

Newsletter

April 2017

What glorious weather for the start of the season! It's lovely to see so many people out on the water making the most of their membership. Lots to read about this month, including training courses, social sailing and open events, plus the new Buddy System is about to go live. Enjoy!

7 day Water Use is here!

Great news - Bristol Water is allowing club members to use the water at any time within the permitted hours, for club organised activities, or when a club member provides adequate safety cover within the club rules. For the Summer period from now until 31st October, this gives us access 7 days a week, a opportunity!

**OPEN
7 DAYS
A WEEK**

fabulous

The separate Buddy System is being progressed and will be put into action as soon as possible.

Permitted Sailing Times

Summer (1 April to 31 October) – 7 days per week

Winter (1 November to 31 March) - Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday & Thursday

Sailing times shall be 10:00 to 1 hour before sunset or 19:30 whichever is earlier.

To take advantage of 7 day sailing, some of the windsurfers have put together an email list so they can circulate an email to see if anyone wants to go sailing (that's until they can think of a better way). They are usually looking for a minimum Force 4. Would anyone else like to join this list? Not necessarily windsurfers! If so please email Keith Shepherd at windsurfing@bcyc.org.uk. If you're on Facebook, then the Cheddar Sailing @ BCYC Facebook group is useful for this type of arrangement too, for example there are often sailors making up a group on Wednesday afternoons.

Pink Sheets - As part of seven day a week sailing Bristol Water has requested accurate numbers of people using the water, when and in/on what craft. From now on, everyone going on the water **must** sign the pink sheet which will be located by the race signing on board. This goes for safety crew, the OOD, crews and helms, everyone. Please, please make sure you do this - it is important that we show Bristol Water that we are making the most of the water, have an accurate record of numbers on the water, and maintain the 7 day access.

Social Sailing (formerly known as Improvers!)

Spring has arrived so it's Social Sailing on the Second Saturday of the month. Dust off those sails, you're your kit, and join us for a fun day on the water in company. There will be a BCYC instructor on hand if you're feeling a little rusty, or would like some tips or feel more at home with a powerboat alongside. All levels, ages and boat types welcome, and if you don't have a sailing partner we'll aim to pair you up with someone on the day.



These sessions will run though out the summer so if you can only sail one weekend a month make it the Second Saturday! The plan is to meet in the clubhouse at 10:00, then rig and change. Join us for coffee, beer or a glass of Prosecco at the end of the day and to get to know your fellow sailors.

Want to book a club boat? Contact boats@bcyc.org.uk Not sure if it's for you, or have a question? Contact Chris, cdbaker@aol.com

Wednesday Night Sailing Underway



What better way to break up the working week than to get out on the water on a Wednesday?

Come along and join in with the racing (top tip - start a little behind the main fleet and follow them round if you're new to racing), sail socially with your friends, pootle about or simply enjoy the view and a drink from the bar or club terrace (OK, I know 'terrace' is poetic licence!)

Supper will be served and the bar's open after racing, another great way to get to know people.

Club Open Day - Push the Boat Out Sun 21st May - Book Tasters Online now!

We will be once again hosting a Club Open Day as part of the RYA Push the Boat Out campaign. We want to show prospective new members what you already know - that Cheddar Reservoir is a great place for watersports! **Please put up the attached poster in your workplace, town or school.** We'd like to have as many members as possible to



be at the club on the day, either taking people for a sail, chatting to visitors, racing, windsurfing or doing whatever it is you enjoy most at the club. Please tell your friends, family and work colleagues that we will be offering **taster sails for just £5**, which need to be booked via the link on the homepage of our website www.bristolcorinthian.org.uk. The bar and galley will be open all day. **Please email communications@bcyc.org.uk if you can take a turn and help on the day, even if it's just for an hour** - there are lots of roles to be filled including helping taster boats, helping get people kitted up with buoyancy aids, greeting visitors, talking about the club's activities, showing people around, serving refreshments etc.

Try Windsurfing!

If you've ever thought about trying windsurfing or would like a refresher, we have just the thing for you - 3 hour taster sessions on Saturday afternoons, 24/6, 8/7, 22/7, 12/8, 19/8.

Contact windsurfing@bcyc.org.uk to book.

- ✓ Qualified RYA Instructors
- ✓ Latest windsurf equipment
- ✓ Safety equipment and wetsuits provided
- ✓ Open to members (£35) and non-members (£45)



New Members Welcome BBQ - Saturday 29th April 17:30 onwards



It's the first Saturday of our five day adult sailing course - please come down and say hello to our new members. If you've recently joined or are thinking of joining the club, you are especially welcome. Old timers, it's a 3 line whip for you!

No need to book, but arrive early to be sure of your supper!

Training Update

The recent training information evening was a huge success, but don't worry if you missed it, details of our training programme, including the all-important info on how to book your training places can be found in the Training Update attached with this newsletter.



Book your training online now!

Our new easy-to-use booking process for training courses is now up and running. Craft hire booking system to follow soon. Check out the new pages on the BCYC website. http://www.bristolcorinthian.org.uk/page/page.php?editorial_id=23

A vibrant graphic for a summer party. It features a smiling sun with eyes, palm trees, and the word "SUMMER" written in a cursive font. The word "PARTY" is written in large, bold, orange letters. In the foreground, there are silhouettes of people dancing and celebrating. The background is a warm, orange and yellow gradient.

Saturday 1st July

Live Band, Food and Cocktails!

**On the water events on Saturday
and Sunday**

All welcome - ticket info to follow

Save £50 when you recommend us to a friend!

Help us grow the club membership by introducing BCYC to a friend. If they join the club as a full or family member, we will give you a £50 credit towards your membership fee for next year.

If each member can recruit one person to join the friendliest club in the SW we can double our membership; great for sustainability, sailing and socials, plus less Corinthian days to do!

The small print: Only one £50 discount per membership per year. The new member must not have been a member of BCYC during the preceding 3 years. The new member must include your name as the 'introducing member' on their membership application form.

Dates for the diary

22nd, 23rd April - Enterprise Severnside Area Championship

13th May Wessex Laser Grand Prix, Solo, OK & Byte Open

Come along and help, shore side or on the water - these big events are great fun!

Race Results - See the results page of www.bcy.org.uk, or to receive racing results by email contact rhys.lankester@tiscali.co.uk

Boats for Sale
3 ex-training Enterprises for sale, priced between £100 and £150. A great project at a bargain price! Contact boats@bcyc.org.uk

Windsurf/SUP storage available
We have new racking spaces in the Merlin shed (under the club house with the lasers and RIBs). Please contact storage@bcyc.org.uk if you'd like a space for your board.

Gallery: www.2ndhanddinghies.com RS200 SW Ugly Tour and SW Youth Sailing Academy at BCYC - showcasing our club



<http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/195002/RS200s-at-Bristol-Corinthian>



Lots more images on Facebook - see Cheddar Sailing @ BCYC, RS200 SW Ugly Tour and South West Youth Sailing Academy

Happy Sailing - hope to see you soon!

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