

## Courses

Contact Rob Wyatt

**RYA Training courses** Sat and Sun 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> July 2017  
(Camping Fri and Sat nights)  
Sat and Sun 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September

**Improvers' Afternoon** Sat 8th July 2017

## Events

**Bank Holiday Camping** Friday 26th May to Sunday 4th June

**Family Cruising and Camping Week** Sat to Mon 19th to 27th August

**Barts Bash Weekend** Sat & Sun 16th & 17th September  
*Camping on Fri and Sat nights*

**Work/Social Day & Laying Up Supper** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2017

## Junior Club

Contact John Pilgrim

Saturdays 3rd & 24th in June  
Saturdays 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th in July  
Saturdays in August  
Saturday 2nd September  
Sunday 10th September  
Sunday 1st October  
Sunday 8th October  
Sunday 22nd October

## Wednesday Racing

Until 9th Aug 7.00 pm  
16th & 23rd Aug 6.45 pm  
30th Aug & 6th Sept 6.00 pm

## Racing

### Regatta Sailing

Sunday 11th June  
Sunday 9th July  
Sunday 13th August  
Sunday 17th September  
Sunday 15th October

### Commodore's Cup

Sunday 30th July 2017

### Laser Club Championship

Sunday 24th September

### Race Sundays

Sunday 25th June  
Sunday 23rd July  
Sunday 20th August  
Sunday 29th October

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## RYA training courses

There are still two more opportunities to go on a RYA training course this season, whether it is to learn to sail or brush up and/or learn new skills.

Sat and Sun 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
(Camping Fri and Sat nights)  
Sat and Sun 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> September

## Camping nights

**Friday 26th May to Sunday 4th June inclusive**

Bank Holiday Camping

**Friday 15th and Saturday 16th July**

RYA Training Course

**Saturday 19th to Sunday 27th August inclusive**

Family Cruising and Camping Week

**Friday and Saturday 16th and 17th September**

“Barts Bash” Regatta Sailing

## Important—Rosta/Duties

The rosta for the 2nd part of the season is enclosed in this *Newsletter*, **PLEASE MARK UP YOUR DIARY**. A reminder is to be sent out about 2 weeks beforehand. If you are there when someone fails to turn up please record it in the diary.

Thanks to all those who carried out their duties in 2016, of over 200 allocated duties 91% were completed. Of the remainder some were missed due to sickness, others by unexpected emergencies but unfortunately some members just did not attend! **REMEMBER UNDER THE TERMS OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IT IS A REQUIREMENT TO REPORT FOR DUTY. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CARRY OUT THE DUTY YOU MUST ARRANGE A SUITABLE SWOP.**

Note that to arrange a swop the duty rosta sheet has full details of the complete membership's e-mail and telephone numbers on the reverse side so please use it. Only contact the rosta organiser (Ken Gibson) in an emergency.

### **FIND A SWOP” PAGE ON THE WEBSITE at:**

[http://www.thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk/duty\\_swap.html](http://www.thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk/duty_swap.html)  
or go on the website and to “Members area”, then “Safety Boat Rosta”

WITHOUT THE SAFETY BOAT SOME MEMBERS, ESPECIALLY THE LESS EXPERIENCED, MAY FIND THEY ARE UNABLE TO SAIL.

## Handicapping racing

For Regatta Sailing this season we are trying a handicapping system whereby a sailor who wins receives a subsequent 100 PY reduction in their handicap for subsequent Regatta Sailing events in the season. 100 was chosen following trying different numbers on the results of the last two seasons. Using 50 and 75 changed nothing, whilst 100 spread the trophies the furthest, but still left winners with the chance of winning again. 150 pushed sailors so far down the results they had no chance of winning.

Following an email outlining this there were some interesting responses which included a number of assorted ideas about handicapping:

- Use personal handicaps.
- Calculate Regatta Sailing results with and without 100 PY handicap, though the trophies this season will go with the handicapped results.
- Award prizes for 1st to third, not just 1st.
- Have coaching available.
- Try boat type multiplied by a skill factor.
- A maximum of –200 over a season.
- After a few different sailors have won they effectively have the same handicaps.
- Adjust the handicap of the last finisher in each event by +25 or +50
- Award a novice a starting handicap of +200.
- Use a % deduction, perhaps 10% for the first and second wins, but no more deductions after that.
- Mix formats, eg. one hour morning race and in the afternoon have 3 x 20 minute races cumulated to one race.
- More, but shorter, races which give more opportunities to get it right and improve.
- Whilst shorter races are appreciated, many enjoy the 1 hour races.
- Mix types of racing and formats.

What do you think?

We have the rest of the season to consider all sorts of alternatives and a number of Race Sundays to try things out and, of course, plenty of time to chat about it all! In keeping one hour races for Regatta Sailing this season we will have three years of results to try various calculations on over the winter so see what various methods of handicapping result in and which is fairest.