

## Newsletter

## September 2017

Where has the Summer gone? Hope you had a good one, lots of our members did - read on to find out about their antics, but first, look at what we have planned for the Autumn...

### STOP PRESS: American Supper - this Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Sept!



This Wednesday is the last of our evening racing series for the season. We will celebrate with an American Supper after the race, where everyone brings a plate of food to share, savoury or sweet. All welcome, on the water whether racing, sailing, paddleboarding, kayaking and afterwards for the supper - don't forget your plate of food!

### Pirate Party, Cruising Demo and BBQ - 16<sup>th</sup> September

To celebrate the end of a fantastic Summer sailing season and launch us into the Autumn, Johnny Allen is hosting a BCYC Cheddar Watersports Pirate Party and BBQ.

#### Pirate Party

Scurvy pirates, young and old, are invited to **muster at 2pm in full pirate sailing gear!**

**Pirate Games**

**Pirate Sailing**

**Pirate Treasure**

#### Can I go Cruising in my Dinghy?

When the pirates return to shore at around **5pm** there will be a talk for all would-be or might-be pirate voyagers; 'Can I go Cruising in my Dinghy' by our very own voyager Boris Morrice. He will run through what preparations you need to sail off-Res, from simple 'half-day jaunts in sheltered waters' to 'coastal cruising'. If it isn't actually raining he will do this with an actual boat and show the equipment you could use.

#### Club BBQ

The cruising talk will be followed by a club **BBQ at 6pm**, to feed all the hungry pirates and everyone else. Open to members and non members.

Please book your BBQ tickets by email [training@bcyc.org.uk](mailto:training@bcyc.org.uk).



### Enterprise Youth Championships and Training at BCYC 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> Sept

We will be hosting the 2017 Enterprise Youth Championships, for sailors under 21. There will be training on Saturday and 4 races on Sunday. As one of the UK's biggest Enterprise clubs, the Ent fleet are keen to encourage our youth members to take part. Contact [training@bcyc.org.uk](mailto:training@bcyc.org.uk) if you are interested, loan boats can be arranged. More info

<http://www.sailenterprise.co.uk/events/open-meeting-7/>



Cheddar welcomed some very special visitors this month. Children's Hospice South West had been gifted a sailing taster experience and brought two youngsters from their Siblings Support up to the reservoir to have a go at Sailing. The youngsters Leo and Sam, accompanied by Hospice volunteers Nicky and Mo enjoyed a lovely sailing session on the reservoir, followed by a picnic in the sunshine. We're hoping to offer this experience to the Children's Hospice South West again next year as everyone had such a great time.

## Two National Champions for BCYC!

Bettine Harris (BCYC) and Sam Goult (Frensham Pond SC) were crowned Cadet National Champions. Going into the last day the pair needed a sixth place or better in just one of the two remaining races to secure the championships. Taking the title in style they scored a bullet in the first race of the day making them National Champions with a race to spare. They are pictured with Bettine's proud parents, Jo and Ian. Later in the evening Bettine found herself receiving the same trophy that her brother [Jamie Harris](#) won last year, so back to back wins for the Harris family! Very well done to Bettine and Sam on their fantastic victory!



**Congratulations to Steve Bolland RS300 National Champion, with 6 bullets from 8 races to count**

## Where have all the sailors gone?

You may have noticed that the number of sailors racing on Sundays has dropped off over the Summer. This might be because some members, especially newer ones, either don't understand the racing programme and how to join in, or are anxious about the format and rules etc. We'll aim to de-mystify club racing and make it more accessible in the next newsletter, and with some of our Winter talks, but the drop off is also due to the fact that many members are off on their own sailing adventures during the Summer. Here's a taste of what they've been up to -

## Tiftie goes to Scotland (again)

This year, following our circumnavigation of Mainland UK in 2015, we 'popped' back to Scotland to fill in some of the gaps. 1740 nm at an average speed of 5.6 knots with the engine running for about 70% of the time! (Impatience, or what?)

Places by-passed last time, but visited this, included Islay, the west side of Jura & West Loch Tarbert, the Sound of Iona, Staffa (Fingal's Cave), Loch Sunnart, the Caledonian Canal, the Orkneys and the Outer Hebrides.



Above, Staffa with Fingal's Cave on the right and enough rock formation to make the Giant's Causeway seem pale by comparison. To the right, the west sea lock into the Caledonian Canal, in typical Scottish weather. When cruising Scotland, you need to ignore the typical images to be found on the web – all taken on sunny days! Ken Falcon

### Cadet Worlds at Bruinse, Holland

Anna Horackova and crew Hazel flying out of the very narrow harbour entrance, 118 boats in and out each day, with a few scrapes through the week!



### Falmouth Regatta



Will Rhodes, Charles Richardson, Chris Chorlton and Paul Pritchard raced in Falmouth week in this Tripp 40 they sailed round from Bristol



### Enterprise Nationals at Abersoch

Three BCYC boats and crew went to the Enterprise Nationals at Abersoch. After an eventful week, which saw Johnny Allen manage to sail into a stationary, moored boat and rip his jib, then have his main halyard break on the final windy day, the BCYC crew managed to retain the Peter Squires Club Trophy for BCYC. Phil Ford, crewed by Jane Humpage was 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, Alice Allen and Sharky were 8<sup>th</sup> and Johnny Allen and James Hobson 21<sup>st</sup>.



### RS500 Worlds, Lake Como, Italy

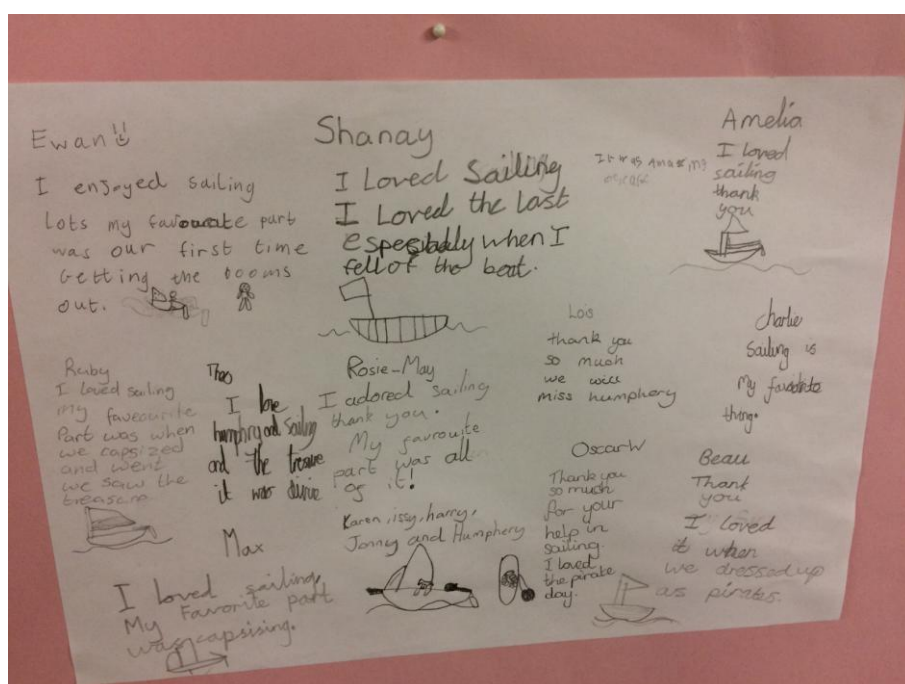
Abi Campbell and helm Anne Way

**Next month Lark, RS200 & Scorpion Nationals, Windsurfing in Vassiliki and more. Have you been away? If so, send us a picture!**

## Road Trailers - please make sure yours is labelled or you could lose it!

Trailers are stored at the discretion of the Club. Many are unmarked, rusty and do not have any markings to determine ownership. Peter Knight has spent a considerable amount of time putting names on the trailers that he can identify. There are about two dozen unidentified rusty trailers which Peter has marked in paint A1 to C9 (Axbridge end) and C1 to C14 (Cheddar end). A 'Notice of Removal' has been affixed to the BCYC Notice Board and the Club will assume these are 'abandoned' and they will be disposed under Club Rules if they are not removed. I would urge any member with a trailer to check that it is clearly marked with your name in paint forthwith and if it is one of the trailers marked as above then please remove it. Thank you for your assistance. Paul Sheldon, Storage Secretary.

## And finally, the juniors would like to thank Richard Packer for a fantastic junior course - see you next Summer team!



See you tomorrow or on 16<sup>th</sup>?

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