluminium 'keepers' screwed onto the pavers. This also serves to lift the wood off the floor and help against rot.
- Secret 3 - The first post (by the steps) contains a brass dowel into which I inserted a length of steel threaded rod. This rod passes through the small wooden section. It goes right through the steel roof support and is bolted behind the wood trim (who would have thought!)



So, if you have read this far then I am sure you will never look at these humble balustrades in the same way ever again!

I am continuing to support the Club and have volunteered to help oversee the upkeep of the Clubhouse and support Ted in managing the CMYC Estate. The aim is that we will form a small team each looking at; The Lake (Ted), The Clubhouse (myself) and The Grounds (could you help with this?) and working alongside the Tuesday Volunteer Group to help get things done.

Steve G.  
Volunteer - Clubhouse

Volunteer to help at Crawley Mariners via [Webcollect](#) or let one of us know



# Surrey Wildlife Trust

To the Rescue

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December went very well. Ted, with thanks to Brian C., and David D., hosted 18 Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT) staff who arrived promptly and worked really hard all day to clear the scrub and gain access to the Reed Beds they manage on our behalf.

Some of them had travelled quite long distances to get here, with teams coming from as far as Pirbright, Hindhead, West Surrey ranges and even Pagham Harbour, Sussex.

Conditions were quite tough for them, most of the woodlands were flooded, and they had to wear chainsaw clothing, so there was no possibility for them to wear wellies or waders. Despite this they got on with it and achieved all they set out to do.

As you can imagine, they were very grateful for the warmth, shelter and facilities we were able to offer them. Thanks also go to Matt K., and Alan C., for a tour of the Estate.

At the end of the day Stuart (the SWT Warden) was very happy and is now planning to return with his team on Friday 24 January, Friday 07 and Wednesday 19 February.



Please use the webcollect '[Volunteering @ Crawley Mariners](#)' if at all possible, to let us know when you can help because we need to support the Surrey Wildlife Trust. Like our next set of Work Parties, they will need powerboat support and shoreline support to move the cut reeds to the compost area.

They are working to ensure they fulfil *their* obligations in helping us maintain the Hedgecourt Estate,

## Now it's our turn...

...we have our own obligations to meet, and without wanting to sound too dramatic, we are behind schedule and only have two months (January and February) while the water level is lowered to address this.

Please take a look at the related newsletter article included in this edition...

Thank you,  
The CMYC Committee

### WORK PARTIES

For Hedgecourt Heroes

**We need your help**

The independent Dam Inspection in November highlighted some action we need to take which will require:

- galley support for drinks and soup
- mixing and filling sandbags
- wheelbarrow bag movers to load the powerboat
- powerboat drivers to deliver and unload
- bag layers on the dam wall.



As a minimum we need 12 to 15 members keen to share the above tasks and be prepared for a prompt 9am start.

Four dates are planned:

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Four dates have been planned because once the remedial dam work is complete, we then need to cut back some of the reedbeds as part of our Lake Management Plan obligations.

If you know you can make it help us plan to succeed by putting your name on the Volunteering at Crawley Mariners [Webcollect](#) list – thank you.

→ <https://webcollect.org.uk/cm/cmyc/category/volunteering>

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# THE GREBE CLUB



New for 2025 is The Grebe Club.

An opportunity to make friends and learn new skills in addition to the on-the-water Junior Saturday Sessions.



**The Launch Party** is on  
02 February starting at 10:30 in the Clubhouse  
All are welcome.



We want to help our sea-faring youngsters, and their shore-line support team develop skills to help you make the most of everything that learning to sail with us has to offer.

The Grebe Club helps junior members to earn recognition to capture and share how much they're developing as they make progress in their sailing journey. A challenge record will be included in every renewal and new membership pack.

This is very different to anything we have done before. As a start each monthly session from March until November will be themed with one of eight categories:

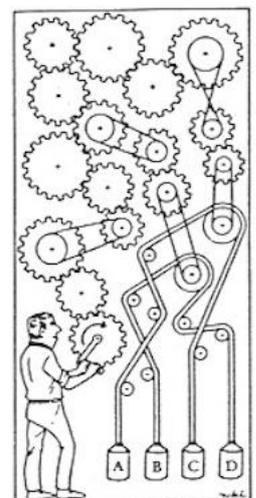
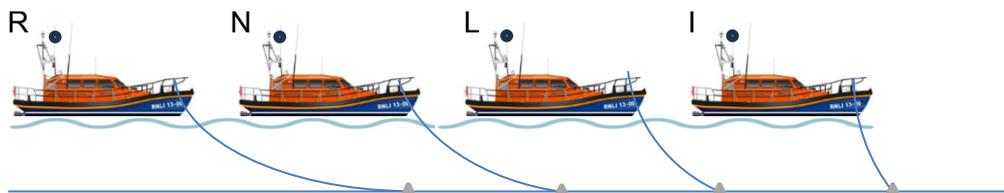


These are Safe and Sure, Together, Green Blue, Fun, Crew Development, Active Adventure, Navigation and Oceanwide.

Let us look at things differently and learn from each other.

Try these challenges:

Which Shannon Class Lifeboat (R, N, L or I) has the safest anchoring, and which of the four weights will rise if the handle is turned clockwise as shown? Answers below.



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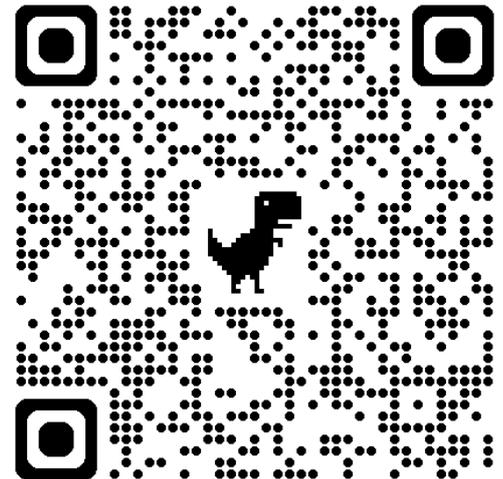
# Sailing Weekend in Chichester Harbour

For Children (aged 11+) and adults

If there is sufficient interest and offers of help we would like to run a weekend of dinghy sailing at the Cobnor Activity Center Trust in the beautiful Chichester Harbour. These weekends offer accommodation, wholesome meals and the opportunity to sail in the tidal waters of Chichester harbour.

These are great weekends, see <https://www.cmyc.co.uk/sailing-activities/juniors-section/cobnor-weekends.htm> for details, they are open to children aged 11 or older and adults. Priority is given to older children.

Please register your interest in attending a Cobnor weekend, by completing the Google form using [this link](#) or via the QR Code below. This is for sailor participants, Dinghy Instructors (AI, DI or SI), powerboat helms and crews, anyone who would be willing to cook and sail, or just cook.



# Ready Steady GO

It looks as though 2025 is going to be a bumper year for all our Junior and Youth sailors in many ways. Below is a selection of what is available for you to take advantage of. Plus all the normal CMYC races which have special awards for junior & youth racers.

**Do read the newsletter** as you will find some new additions to the programme, including the all-new Grebe Club! Our Club Racing Coaches are putting together some special Race Coaching days early in the year to enable our sailors to get a head start for the rest of the year. Details below:

- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January** – Race Coaching session
- **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February** – Race Coaching session



## **Topper Coaching Day 9th March**

Ideal for those intending to enter the CMYC **Topper Open on the 29<sup>th</sup> March** or other Topper Open events.

## **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> Junior Saturday Club**

For Oppies and Toppers, plus RS Fevas and Laser 4.7

**FUN RACE:** these will start at the first Saturday Club and will run between the morning and afternoon sessions, to give everyone a chance of joining in.



## **NSSA Double-handed Team Racing - 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

This event will be held at Chew Valley SC. RS Fevas are supplied (without spinnakers) for this event.

Details below are about the two large sailing Regattas that CMYC send a team to each year. Over the years we have had some amazing results at both and in the various fleets involved. These events usually have some social and/or coached activities going on after sailing finishes for the day.



# Ready Steady GO

## NSSA National Regatta 20<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> July at Rutland SC



A big highlight in our junior and youth sailing calendar each year is taking a team of sailors from CMYC to this event. It is held at a different venue each year where they race along side 200+ sailors from all over the UK.

We usually take a mixture of boats which include

Toppers; Lasers; RS Fevas; Laser 2000; Aeros; Comets and an Optimist. When further details become available Sarah will release these in the newsletter and on the notice board in the clubhouse.



## West Sussex Regatta 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> September at Itchenor SC

This is our final 'away' Regatta of the year and is sailed at different clubs in in and around Chichester Harbour. It gives our sailors the opportunity to experience some exciting tidal sailing. As this is only a two day event and not far to travel, we do encourage our newer racers to come along and sail in the Rookie Fleet, where they have additional support boats and instructors offering help and assistance if needed.

Parental help is very much appreciated at these larger events to make it a successful experience for those taking part and those organising it.

## NSSA Single-handed Team Racing: 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> October at Upton Warren SC, Worcs.

This is a two day event and Toppers are supplied. Racing is in teams of three sailors. There is often camping at the sailing club or another option is staying at a Premier Inn as there is usually one close by. This type of racing is great fun and they have about 70 short races over the two days. **Keep a lookout for any additional training available -**

## Diana

**FAQ: What to look for and where to look if seeking a second-hand Topper? When, and how, can we practice and improve our sailing? What clothing do we need?**

**Do come and find me at Junior Saturday Clubs, between 10am to 3pm, and I will be very happy to answer your queries, or find out who can. (Diana)**



# Awards Evening (Presentation of 2024 Awards)

**Friday 14th March 2023 - 7.30pm to 10.00pm**

Venue: The Ark, Mount Lane, Turners Hill. RH10 4RA



Although the awards are being presented – for both racing and volunteers - this will still leave plenty of time to enjoy an informal get-together to catch up and, we hope, encourage each other to take part in our sailing events over the year.

An optional light buffet will be available at a small charge (£tbc)

- Sandwiches & Wraps (with various fillings)
- Sausage Rolls
- Indian snacks and chutney – crudités and dips
- Chocolate Brownies/Flap Jacks
- Tea and Coffee

(All dietary needs catered for – enter on booking)

**Do bring your own alcohol/soft drinks (and glasses)**



**Booking, via Webcollect, opening on the 14th February and closing on the 2nd March**



# New WhatsApp Community

Over the years a number of WhatsApp groups have been created by members to help coordinate events and we are launching a new WhatsApp community to make these groups more accessible to all.

The groups that can be found on our WhatsApp include (but not limited to);

- **Model Yacht Enthusiasts**
- **Open Water Swimming**
- **Racing Chat**
- **Thursday Social Sailing**
- **Women on Water**
- **Instructors** 🗝️ (only instructors can join)

Other groups

- **Announcements** - only allow admin/committee members to post
- **General** - all members are allowed to post

How do I join?

Email [admin@cmyc.co.uk](mailto:admin@cmyc.co.uk) to request access to the group - either include your mobile phone number to be added directly or I will send back a link you can use to join.

*Your phone number will remain private, only accessible to the community admins.*

Who can join?

At this time we're only allowing adult CMYC members to join the CMYC WhatsApp Community for safe-guarding reasons.

If you have any questions, contact Martyn - [admin@cmyc.co.uk](mailto:admin@cmyc.co.uk)

# New Website Under Way

The time has come to rebuild the Crawley Mariners website - it has served us well over the years but we are rebuilding in WordPress, a more modern Content Management System that will allow us to bring in new features such as calendar/event management, integrating social media posts and generally easier to use.

What would you like to see on the website?

If you have any ideas on what we can do to make the website more useful for you, please leave some suggestions in [this form](#) or email Martyn at [admin@cmypc.co.uk](mailto:admin@cmypc.co.uk)

For example, would you like to see the weather for Hedgecourt? More information about the club or events? Quick snapshot of upcoming events on the homepage? Items for sale?

Let us know!

Can you help?

My skills are more on the back-end side of things and CSS is rusty - anyone with experience as a web designer, graphic designer or front-end developer who is happy to help polish the new site would be appreciated.



# Powerboat Level 2

The next Power Boat Level 2 course is on **Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April and Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April.**

There are people on the waiting list but we have at least one spare place.

If you are interested in doing the RYA Power Boat Level 2 course, either this one or later this year, please register in WebCollect on the Power Boat 2 waiting list.



Here is the RYA description of the course:

RYA Powerboat Course Level 2, The National Powerboat Certificate.

This two-day course provides the skills and background knowledge needed to drive a powerboat and is the basis of the International Certificate of Competence. It includes Close quarters handling, high speed manoeuvres, man overboard recovery and collision regulations.

**Assumed knowledge - None**

[Mike Smith](#)



# Training & Development

## Upcoming Training & Development Opportunities

- First Aid Course - 9th February - booking open on WebCollect
- Race Coaching (junior/youth) - 19th January & 16th February - notification emailed. These are concurrent with work parties, so parents can be busy helping maintain the club estate while their youngsters learn or improve their racing skills.
- RYA Sailing with Spinnakers - 2nd & 8th March - book on WebCollect, see separate flyer for details.
- Topper Coaching - 9th March - details to follow, book on WebCollect
- Double Handed Team Racing Coaching - 9th March - details to follow, 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.

## New Dinghy Instructor

Congratulations to Vanessa on becoming a Dinghy Instructor.

## RYA Pathway Club

The RYA is changing the way it runs its youth training, with the aim of reducing costs and travelling whilst bringing the more training back into clubs. There are certain criteria a club must meet to become a Pathway Club, we meet most but may need to increase our race training if we decide to apply. Another requirement is to have a Lead Race Coach, I am pleased that Dan has accepted this position, he will be monitoring developments as they are announced by the RYA, the formal launch will be at the Dinghy & Watersports Show.

## Adult Saturday Club Dates

22 March  
26 April  
24 May  
14 June  
26 July

23 August  
20 September  
25 October  
22 November



# Training & Development

## Junior Saturday Club Dates

15 March  
12 April  
10 May  
7 June  
12 July

9 August  
6 September  
11 October  
8 November

## Dinghy Training Courses

RYA Sailing with Spinnakers - 2 & 8 March - sign-up on WebCollect

RYA Levels 1& 2 - 21, 22, 28 & 29 June

RYA Stages 1&2 - 21, 22, 28 & 29 June

## Powerboat Training Course Dates

RYA Powerboat Level 2 - 20 & 27 Apr - sign on to the waiting list

RYA Safety Boat - 27 Jul & 2 Aug

RYA Powerboat Level 2 - 27 Sep & 5 Oct - sign on to the waiting list

## Navigation Theory

2025 - none scheduled

2026 - 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Jan & 7, 14, 21 Feb

Essential Navigation and Seamanship or Day Skipper Theory or Coastal Skipper/Yachtmaster Offshore Theory - Let Richard know if you are interested in any of these.

## Race Coaching Dates

19 Jan, 16 Feb - Youths - Invitation email sent

9 Mar - Toppers & D/H Team Racing - sign-up on WebCollect

5 Jul - Racing Rules Session & Rapid Races - more detail later

Have A Go Racing - 18 May, 1 June, 6 July, 3 August, 30 August, 7 September



# Care for the Clubhouse

Take with you all you've brought along,  
Rubbish, recycling, to where they belong.

The clubhouse isn't a keeper's chest;  
Clear it out, give it rest.



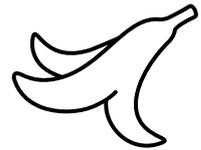
Clothing left behind won't linger long,  
Each month it'll be removed, gone.



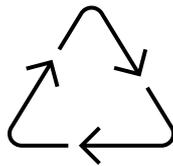
Belongings forgotten, treasures stray,  
Will find their end or drift away.

So pack your things, be tidy, take care,  
Leave the clubhouse fresh, light, and fair.

In mindful habits, harmony grows,  
And a cleaner, brighter space it shows.



***Please take all rubbish and recycling home with you. Please remember to take all personal belongings with you after each event – items that are there for more than a month will either be donated to the club's second handrail, or given to local charities.***



# DINGHY & WATERSPORTS SHOW



See you at the RYA Dinghy and Watersports Show!

The must-see sailing and watersports event of the year will return to

**Farnborough International on 22-23 February 2025.**

Featuring dinghy sailing, windsurfing, wingsurfing, foiling and paddleboarding, however you like to get afloat, we've got you covered.

Join us for interactive family fun, watersports displays and demos, live coaching sessions, hundreds of boats and the biggest names in marine retail all under one roof.

Get your tickets in advance and save:  
RYA members and children 15 and under go free!  
Adult tickets start at £14, buy in advance and save.

## Things to do at the show



Take a spin on the sailing simulator

Jump on board the windsurfing simulator



Test yourself on a trapeze rig



Fly across the water in VR



Join the treasure hunt

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# RYA MEMBERSHIP

Why you may be interested in becoming a member of the RYA.

There are many reasons why you may find joining the RYA would be of interest and beneficial to you and your family. To start with the more members there are the stronger the voice the RYA will have to represent its members and the wider boating community, ensuring legislators, regulators and other authorities understand and take account of recreational boating activity.

Members also enjoy access to free boating related legal, regulatory and technical advice from their in-house experts when they need it most. While the quarterly RYA Magazine and regular e-newsletters help keep members up to date with all the latest news and events, advice and tips.

As an RYA Registered Training Centre CMYC has found the RYA Legal Department very helpful over the years, as owning our own lake is great but does involve a fair bit of work complying with being a SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and the Reservoirs Act. All our instructors have to join the RYA and this enables them to revalidate their certificates every five years at no cost. During the Covid crisis having a large number of members enabled the RYA to lobby parliament to greater effect.

Plus, a whole host of benefits, rewards, discounts and offers from over 80 member reward partners, offering great savings on everything from kit and clothing to holidays and travel. For families the discounts for some of the sailing holidays makes a great saving. Many club members have taken advantage of these offers.

There are a number of types of membership available to suit each individual. If you decide to join, please do use the club's specific joining point number as the club receives a small amount of commission for each new membership. If you decide to join either online or whilst visiting the RYA Watersports and Dinghy Show, do remember to use the club code then.

Thank you.



Next time you visit the club please take time to look at the information about RYA Membership, it is clearly displayed on the window sill by the Race Officer's desk.

CMYC Joining Point Code: 008100275

Online by visiting [www.rya.org.uk/membership](http://www.rya.org.uk/membership), or telephone: 023 80 60 4159.

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