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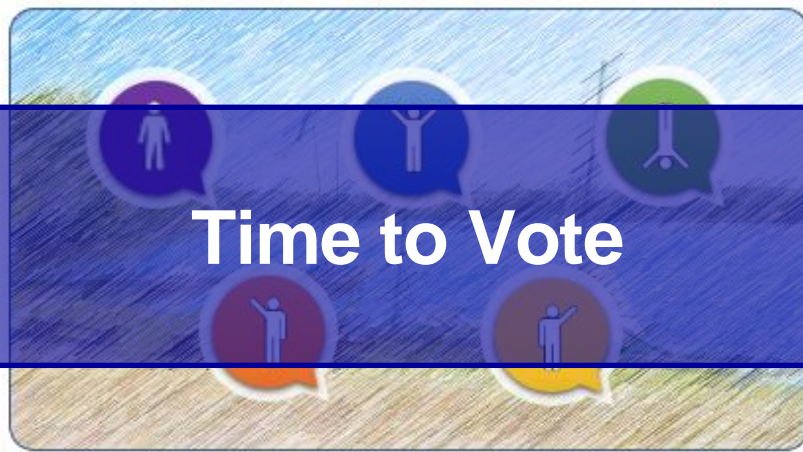
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Election Time is here again and this month we invite you to vote on our first membership poll that is included via a link in the July newsletter email.

The poll is not about voting in your next committee member but a vote on what you think is important as we plan an award-winning strategy for 2025. We will try to cover a different topic each month and if you have an 'all members' question you would like us to vote on please let the Editor know.

Some of you may have seen the keel boats we have on loan from Sail for All. This is not only for some early research towards next year's Community strategy, as they have proved to be a lot of fun to sail (see the Carnival Proceedings article elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter).

These are not the only boats we are hoping to get on loan so look out for an opportunity to try a Stand-Up Paddle board, a Wind-Surfer, and a contender to the Topper dinghy. While this opportunity is still being finalised, there are plenty of opportunities to get on the water with the 'Have a Go' events carefully designed to be family friendly, our famous Saturday Clubs, our Social Sails and Cruises. If you want to stay dry there are several social events planned including this coming Sunday morning and two SailGP events to witness the end of this exciting series (see the news items about these events included in this edition).

The Level and Stage 1&2 training sessions conclude in July, and thanks go to all the Instructors and support volunteers for helping our members make the most of what we have to offer. The close of this training is of course not the end, but the beginning of enjoying your sport, safely. The host and variety of what we have to offer is outstanding so please make the most of it and let us know what else we can do (there is a blue suggestions box just inside the clubhouse).

Richard  
Commodore





## Fun for all at our Early Summer Social held on 08<sup>th</sup> June

We dived right in at the Club's Carnival starting with a swim and more followed, one after another, like a procession of activities and smiling faces.

Boats and carnival floats were decorated, some on land and some on the water. Some were dressed in yellow and blue bunting (Club colours) and others such as 'Teal' displaying International Signal flags and a definite 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner. One boat had an environmental theme; using soup and baked bean labels from tin cans as reused, and later recycled, bunting. It was inspired by the Tin Man from the Wizard of Oz who joined the procession to help Dorothy navigate her way home.

A colourful stand-up paddle board won a prize not just for colour but ability to play a game while paddling, all very good and definitely adding a fun factor.

There was one unfortunate mishap when a committee member was eaten by a shark, but that's something you had to be there to see.

The loan Hansa boats were also described as a lot of fun, with joystick steering, furling sails and a fixed sitting position. "Bumper cars for boats" - but without the *bumping!* These are on show again on 14<sup>th</sup> July (10am) if you would like to see them.

The visiting burger stall was a hit and very tasty, but the ice cream van may have stolen the day with a queue forming as soon as it arrived. Thanks to Celina for organising the catering.

Fun was at the heart of this relaxed day of seeing the lake at its best with all the various craft being propelled across the water. A sight worth seeing, and an excellent day, attended by 70 members across the whole day.

A 61<sup>st</sup> birthday party to be proud of. We'll do something similar for our 62<sup>nd</sup> too so don't miss out and join us next year for our 'early summer social' as there is no reason not to make a day of it.







# SailGP at Hedgecourt Lake

**Come and watch the thrills and spills of SailGP at the Lake**

**Spoiler Alert:**

GBR are making a comeback.

**Warning:**

It can be edge of your seat entertainment.

You don't have to be a race enthusiast or know the rules. It is easy to watch with digital overlays clearly identifying the boats, their speed, and the course.

We share all this using the projector and the 'big screen' together with a cuppa from the galley. No rigging just a bit of fun and you won't get wet either.

The plan is to watch each event as soon as possible after it is broadcast. The next will follow the Sunday Social on...

## **Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> July**

SailGP is in New York City with the Mubadala New York Sail Grand Prix

SailGP starts at 2pm in the Clubhouse

*(The lake is free to use in the morning so bring a lunch and stay for SailGP)*

We also plan to host the last event in this Series 4 of SailGP...

- Final event, not to be missed: The champions of Season 4 will be crowned when SailGP returns to the iconic city of San Francisco for the winner-takes-all Grand Final. We will watch this on **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July**, be at the Clubhouse for 2pm for a 2:30 start.

SailGP are racing for a better future and believe sport has the power to change the world.





## Sunday Socials

### First Sunday every Month from 10:30

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

Some of these events will have themes...

Sunday 07 <sup>th</sup> July	10:30	<b>Club insights and more</b> <i>Followed by SailGP (details elsewhere)</i>
Sunday 04 <sup>th</sup> Aug	10:30	<b>Come 4 coffee stay 2 Sail</b> <i>Coupled with Social Sail and Have a Go!</i>
Sunday* 08 <sup>th</sup> Sept	10:30	<b>Come 4 coffee stay 2 Sail</b> <i>Coupled with Social Sail and Have a Go!</i>
Sunday* 20 <sup>th</sup> Oct	10:30	<b>Spectate in good company</b> <i>Coupled with Autumn Leaf</i>
Sunday 03 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	10:30	<b>Club insights and more</b> <i>Coupled with Autumn Leaf</i>
Sunday 01 <sup>st</sup> Dec	10:30	<b>Pre-Christmas Laughter</b> <i>Coupled with Autumn Leaf</i>

*\*Not the first Sunday this month*

...and they all include the friendly CMYC atmosphere that we are so well known for.

You are always welcome to come to any event, if only to say hello and watch the activities.

Join us and let us know what you'd recommend.

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



# Raft Building – 18<sup>th</sup> August



Start time 09.30am and Finish by 5.00pm

Looking for an adventure that combines creativity, teamwork, and a splash of excitement? Dive into our raft building activity, where you and your team will construct your own floating masterpiece using an array of materials and your collective ingenuity.

You'll learn the basics of raft design and construction, then put your skills to the test as you assemble a raft capable of conquering the waters. It's not just about building a raft; it's about building memories, strengthening bonds, and unleashing your inner engineer in a fun and dynamic environment.

Once your raft is ready, the real fun begins as you launch it into the water and compete in a thrilling race against other teams.



## BBQ available

We will be firing up the BBQ at lunchtime -bring along your own food if you would like to join in.

Please contact [Martyn](#) if you would like to help, but do please have some fun yourself!

Book your spot on WebCollect - <https://webcollect.org.uk/cmhc/event/raft-building>



# Crawley Mariners Comet Open Meeting

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Our annual competition for club members and visiting helms is going to be taking place on Saturday, 14th September.

The event will follow the same format that we have operated in recent seasons, with four short races, two in the morning and two in the afternoon, and with three races to count. There will be a briefing at around 10:30hrs with the first race starting at 11:00hrs



Sailing Instructions will be posted on our website <https://www.cmyc.co.uk/> and in the Clubhouse on the day.

For information about how to find us please go to <https://www.cmyc.co.uk/contact-crawley-mariners-yacht-club.htm>



The entry fee for the event will be:  
Members £5  
Visitors £10 or £16 including lunch.  
Lunch £8 (advanced booking required).

Refreshments:  
This year we are able to offer a hot lunch for those who would like it. This will be Jacket Potato with Bolognaise (inc vegetarian option) and pudding for £8. All proceeds from the catering will be donated to the Ellen Macarthur Cancer Trust  
[Believe in a brighter future](https://www.ellenmacarthurcancertrust.org/)  
[\(ellenmacarthurcancertrust.org\)](https://www.ellenmacarthurcancertrust.org/)

Tea/Coffee etc., biscuits are included in the entry fee.

**Bookings for lunch must be received by Monday, 9th September.** Please advise of any specific dietary requirements to Ian – details below.

Payment for fees/lunch can be made in advance by bank transfer or paid in cash on the day. We look forward to seeing you in September, meanwhile enjoy your Comet sailing!

[Ian Burroughs](#) on behalf of CMYC Sailing Sub-Committee





# Junior Helm Week -19th to 23rd August

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Our week of fun sailing for juniors is on the horizon. Booking will be open from 24<sup>th</sup> June until 21<sup>st</sup> July, full details of how-to book are on the WebCollect Junior Helm Week page (log in then go to <https://webcollect.org.uk/cmyc/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



# Training - Adults & Juniors

## Upcoming Training & Development Opportunities

- Junior Saturday Club – 13<sup>th</sup> July – Booking open on WebCollect
- Adult Saturday Club – 20<sup>th</sup> July – Booking open on WebCollect
- Have A Go Racing – 14<sup>th</sup> July – Booking open on WebCollect
- RYA Safety Boat Course – 28<sup>th</sup> July & 3<sup>rd</sup> August – contact [power.boat@hotmail.com](mailto:power.boat@hotmail.com)
- Junior Helm Week – 19-23 August – See separate article in this Newsletter. Booking open on WebCollect – if your preferred session is full please add your name to the waiting list – a separate event in WebCollect, unlike Saturday Clubs.
- West Sussex Regatta – 21-22 September at Shoreham SC (see below)

## 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.

# West Sussex Regatta 2024

**21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2024**  
**Hosted by Shoreham Sailing Club**

Entry fees: £20 (single-handers) and £40 (double-handers)

Just to let you know the date for this year's WSSYSA Regatta, which will be a tidal venue at Shoreham SC. We had a great time at last years event and they are once again giving small awards to each sailor taking part in this event.

**More details to follow next month so do remember to look out for them.**

## Junior Saturday Club – July

For July only, please contact Jeff with any booking changes.

## Junior Saturday Club – June

Thanks to all the instructors and helpers, who made this windy day a success.



# Training - Adults & Juniors

## Junior Saturday Club - 'FUN RACE' report by Diana



This 25-minute race starts promptly at 13.00 to enable any sailor from the AM or PM sessions to join and have a go. If you can tack, gybe and sail a triangle you should have no difficulty in taking part. We also have a support boat and an instructor on the water giving help and advice to anyone that needs it.

As it was the May half term many families were on holiday so there were less sailors taking part in both morning and afternoons secessions. Due to this we only had three sailors for the Fun Race, two Toppers and one Oppie. It was pretty windy and we enjoyed watching them have a great time planning on the run on each lap (Yes Oppies do plane!). Thank you to Geoff for laying the course, along with Stuart and Maxine who covered the sound signals and lap records, this was a great help.

The results: Szymon 1st in a Topper, Teddie 2nd in an Oppie, closely followed by Hugh in a Topper. There were no capsizes and it was a very exciting race to watch – well done.

The race is open to all Junior Saturday Club attendees and here are a few tips to help those new to the fun race.

### **TIME TABLE FOR 'FUN RACE:**

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

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

Hopefully it is now Summer, so remember you will need suntan lotion and a hat. If wearing a cap you will need some string to tie it on to your buoyancy aid.





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

## Adult Saturday Club - Report by Jeff

We were limited by the number of instructors available this month, weather was good. Andy took two new members out in a Quest, Caroline supported Sarah-Jo in a Gull and Dan took two of our Level 2 participants in a 2000. Celina and Clementine also took a Quest, it was good to see them stopping for the Beginners Race.

Thanks to Andrew for stepping in as RO for the Beginners race and training the AROs so that they were able to run the Once per Month race.

Thanks to Dan who stood in for me as SI and to Andy and Caroline for instructing and to Alan who volunteered to be powerboat helm as no duty had been assigned.

## RYA Levels 1&2 and Stages 1&2 - Report by Jeff



Seven of our young members and five adults signed up for the Stages 1&2 and Levels 1&2 course. The first day saw very little sailing due to the very



# Training - Adults & Juniors

strong winds. The youngsters went out, with reefed small sails, for a short while in the afternoon when conditions seemed to have eased, but the lull didn't last. Cathryn and Ian, who were instructing the adults, took a 2000 out later to test the conditions, again it started off OK, and then the wind blew up again, so the adults stayed ashore.

The second day was still windy but sailable with reefs and smaller sails, a downpour just before lunch caused a lull for a while but the wind got up again for the afternoon.

The third day was probably as close as we get on Hedgecourt to ideal for training, the sun was shining and the wind was manageable without needing to reef.

It looks like the fourth day will have very light winds, completing a full range of wind conditions.

The students are all progressing and hopefully by the time you read this they will have achieved their goals.

Thanks to all our instructors and to Alan C for acting as PBH for the adults and providing the photos.



# NEW! CMYC Model Yacht Group



There was a good turn-out last Wednesday for the inaugural meeting of the new CMYC Model Yacht Group. We had an assortment of six model yachts for members to try. A Hurricane, a DF-95, a DF-65, an RG-65, my vintage Marblehead, a Footy and by way of a complete contrast a fluorescent lime green electric racing catamaran. Even the Egyptian Geese retired from the Clubhouse corner of the lake on seeing this last offering! The evening was an opportunity for members to share ideas about the new group and model yachts in general. We discussed preferred classes to adopt, Model Yachting Association (MYA) affiliation and preferred times to go sailing. For those of you who could not attend the forum is still very much open. Here is my discussion document. I would love to hear from all members who are interested in model yachts.



*I need to know who is interested, whether you have a model yacht and if so what type. If you do not, might you add one to your Birthday or Christmas list?*



*Assuming that there is sufficient interest my recommendation would be to adopt a preferred class to allow for racing on equal terms. This does not preclude fun sailing with a mixed fleet . My recommendation would be to go for the Dragon Force 65, the smaller of the DF one design yachts. It is the least expensive and comes semi-assembled with or without radio gear as you choose. It has an active Class association, is sailed at numerous clubs locally, nationally and globally. There are a number of optional rig options, but I would suggest we stick to the standard A rig as supplied at least initially.*





# NEW! CMYC Model Yacht Group

*I would aim establish a club fun racing series once we have 4 or 5 boats. I would like suggestions as to preferred days, mornings, evenings that might fit in around the Clubs existing programme and your busy lives. We don't need a lot of space or resources. The lake is a perfect venue and we could have a lot of inexpensive fun. A WhatsApp Group would be a good forum to share ideas amongst ourselves hence my request for names and phone numbers.*

Send me an email with your responses to the below queries and I will record you as a founding member of the new CMYC Model Yacht Group.

*Name:*

*Email:*

*Mobile Number:*

*Own RC Model Yacht?                      Yes / No    Type*

*Other Model Boat?    Electric, Free sailing.*

*Preferred Class for Club to adopt if not DF65*

*Ideas for race series.*

*Preferred days:    Mon Tues Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun*

*Times:                      Mornings Afternoons Evenings*

*Are you willing to become an MYA member ?(not compulsory) £ 10 adults, Juniors free.*

*Any other ideas or comments.*

Send me an email with your responses to the above queries and I will record you as a founder member of the new CMYC Model Yacht Group.

Fair Winds

[Donal](#)



# Have A Go Racing 2

A successful afternoon of racing despite the difficult conditions. We had six boats (two Comets, a Miracle, a Versa, a Pico and a Topper) on the water for the second Have A Go Racing session.

The wind varied between light and imperceptible and the direction was variable, however everyone persevered and completed the three races. The first start was cautious but by the third start everyone was near the line for the start.

There was some close racing, at times one or two boats would get away but usually they would get caught.

Two key points that were learnt today: 1. Don't be too far from the start line in the five-minute countdown. 2. Never give up, there is always a chance that things will change in your favour.

Well done everyone and thank you for making this a success.

Our next Have A Go Racing session is on 14<sup>th</sup> July, with the first race starting at 14:30, try to be at the club for 13:00 so that there is ample time for the briefing and answering any questions.

Jeff



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# CMYC Programme



		July			
Mon	1	Instructed Kayak Session	Hedgecourt	18:30	Register via WebCollect
Wed	3	Hedgecourt Cup 3	Hedgecourt	19:15	1 x 45 min. race
Thu	4	Thursday Informal Sailing	Hedgecourt	10:30	Support boat not guaranteed
Sat	6	Regatta	Hedgecourt	10:00	
Sun	7	Sunday Social - Club insights and more	CMYC Clubhouse	10:30	
Sun	7	Itchenor Cruise (mid tide HW 13:31)	Chichester Harbour		
Mon	8	Instructed Kayak Session	Hedgecourt	18:30	Register via WebCollect
Wed	10	Hedgecourt Cup 4	Hedgecourt	19:15	1 x 45 min. race
Thu	11	Thursday Informal Sailing	Hedgecourt	10:30	Support boat not guaranteed
Fri	12	Women on Water	Hedgecourt	18:00	Social evening sailing for women
Sat	13	Junior Saturday Club	Hedgecourt		Register by preceding Wednesday
Sun	14	Social Sailing 3	Hedgecourt	14:00	Support boat cover
Sun	14	Have a Go Racing 3	Hedgecourt	14:30	3 or 2 races of 20 or 30 mins
Mon	15	Instructed Kayak Session	Hedgecourt	18:30	Register via WebCollect
Wed	17	Hedgecourt Cup 5	Hedgecourt	19:15	1 x 45 min. race
Thu	18	Thursday Informal Sailing	Hedgecourt	10:30	Support boat not guaranteed
Sat	20	Solent Cruise (mid tide HW 11:46) Support boat	Solent		
Sat	20	Adult Saturday Club	Hedgecourt	09:30	Register by preceding Wednesday
Sat	20	Beginners Race Series 5	Hedgecourt	13:30	30 min race
Sat	20	One per Month Series 5	Hedgecourt	15:00	1 x 60 min race
Sun	21	NSSA	Bassenthwaite		
Mon	22	Instructed Kayak Session	Hedgecourt	18:30	Register via WebCollect
Mon	22	NSSA	Bassenthwaite		
Tue	23	NSSA	Bassenthwaite		
Wed	24	NSSA	Bassenthwaite		
Wed	24	Hedgecourt Cup 6	Hedgecourt	19:15	1 x 45 min. race
Thu	25	Thursday Informal Sailing	Hedgecourt	10:30	Support boat not guaranteed
Thu	25	NSSA	Bassenthwaite		
Fri	26	NSSA	Bassenthwaite		
Sun	28	RYA Safety Boat	Hedgecourt		
Mon	29	Instructed Kayak Session	Hedgecourt	18:30	Register via WebCollect
Wed	31	Hedgecourt Cup 7	Hedgecourt	19:15	1 x 45 min. race
Wed	31	Wealden Water Voles	Hedgecourt	09:00	Hosting children from London
		August			
Thu	1	Thursday Informal Sailing	Hedgecourt	10:30	Support boat not guaranteed
Fri	2	Wealden Water Voles	Hedgecourt	09:00	Hosting children from London

