

# SailTime

Feb 2024

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We're hosting an event!



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## Welcome to a new season!

**W**ell, we're now into a new membership year - 2024, and soon spring will be upon us after a long winter season of Storms....Keeping up with storm names alone has been a full time job!

Normally, we start each SailTime edition with a message from our Commodore...However, at our recent AGM, held as a virtual meeting again this year on 7<sup>th</sup> Feb, Phil Gamlen confirmed his decision to step down from the Commodore's post to hopefully enjoy a well earned rest! I so I wanted to take this opportunity as editor to thank Phil for his service during his tenure and to remind members of the many projects Phil has overseen during the last 5 years.

- Steering the club through the "Covid" Years and ensuring there was a club to return to.
- Negotiations with Yorkshire Water to secure our lease for a further term, including an expansion of the clubhouse compound to incorporate the new Fisherman's/Public Toilet block.
- Construction of solid walkway from Club house to boat park, making safety boat duty and equipment movement so much easier.
- Purchase of a floating pontoon to assist with training and water access.
- Installation of Media equipment in the Clubhouse again enhancing our features as a training centre.
- Our annual RYA inspection went well under Phil's close eye as principal, vital to maintaining links with the RYA.

- Conversion of our newly acquired "Public Toilet" block into additional safe changing facilities, increases our capacity when schools and groups visit the club....Now known as the West Wing!
- Maintenance and upkeep of the club all happens in the background, but usually with Phil's hands-on involvement.

At our 2023 prize giving evening, Phil's service was recognised by receiving the Timothy Kitson trophy for outstanding contributions to the club

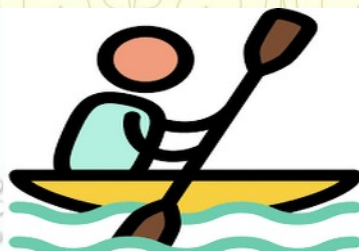
Although Phil is moving away from the coal face and regular committee work, he has agreed to act as our Rear Commodore in an advisory capacity to help the new committee through a transition stage.

*Thanks Phil....Rest assured we will be making good use of your knowledge and experience!*

As part of our AGM procedures and legal requirements a new committee was nominated, proposed and seconded by the members in attendance.

A number of existing officers were also re-elected to their posts and we're pleased to welcome **Simon Whitby** and **Phil Davies** onto the committee.

Simon brings his experience and interest to the Paddleboarding community, whilst Phil's extensive sailing knowledge from his Navy days will be very useful.





## Upcoming.....

Our 2024 programme of events, courses and training is full of planned activities, including hosting our 1<sup>st</sup> ever LASER 2000 open meeting in June, a chance to see some keen racing hopefully.

The club website events page, details all upcoming activities and dates, continually under review. Make some holes in your diaries now and let's enjoy another great year at TSSC in 2024.

### Work Days

To open up the club for the season, there is always some preparation work required. This year we're planning 2 weekend dates to the set the club up for 2024 and is a chance to meet members after winter hibernation....As a bribe, members can again enjoy one of Merrin's and Kay's home-made soup lunches!

All comers welcome on:

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> April and Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April  
10am onwards**

Wellies a must!

### Open day - May 11th

This year we're proposing an open day for all members to enjoy the full range of facilities the club offers. It is hoped to have as many different classes of boats rigged and ready for use by all and encourage members to show off their own craft and hopefully allow others to take their boats out for a spin, under supervision and guidance of course!

David Dixon and Simon Tomlinson, will be demonstrating RC Yacht racing and signing up members who might like to try out the 2 club models.

Once signed off and inducted into the use of the models, members can then hire one of the club's "RC Dragon Force 65" boats through our booking system.

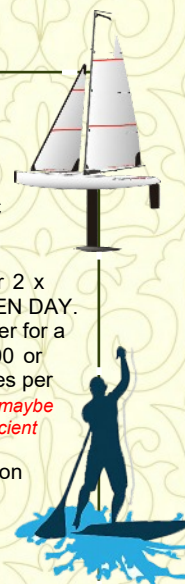
We have engaged a Paddleboard instructor to offer 2 x "Ready to Ride" lessons during OPEN DAY. Places will cost £35 per member for a 2-hour session, 10.00-12.00 or 14.00 -16.00 Max 6 places per course. (Am/pm courses maybe combined subject to sufficient numbers)

Tickets are available on line, select "Paddleboard" button on dashboard

We will be advertising our open day to the public, providing a chance to see the club running with a range of activities throughout the day, using the occasion to target new members.....

Why not bring an interested friend along!

Our Bosun, Syd Nye will be conducting 1 hour introductory sessions in the Club's Safety Boats for 2 members at a time who might be too shy to book a full Fam Day...Or those members that have already completed a FAM day but need a refresher are also very welcome!



## We're Hosting...



### Proposed LASER 2000

#### Opening Meeting.

It is proposed, but not yet confirmed that there will be no club racing on the weekend 15/16<sup>th</sup> June as our club is to host an Open Meeting on behalf of the 2000 Class Association.

The meeting is open to all 2000 and Laser 2000 with six races over the two days.

A Notice of race will be published shortly when the event is confirmed.

CAMPING will be available on this weekend for competitors and members.

News of all arrangements Catering, entrance fees and schedule will be released nearer the time.

If you're interested in getting involved, we are looking for volunteers throughout the 2 day event, please let our Sailing secretary know - Trevor Bradley



## Safety Boat...

Once again we're striving to promote familiarisation of the safety boat and equipment to as many members as possible, allowing the safe operation of their required SB Duty during the season.

Not completed a SB Fam day yet? Our Bosun Syd, has kindly offered his time over 4 x Saturdays in March to provide refresher and training days to any members....New or old!

SB Duty is essential for the safe running of sailing, water activities and events at the club.

All full members are required to volunteer for at least 2 duties each season as a Crew or a Helm.

Familiarisation training bookings are now available on our club booking system [HERE](#).

*SB Fam days are free of charge, but will only run subject to filling 2 places on each course.*



Following some interesting variations on how to secure the outboards in Robinson, we have standardised the fastenings across all engines, the lock and stop should be secured to the securing eye on the outboard motor, see images, please use this method to secure the outboards rather than some intricate design of your own.

### From our Bosun....

During the winter we have made attempts at securing member's boats and covers as the winds have been a bit feisty.

We suggest that all members should check their boats regularly, the heavy rainfall has caused the boat park to be very wet and muddy and as a consequence, a number of tie down points have become loose and pulled out of their mooring points by the strong winds, impacting several boat covers, some now beyond repair.



*Warning....Be aware when undoing your covers as we have found numerous large wasps over-wintering and they can get a bit annoyed at being disturbed!*

The outboard motors are scheduled for service at the end of February and we will have all the club boats ready for the new sailing season. During the winter we have carried out a minor repairs, with some remaining fibre-glass work outstanding on one of our club Wanderers....A job for warmer weather.

The two club model yachts are now stored on a shelf above the bench in the Robinson building, all the kit is there, a handy step ladder by the bucket of oars is on hand to enable you to safely get the model boats out and return them to storage.

**NB** Any member can hire out the Yachts following an induction process, organised by David and Simon. All signed off members will be able to book RC Yacht boats on the booking system.

*Look out for RC Yacht booking details*

At the end of last season there were several items of clothing left at the club, these have been dried and are currently on the table just inside the lobby entrance to the club, if you can claim ownership please retrieve.

Let's hope for a kinder weather season in 2024

*Thank you. - Syd Nye*

## Aiming high...



The club is committed to train safety boat helms and crew members to RYA PB-2 level as part of our forward development plan. An introduction to full Power boat certification is through our SB Fam days, however a full RYA Power Boat course - PB-2 is run over 2 days, including practical and theory training in all aspects of handling, and is a great opportunity to gain a recognised qualification and skill.

The certification also allows a holder to hire craft throughout the UK, with a possible conversion to ICC, recognised abroad.

We will be announcing plans and dates to run a PB-2 course during the 2024 season. Places will be limited and also subsidised.

*If you would like to express your interest in taking an official PB-2 course, please contact our Powerboat instructor.  
James Proctor*





## Training Course Calendar



Our training programme continues in 2024. Courses for Adults and Juniors are scheduled during the season, with all ticket options available on our booking portal [HERE](#)

The first event - A 3-day Refresher course, is scheduled for 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> May and will be a great chance to improve basic sailing skills and tune up for the season, whether as a junior or an adult sailor, wanting to brush up on tactics.

If you're new to Sailing, our 4-Day RYA L1/L2 course, spread over 2 weekends in June is the course for you!

The popular summer series junior courses taking place on weekdays during school holidays in August are sure to be booked up early!



### Safety Boat Skills Training

All members are required to take their turn and volunteer for safety boat duty...usually a minimum of 2 duties per year, to ensure safety cover is always available on the scheduled activity days, when less confident water users have the back up and support of the safety boat team. If you haven't yet volunteered for service, it is essential you spend a day with our Bosun - Syd, who kindly gives up his time to offer free training days to any member free of charge. The day covers basic rescue techniques, use of the safety boat and the equipment required to carry out SB Duties.

Book a free SB-Fam day. Dates are now available, but subject to a minimum of 2 members per course. Future dates will be published throughout the year.

Course Type	Days	Dates	Target Skill Level	Course Fee
Youth or Adult Refresher Course	3	28/05-30/05	Juniors and Adults Sailing ability L1/L2 wishing to refresh skills	£75.00
Paddleboard 2-hour Ready to Ride		11/05/2024	Beginners 2 hour session	£35.00
RYA L1 / L2 4-day (2 Weekends)	4	01/06 & 02/06 08/06 & 09/06	Beginner's course Juniors and Adults (subject to available places)	£100.00
Youth 4-day Summer Course JC1	4	23/07-26/07	Beginners	£100.00
Youth 4-day Summer Course JC2	4	06/08-09/08	Mixed Ability	£100.00
Youth 4-day Summer Course JC3	4	20/08-23/08	Mixed Ability	£100.00
Youth 4-day Autumn Course JC4	4	22/10-24/10	Experienced	£100.00
Safety Boat Familiarisation Days	1	02/03/2024	Essential 1-day course for any member. designed to familiarise users with the operation of the safety boat & equipment, in preparation for undertaking Safety Boat Duties. Course runs subject to reaching minimum of 2 members	F O C
Safety Boat Familiarisation Days	1	09/03/2024		F O C
Safety Boat Familiarisation Days	1	16/03/2024		F O C
Safety Boat Familiarisation Days	1	23/03/2024		F O C



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## New Committee for 2024

### Meet the Team ...

#### Commodore:

Position Vacant

#### Rear Commodore

Phil Gamlen (Advisory)

#### Secretary:

Merrin Froggett

#### Treasurer:

Ruth Pink

#### Sailing Secretary:

Trevor Bradley

#### Membership Sec:

Mike Smith

#### Safeguarding:

Kay Marriott

#### Committee:

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Phil Davies

Simon Whitby

John Knopp

Representing CGSC

#### Bosuns:

Syd Nye

Bob Scorer

#### House Bosun:

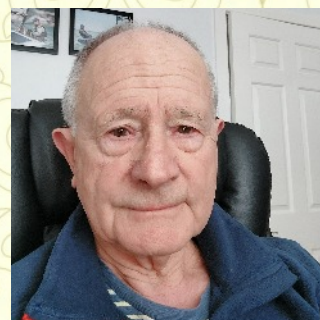
Dave Oldacres

#### Phil Davies - Joining the committee at our AGM.

Sailing profile.

I have been hooked on dinghy sailing since being introduced to Bosun dinghies in the Royal Navy in the late 1960s.

My first boat, was an old wooden Albacore (1806) bought in 1971 and after leaving the RN, sailed it at Stokes Bay S.C. before moving to Yorkshire, and Scammdon S.C. until it finally fell apart!



Phil Davies

Around 1990 I bought my first Laser and joined the "single handers". I was able to sail a lot more because maintenance was no longer so time consuming.

After several years in Lasers I decided I needed a bit more room for my less flexible limbs and the Supernova seemed to fit the bill. The downside was that it was also quite a handful with its fully battened 8.2m sail, but I've enjoyed several boats and some great sailing over the intervening years, along with a few mishaps - but that's what it's all about. Long may it continue!

Since joining Thornton Steward S.C. I have been impressed with how well the club is run, so on joining the Committee I hope to be able to contribute in some way, on or off the water, without treading on anyone's toes.

*Welcome Phil....the hard work starts here!*

#### Welcome..... Simon Whitby Profile

We joined TSSC as a family 3 years ago. so we could all use our SUP's on the lake, although.... I always had a liking for sailing, having been on a few trips with a group of friends.

No surprise really that first myself, then my daughter learned to sail last year with the club. I had already completed my safety boat course the year before and hold an offshore powerboat qualification from my scuba dive club days.

A combination of weather and work commitments prevented much progression but I am looking to refresh my skills again this year.

I am a serving police officer with 30 years service meaning I can potentially retire later this year.... But that's just from the force as I would be seeking another job. It will mean I am less committed with work and on call requirements, and I should have more free time this year.

Looking to get more involved and help out at the club, progressing use of the SUP's at the club along with promoting other water based activities such as canoes, kayaks and windsurfing is something I would like to get involved in.

I think this in turn will bring more members and see others cross over to sailing. Fairly proficient at most DIY tasks, outside type jobs and if needed I can do any underwater work as I am a qualified diver (clearly with water board permission!) I do bring some transferable skills from my job and hope to assist with the good work already being done at the club.

*We'll be holding you to those ambitions! - Ed*

See the full committee for 2024 on our website contact page.

If you have any useful skills and can lend a hand, you don't need to be a committee member!

Any help is very much welcomed, just let us know.

Visit our contacts page>>>>









## RC Model Sailing

### Model Yachting at TSSC

Our RC Model boat section will be setting up a full racing course with more buoys early in the season.

During our Open Day on May 11th - we will be demonstrating RC Yacht set-ups with our 2 x Dragon 65 club models.

Members can be inducted and signed off to allow future hiring of club models through our on-line booking system.

Each session will include: boat handling, setup, battery management.

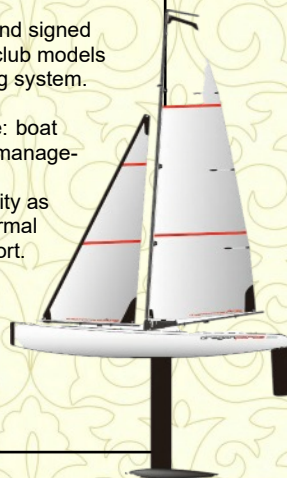
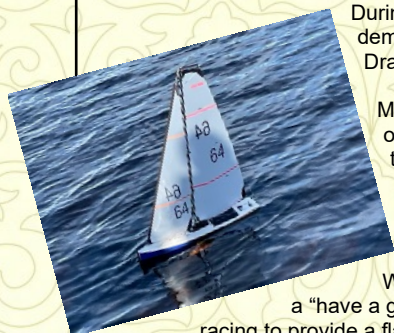
We are billing this opportunity as a "have a go" session with some informal racing to provide a flavour of this absorbing sport.

**Session-1** starts at 10.30am.

**Session-2** starts at 2.00pm.

U18's welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult.

When we have enough members sailing on a regular basis - a Race series will be established. (dates to be confirmed).



Copy & paste the link below into your browser to see a video of our first demo day 2023

[https://youtu.be/rsTeM1M1Q\\_I](https://youtu.be/rsTeM1M1Q_I)

Safeguarding & welfare quick fire quiz answers: d, a, c.



## All Buoyed up for the season!



Our racing marks have been in place for as long as can remember, but in the last few weeks, with the help of CGSC (Catterick Garrison Sailing Club) a team of Army divers have completed an exercise to lift all bouys to allow for maintenance, replacement or repair in preparation for the coming sailing season. The work has been scheduled some time, thwarted by overseas deployment of the divers.

Chains, linkages and marks will be tested and replaced where required and the Bosuns will be using the safety boats to reset positions as soon as remedial work has been completed. Were hoping this will be a regular task to keep the Bouys in tiptop condition.

*Thanks to the dive team.*



## Safeguarding & Welfare Quiz

As the new sailing season approaches, please take a moment to remind yourself of the Club's Safeguarding Policy ([HERE](#)).

How aware are you of your responsibilities?

Select one answer per question.

**What is not a part of the adult role within a sailing club setting?**

- a. Supervision of children
- b. Being a good role model
- c. Identifying hazards
- d. Encouraging children not to eat sugary foods

**It is OK to promise a child that you will not tell anyone about an allegation...**

- a. If they are upset
- b. If they ask you to before saying anything
- c. It is never OK to make this promise

[Click for answers](#)

**What does 'safeguarding' mean?**

- a. Preventing harm and keeping safe
- b. Not doing anything dangerous
- c. It's a piece of metal that stops you touching something hot
- d. Stopping risks

If you have any safeguarding concerns or questions, contact our safeguarding and welfare officer.

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