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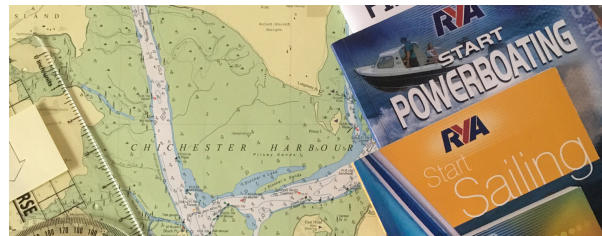
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Awards Evening (Presentation of 2024 Awards)

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 (£12.50)

- 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 closing on the 2nd March

(you can still attend if you don't book, but won't have the buffet).



2024 Award Winners

Jeff Smith

All Dinghies & Comet Fleet
1st Warm Up
1st Spring Sundays
1st Endeavour Trophy
1st Bart's Bash
1st Autumn Leaf
Handicap Fleet
1st D/H Hedgecourt Cup
CMYC Champion All Dinghies
CMYC Champion Comet
Comet Travellers

Sarah-Jo Davis

All Dinghies
1st Beginners Series

Brian Dart

All Dinghies & Silver Comet Fleet
1st Once per Month Series
1st One Day Series
1st Autumn Saturdays

Dave Monk

All Dinghies
2nd Once per Month Series
2nd Bart's Bash
All Dinghies & Comet Fleet
1st Hedgecourt Cup
2nd Spring Sundays
2nd Endeavour Trophy

Mike Thompson

All Dinghies & Comet Fleet
2nd Warm Up

Maciej Giersz

All Dinghies
2nd Beginners Series
Bronze Comet Fleet
1st & 1st Novice Warm Up
Alan Chignell Trophy

Duncan Newell

All Dinghies
2nd Hedgecourt Cup
2nd One Day Series
1st D/H Once per Month Series
Comet Class Award

Bob Dodds

All Dinghies & Comet Fleet
2nd Autumn Leaf

Alan Carlile

Handicap Fleet
1st & 1st S/H Warm Up
2nd Hedgecourt Cup

Liam Taylor

Handicap Fleet
1st & 1st S/H & 1st U16 & 1st Novice
Spring Sundays
1st & 1st S/H & 1st U16 & 1st Novice
Autumn Saturdays
1st & 1st S/H & 1st U16 Champion

Andrew Keynes

Handicap Fleet
1st & 1st S/H Once per Month Series

Neil Thornhill

Handicap Fleet
1st & 1st S/H Endeavour Trophy
1st & 1st S/H Hedgecourt Cup

Ian Burroughs

Handicap Fleet
1st & 1st S/H Bart's Bash
Silver Comet Fleet
1st Endeavour Trophy

Esther Armstrong

Handicap Fleet
1st & 1st S/H & 1st U16 & 1st Lady One
Day Series
Robin Ballam Award
Double Hander Achievement



2024 Award Winners

Philip Colcomb

Handicap Fleet
2nd & 1st Novice Once per Month Series
2nd & 1st Novice Bart's Bash

Kathy Lught

Handicap Fleet
1st D/H Warm Up - Crew

Henrietta Newell

Handicap Fleet
1st D/H Once per Month Series - Crew

Matt Kirk

Handicap Fleet
1st D/H Endeavour Trophy - Crew

Clementine Chilvers

Handicap Fleet
1st D/H Hedgecourt Cup - Crew

Sarah Fagg

Handicap Fleet
1st D/H Bart's Bash - Crew

Caroline Whittle

Handicap Fleet
1st D/H & 1st Lady Endeavour Trophy

Ian Michell

Handicap Fleet
1st D/H & 1st Novice Warm Up
1st Novice Hedgecourt Cup

Martyn Fagg

Bronze Comet Fleet
1st & 1st Novice Autumn Leaf
Handicap Fleet
1st D/H Bart's Bash
Comet Improvers

Vanessa Hutchison

Robin Ballam Award

Caitlin Brown

Topper Fun Racer

Oscar Daly

Topper Fun Racer

Jenna Barron

Junior Helm - Most Improved Oppie Sailor

William Castle

Junior Helm - Most Improved Topper Sailor

Sebastian Gatton

NSSA - Highest Placed CMYC Sailor

Zoe Lye

NSSA - Highest Placed CMYC Sailor - Rookies

Oliver Gatton

NSSA - WSS & YSA Trophy (ILCA Radial)

Charlotte Fagg

Double Hander Achievement

Paul Rawlings

Keith Lomax Award

Mike Smith

(Chief Instructor - Powerboat)
Significant Contribution Award

Amy Gibson

(Chief Instructor - Dinghy)
Significant Contribution Award

Dan Gibson

(Senior Instructor & Lead Race Coach)
Significant Contribution Award

Jeff Smith

(Training Principal)
Exceptional Contribution

Adrian & Caroline Fisher -

Lifetime Award



AMAZING RESULTS

The winter months may be bleak, but they are not stopping us, with the first of the race coaching sessions going well with special thanks to Jo and Jeff.

Similarly, the navigation refresher also proved useful in navigating memories of almost long-forgotten training courses, with very positive feedback. There is an opportunity to complete the RYA two-day essential navigation course in April. Just drop me a line if interested.

The Work Party Heroes achieved an incredible amount and thanks to all those involved, this really was amazing.

Astonishing is perhaps the best way to describe the support given to the Surrey Wildlife Trust with Matt and Jeff (pictured) clearing reeds almost faster than SWT were cutting them, and that included moving them by boat first. Again, thanks to all involved.

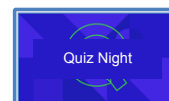


And the Winner is?



Responses to last month's Imagine Competition will remain secret until the golden envelopes are opened at the Awards Evening on 14th March from 7.30pm (booking closes 02 March so don't delay book today). It was interesting to note that most of the imaginative ideas related to the what the Club grounds could offer, including the image we present, rather than additional fancy and fun craft. Some reflected the needs of those less abled and this supports the Sailability review that we started last year. It is never too late to suggest things as I always like hearing your ideas, just pop them in the blue suggestions box in the Clubhouse.

The Big Question - Last month we also requested interest in having a Quiz Night and you answered the big question "Shall we?" with a resounding 'Yes', so we'll look at putting that on for you later in the year.



When wandering around the Dinghy and Water Sports show the other weekend, looking at all the new shiny boats and exciting opportunities to sail and get wet – sorry, I mean opportunities to sail and have fun, you couldn't help but bump into other mariners or others you know from the sport. Quite a social event and only expensive if you order a boat ... which is indeed what Harry and did and we're inviting you to try it (see elsewhere in this edition of the newsletter).

Also included in this edition is a one-page update on the strategy we are using to help the Club progress and open future doors to enable us, to offer you, our membership, more.

Advance Notice – The tree surgeons are booked for April (see separate news item).

Don't forget when you are renewing or updating your membership details you can add email addresses for other family members so that they get the newsletter too.

Richard
Commodore



CLUB STRATEGY UPDATE

To avoid personalising the direction the Club could take the Commodore recommended adopting the four strategic categories that the RYA promote for an Award-winning club:

- Together (Community)
- Crew Development (Young Persons)
- Green Blue (Environment)
- Active

Find out more at <https://www.rya.org.uk/about-us/rya-awards/>

Below is a taste of what we are doing for each of these:

Together (Community)

RYA recognise affiliates that champion equality and eliminate barriers to participation for individuals or communities historically underrepresented in boating activities.

NEW For 2025. CMYC are introducing Community Spaces to share the beautiful view across the lake from our Clubhouse grounds with others from the local community, such as residential care homes. This can help with mental health as well as being a social opportunity to care for others and promote this core aspiration.

NEW The Sailability review started in 2024 will provide a prioritised approach to improving our support and eliminating barriers to participation.

Green Blue

RYA recognise affiliates implementing sustainable practices or introduce environmental projects that minimise their environmental impact.

NEW The Management Committee took the Green Blue Pledge to shape future decisions and encourages everyone to support this ambition to protect our lake and SSSI. All 2023 & 2024 flotilla yacht crews are understood to have signed this pledge.

Crew Development (Young Persons)

RYA recognise affiliates who encourage participation, development of skills and volunteering for all their (young) people.

NEW CMYC have introduced the Grebe Club to support skills development in addition to any formal training. This initiative also strengthens our social dimension, improves membership engagement and re-introduces youth leadership.

Active

RYA recognise affiliates that develop strong participation opportunities which enable members to stay active throughout their life on the water.

The CMYC 2025 Programme is very 'active', integrating a wide range of events from sailing, racing, cruising, kayaking, swimming, flotilla sailing, model yachting and socials – quite an adventure, start yours today.

Limitations: These were accepted noting that the introduction of new initiatives should not impact on the delivery of formal training, must not require Instructors to volunteer additional time and must only 'teach' RYA approved sailing methods.



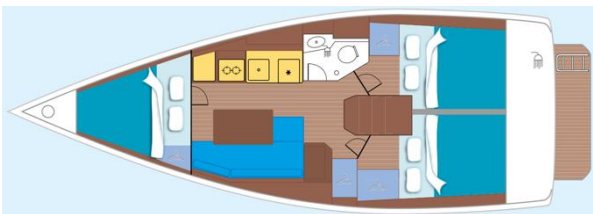
CLUB FLOTILLA – SPACE AVAILABLE

Fancy a sailing holiday in Greece?

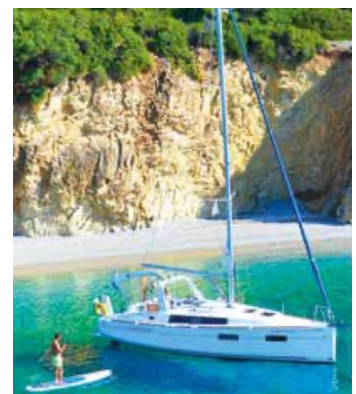


Harry and I have booked a Beneteau 35 for the CMYC Club Flotilla leaving Gatwick for Greece on 12 October 2025 for one week.

We would like to offer you... (& your partner, or you and your family) the chance to join us and experience yacht sailing. We are one of four Club boats on this year's flotilla with 12+ members already booked.



Beneteau 35
with
3 Cabins

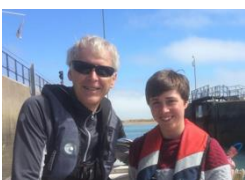


Pricing: We are currently paying £1450 each that includes flights, transfers, security waiver (damage protection), fuel and a contribution to mooring fees. If you join us this price will reduce as we share the yacht charter fee. If we get enough interest, we might upgrade the yacht to 50' (if available) with four en-suite cabins for no more than above.

Full details can be found [here](#). We are on the [South Ionian highlights](#) flotilla.

The small print: We are looking for crew that would like to help, even if in a small way, to make it a holiday for everyone. Yacht experience is not required but is always useful. Crew should have an App ready smart phone with data to track additional expenses as we intend to eat out every night. We are looking for non-smokers. It may help you to know that we are yacht savvy, have related qualifications and experience, and together can manage the boat.

Commitment: We wish to meet prospective crew members over a cup of coffee at the Clubhouse on 22 March at 10 for 10:30 where you might also meet some of the other flotilla participants. This is a once only opportunity to meet before we finalise our plans.



We would love to help you experience and enjoy what the Club has to offer, so contact us without delay.

Richard & Harry
Commodore & Club Publicity and Powerboat Instructor



GONE MISSING

Certain items from the Club grounds have been taken and are missing, but on this occasion, we know who took them ... (Alan C.) ... and we won't be asking for them back.

Our thanks go to Alan, not only for his support of the Hedgecourt Hero events (*I missed him out the list last month, sorry Alan*), but for clearing all the rubbish.

Can we kindly ask that you

- do not leave unwanted items in the grounds
- do not add to our unwanted pile of tyres. We really do not want them and they cost us about £6 per tyre (and we've over 100 in the grounds)
- do not tie items to the trees (this is a Club Byelaw) and we are due some tree surgeons in April
- tidy your boat park spaces and take the unwanted items home.

Many thanks,
Richard & Alan.



LOST & FOUND

As the Hedgecourt Heroes were busy clearing around the Club boats to ready for our instructors to check them over on Instructors Day (01 March) we found a mast and a boom hiding in the undergrowth.

It is really quite difficult to hide such a large item, and we request that if you own a boat park space could you please ensure the grounds around them are maintained please.



Enquiries to Jeff please if you think this is yours.



THE GREBE CLUB



SAFE and SURE

Helping your Crew be Safe & Confident on the Water

23 March 2025

10am for a 10:30 start at the Clubhouse

Everyone Welcome = All water users and those that like a warm social drink

Following the successful launch last month, we are delighted to be hosting this interactive event.

There is no need to pre-book, but the fruit, the cake and the biscuits might be in short supply so don't be late.

We intend to cover:

- Emily's Code
- Advice from the RNLI & RYA
- Float to Live
- Our very own Training Principal's Top Ten Tips, plus
- Enjoy a few fun 'safe and sure' Grebe Club challenges



If you have your own buoyancy aid (or lifejacket) please bring it with you.

This event follows both the **Junior Saturday** (13 March) and **Adult Saturday** (22 March) sessions and is ideally linked with these and future on-the-water activities.

At the last session Grebe Club Member Badges were also presented to participants that included some of the adults, and we still have a few more to give away!

Still to come:

- 30 March – Junior Saturday's: Introduction for parents & children
- 06 April – Grebe Club "Together"
- 12 April – Junior Saturday sessions.

Previously at the Grebe Club:



"I enjoyed playing the games and had so much fun."

"Amazing fun for everyone! The games were great. A recommended social event."

"What a fun and useful initiative and brilliant games."



THE GREBE CLUB



Together

We are one-Club with one-Aim ... to have fun!

06 April 2025

10am for a 10:30 start at the Clubhouse

Everyone Welcome

This is the second themed event following the successful launch in February. This time we are exploring what is at the heart of our Club, its community.

We are advertising this now because there will be little time between reading in April's Newsletter and putting it in your diary.

06th APRIL

Act now and don't miss out on events that have been described as, *"It was great to see both children and adults having fun together and everyone joining in."*

Advanced Warning:

Although we are sports people, and encourage a healthy diet, the **Together** event will feature cake.

If you want to be sure of a slice of the action, please let Richard know.



Future events for the diary:

- 06 Apr: The Grebe Club - Together
- 04 May: Open Day and The Grebe Club - Green Blue
- 01 Jun: The Grebe Club - Fun
- 06 Jul: The Grebe Club - Crew Development
- 03 Aug: The Grebe Club - Active Adventure
- 13 Sep: The Grebe Club - Navigation with Bart's Bash
- 19 Oct: The Grebe Club - Oceanwide
- 02 Nov: The Grebe Club - Annual Round-up
- 07 Dec: The Grebe Club - Pre-Christmas Laughter.

"Looking forward to the next one."

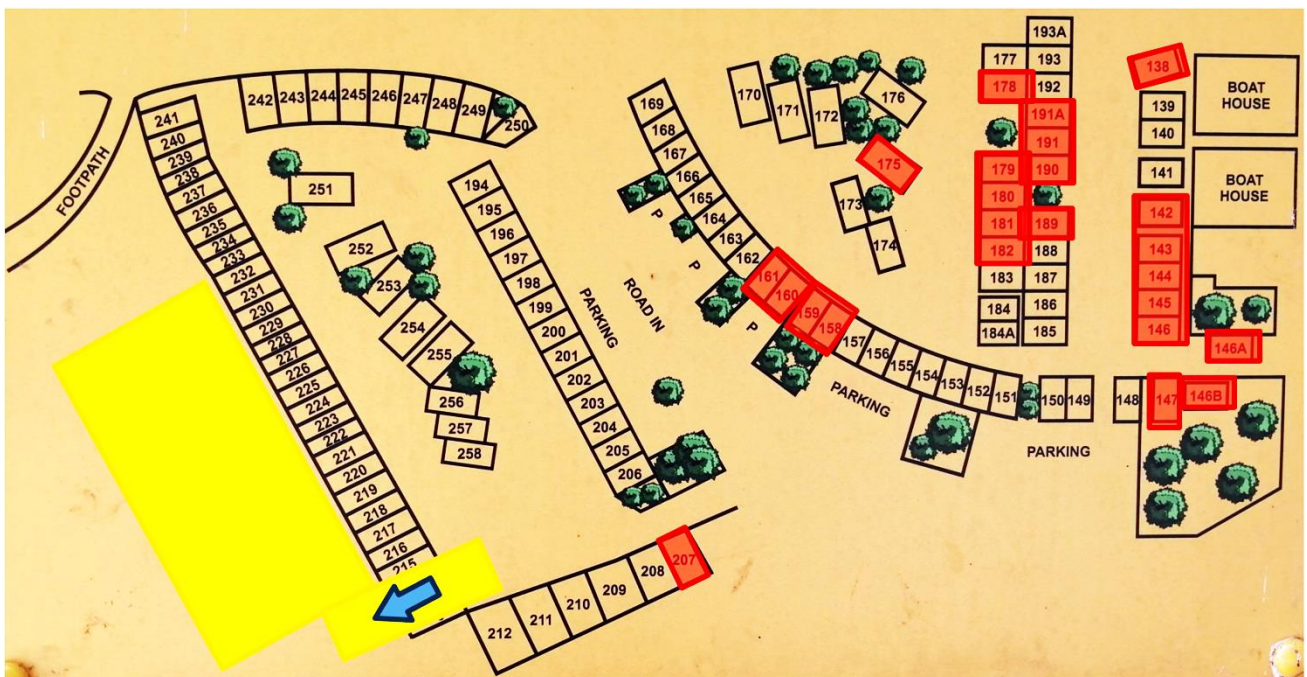
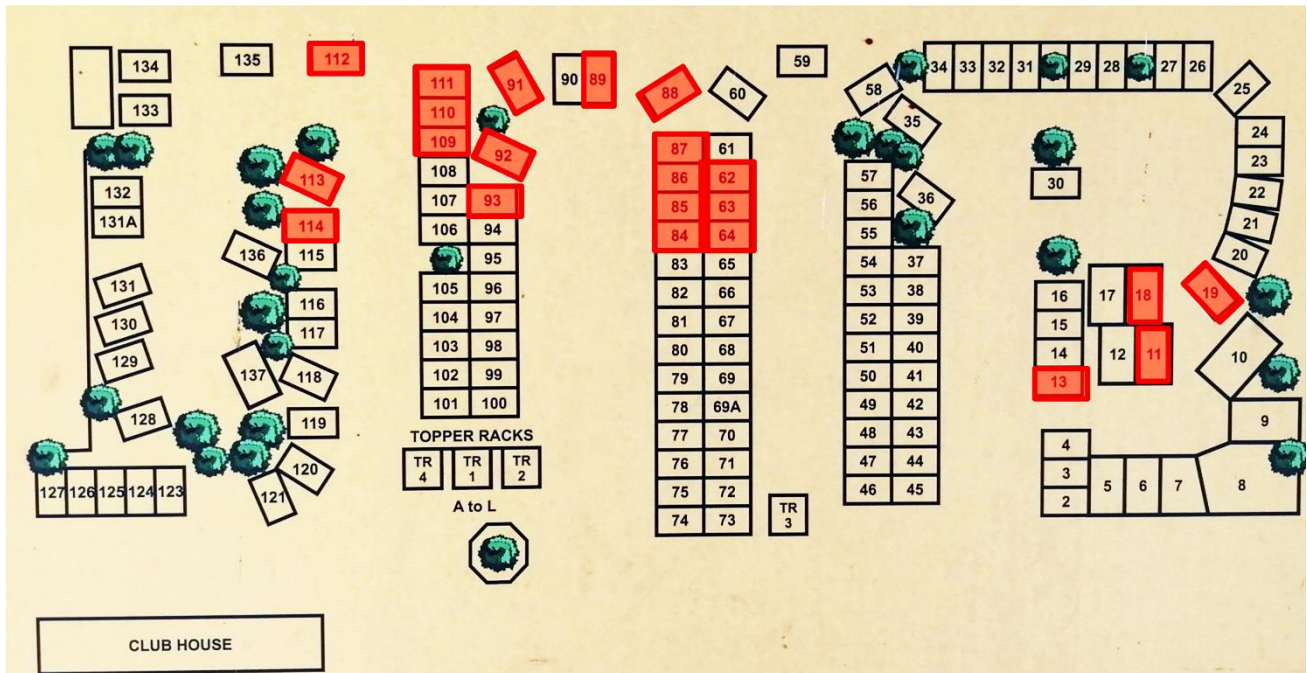


TREE CUTTING



Please be advised that tree work is being completed in the Boat Park on the following days
08, 15 & 22 April.

If your boat space is in the red areas marked below please unlock your boats and move them, ideally to the yellow area.



Thank you,
on behalf of the Committee.
PS Don't forget to put them back after 22nd April



Join in the 'Fun Race' at Junior Saturday Club

15th March 2025



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

We hold one of these races at each Junior Saturday Club and it is held between the morning and afternoon sessions, this enables those coming to Saturday Club to have some extra sailing and additional tuition. It is a relaxed way to learn about racing and find out just how easy and fun it can be.

Here are a few more details:

The Fun Race is only 25 minute long and if you can tack, gybe and sail a triangle you will have no difficulty in taking part. There will be a support boat and an instructor on the water giving help and advice to anyone that needs it. There will someone to help get your boat on and off the water and a tow if necessary to get you out to the start line.

For those new to the fun race.

1. **Find a boat** – if you are using a club boat ask an instructor to allocate one for you to use. If you have your own boat do ask if you need help rigging
2. **Sign on** – Outside the clubhouse there will be a form, please put your full name clearly on it together with the other information required (there will be someone there to help if you are not sure where and what to put).
3. **Briefing:** Before the race the person running the race will explain where the race will be and the marks to go around. They will also explain how you will know when the race is about to star (and stop).
4. Head out to the sailing area by the Maid of Kent.

Looking forward to seeing you there, and it would be lovely to see some new sailors having a go along with the regulars.

When you book on for Saturday Club It would be a great help if you could indicate you will be racing

(Many thanks – Diana)



Junior and Youth Sailors

Below are some dates to help you get back out there sailing:

2nd & 8th March: Two day RYA Sailing with Spinnakers course
Sunday 9th March: Final Topper Race Coaching before CMYC Open.
Sunday 16th March: 'Warm-up' Series – one day, three race event

TOPPER OPEN Meeting at CMYC:

Saturday 29th March – one day event with 4 races

JUNIOR SATURDAY CLUBS 2025

15th March 1st Junior Saturday club and 'Fun Race'
12th April - 2nd Junior Saturday Club & Fun Race
10th May - 3rd Junior Saturday Club & Fun Race

CLUB Sunday Spring/Summer Racing Series:

Races open to all ages (prizes for youth & junior sailors)

23rd March (Race 1 & 2) – 30th March (Race 3 & 4)
6th April (Race 5 & 6) – 13th April (Race 7 & 8)
11th May (Race 9 & 10) – 25th May (11 & 12) series finish

Diana



Junior Saturday Club Induction for parents and children

We are holding a Junior Saturday Club induction session on Sunday 30th March starting at 14:00.

The aim of this session is to give parents and children some time away from the pressures of a Saturday Club so that they can see where equipment is stored, how to rig a Topper and Oppie and possibly run through some land drills. We can also run through how to set the galley up, we always need parents to help in the galley as Oppie sailors need their mid-session break and everyone likes a cup of tea.

It is great to have parents helping and getting involved, but often at Junior Saturday Club it is difficult to take the time to go through all that they can help with. It will also give us a chance to take time rigging and derigging rather than being in a rush to get on the water. This will hopefully help with getting on the water quicker at future events.

There will also be an opportunity for parents to ask questions.



Racing Returns to Hedgecourt

The Hedgecourt racing season gets underway with a bang in March!



Sunday 16th

Dust your boat off for: Warm Up Day

- 1 x 40 min race @ 11:00
- 2 x 40 min races @ 13:00

Can't make the morning? Just come for the afternoon - complete 2 of the races to count.

Saturday 22nd

Adult Saturday club, followed by Beginners Race

- 1 x 30 mins @ 13:30

One Per Month

- 1 x 60 mins @ 16:00

Sunday 23rd + 30th

Spring Sunday's

1+2 3+4

- 2 x 45 min races @ 10:30



Ready, Steady and Time to Go!

Well done to those sailors who have certainly 'hit the water running'! The first Topper Race Coaching day was lost due to the weather, but the second was very well attended with eight sailors taking part. The weather was ideal, no rain, and a good breeze. I gather from Jeff you all did really well, look forward to seeing you on the water.

Our final Topper coaching day already has quite a few booked on, and the hope is that there will be at least two RS Fevas out there as well, practicing their spinnaker sailing after the 'Sailing with Spinnakers' course.

It is good to also see that one of our Topper sailors, who started racing seriously last year, has already booked onto an Open Meeting at another venue which is great. It takes lots of practice and patience to get good results, but I am sure he will.

Hopefully some of you managed to get to the Dinghy Show and enjoyed meeting some Olympic sailors and trying trapezing. Did you do the Treasurer Hunt? Did you buy some new gadget for your boat, or some new sailing gear for yourself?

Diana

**Why not bring a friend along to
Open Day on Sunday 4th May.**

It is a great opportunity for them to get a
chance to have
a ride in a boat on our very beautiful lake.



Training & Development

Upcoming Training & Development Opportunities

- Topper Coaching - 9th March - book on WebCollect. see separate flyer for details
- Double Handed Team Racing Coaching - 9th March - book on WebCollect, see separate flyer for details
- Junior Saturday Club - 15th March - book on WebCollect. Also see below.
- Adult Saturday Club - 22nd March - book on WebCollect.
- Junior Saturday Club Induction - Sunday 30th March - see separate article.

Feedback

Please give feedback on any CMYC training, click [here](#) to complete the form, there is a link to form on the club Website in Members Area – Policies and Documents.

Junior Saturday Club

Do make sure children are changed ready to sail at new start times 9:00 and 13:30. Sessions start with a general briefing, this is for the benefit of parents and children, please don't think you can have an extra five minutes in bed and miss it, it is part of our push to improve communication and punctuality. Being punctual will give more time on the water, please respect others by being on time.

Race Coaching 16th Feb - report by Jeff

We were unable to run a Feva session as we only had two youths sign-up although they had done their best to persuade others to join in. They joined the Topper group giving us seven, which was a really good number.

The morning session was focussed on race starts with some theory before heading out onto the water in near zero temperatures. Fortunately the wind was a steady F3 from the East. The first exercise was sailing in a box creating conditions typical of pre-start. This gets them used to close quarters sailing and the associated rules. Sailing out of the box or having a collision were penalised by penalty turns. We then moved on to actual starts. Closeness to the line at the start improved significantly over the session. Eagerness resulted in what would have been a general recall. By this time hands and feet were getting cold and we headed in, follow my leader style, for lunch and warmth.



Training & Development

The afternoon started with more theory, this time on leeward mark roundings. Three of our youngsters opted not to venture onto the water in the afternoon.

Thanks to Jo for her help and enthusiasm, Jo is an SI and Race Coach, who has joined us following the unfortunate closure of WWSC. Thanks also to Will for helping on powerboat.

