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Newsletter March 2017

The daffodils are out on Axbridge bypass, so Spring is officially here! We've got plenty going on to help you make the most of your membership . . .

Look out for new signage that Bristol Water will be displaying around the reservoir soon, featuring our logo and endorsements, as shown to the left.

NEWS - Clubhouse Refurbishment

We are pleased to tell you that as part of our club development plan, the committee has agreed that the club will make funds available to undertake a staged refurbishment of the club house. Our priorities are to improve the heating in the changing rooms and to smarten up the bar area. Please see the document emailed to you with this newsletter for full details of what we plan to do and the help we will need from our membership, particularly from those with relevant skills and experience.

Evening Talk and Social, the 2017-2020 Rules **Weds 22nd Mar**

National Judge Steve Watson will talk about new rules and run a Q&A session. Find out what's changed, brush up on your knowledge before Wednesday racing starts, or come along and find how easy it is to understand the basics and join in with club racing - it's a great way to improve your sailing! Bar opens at 6:45pm, talk and Q&A from 7.00 - 8.30, followed by supper and socialising. Everyone's welcome.

Youth & Junior Information Evening, 6.30-8.00pm, **Fri 24th March**

Come to the club with your young people and 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, whilst your youngsters get to know other young members, work out what is the best solution for your family, find out how you can help and

book your places. You're welcome to bring along non-members as well with their families – many of our training courses are open to non-members, with the aim that they'll love the sport too and join up!

Kit Sale - If you have any outgrown kit, bring it along with an envelope attached to each item with your name and the asking price so we can run an informal 'bring and buy' 2nd hand kit sale.



20% off Rooster Sailing Kit for BCYC Members

Our Youth Rep, Abi Campbell, has been selected to be part of Team Rooster 2017. As part of her sponsorship she can place a one-off bulk order for BCYC club members. Rooster gear is designed by sailors for sailors, and is some of the best functioning and looking kit available. To take advantage of this offer please email communications@bcyc.org.uk Orders need to be in by 1st April and will also be taken at the Youth and Junior Info evening

Congratulations and Thank You Abi!



What SUP? !

Thanks to great work by Alice Allen, the club has secured a Satellite Club Grant for stand up paddle boards from SASP, Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership. The club is match funding this so we're hoping to purchase around eight boards in the near future. The SUPs will be available for taster sessions and **SUP safaris**, which we think will be an ideal way for members to introduce friends and family to water sports. They'll also be available for member hire - details once they're in the shed!



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 friend to the friendliest club in the SW we can double our membership - great for sustainability, sailing and social, plus we'll all have 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.

Can you help?

We are looking for someone to volunteer to help as our **SAILING EVENT CO-ORDINATOR**.

This role is shore-based, helping to manage the essential behind the scenes work for Open Meetings and other events we hold at the club for dinghies and windsurfers. You'd be liaising with the Sailing Secretary and Event Organiser, helping to ensure all aspects of the event run smoothly. If you are highly organised, and enjoy the buzz of exciting events, please email secretary@bcyc.org.uk for more details. Full training will be provided.

Keeping up with the Corinthians



Our RotaSec is doing an amazing job getting the Corinthian Day rotas organised and published on the BCYC website. But as we all know, many hands make light work. If you're a long-standing BCYC member your rota preferences may have changed, or you may be classed as exempt from being allocated onto the schedule. If you are an Honorary member or in the age category that is traditionally exempt from duty (young or old), you may still be happy to help out on Corinthian Days. If so, please email rotasec@bcyc.org.uk and say you want to be scheduled to help out, especially at Open Meetings when extra people on shore and in the clubhouse are always needed.

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



Open for Business . . .

We traditionally hold our 'Open Meetings' and class training events in the Spring, when the water is at its highest, but before our warmer weather training starts in earnest. At these events sailors of specific classes are invited to BCYC to race or train, often as part of their class series. They create a spectacle on the water and a good buzz around the club, so do come along if you can. **Helpers are always welcome on an arranged or adhoc basis**, contact vicecommodore@bcyc.org.uk or just turn up and volunteer!

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

18th March - **RS200 2ndhanddinghies.com SW Ugly Tour**, **6 Nations Rugby** will on in the club!

25th, 26th March - **South West Youth Sailing Academy** - 50 young SW Tera and Topper sailors!

1st, 2nd April - **RS300 Open Meeting**

22nd, 23rd April - **Enterprise Severnside Area Championship**

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

Honours Board

For some time the General Committee has been considering that an honours board showing the names of club champions would be an appropriate way to celebrate outstanding achievement and inspire us all towards sailing success. The recent victory in the Cadet Worlds by Jamie Harris and Antonia Wilkinson has prompted action and we have the pleasure of asking you all to help set the ball rolling as we try to recall past victories by club members.

The criteria for nominations are below. Steve Bolland (stevebolland@live.co.uk) has offered to collate the list of nominations and hold the copies of provenance. If you have any questions, please contact Steve. We hope you will relish this task, thank you for the time that I have no doubt you are about to spend on it, we very much look forward to receiving your nominations.

Please feel free to pass this message on to past members of BCYC and to contacts in the wider sailing world to help ensure we do not miss any notable achievements. Additionally, if you are aware of a sailing success but are not sure whether it will meet the criteria below, please nominate anyway as all reasonable nominations will be considered by the Sailing Committee.

Selection Criteria:

1. The event must be a World, European, National or Inland National Championship (UK or foreign). Inshore, offshore or ocean races of equivalent status will be eligible.
2. Ladies, Junior, Masters and team titles are also eligible, as long as they are recognised as such by the relevant class association.
3. The nominee must be the winner of the event and they must have been a member of BCYC at the time of the victory. Nominees may be helms or crews.
4. When making a nomination please state the following information - year/event title/sailors' names/venue or host club.
5. Provenance in the form of race results, race reports or photographs should be available and copies provided for each nomination.
6. Nominations are invited from the earliest days of Bristol Corinthian YC.
7. The opportunity to nominate will last for a minimum of 6 months from 1st March 2017.
8. Nominations and provenance must be sent to Steve Bolland by email or post. (stevebolland@live.co.uk or 10 Southfield, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3HT).
9. The final list of nominations will be agreed by the Sailing Committee for approval by the General Committee and will be displayed in the clubhouse and on our BCYC website.



Save the date! 1st BBQ of the season, Sat 29th April, from 5pm.

Well behaved dogs on leads are welcome at BCYC. Please respect the BW rules about dogs not being allowed in the water.



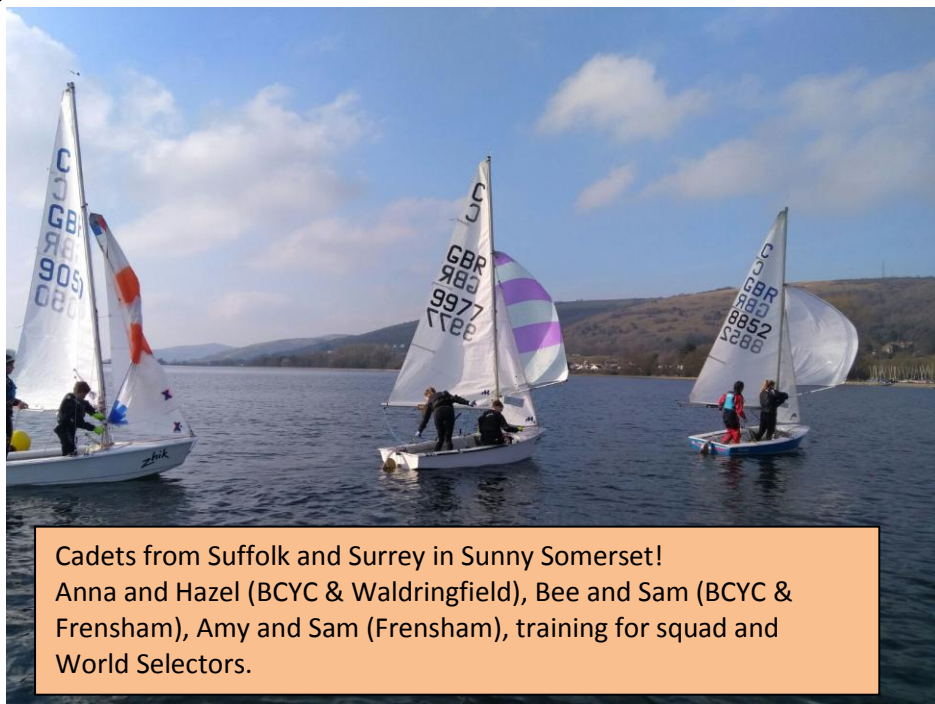
Polite reminder from Storage: Please can all members ensure that they have current stickers on the transom of their craft. Thank you.



Buddy Up!



In future all new members will be assigned a buddy to help them feel welcome at the club, get to know their way around and meet others. If you would like to be amongst our first group of nominated buddies, please contact communications@bcyc.org.uk



Cadets from Suffolk and Surrey in Sunny Somerset!
Anna and Hazel (BCYC & Waldringfield), Bee and Sam (BCYC & Frensham), Amy and Sam (Frensham), training for squad and World Selectors.

Happy Sailing - hope to see you soon!

Sally Campbell

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On behalf of BCYC Comms Team & Committee