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# What is it all about?



## Helping Our Members, Enjoy their Sport, Safely by Making the Most of What We have on Offer

I wrote this as an aim, a commitment, and a guide to making decisions on how to maintain and grow our Club in 2024 when I took the role as your Commodore and accordingly included it in the January newsletter.

Perhaps it is self-evident but having been asked to explain it I thought I'd take the opportunity to say a little more about it.

### Helping Our Members

You only have to watch our members on the shoreline helping others launch or catching those returning to the jetties or offering to make a cuppa, sweep the floor or wash up and put away, everyone is friendly and helpful which is how we got this enviable reputation.

### Enjoy their Sport, Safely

The wide variety of events we run is not obvious until you read the programme. Our Achilles heel may be depth of water but there are no limits to what we can achieve. As an RYA Recognised Training Centre, we can offer training to get you on the water with competency and safety in mind.

### By Making the Most of What We have on Offer

As a largely new team we were conscious of budget limitations when thinking of planning ahead. Hence the premise of making the most of what we have on offer first, rather than hiking the fees.

This is just the start. Make the most of what we have to offer. Help us grow by supporting Open Day, sail at our events, join the procession and enjoy your sport, safely.

Richard  
Commodore



Join the procession at the Crawley Mariner Carnival on 08<sup>th</sup> June



# Open Day – 5<sup>th</sup> May

## Come and support your Club's Open Day

You can help put fun in Open Day...

It may be surprising to suggest that supporting Open Day is 'Fun', but it is!

Naturally we've booked ideal weather (*just as we have for the Carnival event on 08<sup>th</sup> June*). This is just to make it all that much nicer while talking to visitors, explaining the many benefits and events the Club has to offer.

But did I say 'fun'? Although you might not see it at first, by the time you've joined in, you will feel that it was time well spent. Some of our visitors have never been sailing or in a dinghy before and just helping them experience this opportunity is rewarding.

On a more serious note, attracting new members is of course 'fun'damentally important to us all. As a Club run by its members, we can't forget that we own the lake and all our facilities and to maintain affordability we need to continue to maintain our membership numbers at current levels.

Rather than take anything for granted I encourage you to contact [openday24@cmyc.co.uk](mailto:openday24@cmyc.co.uk) and let Andy know when you'll come along – we will start the preparations from 08:30, with visitors due between 10am and 4pm.

...and please continue to advertise this event using the poster included in this newsletter at your local shop, gym, etc., and tell your friends as they might also want to become members just to join the procession...







**Good news!**  
Try sailing for free



**CRAWLEY MARINERS  
YACHT CLUB**

**OPEN DAY**

Sunday 5th May 2024

10am - 4pm

- Not to be missed
- Bring friends & family
- More than a sailing club!



**Where we sail**  
Hedgecourt Lake,  
RH19 2QG



**The friendliest?**  
We'd like to think so





## Homemade Cakes



### On OPEN DAY we will be selling home-made cakes

The proceeds from this will go towards Team Tops for our young sailors entering this year's NSSA Regatta at Bassenthwaite SC in Cumbria. Remember to bring some cash along so that you can treat yourself to one or two cakes.



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# Carnival – Join the Procession



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

Every great carnival has a procession of floats, and we've lots of boats, boards and kayaks that float. Come and dress your float, or even yourself, in something colourful and join our carnival procession.

This event is a relaxed summer social with a support boat available during the morning and afternoon sessions and we dive right in, starting with a swim from 8am.

Prizes will be available for the best dressed float (*even for those that stay on the shore*) with judges awarding points for:

- environmental consideration
- colour and
- fun elements.

A burger van will be serving lunch including a vegetarian option from 1pm. Their Wagyu burger and own sauce is served with applewood cheese, baby gem, in a brioche bun for £12. Everything is locally sourced and sustainable (Trenchmore Farm, Horsham).

### Outline Programme

- swim from 8am until 9am
- paddle boarding & kayaking all day
- sail from 9:30
- decorate your float and enter it in the competition – judging starts 11am
- burger van lunch from 1pm
- on-the-water procession starts at 2pm and competition judging continues
- support boat from:
  - 10am to 12:30, and
  - 13:30 to 15:30
- Mr Whippy ice creams available (pm)
- prize giving at 4pm.

## Swimmers, Sailors, Paddlers, Gongoozlers – All Welcome

Come and celebrate our 61<sup>st</sup> birthday and join in our carnival procession. With prizes to be given away and lunch available, there is no reason not to make a day of it.



If you fancy helping us support the RNL I “All Hands On Deck” initiative celebrating 200 years of saving lives please bring a few coins with you too.



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JOIN US FOR A  
**61<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
**CARNIVAL**

**PARTY**

**8**  
**JUNE**

Burger Van  
Ice-Cream  
Boat Procession  
Fun for All

**FROM**  
**8:00**  
**AM**

**FREE ENTRY**





# Preparing your Dinghy...

Based on an article from All At Sea April 2024 (<https://www.allatsea.co.uk>)



It is time to get your sailing dinghy ready for the new season, and what better time to start than at our “**Get on the water challenge**” on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

Everything will need a good check to identify any problems, particularly if the boat has not been sailed over the winter months. Allow yourself plenty of time to do this ahead of your first launch so you are not in a rush.

Start with the hull. Give it a good wash down to clean off any muck that has built up using marine / environmentally friendly cleaner if needed.

Wash out buoyancy tanks and mast steps to check they have not been harbouring any unwanted moisture – or creatures!

Check fixtures and fittings, everything from cleats to rudder pintels; check they are secure and functional. Run blocks through with fresh water. Replace any sheets or halyards that show signs of wear that might fail while out on the water. Do not forget toe-strap adjustments and everything that uses elastics.

If the rig has been left up over winter, to drop it so you can have a thorough check of stays, cleats and blocks. Sluice fresh water down the mast /boom sail tracks and any fittings to wash away grit and ensure everything runs smoothly.

Hopefully your sails have been stored out of reach from small animals who like to nibble and nest in them! Spread your sails out somewhere grit free and looking for rips or chaff that need repair. Hoisting them is also a good idea, if nothing else, to refamiliarise yourself with the set-up.

Check trolley wheels and assess the trolley frame itself for any rust patches that may cause issues. Don't forget to thoroughly check your road trailer, and lighting board as this needs to be legal and road worthy.

Last but not least, has your cover withstood the winter and ready to protect your prized possession from the sun's UV rays that we're due any day now?



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# GET ON THE WATER CHALLENGE

**MAY 19TH**

IS:

YOUR BOAT SPACE FULL OF BRAMBLES & WEEDS?

YOUR BOAT COVER GREEN & SLIMY?

YOUR RIGGING & SAILS ALL OVER THE PLACE?

SOUND FAMILIAR?

WE HAVE THE ANSWER!

COME ALONG ON 19TH MAY & GET A HELPING  
HAND TO DIG YOUR BOAT OUT, RIG IT, AND GET  
OUT ON THE LAKE!





# SailGP at Hedgecourt Lake



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

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 Spring Sunday Races on...

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May

SailGP starts at 2pm in the Clubhouse

*(Spring Sunday races start at 10:30 on the lake so why not do both?)*

We also plan to host the last three events in this Series 4 of SailGP:

1. SailGP makes its long-awaited Canada debut as adrenaline-fuelled racing heads to Halifax for event 11. We'll watch this on **Sunday 09<sup>th</sup> June**, be at the Clubhouse for 2pm and the races will start 2:30.
2. Event 12 is in New York City with the Mubadala New York Sail Grand Prix. We will watch this on **Sunday 07<sup>th</sup> July**, after the Sunday Social (starts 10:30) so bring some lunch and stay for SailGP in the Clubhouse from 2pm.
3. 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.



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# Cruising Events in May

So far April has been a bit of a wash out - Cold, wet and perhaps not conducive to sea sailing in small open boats. I think the weather is finally beginning to improve and we are ready for the cruising season. We have two cruises planned for May and I hope to attend both. I will keep my Victoria 16 at Cobnor this year so I would simply sail over to meet those of you planning to launch from Itchenor.

Does sailing in Chichester Harbour sound attractive? Here are a couple of photos to remind you. Let me know early in the week of the cruise if you are planning to sail, whether bringing your own boat or perhaps hoping to crew for someone else. I can then attempt to match up helm and crew depending on the numbers.

Feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sat 11<sup>th</sup> May; Chichester Cruise High Water 14.42 Height 4.6 Range 3.7 Sp.

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May; Chichester Cruise High Water 08.40 Height 3.7 Range 2.0 Np.

*Novice Cruisers and Slower Boats especially Welcome.*

Donal - Cruise Co-ordinator CMYC

<https://www.cmyc.co.uk/contact-crawley-mariners-yacht-club.htm>

Contact via the website – Dinghy Cruising







# Have A Go Racing & Social Sailing Afternoon



## New For 2024! First: 2<sup>nd</sup> June

These are not part of a formal race series. The sessions are intended to provide 'relaxed and friendly' racing so that everyone should feel comfortable and enjoy joining in.

We would encourage parents to have a go if their children are participating. There will be a race coach/instructor to provide support on the water and to answer your questions before and after the session. There will be a briefing, covering the basic rules, just enough to ensure you know who has right of way, and giving some guidance on the course. If more experienced sailors wish to join in then they should help promote the 'relaxed and friendly' ethos, they will be encouraged to be helpful and even offer to crew. Don't worry if you haven't got a crew, we will try and pair you up on the day.

The format is flexible, but will aim to include three races of about 20 minutes (a couple of laps per race) or two races of 30 minutes. The first race will start at 14:30 and it is intended that you should be off the water by 16:00. Club boats will be available for those who have achieved Level 2 or Stage 2 or an equivalent standard.

You should aim to sail a boat that you have learnt how to rig and sail, most likely at a Saturday Club. It is likely that we will ask you to book these sessions so that we are aware of which boats will be required and matching up helms and crews, more details nearer the time.

Dates are (TBC):

2 & 30 June, 14 July, 4 & 31 August, 8 September.

Finally, you are welcome to join in any race, if you are a bit nervous let the Race Officer know at the briefing.



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# Comet Fleets

## CMYC Comet Class – Gold, Silver & Bronze fleets for 2024

Comet Fleets		
Gold	Silver	Bronze
Bob Dodds	Amy Gibson	Andy Taylor
Izac Dodds	Dani Campbell	Richard Warnett
Jeff Smith	Mike Smith	Harry Warnett
Simon Thompson	Steve Gray	Christina Bourlaki
Dan Gibson	Brian Dart	Frazer Visser
Alan Todd	Caroline Whittle	Martyn Fagg
Dave Monk	Robert Wallace	Barry Evans
Mike Thompson	Sue Bellamy	Maciej Giersz
Angus Kirk	Ian Burroughs	
Michael O'Driscoll		
Duncan Newell		

If you've not seen it, or are possibly not even aware of it, here is the new listing for the Comet Fleets 2024 season.

28 sailors, and room for more!

Come along and join in with any of the racing. This gives all levels of ability a chance for an award.

Any queries please contact [Ian B](#)



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# Become a Race Officer

Sailing a boat around a set course, and sailing with other people, watching how they handle a tack or a gybe and learning the “highway code” of sailing, is the best way to improve skills. This all comes together in racing.

If you can share in co-ordinating the races, you’ll be helping the club to thrive.

Being a Race Officer may seem daunting, but it really needn’t be. CMYC is a friendly and informal club. The racing is generally good natured, and experienced racers will always help a new race officer – after all, they couldn’t sail at all if you were not there! The biggest worries for many new race officers include setting the course and getting the flags right at the start. The racers will always help you set a course as you gain experience. The principles are simple and reasonably easy to grasp, but help is always at hand. And when it comes to the flags, it boils down to two ropes which you pull up in order when the countdown starts and let down in order as the countdown comes to an end. When a flag goes up or down, you also blow a whistle. If you can count down in minutes from 5, using a timer that has been set up for our racing, you’ll be fine. After that you note the times as boats cross the line, have a chat with the rest of the duty crew, and pull up a flag and blow a whistle at the end.

If you feel you could help, please talk to anyone on the committee, or come to the training event on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

And a big thank you from all racers.

Bob D





# Training – Adults & Juniors

## Upcoming Training

- Junior Saturday Club – 11<sup>th</sup> May – Booking open on WebCollect
- Adult Saturday Club – 25<sup>h</sup> May – Booking open on WebCollect
- RYA Levels 1 & 2 – 15, 16, 23 & 29 June – see separate article
- RYA Stages 1 & 2 – 15, 16, 23 & 29 June – 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 (please contact Alison with any booking changes)

A beautiful day for sailing, warm, sunny and windy, per haps a little too windy for some of our Topper Beginners. Good to see so many boats on the water and taking part in the Fun Race.



Thanks to Stuart for his work on the Fevas, ensuring that they were all in good order for the afternoon session.

Thanks to instructors: Alison, Anna, Annabel, Cathryn, Dan, Esther, Geoff, Maria, Matt, Rebecca, Thomas & Vanessa, and to: Martyn and Ginnie on powerboat.

## Adult Saturday Club

It was a cold grey morning. Amy had kindly agreed to takeover SI responsibilities as I was going to view a potential replacement for one of our Wanderers. Two 2000s, a Quest, a Gull, a Lark, a Laser and a Comet went



# Training – Adults & Juniors

out as part of Saturday Club. It was good to see others, who had been regular Saturday Club attendees last year, also going out. Amy was putting Oli through his paces in preparation for his Dinghy Instructor Pre-assessment.

I arrived back at the club mid-afternoon, after a fruitless trip, to find several participants still there, having stayed on for the Beginners Race, which had seven boats entered. It sounded like they had a good time and are gaining confidence.

Thanks to instructors: Amy, Andy, Caroline and Ian for volunteering, and to Duncan and Henrietta for providing support boat cover for the morning.



# RYA Young Sailors Stages 1 & 2 Course

**Course Fee: £110** - for those using their own Topper

**Course Fee: £135** - for those using a club Topper  
(includes £25 admin fee)

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

**Day 1 – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June; 9:00 – 17:00**

**Day 2 – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June; 9:00 – 17:00**

**Day 3 – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June; 9:00 – 17:00**

**Day 4 – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June; 9:00 – 17:00**

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

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

Booking opens via Web Collect on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024

(This may all seem a bit early but Open Day is on 7<sup>th</sup> May this year, so to avoid disappointment book before then.)

Payment is required by the 7<sup>th</sup> June and should be made by bank transfer if possible.

**Any queries? Contact Jeff** (via the contacts page on the website) - **Bookings close on the 1<sup>st</sup> June**

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





# RYA Dinghy Sailing Course For Adults



**Course Fee per person using a club boat: £175**  
(includes £25 admin fee)

**Course Fee per person using own boat: £150**  
(If you wish to use your own boat, it must be a suitable double handed dinghy large enough for 3 adults)

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

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

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

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

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

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# Race Report – Topper Traveller Open 18 Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024



With storm Kathleen having blasted the UK for much of the previous days, it was no surprise to find a horizontal windsock at Hedgecourt as the sailors started to arrive for our annual Topper Open.

Forecast winds were 20mph with gusts upwards of that, however being a Southern wind, the temperature was very pleasant, and with no rain, it promised to be a challenging, but enjoyable days racing.

The racing got off on schedule, with both of the planned morning races having clean starts and some close racing among the different sections of the fleet. The more experienced sailors showed great skill in mastering the conditions and showing what a great boat the Topper is.

The younger and less experienced sailors also handled the conditions well, and showed great sailing skills and competitive spirit.

Lunch provided a well-earned break after some hard sailing, and a delicious dish prepared by the onshore support team.



# Race Report – Topper Traveller Open 19 Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024



Afternoon conditions remained challenging, but after a rest and refueling, the sailors again showed their skill in handling their boats, and lap times were up a little on the morning races.

With gusts adding significantly to the wind speed, there were inevitably some capsizes, but the perseverance and enthusiasm of the sailors to get upright, and carry on racing showed great character.

Thank you to our powerboat crews for watching over the racers and ensuring that on the water support and assistance was available if it was required.



Thank you to the AROs who were with me on the Maid of Kent, and especially to Diana for co-ordinating the day, and to all the volunteers onshore for their support and provision of food and refreshments to all the sailors and support crew.





# Race Report – Topper Traveller Open 20

## Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Final positions, and awards

Name	Club	RIG	Position
Harry Dence	Island Barn Reservoir SC	5.3	1
Sam Clancy	Desborough SC	5.3	2
Ian Ma	Papercourt SC	5.3	3
Fraser Ferguson	Shoreham SC	5.3	4
Sam Dence	Island Barn Reservoir SC	5.3	5
Evan Hellyer	Aqua Sports	5.3	6
Erica Bishop	Minima YC	6.4	7
Dexter Corkin	Island Barn Reservoir SC	5.3	8
Susan Lewis	Papercourt SC	5.3	9
Seb Gatton	Crawley Mariners YC	4.2	10
Torben Brown	Chipstead SC	5.3	11
Tom Brown	Papercourt SC	4.2	12
Will Castle	Crawley Mariners YC	4.2	13
Hugo Arthur-Crow	Crawley Mariners YC	4.2	14
Harry Rahilly	Desborough S/C & Queen Mary S/C	4.2	15
Ollie Larkin	Crawley Mariners YC	4.2	16
Szymon Giersz	Crawley Mariners YC	4.2	17
Alf Brosnan	Adur SC	5.3	18
Francesca Smith	CMYC/ IBRSC	5.3	19
Emily Courtney	CMYC/ IBRSC	4.2	dnf
William Larkin	Crawley Mariners YC	4.2	dnf
Lucia Smith	CMYC/ IBRSC	4.2	dnf

### Top Positions - 5.3

1st Harry Dence -Island Barn Reservoir SC  
 2nd Sam Clancy -Desborough SC  
 3rd Ian Ma - Papercourt SC  
 4th Fraser Ferguson - Shoreham SC

### Top Positions - 4.2

Seb Gatton - Crawley Mariners YC  
 Tom Brown - Papercourt SC  
 Will Castle - Crawley Mariners YC  
 Hugo Arthur - Crawley Mariners YC

### First (Home Sailor)

Seb Gatton

### Recognition of achievement

Hugo Arthur-Crow and Szymon Giersz

(Thank you to Rooster for their support and assistance with the prizes)



# Topper Open – A note from ITCA

We had a great turn out for our annual Topper Open with 27 sailors registered. Seventeen visitors and an amazing 10 home boats. Below is a write-up from the ITCA Facebook page and it certainly tells the tale of an interesting days racing.

## Topper London and South East Area Region (Simon Corkin)

“..... With many sailing events around the country cancelled for high winds, the Crawley Mariners Open stepped up. Shielded by trees, which were a blessing on a day where gusts were in excess of 30 plus knots! It was great to witness a sold-out venue, and to see a wide spread of abilities all ready to take on **‘Storm Kathleen’**.”

With 2 Races pre and post lunch, it became apparent from the outset that this was going to be no easy, cruisy Open.

Throughout the day, the gusts that found their way through the trees would rip across the water, becoming more punishing as the day progressed - anticipating them would be key. Regardless of abilities, many sailors would be caught out.

The younger end of the fleet showed a huge amount of bravery for even venturing onto the water, and for the top end, some very close battles were had. This was as tricky and as testing as sailing gets!

A massive thank you to Crawley Mariners for what was a very nerve-racking and exciting day's racing for all the onlookers. This 2024 Crawley Mariners Open will be a day to remember for all in many different ways....”



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# Junior and Youth Sailors



Here are a few dates for you to make a note of if you want to take the opportunity to get out on the water more:

## **CMYC OPEN DAY:**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May – a day we welcome visitors to the club, so tell your friends to come along to show them what sailing is all about.

## **JUNIOR SATURDAY CLUB:**

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Training sessions plus lunchtime Fun Race

## **TOPPER OPEN Meeting at Weir Wood:**

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May (booking are now open for this event via ITCA)

## **JUNIOR SATURDAY CLUB:**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June – training sessions plus Fun Race

## **'Have a Go Racing Day 1':**

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 14.30 – 2 or 3 races (20 mins long)

**Club racing** still continues and the Wednesday evening racing goes all through the lighter evenings.

*Diana*



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# Junior Saturday Club – FUN RACING 2024

## Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May

Last month was yet another windy Fun Race, but it certainly did not deter some of our hardy young racers. We had twelve entries in April: 2 Oppies; 2 RS Fevas; 1 Laser Radial and seven Toppers (5.3 & 4.2). Most of those that started finished but a few had gear failure so were unable to – well done again to you all.

Hopefully it will not be quite so windy this month but at least the water is getting a little warmer but will still be cold until mid-June, so be prepared.

### TIME TABLE FOR LUNCH TIME SHORT 'FUN RACE': Race: briefing at 12.30

This race is open to all Junior Saturday Club attendees.

There will be instructors on the water to guide you throughout the race.

Here are a few tips to help those new to the 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 – plus which sail size - to the signing-on sheet in the clubhouse as soon as you arrive.
3. **Briefing 12.30pm** – changed and ready for the briefing in front of the clubhouse.
4. **Launch** - after the briefing head out to the sailing area by the Maid of Kent.  
**We will start the race at 13.00**, so sailors need to be near the MOK about five minutes before that to hear the count down to the start.

We aim to race for 20 minutes so all those in PM groups are ashore for their sessions. Please note: it can still be very cold in MAY so make sure you are suitably dressed, and the following suggestions may help you stay warm and cheerful.

**Feet:** a plastic bag over your socks will help to keep them dry and warm.

**Hands:** thin plastic gloves inside sailing gloves will help keep hands dryer.

**Heads:** any sort of hat is better than NONE, as you lose around 10% of your body heat through your head!

Looking forward to seeing lots of you again, and hopefully some new sailors will be joining us as well. (Diana)

A reminder to Topper sailors that the **Weir Wood Topper Open**  
 is on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May**, details of entry and costs are  
 on the ITCA L & SE site and open for booking.



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# Weir Wood Sailing Club



Over the last 15 months our neighbouring sailing club, Weir Wood, have been experiencing problems with their landlord. It would appear that the owners wish to redevelop the area used by the sailing club and legal proceedings have started to curtail the lease and thereby close down WWSC.

While we are fortunate that Crawley Mariners Yacht Club owns Hedgecourt Lake and are not subject to such complications, we wish WWSC continued success in delivering their sailing programme for many years to come.

The reality is that WWSC have started a fundraising campaign necessary to ensure that they have adequate funds to cover their legal costs as they have already had two legal actions brought against them.

We understand that the legal advice they have received is that they have a strong case and forfeiture of the lease is unlikely to be granted. Unfortunately, there is always an element of risk and a favourable decision on costs cannot be taken for granted.

If you wish to support WWSC they have set up a crowdfunding site for small to medium sized donations (up to £500). Further details can be read at:

<https://www.crowdjustice.com/case/save-weir-wood-sailing-club/>

It should be recognised that if WWSC forfeits their lease WWSC would likely cease to exist, and such funds could be lost. Similarly, if WWSC succeeds in defending its lease any refund cannot be guaranteed.

The main CMYC committee wanted to ensure you were made aware of the situation as we share members with WWSC and have previously been invited to race against them in inter-club events.

Richard  
Commodore



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# What's Coming Up Soon

**The Thursday Informal Sailing** 'officially' started on the 18<sup>th</sup> April. Come along, rig and sail in a relaxed atmosphere aiming to be on the water by about 10:30am.

**The Endeavour Trophy** is the first of the very popular Wednesday evening race series, that starts on 1<sup>st</sup> May – 1x45 minute race at 7:15pm.

**Race Officer (RO) Training** – There is a special training day on 18<sup>th</sup> May, 10am start, so you can take on the role with confidence. Book via WebCollect.

Stay on and help run the Rapid Races event in the afternoon of 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2pm start. This is a number of very short races, normally just one lap to give the RO & the racers plenty of practices for race starts.

## CMYC Programme - May

		May			
Wed	1	Endeavour Trophy 1	Hedgecourt	19:15	1 x 45 min. race
Thu	2	Thursday Informal Sailing	Hedgecourt	10:30	Support boat not guaranteed
Sat	4	Topper Coaching Day	Hedgecourt		
Sun	5	Open Day	Hedgecourt	09:00	Invite friends & support your Club
Mon	6	Instructed Kayak Session	Hedgecourt	18:30	Register via WebCollect
Wed	8	Endeavour Trophy 2	Hedgecourt	19:15	1 x 45 min. race
Thu	9	Thursday Informal Sailing	Hedgecourt	10:30	Support boat not guaranteed
Sat	11	Junior Saturday Club	Hedgecourt		Register by preceding Wednesday
Sat	11	Itchenor Cruise (spr tide HW 14:42)	Chichester Harbour		
Sun	12	Spring Sundays 9&10	Hedgecourt	10:30	2 x 45 min. races back to back
Mon	13	Instructed Kayak Session	Hedgecourt	18:30	Register via WebCollect
Wed	15	Endeavour Trophy 3	Hedgecourt	19:15	1 x 45 min. race
Thu	16	Thursday Informal Sailing	Hedgecourt	10:30	Support boat not guaranteed
Sat	18	Itchenor Cruise (neap tide HW 08:40) Support boat	Chichester Harbour		For novice cruisers
Sat	18	Race Officer Training	Hedgecourt	10:00	
Sat	18	Rapid Races	Hedgecourt	14:00	
Sun	19	Get on the water challenge	Hedgecourt		
Mon	20	Instructed Kayak Session	Hedgecourt	18:30	Register via WebCollect
Wed	22	Endeavour Trophy 4	Hedgecourt	19:15	1 x 45 min. race
Thu	23	Thursday Informal Sailing	Hedgecourt	10:30	Support boat not guaranteed
Fri	24	Women on Water	Hedgecourt	18:00	Social evening sailing for women
Sat	25	Adult Saturday Club	Hedgecourt	09:30	Register by preceding Wednesday
Sat	25	Beginners Race Series 3	Hedgecourt	13:30	30 min race
Sat	25	One per Month Series 3	Hedgecourt	15:00	1 x 60 min race
Sun	26	Spring Sundays 11&12	Hedgecourt	10:30	2 x 45 min. races back to back
Mon	27	Instructed Kayak Session	Hedgecourt	18:30	Register via WebCollect
Wed	29	Endeavour Trophy 5	Hedgecourt	19:15	1 x 45 min. race
Thu	30	Thursday Informal Sailing	Hedgecourt	10:30	Support boat not guaranteed



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