



## BCYC Newsletter January 2016

### Congratulations Jamie!

#### In case you haven't heard, we have our very own **World Champion!**

We are proud and delighted that Jamie Harris and Antonia Wilkinson have been crowned Cadet World Champions in Argentina. In a nail biting finale, GBR's Harris/Wilkinson were tied in 1<sup>st</sup> place going into the final race, where a 3<sup>rd</sup> place gave them a 5 point lead to take the title. A well deserved triumph after years of dedication and commitment from Jamie, Ian, Jo and Bettine. Read all about it and see more photos online here <http://www.yachtsandyachting.com/news/193959> and on our facebook group Cheddar Sailing @ Bristol Corinthian Yacht Club. These pictures speak a thousand words! As Steve Bolland says, **"Have you ever seen such a proud Dad?"**



The Commodore will make a presentation to Jamie at the start of the AGM, Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 8pm. Come along and help us congratulate him personally!

## Save the date! **Junior Training Information Evening, Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March**



Your chance to find out all 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 2<sup>nd</sup> hand kit sale. If you bring a friend who later becomes a full sailing or family member, you will be given a **£50 credit towards your membership renewal** - they get to share our fabulous sport and you save £50!!

### Being Corinthian for a day

The new duty rota for 1<sup>st</sup> January to 26<sup>th</sup> March is available to view online at [www.bcy.org.uk](http://www.bcy.org.uk). You can find it in the password-protected members log in area. Please do take a look and check when you are scheduled for your club day.



RotaSec will send a reminder of when you are scheduled for a duty, with the date and details of the role. The instructions for galley or race duties are on the club web site [www.bcy.org.uk](http://www.bcy.org.uk) under "Procedures".

Here's some **hints and tips** to make the most of your day being a 'Club Corinthian'

- If you are the OOD, please take time to call the others scheduled with you to introduce yourself and check they are able to attend on that day.
- Look on it as a **fun day**, where you will meet new friends and other club members.
- The OOD will receive an email explaining how and where to collect the club keys to open up the club.
- **Don't worry** – if you're not sure about anything, ask other club sailors for help. They are always willing to give advice, especially on what is the best course to set!
- When you arrive, introduce yourself to the others on duty, and help yourself to your FREE tea or coffee (and have as many as you want all day!)
- The OOD will share out the roles required on the day, depending on the race requirements, conditions and whether you have been safety boat trained.
- **Enjoy it!** It's the chance to learn about how to set and run a race, use the safety boats, watch the racing and feed the hungry sailors....

BCYC is a club entirely run by volunteers so helping on your **Corinthian Day** (a much nicer term than duty!) is vital for the smooth running of the club both on and off the water. We want you to enjoy doing your day as a **Club Corinthian**, so if you have any questions or feedback please email [secretary@bcyc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bcyc.org.uk).

### Invitation: **Learn the Basic Racing Rules - Clevedon SC, Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30**

If you're thinking about starting racing this year or want to brush up on the latest changes, come along to Clevedon SC for this talk by RYA Rules Expert, Jon Napier. Free entry (donations to their safety boat fund). For more info contact [mgibbons@toucansurf.com](mailto:mgibbons@toucansurf.com)

## Reminder, Club AGM - 8pm Fri 27<sup>th</sup> January

Please come along and meet the committee, hear the reports and have your say about the running of the club. All members should have had formal notice of the AGM, with the agenda, Flag Officer and General Committee nominations and accounts. Please contact [membership@bcyc.org.uk](mailto:membership@bcyc.org.uk) if you haven't received yours.

### Dates for the diary

**4<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Club Safety Boat Training - useful as a refresher if it's a long time since you've done the course, as a lot has changed in the last few years. Essential for all members who'd like to drive the RIBs on their Corinthian Days. Contact [pbtadmin@bcyc.org.uk](mailto:pbtadmin@bcyc.org.uk)

**11<sup>th</sup> March** - RS200 Class Association Training with Pete Vincent, book via Class website

**12<sup>th</sup> March** - RS200 Fleet Race Day

**11th, 12<sup>th</sup> March** - Adult Refreshers weekend, more details soon

**18<sup>th</sup> March** - RS200 2ndhanddinghies.com SW Ugly Tour

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - RS300 Open Meeting



### Doug Skertchly

Doug Skertchly passed away peacefully on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

The family joined BCYC in the 1960's, with a Mirror dinghy and later a Merlin Rocket. Doug and Brenda also had two Lasers which they regularly sailed at the Club. For many years all the family were enthusiastic sailors and helpful, supportive members. Doug was a keen bird watcher. While walking around the reservoir he would check the boat sheds were locked when he passed, phoning me if there was a problem.

Our thoughts are with Brenda, Alan and Martin at this sad time.

Peter Knight

### And finally . . .



New Youth Rep, Abi Campbell, has already made her mark by introducing 'posh hot chocolate' to the club DIY hot drinks station and galley menu. She tested her creations at the recent Feva Open Training weekend and they went down so well with the young sailors that they'll be here to stay.

The only thing is, now the Mums are asking for posh coffee!



More from Abi next time. In the meantime, find out about her on her facebook page '[This Girl Loves Sailing](#)'. Any juniors or youths who have suggestions or photos for the notice board, please email her via [communications@bcyc.org.uk](mailto:communications@bcyc.org.uk)

Hope to see you at the AGM,

Sally Campbell

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