

Sail Time

AUG 2021

Racing....not just for speed freaks, it's a spectator sport too!

Commodore's Cup, Bart's Bash

Junior weeks

Paddle boarding at TSSC

Safety Boat Training

**Fusion Fleet
in full racing
mode!**



Commodore's Cup

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....Phil



**Commodore's Day
Sunday
29th Aug**



The Commodore's Cup traditionally takes place on the last Sunday of August, at the end of the Camping Week. It is a stand-alone occasion and over the years has taken a variety of forms, usually dictated by the weather !

This year we would like to make it an event to shake off the Lockdown; to bring together a significant number of new members, and, if possible, to broaden the event beyond the traditional dinghy racing day.

Commodore's Day is 29th August

**Any volunteers? Please
contact
Phil Gamlen or
Mike Smith**

We'd really appreciate some help with two aspects of the day.....

1) Catering - weather permitting we will run a BBQ, members bringing their own food to cook. It would be great if there are a few folk who could help with the setting up and looking after the operation of the BBQ. It would be super if we could also offer some cakes/pastry but that is dependent on some members being prepared to do the baking. Any offers ?

2) Organising events for SUP/canoe aficionados. There is plenty of expertise in organising the dinghy racing, but much less in doing this for the paddling communities. Is anybody willing to take this on ? Suggestions so far include a simple relay race from the shore to a buoy and back, or possibly a relay slalom course around a line of marker buoys.

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Racing.....

It's the taking part that counts!

Racing is a spectator sport too!

Isn't it just for the competitive speed freaks ?

Well, they're not excluded, but it is actually a lot more than that ! It's a way of getting to understand how to get better at sailing your boat, and to get better at reading the vagaries of the winds. First and foremost it is about racing against yourself, am I improving ? am I sailing better ? In a race you are on the water in a group of other sailors so you can compare what you do with what they do, and people will share tips and advice both during and after the race. Only secondly is it about the competition with other sailors.

So how does it work ?

The Race Officer on the day 'sets a course' that will involve most of the different points of sailing. The course will begin with a 'starting line', an imaginary line on the water between two fixed points that the boats must be behind when the starting hooter sounds. Then on the course sailors must pass around some buoys in defined sequence and in a specified direction. Once round and back at the starting point they will set off and repeat for a number of laps before crossing the 'finishing line'. Usually, a race lasts around 45 minutes.

Aren't there all sorts of complicated rules I won't understand ?

Yes, there are rules, but you don't need to know them inside out to get started. The basic rules of the road apply whether you are racing or not – such as who has the right of way when boats come together and who has to keep clear. Racing adds some more rules to cover who has right of way when going round a buoy, and for the actual process of starting a race. If you break a rule then there are penalties that you have to perform (generally sailing in a circle which takes you time) before you finish the race.

How come the last boat is sometimes the winner !

All the racing at TSSC, with one exception, is done with different types (classes) of boats sailing against each other. Some are in the crash and burn speed freak category and others are slower and more sedate ! Each class of boat has an externally determined handicap rating that is known as the Portsmouth Number (PN). The time it takes each boat to complete the race course is recorded by the Race Officer. These times are then 'corrected' by the Portsmouth Number and the finishing order for the race is determined from the corrected times.

How do I get started ?

In the summer season this year there is racing every evening on a Wednesday, and once a month on a Sunday. This is less than what we would normally organise due to the Pandemic. Next year we may increase the number of weekend races held. You need to be on the water about 10 to 15 minutes before the starting time, and you'll need to turn up at the club early enough to get your boat ready, don sailing gear, and study the course set up by the Race Officer.

There are some special events during the year – a Laser Championship, the Commodore's Cup day, and the Bart's Bash which is a national fundraising sailing day – and details of the arrangements for these days are announced separately. There are also special training days organised during the year to help with different aspects of racing.

TSSC - Race Sheet 2021.xlsx

2021 Early sunset 2021 Late sunset 2021 Regatta

| COMPETITOR | | | | Early Sunset Handicap | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------|--------|------|-----------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--|
| NAME | CLASS | SAIL # | PN | Overall position | Total points | 12-May | 19-May | 26-May | 2-Jun | 9-Jun | 16-Jun | 23-Jun | 30-Jun | |
| Mark Meadows | Supernova | 1171 | 1077 | 3 | 69 | 1 | 1 | | | 3 | 16 | 16 | 16 | |
| Trevor Bradley | Laser 2000 | 21072 | 1114 | 1 | 27 | 3 | 2 | | | | | | 1 | |
| Eddie Fernside | Laser 1 | none | 1100 | 4 | 70 | 2 | 16 | | 2 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 2 | |
| James Proctor | Laser 1 | 191297 | 1100 | 5 | 76 | | 16 | | 4 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 4 | |
| Nick Hatch | Laser 1 | 140103 | 1100 | 11 | 89 | | 3 | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | |
| Jason Living | Fusion | none | 1300 | 13 | 104 | | 16 | | 15 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | |
| Phil Gamlen | Byle C2 | 3056 | 1135 | 8 | 82 | 16 | 16 | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 5 | 3 | |
| Chris Jackson | Topaz Uno | 6386 | 1205 | 9 | 112 | 16 | 16 | | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | |
| Syd Nye | Comet | 147 | 1100 | 12 | 112 | 16 | 16 | | 15 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | |
| Paul Bernard | Laser 1 Radial | PB | | 2 | 67 | 16 | 16 | | 16 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 16 | |
| Dave Oldacres | Laser 1 Radial | D | 1147 | 7 | 87 | 16 | 16 | | 16 | 4 | 16 | 3 | 16 | |
| Jonathan Stephenson | Laser 1 | 1100 | 1100 | 6 | 86 | 16 | 16 | | 3 | 16 | 16 | 2 | 16 | |
| Mike Smith | Laser 1 | 117768 | 1100 | 10 | 91 | 16 | 16 | | 5 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 5 | |
| Tony Merry | Solo | 4852 | 1142 | 11 | 99 | 16 | 16 | | 16 | 16 | 3 | 16 | 16 | |
| Bob Scorer | Laser 1 | 166269 | 1100 | 8 | 88 | 16 | 16 | | 15 | 16 | 4 | 4 | 16 | |

Live race results here

Upcoming racing events

Regatta Sundays:

Sun 29th August

incorporating

Commodore's cup day

Sun 12th Sept

including Bart's Bash

charity event

Sun 3rd Oct

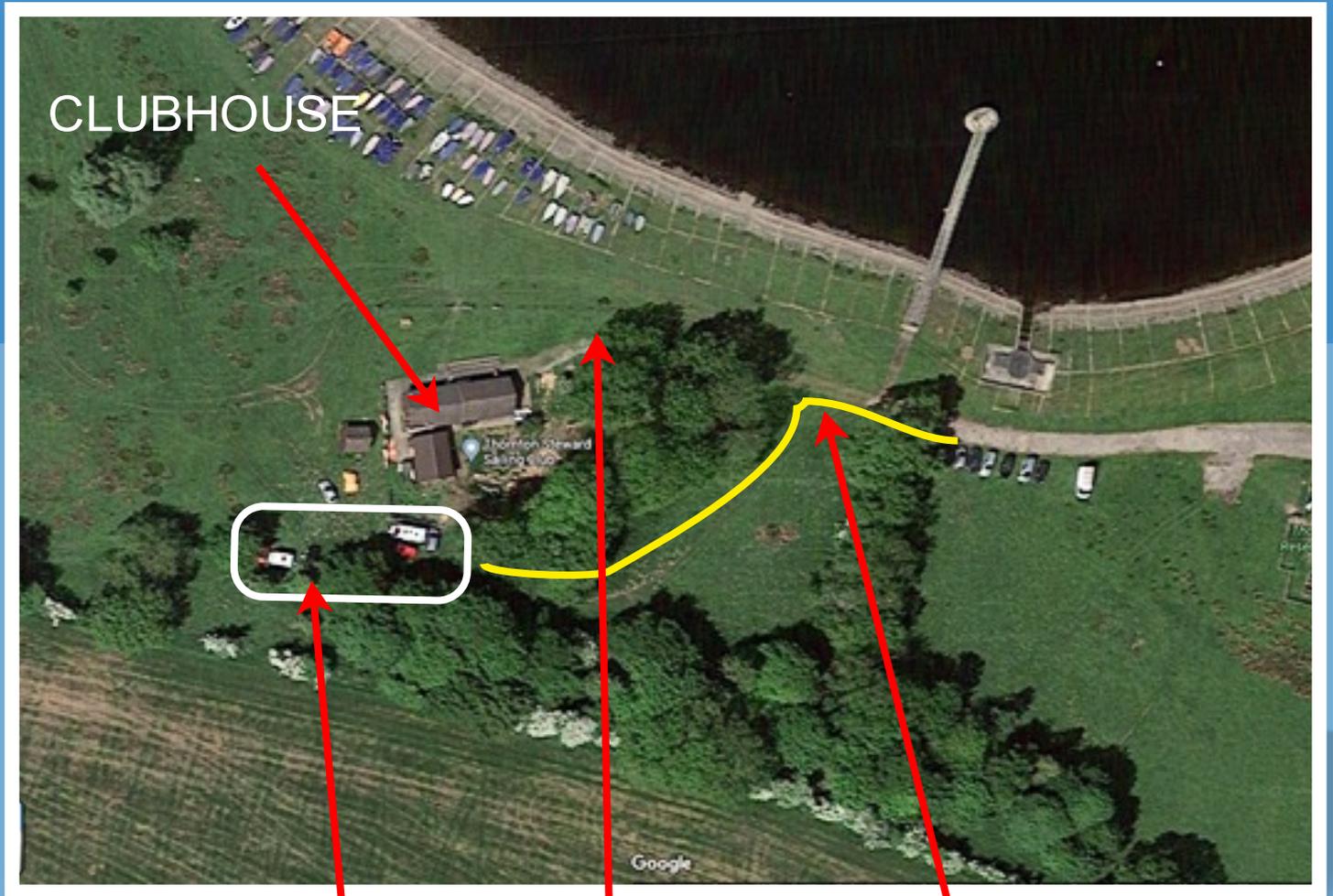


Contacts: Start with Annabelle LePage, John Knopp, or Mark Meadows but ask around at the club and you will quickly find somebody who will be happy to explain things and help you learn more.

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CAMPING WEEK 21ST AUGUST - 29TH AUGUST ”



CLUBHOUSE

PITCH

BBQ'S

ACCESS

CAMPING WEEK

Yorkshire Water grant TSSC two weeks in the year when members can camp at the Club.

The next available week is 21st to 29th AUGUST 2021, and you can book a slot from the TSSC [website](#).

The area where we can pitch tents/caravans, and the access route is shown in the image.

**** Please only use the access route marked ****

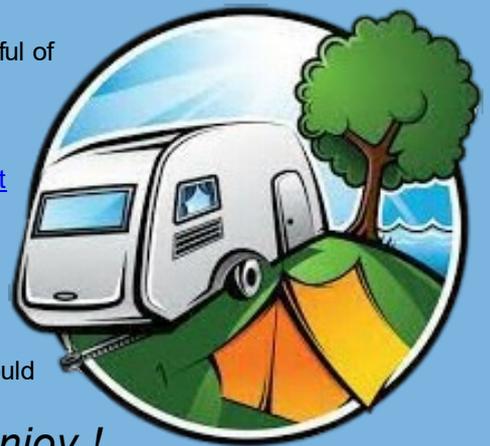
The Public have access to the Reservoir at all times, so be mindful of their enjoyment of the peace and tranquillity of the location.

Please observe the Countryside Code

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1009626/countryside-code-summary.pdf

In particular no fires/BBQs except at the Club facilities, marked on the image above.

It would be appreciated if the last user at the end of each day would lock up the Clubhouse, and the Compound gates.



Enjoy !

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Paddleboard at TSSC from only £5/session
Choose Am / Pm or an evening paddle.
Book on-line through our booking portal [here](#)

Paddleboarding at TSSC

The club now owns 3 x "Shark" brand Paddleboards, available for hire through our booking system. Please observe the safety information and general advice contained in the user manual - page extracts below explain about the boards, equipment and their safe operation.



A copy of this manual is also attached to all SUP hires for user's reference.

Try out our new boards, for only £5/session, great fun when the wind drops!



Paddleboard storage in Robinson Building Please return boards to the same place, having removed Skag and released a little pressure

Correct paddling

At SHARK SUPs we want to ensure paddlers enjoy a safe stand up paddleboarding experience – every time they paddle.

Therefore it's important when stand up paddleboarding that you take measures to ensure your safety and the riders you are paddling with.



Disassembling

Deflation

1. Blow the valve and remove the cap (prior to use) that might be underneath it.
2. Straddle the board if you can, pull the valve down at least approximately 50 degrees and it is in the 'off' position. Cap the valve and store it with the board.
3. Lay the board on its side and deflate it fully until it is flat.
4. Secure the valve cover with the provided cap and place in rear bag.

Packing

1. Lay the board in a fully deflated state, make sure the board is completely dry and clean before packing. Lay the board out flat on the ground and roll it up. Ensure the valve is fully closed and the board is in the 'off' position.
2. Lay the board in the bag for better packing.



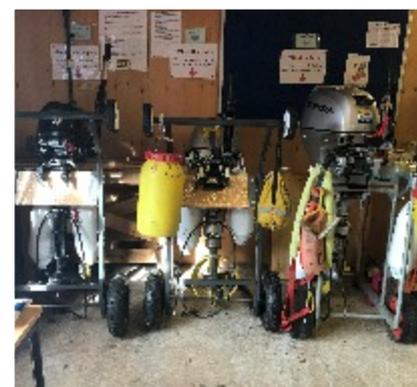
Board anatomy

1. Rail to rails
2. Cargo net
3. Attachment fitting point
4. Handle grip
5. Deck pad
6. Air pad
7. Inflation valve
8. Inflation valve

in the bag

***Dry storage**
 The board should be stored in a dry, well-ventilated area. Do not store the board in a car or other enclosed space.

Safety First



“Safety boat courses
a success!
....James Proctor”

Following a successful campaign of safety boat training courses, we're pleased to have added additional members to the "Accredited" list of Helm and Crews able to handle the Safety Boat and offer cover.

A safety boat rota for members to self-select duties has been made available and will run until the end of the sailing season.

Access the rota here

[Safety Boat Rota](#)

As more members are able to take a turn in manning the safety boat, we will be in a position to provide back up and rescue services on more days as a welcome safety net for the less experienced water users.

If you haven't yet completed a safety boat course, we will be announcing further courses as soon as instructors become available.

Look out for dates to be circulated.

Training news

With winds gusting to Force 6

.....even the Instructors would not go sailing just for the fun of it! - John Knopp



Junior training weeks 2021

With the third Catterick Garrison youth sailing course about to start (on 23rd Aug) we cannot complain about a lack of variation in the winds so far this summer. For the first time in many years we had to stop sailing late in the morning on the Friday of the last course as the developing winds were gusting to Force 6, even the Instructors would not go sailing just for the fun of it!

The first course with 6 students actually got away to a very slow start, no wind on day one so lots of testing of buoyancy aids, paddling races, capsize drills and other ways to keep the youngsters busy in hot weather. For the remaining 3 days the winds became a little more consistent and 4 out of the 6 students achieved very creditable RYA Youth Level 2.

For the 2nd course we had 12 students and lots of good gusty wind!. It quickly became apparent that one or two of the students had played down their previous sailing experience, as 3 of the 12 achieved Youth Level 3, a very creditable performance in the time available. One of those 3 managed to stay upright throughout whilst all the others were capsized around her! A very prudent mariner.

We are often asked why do we set 9 as the lower age limit for the courses? Of the 2 sessions this

year, only 1 out of the 5 nine year olds had really mastered the basic techniques and was

capable of sailing a Fusion on her own, whilst the others coped with an Opi, they were very closely supervised. At that age and lower, youngsters best learn by short sessions of osmosis, sailing either with their parents or elder brothers and sisters and learning as they go along, messing around on boats .

A final word of thanks to the parents, many of whom spent at least a day with us so that they could see and understand what their children were capable of and how to get them fully prepared to go sailing at TSSC.



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And in other news.....

Donations for Bart's Bash now being accepted

Bart's Bash Donations:

THE LARGEST SAILING RACE IN THE WORLD
BART'S BASH RETURNS FOR
2021

[Click to donate](#)

Sunday 12th Sept.....

We're celebrating BART'S BASH again in 2021

If you would like to make a: **£5, £10, £15** donation to this worthwhile charity, you can pay through our membership portal "Store Purchase" option using PayPal, Credit/Debit card.....Click above to donate.

All proceeds will go to:

The Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation,

further information about this charity is available here:



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Our Padlock on the main gate chain has been changed, the Combination lock No is shown below.



The TSSC Booking system continues to operate for training courses, dinghy and SUP Hire

Our fleet of club boats are available for daily hire and SUP's can be hired for Am/Pm or evening sessions.

*Club Fleet:
4 x Fusion
3 x Toppers
2 x Lasers
2 x Wanderers
3 x SUP's in 3 lengths*





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