

SailTime

SPRING 2025

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SailTime the in-house magazine for Thornton Steward Sailing Club

Thornton Steward Sailing Club

Welcome to the 2025 season

Safety boat duty is an integral part of the volunteer ethos of the club....Mike



Welcome to another season at TSSC, by the time you receive this edition of SailTime, I hope the weather will be looking more Spring-like and thoughts of getting back on the water will be foremost in your minds!....If not.... then take the opportunity for an armchair catch up by reading on!

When you visit the club next, you'll see some changes.....We have new signage, reflecting our status as a watersports centre, not just a sailing club, positioned on our clubhouse frontage. There are new welcome signs on our compound gate and signs directing members to our new Bio-Wash area, together with security reminders that the Robinson building is alarmed!

Over the winter the club has undergone some well deserved TLC. The clubhouse exterior, interior lounge, galley and changing rooms have all been decorated by a team of hard working volunteers, co-ordinated by Graham Whittall, cracking the paint brushes to complete the task in often cold and damp conditions.....Sterling work all.

The clubhouse lounge, now sports a new blue floor and we hope the new colour scheme will present a light and airy feel for members. Please note... another sign at the main door entrance reminds members that removing or cleaning muddy boots before entering the lounge will help preserve the lounge in a comfortable environment for all users!

A new Bio-Wash area has been created to the rear of the changing room annexe, where you will find a fixed hose for washing down craft that have been off site on other waters and is a requirement before using boats and boards on the TSSC reservoir again.

The 2025 sailing programme has been finalised and can be viewed on the club [website](#), where a range of events are listed, including our Wednesday and Sunday Racing series, RYA courses and other upcoming events. We're pleased to announce that we will again be hosting the [2000 Association open](#) meeting on Sat 12th & Sun 13th April, following a very

successful meeting last year. Hopefully, we will have more boats taking part in the event this year....If you fancy playing out with the big boys, you can enter [here!](#)

This year we are hoping to offer additional safety boat services on selected Saturdays as well as Sundays and will require greater involvement for all members, stepping up and taking on their SB duties....Don't forget this is a condition of membership that all adult members and a lead family member covers a minimum of 2 duties per season.

We are therefore introducing "DutyMan", through our sailing club management system, to allow members to select their own duty dates, swap duties and view the SB rota..... All automatically on-line. Our chief instructor James Proctor will be administering the system and you will have already received your personal log in credentials. For further details, see our DutyMan feature in this [edition](#).

Safety Boat Familiarisation days for any club member are again being offered by our Bosun Syd Nye on Saturdays. You must have completed a SB-Fam day prior to booking a crew slot on our rota. The familiarisation day is free of charge and covers all SB setup, boat handling and basic rescue techniques. Each course is restricted to 2 members only, ensuring a real hands-on day. Whizzing around the water in a power boat is a bonus!

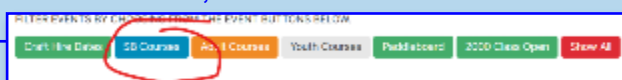
Book a day with Syd on our course booking system, filter search by clicking SB Courses from the main menu, or click below.....



DutyMan

Select dates, make swaps and volunteer for Safety Boat duty and Race Officer through our new on line portal

Safety Boat Rota



Thornton Steward Sailing Club

2K event 12th & 13th April

"It's the taking part that counts!"

.....Sailing Sec - Trevor Bradley

Sat 12th and Sun 13th
April

2000
Class Association

NB: The water will be closed to members during racing over the weekend

TSSC will again be hosting the 2K Class Association Open meeting. The 2-day event will take place on Saturday 12th April and Sunday 13th April. We will be expecting competitors to attend from throughout the North of England as part of the Latitude series of open meetings.

This is a return visit after a very successful meeting at the club in June last year.

You can see gallery images of the 2024 event clicking below.

See the 2K fleet in action with races scheduled on Saturday and Sunday and of course we have a 2K craft available, should you wish to take part too.

We will be offering our guests catering facilities over the weekend. A supper will be served after the first day's racing on Sat 12th April, non-competitor meals can be booked on line £9/meal, should you wish to join the party, but guest meal tickets are available strictly on a booked basis only.....Visit our booking page [here](#)

FILTER EVENTS BY CHOOSING FROM THE EVENT BUTTONS BELOW:

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2000 Class Association

Open meeting 12th & 13th April 2025

Welcome to the 2000 Class
Thornton Steward Sailing Club are pleased to host the Open meeting as part of the Latitude series of events.

Our facilities include: Comfortable clubhouse with view of the reservoir, Showers, Changing rooms, Free Camping for the event duration, Galley, providing hot & cold snacks and drinks.

Bookings for craft entries, camping requirements, crew catering can be completed through our booking portal, by clicking below. NOR and Sailing Instructions will be attached to your booking, or can be downloaded from the buttons on this page.

We're looking forward to meeting you.
TSSC

2000 Class Open Meeting 12th & 13th April 2025

Saturday, 12 April 2025 - 2 days
Thornton Steward Sailing Club, Moor Lane, Thornton Steward, North Yorkshire, YO41 4HQ
200 spaces available

2000 Class Association

Sample Booking page

Book here

NOR **Sailing Instructions**



View 2K event gallery 2024

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“DutyMan” Safety Boat System



DutyMan...What is it?

This year we will be trialling our new Safety Boat software system DutyMan, designed to streamline the process of booking safety boat duties throughout the season.

Some of you will be familiar with using this at other clubs, for some there is a bit of learning involved.

What am I expected to do?

As a condition of membership all adult members and an adult member from each family group are required to cover a minimum of 2 Safety Boat duties per season on a volunteer basis. Dutyman enables members to volunteer for duty slots which fit around their day-to-day commitments.

We hope to provide coverage on selected Saturdays as well as on Sundays during the main sailing season from March to November. However, we will be excluding Safety boat provision for the Wednesday evening Sunset Racing series from the schedule, as we hope it can be handled by the core of members that regularly take part in racing on a rota between themselves, but this still means that we have approx 8 months of weekend safety boat slots to fill and more than 180 SB sessions, so it's really important that members step up to take their turn.

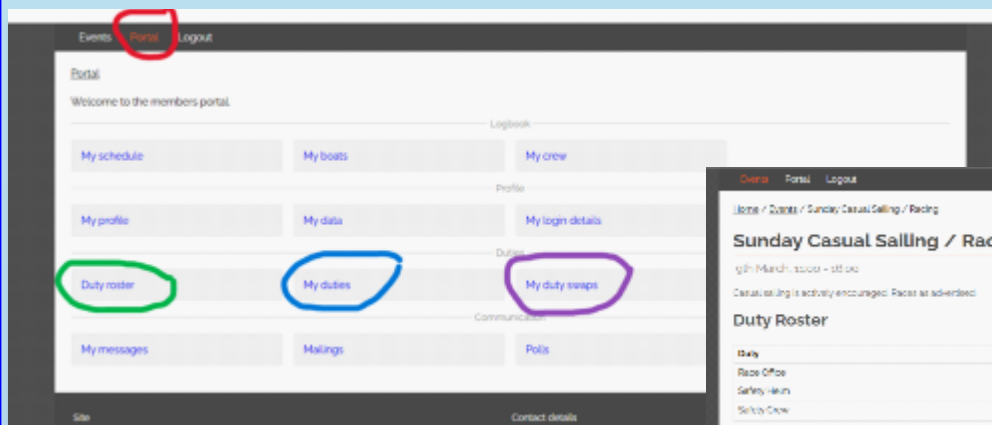
So, how do I get started?

You should have received an email from James (TSSC Club Admin) on 13th Feb which contains this link to jump you to TSSC's Dutyman: <https://tssc-training.co.uk/events> which looks like this: Alternatively, on the TSSC website <https://www.thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk/> on the Members tab, select Safety Boat DutyMan.



Either way, you now need to log in with the details you were sent at about the same time.

If you have problems logging in contact James: wjamesproctor@hotmail.com



Once logged in, select **Portal**. You can now view and select dates and duties that suit you using the **Duty Roster**.

You can also see 'My Duties'. Sometimes plans change and swaps can be requested under 'My Duty Swaps'.

To volunteer for a duty in the **Duty Roster**, choose your preferred date and event, and if a duty slot is available, click the Green Volunteer link as in the example above.

[More>>>>](#)

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“DutyMan” Safety Boat System



James walks you through the basics here: [Watch the video guide](#)

What does SB Duty involve?

Safety Boat services are scheduled from 11:00am to 4:00pm, however these are “on the Water” times and you should allow 30 minutes prior and after the duty for preparing, launching, recovering and packing away boat and equipment.

If you are a designated Helm, you will likely have a less experienced Crew member attending with you, this is a good opportunity to pass on your experience as a training exercise.

All Helm and Crew members are required to attend a “SB Familiarisation day” before booking safety boat duties. Our Bosun - Syd Nye will take you through all aspects of preparing the safety boat, explaining the equipment and train you on basic recovery and rescue techniques.

The SB-Fam days are free to attend and are limited to 2 members per day, providing hands-on experience both on and off the water. Bookings can be made on our booking system [here](#).

The advanced stuff – duty swaps

If you are ready for more, see this video: <https://dutyman.biz/view-video.aspx?v=9nVr7HiMbxI>

Got a problem?

The DutyMan system is being administered by our Chief instructor James Proctor. Should you have any difficulty with bookings, swaps or general queries about the system, please email James on: wjamesproctor@hotmail.com

Important notes:

If you have a duty that you cannot swap or give away it is still your responsibility to cover that duty to ensure that we always have SB coverage.

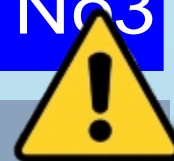
If you arrange a swap or give away a duty by another means...WhatsApp, phone, bribery, flattery...you are responsible for updating DutyMan!



We have recently purchased a new Rigidflex craft and outboard engine to compliment the club fleet. The new boat will be used for training primarily and TSSC2 will remain our default Safety Boat for regular duty use.

Our new TSSC Craft No3

WARNING!



If insufficient duties are volunteered for, we will begin to assign dates and duties to members.... So please ensure you choose a minimum of 2 duties as soon as possible to avoid being allocated a less convenient date!

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News from the Clubhouse



Clubhouse is looking great after much hard work from the TSSC Painting Party, led by Graham "Picasso" Whittall.

Under Graham's organisation the exterior woodwork and a complete redecoration of the interior of the clubhouse has been completed over the winter period.



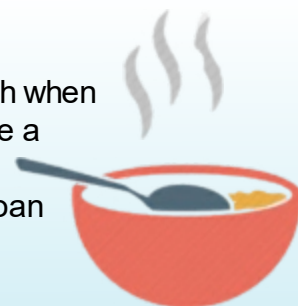
A long job in all weathers, the painting team have put in a heroic effect....With special thanks to Graham's perseverance and determination to get the project completed.
Great work all!

Thornton Steward Sailing Club

More news from the Clubhouse



There will be an “opening up the club” day scheduled for 22nd March when a list of final pre season jobs will need to be completed. This is a good chance to meet up again, we’re hoping to lay on some sustenance for members that turn up to help, and have a good moan about the winter weather!



Together with new signage, a new toilet in the male changing room.... The clubhouse is certainly shaping up for the 2025 season.

It would be nice to keep it that way, and we will be installing a front entrance mat and boot scrapers to try to keep the Sheep “do-dahs” outside rather than inside the clubhouse! So please make an effort to clean boots before entering the club.



You’ll find a newly created wash down area to the rear of the changing annexe, where craft and equipment can be hosed down and cleaned.... Particularly important if you’re returning a boat that has been used on a different water elsewhere, to avoid any cross contamination. See also our [“I N N S”](#) article in this edition



First Aid Course 22nd Feb



The aim of the day was to get folk their RYA 1st Aid certification. This is a requirement for all holders of RYA practical Instructional qualifications, they must have the 1st Aid certificate before taking up the role and in the case of 1st Aid must re qualify every 3 years to keep them in date.

It is obviously of benefit to have as many other people 1st Aid qualified. There were 10 students, 4 from CGSC, 2 from TSSC, 3 from Teasdale SC and one lady who was so impressed with the Club Facebook advert that she decided to attend to learn more, she does not sail has no intention of learning. She, like many visitors, who live locally never knew the reservoir was here and thought it a lovely location.

The training was run by Ellie Meadows who has carried out training for us before and yet again thoroughly enjoyed teaching the class and marvelled at their enthusiasm.

Everyone commented on the painting of the club even asking if the blue on the floor could be shinier and brighter!

The TSSC Rose Challenge



“An individual may complete the course as many times as they wish”

TSSC Rose Challenge

Introducing something a little different this year. As a test of boat handling and the ability to sail a set course, we hope the Rose Challenge (named after the course shape, will tempt Dinghy Sailors, Paddleboarders and Kayakers to take part in a club wide event.... without entering formal races.

The TSSC Rose Challenge can be sailed at any time during the season. It will involve recording the time to sail around a set course.

At the end of the season an individual's fastest recorded time will count towards the Prize.
An individual can complete the course as many times as they wish, with their fastest time to count.

Start and Finish will be between 1 and the shore nearest the clubhouse.

The Start and Finish Line must be crossed from West to East.

All marks will be left to port.

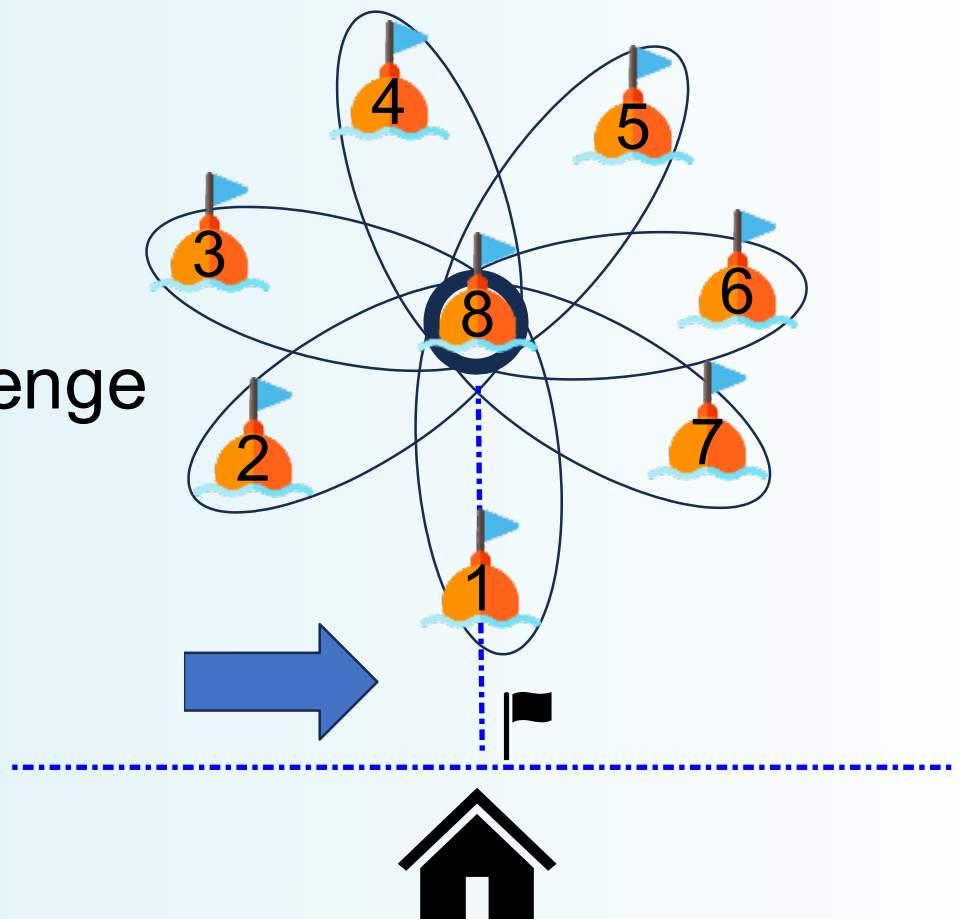
Course –

Start Line, 8, 1, 8, 2, 8, 3, 8, 4, 8, 5, 8, 6, 8, 7, 8, Finish Line.

There will be leagues for Dinghies, SUPs and Kayaks.

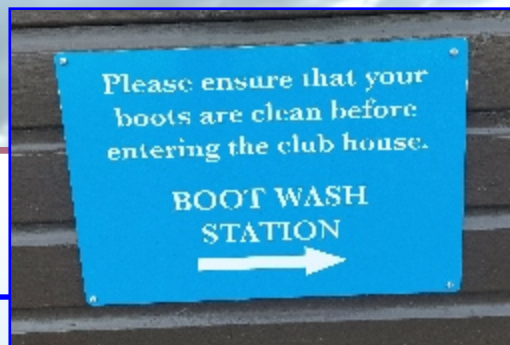
Dinghy times to be corrected for PY, hence an individual could sail different boats over the year.

A helm and dinghy is a single entry, so a helm and multiple dinghies counts as multiple entries. For a helm in a double handed dinghy the helm can have different crews.



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Keep it clean by Graham Whittall



A 3 pronged attack to keep the clubhouse clean!

- Outside main entrance, a new Coir Mat with inbuilt metal scrapers
- On the side wall (under the ladies changing room window), a purpose built stand with stiff brushes and scrapers for soles and boots with deeper treads
- A hand held brush connected to water tap ,ideal for removing sheep excrement and mud from sailing boots.

So now there is no excuse!!

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT MEMBERS DO CHECK THEIR FOOTWEAR BEFORE ENTERING THE CLUBHOUSE.

From our Bosuns

Over the next few weeks we will begin to get all the club boats ready for the new sailing season. We will be fitting two new self-bailers to the Wanderers and have a load of new wheels for the launching trollies (they are nice and shiny and blue so please do not borrow them☺).

We have begun cutting up the old boats in the graveyard to the rear of the club, potentially there will be some more to dispose of once the membership is completed for the coming year. If you could assist by taking some of the cut-up bits to the local tip it would help us.

Our newly acquired 2k, is currently undergoing refurbishment.... we have had to buy some new fittings and rigging, but, we hope it should be ready for the coming season.

If you are not used to sailing a 2k and would like to do so there are instructors available to help you on second and fourth Saturdays per month. The 2k is a double-hander so don't use this craft, or the Wanderers, unless you feel competent and confident to do so, as they are fibre glass and take longer to repair than the Fusions!

We have a new safety boat TSSC3 (or Donald as it is now known! - Orange etc!) and a new outboard engine, replacing the equipment that was stolen last year . Currently we are in the process of running the new engine, but as does not have a prop guard fitted, you are therefore requested not to use it....As a common fault of boat handling among less experienced helms, is forgetting to unlock, turn off and tilt the engine prior to landing thus damaging the propeller or gear box.

Our other outboards have recently been serviced and are working well; the default safety boat remains as TSSC2 so please use that. Thanks all Syd, Bosun



**Our new
TSSC Craft No3**

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More Bits n Bobs



GM on 4th March 2025 was held virtually on-line again this year with 16 members joining the video conference.

Following apologies for absence, the meeting was introduced by Phil Gamlen, our Rear Commodore, previous minutes of the 2024 AGM were agreed, reports from the Treasurer had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was generally accepted that although membership revenue was lower, the club remained in a healthy financial position as we enter 2025.

The formal process of electing committee members took place, all existing posts were re-elected without opposition and a nomination for a new committee member - Mike Shorten was voted and seconded as part of the proceedings.

A special vote of thanks was registered to Graham Whittall for his outstanding work in organising the repainting and decoration of the clubhouse. The meeting also voted to grant a 12 month free membership to Graham in recognition of efforts....Many thanks Graham!

A short general discussion took place following the statutory formal business end of the AGM, all discussions are covered in this edition of SailTime Spring 2025.



Quick Start Day - 6th April

Trevor, our Sailing Sec is asking the membership for suggestions about what they would like including on our "Quick Start Day" scheduled for Sunday 6th April....Designed to be a back-to-the-water day, inspiring everybody to dust off their wetsuits and get out boating again!

What would you like to see on the day? Perhaps....

- Help with fine tuning?
- General Boat setup?
- Racing Tactics?
- Race Officer training?
- Race start practices?

Answers on a postcard please! Send your suggestions to Trevor sailingsec@thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk

Tuck shop is again featuring this season, with the option to purchase a TUCKCRED voucher from the club website.

Click voucher graphic to go straight to the TSSC Store page, where you can buy a £10 credit to save having cash on site when at the club.

The system relies of members keeping track of their purchases, marking in the Tuck Shop account book and not overspending please!

Buy your £10 voucher [here](#)



Thornton Steward Sailing Club

With welfare in mind....

Are you aware of our policies?

As we look forward to the new sailing season please take a moment to ensure that you read the Club's Safeguarding policy and procedures.

These and other relevant documents including a Code of Conduct can be accessed via the website or there are paper copies in the Clubhouse. Please familiarise yourself with these documents as Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us, not just those directly involved with instructing or supervising children.

These policies and procedures are to protect all of us, not just children. By everyone being proactive and aware the club will be an environment which is safe and supportive for all.

Any concern must never be ignored and should be referred to me or to the RYA Safeguarding & Equalities Manager if I am not available, in accordance with the Club's Safeguarding procedures.

My details are on posters in the club house –

E: welfare@thornton-steward-sailingclub.co.uk

M: 07930340649.

Any queries don't hesitate to ask.

Kay Marriott Welfare Officer

All important documents can be found on the downloads page of the website...



Racing for everyone

In a previous life at a previous sailing club I took part in some club racing. I messed up my manoeuvre at a buoy and got in the way of one of the club's best sailors who vented his frustration in no uncertain terms. Although he was friendly again when we were off the water I was scarred by the experience, my confidence was shaken, and I didn't race at the club again. Fast forward a few years; I moved to Richmond and joined TSSC.....but I still wasn't going to race..... Fast forward again and I am eagerly awaiting the start of club racing – so what's changed?...Everything! Spending time at TSSC, I realised I was surrounded by friendly and supportive sailors who encourage each other, often with a sense of fun and humour. Still reluctant to race, I did want to improve my sailing skills so I took part in some of Trevor Bradley's training sessions. These were invaluable in many ways, but most significantly in his encouragement to race and debunking of my fears that I couldn't race because I didn't know all the rules (I still don't!), or that I would be in the way on the start line or at a buoy. Listening to the racers' chat and banter I started to thinkmaybe. Trevor's gentle encouragement continued and one Sunday I rigged my boat and stood at the blackboard trying to memorise the racecourse!

So, what's good about racing at TSSC? Everything! The start line is much longer than needed so there's lots of room and it's easy to keep out of the way of others. There's usually someone who isn't wearing a race watch so as well as the flags & hooters there's shouting between sailors of the countdown to the start. Given the size of the reservoir the course is fairly short so although I know I'll be overtaken within a couple of laps I don't lose contact with the other boats. The encouragement continues on the water, Trevor often shouts coaching tips as he whizzes past me. Once back on land people are happy to answer questions such as why they tacked when they did.

Perhaps the best thing is the feeling of improving, whether it's getting a better start, handling a manoeuvre or reading a wind shift (although I'm still really poor at this). For most of us racing is really about racing against oneself, it definitely improves one's skills and the sense of achievement by sailing better is priceless. I might still be at the back of the fleet but I'm sailing better, and I'm having fun.

As well as Wednesday evening and Sunday racing this year we have the 'Rose Challenge' (details on page [8 here](#)), the perfect way of racing against yourself and of racing without a start line, what's not to like?

So, as the new season approaches do give racing a go. Catch the **Kick Start** session on Sunday 6th April.

At TSSC you are guaranteed a friendly, supportive environment where the only shouting is of encouragement. By Kay Marriott.



Thornton Steward Sailing Club

Stop the spread...

CHECK

CLEAN

DRY

Invasive non natural species (INNS) pose a very real risk to Yorkshire Water operations and Yorkshire's environment and wildlife.

STOP THE SPREAD

Invasive plants and animals block waterways, harm the environment and wildlife, and can damage your boat's engine and props. They can be small and hard to spot so are easily spread on damp equipment and clothing. Protect the environment and sport you enjoy by keeping your kit free of invasive plants and animals.

Remember to check these places

CHECK Check boats, equipment and clothing after leaving the water for mud, aquatic animals or plant material. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site. Reapply anti-fouling annually.

CLEAN Clean everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to ropes, bilges, trailers, and other hard to reach and hard to access. Use hot water if you can.

DRY Dry - drain water from every part of your boat and trailer before leaving the site. Dry everything for as long as possible before using it elsewhere as some invasive plants and animals can survive for two weeks in damp conditions.

Watch out for:
- Mud
- Aquatic plants
- Aquatic animals

For more information visit nonnativespecies.org/checkanddry

They can impact on the ability to provide safe drinking water and return waste water safely to the environment, cause direct harm to human health, reduce local bio diversity, block pipes and valves, clog reservoirs with weed, affect fish and diminish our enjoyment of nature.

As users of a drinking water reservoir we have a real responsibility to protect Thornton Steward from the import of water weeds, killer shrimp, crayfish and more. SUPs and kayaks are affected too.

If you are bringing or returning equipment to TSSC that wasn't washed down at the last body of water it was used on, you must wash it down on arrival at the club.

Please use the dedicated wash down area behind the annexe.



Do you recognise these trophies?

During the course of the redecoration process the plaques below were removed from the walls and we're asking if anybody has knowledge of them..... or would like to keep them?

Please let Merrin our secretary know, if they are of interest.



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