



BCYC Newsletter February 2017

This month we're pleased to report that the new General Committee has been successfully formed, the reservoir is practically overflowing, our training programme for 2017 is open for bookings and we have a full sailing, racing and social programme lined up for the coming season.

Triple Presentation at AGM



Cadet Sailing World Champion, Jamie Harris was welcomed home with a special presentation at the AGM. His father Ian commented "We are all touched by the warmth and support shown for Jamie's success. It has shown what a great family BCYC is, and it is an honour to represent the club and all its members on our travels."

Commodore Will Rhodes presented a £4000 grant to the club's T15 junior windsurfing section, who won the National Championship this year. The grant will enable T15 to buy the latest new boards and sails in a bid to retain the National title, whilst the older kit will be put to good use helping more people to take up windsurfing in 2017.

An Honorary Life Membership of the club was presented to ex-commodore, Bob Jones, in recognition of the years of dedication he has given the club.

Introducing your New Committee

We're delighted to have continuity of our Flag Officers as well as the full quota of volunteers to sit on General Committee. This group meets monthly and is the 'beating heart' of the club, ensuring that everything from onshore to on the water operates smoothly. So you know who they are, here's the Flag Officers and General Committee line-up and an indication of their specific areas of interest and expertise:

Commodore - Will Rhodes

Vice Commodore (boating) - Charles Richardson

Rear Commodore (house) - Ian Uglow

General Committee Members - Chris Appleton (property), Chris Baker (IT), Sally Campbell (comms), Izzy Savage (social, training), Keith Shepherd (windsurfing), Mark Tinker (finance) Karen Turner (OnBoard, Training) Paul Williams (property, social)

Honorary Treasurer - Richard Lockyer

Honorary Secretary - Alice Allen

Auditor - Julian Sawyer

Bristol Water Liaison - Rhys Lankester

Trustee attending GC – Peter Knight

If you don't know them all, look out for photos on display in the clubhouse soon. Thanks to all of them for stepping up to the mark. Next issue we'll highlight some of the other people carrying out vital volunteer roles for the club. If you have a particular area of expertise and want to help, please email secretary@bcyc.org.uk – we'd love you to join us!

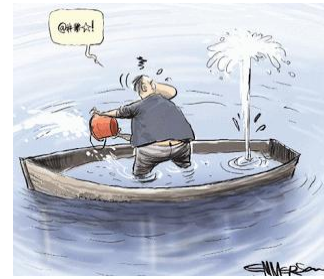
Dates for the diary

Weds 22nd Feb - Boat Repair - Evening Talk and Social

Pete Vincent will show you a range of tips and tricks to get hulls, foils and other hardware in good shape for the coming season. Come and learn from a pro!

Bar opens at 6:45pm

Demo from 7.30 - 8.30, followed by supper and socialising



Fri 24th March - Junior Information Evening

Your chance to find out more about our 2017 training programme, including Taster Sessions, Fun Fridays, weekend and school holiday RYA courses, Family Training, 1-1 Training and Race Training. Meet the coaches and organisers, get to know other young members, work out what is the best solution for your family, find out how you can help and **book onto the courses**. There will also be a 'bring and buy' 2nd hand kit sale.

Plus...

17th Feb - Basic Racing Rules at Clevedon SC see www.clevedon-sailing-club.co.uk

11th March - RS200 Class Association Training with Pete Vincent, book via Class website

18th March - RS200 2ndhanddinghies.com SW Ugly Tour, the season opener at BCYC

1st, 2nd April - RS300 Open Meeting

13th May Wessex Laser Grand Prix at BCYC, one of 10 events around the West Country, including See attached poster for full details

Book your training now!

Training Principal, Johnny Allen, has worked tirelessly to produce an enhanced training programme to meet the needs of our members of all ages and experience levels, plus help introduce newcomers to watersports. **Bookings are open now**, via the links in the training attachment, and on the training page of the club website www.bcy.org.uk

Paid Corinthian Days!

It sounds like a contradiction in terms doesn't it? But recognising that some members aren't always available for their Corinthian Days (formerly known as duties), there are other members who are willing to do them for you for a modest payment. Win-win for the two members involved, and more importantly for all those who turn up at the club to go on the water and who want food from the galley.

To see the current list of members who will take on your Corinthian Days, go to www.bristolcorinthian.org.uk, log in (email admin@bcyc.org.uk if you have problems logging in), click on 'members pages and duty rota' and select 'duties for payment'. You will see a two page document, explaining the process, with the names of those willing to help on the second page.

This system is a great way to get to know people at the club, have fun and earn a bit of money. If you or a family member are over 16 and would like to be added to the list please read the document and email rotasec@bcyc.org.uk with your name, phone number, email address and which duties you can cover. You need to be a member of BCYC, so that you are covered by our insurance.

Would you like to be a windsurfing instructor?

To meet the demand for windsurfing tuition, we need some more instructors, so will be running a course on 8,9,15,16,17 April. Please contact training@bcyc.org.uk, even if you can't make these dates.



Spring First Aid Course



We will be running another first aid course in the Spring. The course is mandatory if you are an instructor and advisable if you are a level-2 powerboat helm. Certificates must be renewed every three years, so check the date on the current one in your logbook. See the poster attached with this newsletter for details.

Toy Box - can you help?

Families are very welcome in our clubhouse. There are microwaves that can be used to heat baby food and we have a basket of toys near the training area. It has to be said that some of the toys have seen better days and the toy storage area looks a bit of a mess. Is there a parent who would volunteer to sort, wash, and replace or dispose of toys as necessary please? If so please contact communications@bcyc.org.uk

Whose boat is this?

This Wayfarer is located in Row E with no identifying features or 2017 sticker contrary to club rule 26(4). Please can anyone with any information about the craft's owner email the storage secretary on secretary@bcyc.org.uk In due course it will be dealt with as 'abandoned' under BCYC Rule 26. This message is intended as a reasonable enquiry under Rule 26 sub-clause 7.



There are a number of members that have neither renewed nor resigned as at 25 January 2017 who have craft stored at the club and these boats will also be dealt with as abandoned in due course. Can we please ask these members to respond to Membership Secretary and renew asap to avoid boats being dealt with as abandoned, relocated and locked down in the Dinghy Park and storage space being given to other members. Thank you.

Paul Sheldon, Storage Secretary

BCYC's James Hatcher and Noelle Finch selected for British Sailing Team Podium Potential Pathway Squad



British Sailing is not resting on its laurels in the wake of Rio 2016, having recently announced its squad to kick-start the Tokyo 2020 campaign. Amongst the line-up are two faces from BCYC, James Hatcher and Noelle Finch, who will be competing in the Olympic ranker spring series.

For some years now BCYC has been continuously represented in National Junior Squad and Guy Owen is the current 5.8m national champion, a title that James held a few years ago. Guy's performance helped our Team 15 become the Champions Cup winners last year.

Congratulations to T15 head coach, Andrew Lucas, for consistently turning out such talent.

Dreaming of Summer?

In the deepest, darkest pit of winter, most of us dream of warmer climes and our summer holiday sailing adventures, but where to go?

Will it be a breezy blast to Brittany, windsurfing in the West Indies, paddling in Padstow, a beach club in Bodrum or an Osprey to Oban?

Whichever floats your vessel (note compliance with approved club terminology), this year please take along a good, waterproof camera, then come back and tell us all about it. Better still, let your budding little Spielbergs show off their best YouTube vlogging skills and do the work for you!

We've hatched an idea for one or more social evenings NEXT winter, where we'll have perhaps 4 presentations of 10 minutes each (maximum!!!) in whatever format you'd like. Tell us what you loved about your holiday, any mishaps, outline costs, where to book, you get the idea – in good old “*Wish You Were Here*” fashion. The aim is for a fun evening, dreaming of distant sunshine and maybe sparking ideas to book for summer 2018.



So if you are holidaying on the water and up for the challenge, please send a quick email to Duncan, via social@bcyc.org.uk , so we know roughly how many presentations to expect. If it sounds nice, we might even sneak along with you.....
Sunseeker to Sardinia anyone?

Happy Sailing - hope to see you soon!

Sally Campbell

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On behalf of BCYC Comms Team & Committee