

Sail Time

June 2022



Open Day
12th June
celebrating a
return to the
water!

T S S C
50-years
on....Do you
remember?

Safety Boat
Clubhouse
upgrade
and more

Commodore's Column

“ I must go down to the sea again, to the lonely sea and the sky.

I left my vest and socks there. I wonder if they're dry?

Spike Milligan

”



....Phil Gamlen

Our new wet & dry area furniture has arrived.



The difficult years of the COVID pandemic are passed and we are now into a normal new season. As summer approaches and the weather improves, slowly, the Open Day has been moved later to 12 JUN 22. This year it is not so much a drive for new members, but rather a celebration of the return to normality. Please put the date in your diary, come along for a day on the water, and catch up with friends old and new.

Some of the new furniture has arrived and been installed in the Clubhouse. To make things more welcoming for folk at the Club who aren't going on the water (Social members; parents of course attendees; partners and guests) we'd like to keep one set of comfy seating as a dry area for their use. Fancy cushions and a carpet should make this obvious! The rest of the Clubhouse rooms are of course a wet area. New working chairs, tables and the A/V equipment for training is eagerly awaited.

In the next few weeks, the new 30-year Lease with Yorkshire Water will be signed, enabling the Committee to resume its grant

applications for the infrastructure Project. As you will have no doubt have heard the Committee is assessing the feasibility and desirability for replacing the planned M/F changing rooms with a Unisex Changing Village, developed from what you can see at Leisure Centres. There are significant potential benefits, but at this stage we need to know firstly if it is practical and an architect is looking at that now. If it is, then the option and a detailed supporting case could be put to the membership for consideration and vote. At this stage it is just an idea to be evaluated.

All this is stuff to make going on the water fun, and as stress free and as comfortable as possible. In that vein I'd like to personally thank the team organising and delivering the early season training in powerboats and dinghies. Your hard work is very much appreciated.

So, we've got the wind and the water, roll on the sunshine, and in the immortal words of Spike Milligan (apologies to John Masefield)....

'I must go down to the sea again, to the lonely sea and the sky.

I left my vest and socks there. I wonder if they're dry?'



Thornton Steward Sailing Club

“ A big thanks to all the volunteers that have stepped up to cover safety boat duties....

Mike Membership Sec

”



Safety Boat Duties

Managing Safety boat duties at all sailing clubs remains a difficult job! Many thanks to all members who have stepped up and booked either HELM or CREW duties so far.

At the time this issue SailTime will be published, our safety cover extends through to July and beyond, with some selected dates being booked into the autumn too!

All members are required to take a turn at safety boat duties during the sailing season...including those members that have joined us to use the water primarily for Paddleboarding and Kayaking. The club is aspiring to ensure all safety boat coverage is carried out by qualified powerboat handlers holding an RYA PB2 certificate. Whilst this will take time to train members to this standard, we're pleased to announce that all Helms currently operating the safety boat are certificated members, and provides the opportunity for Crew members to be trained whilst on-the-job!

Don't be shy in booking a CREW duty, as you'll be teamed with an experienced HELM for your duty session. Safety Boat duties are booked through our booking portal [here](#)

On the Water etiquette!

Following a particularly busy day on the water recently...we received a few complaints from our Fishermen friends about craft venturing too close to their fishing area.

Please remember the club rule to keep away from any fisherman when using the water, ideally a minimum of 25M.

This applies to Canoeists, Kayakers and Paddleboarders, who may tend to keep to the shoreline when paddling.

Our working relationship with the fishermen is important and we don't want to engender animosity towards sailing club members unnecessarily.

Check the locations of Fishermen before accessing the water....After all, they can only use the shoreline! We can use the whole water!

Thanks for your cooperation

View the safety boat duty chart [here](#)

Trevor Bradley	07936302975	Syd Nye	Al
Robert Mackenzie Johnston	07833324258	Paul Bernard	Ka
Tim Wilson	01325 356868		Ad
Keith Garrard	07939 589681		Da
Mike Smith	07773386208		Ka
Eddie Fearnside	07980989350	Eddie Fearnside	Al
Trevor Birbeck	07836 342312		Mk
Chris Jackson	07752451145		An
Chris Dauber	07712634289		Ph
Merrin Froggett	07954397470		An
Tim Wilson	01325 356868	Philip Cosson	Al
Annabelle LePage	01677 470962		Jo
Annabelle LePage	01677 470962		Ca
Helms Name		Dave Oldacre	Ca
Robert Wyatt	07816515830		Jo
Kay Marriott	01748 825767		Ka
Helms Name			Da
Christopher Jackson	07752451145		Da
Helms Name			Sa
Helms Name			Cr
Helms Name			Pa
Keith Garrard	07939 589681		Da
Helms Name			Cr
Merrin Froggett	07954397470		Cr

Look out for future
Safety Boat
familiarisation course
days in the event
calendar.



Thornton Steward Sailing Club

“

We would love to celebrate our full return to the water with you.

Philip Cosson

”



Dust off your gear and join us for our open day!

Hello Members!

We would love to celebrate our full return to the water with you.

We are arranging a 'dusting-off' day on:

Sunday 12th June
10:00 -15:00

Perhaps you haven't been up to the club recently and want to check on your dinghy,

Perhaps it's now warm enough to get back on the water

Perhaps you would like to meet up with old friends and new members?

Perhaps you are thinking of taking up another watersport (Kayaking, Paddleboarding, Sailing)

Bring along a guest and show them the facilities we have on offer

We will be holding normal dinghy racing during the day, but some club members will be on hand to chat.

The tuck shop will be well stocked, or bring your own lunch.

We're planning on offering interested members of the public a chance to sample sailing, by booking a future taster session with any member that feels confident in taking out potential sailors and possible new members!

Please let Philip know on the day when you might be around the club in the future and available to offer a sail to anybody expressing an interest.



Look forward to
seeing you on
12th June!

Thornton Steward Sailing Club



Can you remember?...TSSC is approaching it's 50th birthday!



Our club was formed during the building of the reservoir back in the seventies....So we are approaching a significant anniversary of 50 years since our inauguration - planned to be celebrated in 2023.

We hope to mark the occasion with a clubhouse exhibition if we are able to source any historical images or information from the local area that folks may remember.

If you have any recollections, or know of any interesting information, we would love to hear from you. Yorkshire Water have been approached to check their own archives around the time of the building of the reservoir.

Although sailing didn't start for a few years whilst the reservoir was being built, some of our founders maintained interest in a sailing club at the site, by building a Mirror Dinghy and raffling as a prize, holding talks, meetings, social events and film shows of sailing activities at the time in 1973/74 onwards. Please send any historical info you might have to Mike [here](#)

Paws for thought! Dogs? Or No Dogs?



A number of members have recently asked if the exclusion of dogs from the Clubhouse Compound could be removed. The original ban, put in place many years ago, was a result of the behaviour of unsupervised dogs together in the compound, and, at that time, a concern about fouling of an area where children play.

The Committee wishes to know how the membership as a whole views the request to remove the exclusion of dogs.

We would be very grateful if you could complete this anonymous poll before 25 JUN 2022.

Should we allow dogs in the Compound?

Do you wish to allow dogs on a lead, accompanied by an adult, to come into the Clubhouse Compound ?

Yes

No

[Vote now!](#)

[View Stats](#)

Web Poll Powered By [Bravenet](#)

For this poll to be meaningful we need a significant percentage of the membership responding by then.

We're looking for a Club Cleaner

Part-time cleaner required to help with regular cleaning of the clubhouse and changing areas. Flexible times, to suit availability, perhaps a few hours on a 2-weekly cycle to keep the club in a tip top condition.

Duties to include, floors, surfaces, shower areas, changing rooms that can be challenging to keep clean if not maintained regularly!

Interested parties, please contact: [Phil Gamlen](#) or [Merrin Froggett](#) for further details.



Are you paying too much for boat insurance?

- ✓ Get a quote and buy online
- ✓ Tailor make your policy to your needs
- ✓ Update cover online whenever you want
- ✓ Interest free instalments
- ✓ Agreed value or market value options
- ✓ Discounts for experience, boat security etc

For an instant quote visit our website today www.visicover.com

The Bosun's chair



Security of the Outboard engines has been enhanced..... Our Bosuns have replaced the Honda's security stops with new stops and padlocks, and as such they are now secured in a slightly different configuration.

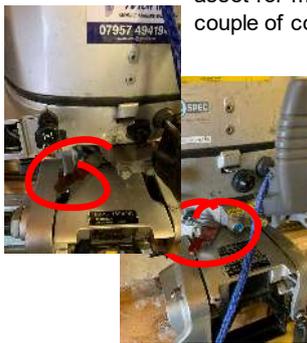
When preparing the safety boat for duty, please note the new security and locking arrangements as shown in the images to the right.

Our new ramp from the Robinson building to the boat park is now proving to be a great asset for moving equipment to and fro....How ever last year we had a couple of complaints about the engines "flopping" about on the trolley.

If the lever painted red in the images here, is pushed fully over to the left as you look at the engine it will lock the engine in position.

Once the engine is secured on the boat push the lever over to the right as you look at the engine, this will free the friction lock to allow steering as usual.

It is important to push the lever back to the left again once the engine is secure on the trolley after use before transporting back to the Robinson building and avoiding floppy engine syndrome!



We have moved the old Wanderer to a berth nearer the slipway. Two of the Club Laser Ones are now berthed on the top row (berths 93 & 94), both have their sails and all kit in the boats. Berth 93 is rigged up for a Radial and Berth 94 is full Rig, the keys are on the keyboard in the Clubhouse.

Recently we have noticed a trend to leave tyres in the water after launching and recovery, if the water level remains constant it's not that much of a problem to Club Members (although it will annoy Yorkshire Water). With the constant fluctuations of water levels this can be dangerous as they become a trip hazard when submerged. So, please if you use a tyre during your sailing please take it back to above the highest water level line, thanks.

May we gently remind you that (in the unlikely event) of damage to any of the Club boats, please record in the Day Book and if we don't know about it, we can't fix it!

Please ask if you're unsure about any of the Club kit, or where it stored....there's no such thing as a daft question. If nobody tells you, then you won't know!

Can all members with road trailers on the boat park please move them to behind the Robinson Building, as the additional length of some road trailers can prove to be an obstacle for other users accessing the water and their boats.

Happy Sailing! Syd & Bob

Racing news

Sessions really well received with some excellent feedback

Annabelle LePage



NOW - 2 Race opportunities each week!

Annabelle says...

Our organised programme of water-based activities got off to a flying start thanks to Mark Meadows, Trevor Bradley and Tony Merry who hosted 3 weekends of Race Officer and practice races in April.

These sessions attracted new and not so new racers, encouraging people to shake off their boat covers and venture out onto the water (despite some chill still in the air). In particular, it enabled people who had attended Mark's online session on race management in March -

to try it out for real. These sessions were really well received with some excellent feedback – thank you!

(Download a copy from the website [here](#))

The skills development theme has continued into May with the team coaching on topics such as racing rules, boat handling and starts before Sunday races. It's been great to welcome some new faces to the racing scene at TSSC and these facilitated sessions have helped people build confidence – and boat speed!

**5-4-1
GO!**

We've also introduced new people to sailing through our first RYA training course of the year: Level 1 & 2 dinghy sailing held over 3 weekends.

Our racing programme is now in full swing, with races every Wednesday evening and Sunday. Yes, twice weekly!

That's a lot of opportunities to get out and join in, so come along and find out how much fun it can be. With the races nearly all in a series format this year you don't have to take part every week to qualify, or even have to stay all day on Sundays.

Finally, many thanks to everyone who has volunteered to helm/crew the Safety Boat or be Race Officer for the day.

The club relies on people putting themselves forward and most find it extremely rewarding and enjoyable. There are still gaps in the SB and RO Rota - so please sign up for sessions through our booking system [here](#).....**Annabelle LePage**

Mark says...

Following the success of our recent sailing course, we've introduced 5 new people to sailing through our first RYA Beginners training session of the year and starts in the morning before the Sunday races....

A big welcome to **Joanna Stephenson, Andrew Woods, Catherine Coombes, David Gibson and Graham Whittall.**

Thanks also to Syd, Bob, Martha and James for their voyages of discovery into sailing as a result!

Their enthusiasm to continue has been met so far by "Bimbling" with youngsters on Wednesday afternoons,

Huge congratulations

.... To James Proctor for becoming a RYA Senior Dinghy Instructor!

This is a significant achievement after a tough 5-day course and will increase our training capacity, as an SI must oversee any RYA training course at TSSC.....**Well done James!**



through to our informal coaching sessions on Sunday mornings.

These informal sessions would benefit greatly from more folk taking part. Check out the website details for more info, alternatively just come on down!!!!

Mark Meadows

Thornton Steward Sailing Club

Around the club.....



Secure it!

Boat Park security

After recent incident of damage to canoes berthed on the boat park, we are reminding all members to ensure their craft/s are fully secured to the tie down points with a chain or steel cable and heavy duty padlock. Wherever possible to include road or launching trolley too.

Don't leave any items that cannot be secured in the craft e.g. Paddles, Oars, Sails etc.

Kit for sale?



Boats and equipment for sale...A free service for club members, add your items for sale including images, price and a description

Coming up

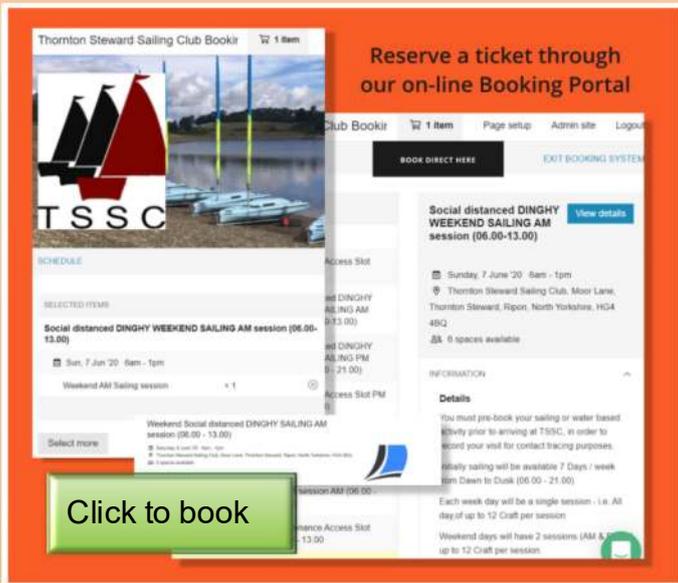


As usual, we will be celebrating and supporting the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation's **BART BASH**

Event on Sunday 11th Sept. A collection and proceeds will go towards this worthwhile charity for promoting sailing across the world



Read more....



Don't forget our club boats and Paddleboards can be hired, by visiting the booking pages on the club website

Website quick links and where to find it!

- [Booking portal](#) - Access to all bookings here
- [Latest News](#) - It does what it says on the can!
- [Safety Boat rota](#) - Check if you can offer a duty
- [Event calendar](#) - What's on and coming up
- [Members restricted area](#) - Access to documents
- [Weather checker](#) - Too windy, or not enough?
- [TSSC logo shop](#) - Time for a new Cap or sweatshirt?
- [For sale](#) - Buy it, Sell it



Click to Visit Gallery

Beaufort Wind Scale

Beaufort Number (Force)	Wind Speed (mph)	Effects observed on land.
0	under 1	 Chimney smoke rises straight up
1	1-3	 Smoke drifts gently
2	4-7	 Leaves rustle, wind felt on face
3	8-12	 Leaves & twigs on trees move
4	13-18	 Dust & paper blow on the ground
5	19-24	 Small flag on a pole



TSSC

Moor Lane, Thornton Steward,
North Yorkshire
HG4 4BQ

E: membership@thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk
W: <https://www.thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk/index.html>