

SailTime

MAY 2024



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Thornton Steward Sailing Club

Thoughts from the “Revolving Chair”!

FROM The Revolving Chair.....

As you'll maybe recall, following our AGM in February, our Commodore, Phil Gamlen stepped down from the role after an eventful term of office guiding the club through some many difficult and challenging times over recent years. We are yet to appoint a new Commodore and so it falls to the other club committee members to chair meetings and to run affairs on a rotating basis! Hence my message from the revolving chair!

This editorial is therefore an update to the current committee's work in progress.

We're pleased to welcome some new faces to the committee, Phil Davies and Simon Whitby, have both already taken on some of the workload in various roles.

Later in this SailTime edition, we have outlined our plans for the **Open Day event** on Sat 11th May and hope this will be a celebration of all the club offers to its members. We have also invited the public to attend, through social media posts and local message platforms to come and see us at our best, although the day is primarily aimed at members, and will hopefully present an opportunity for all to enjoy a range of activities..... All club boats and craft will be available for Sailing, Paddleboarding free of charge..... and we're pleased to announce the purchase of 2 new Sit on Kayaks that will arrive this week in time for our open day event.

The Kayaks will then be added to the club's fleet for future hire use by any member.

There are 2 x Paddleboard instructor sessions **scheduled** for open day and tickets for these events have almost sold out.....with just 1 space available (at the time of writing) for the 2-hour course starting at 10:00. First come - first served basis, if you fancy some expert tuition.

Our small but perfectly formed band of **Radio Controlled Model Yacht** enthusiasts, will also be on hand to “Induct” interested members in the use and handling of the club's 2 x Dragon 65 class RC yachts and perhaps join in with some fun model racing.



Syd, our club Bosun will be whizzing around in the safety boat offering those members that have not yet completed their SB familiarisation day, a snapshot of the the skills a Safety boat crew member requires to carry out their **SB Duties**.



After all the hard work enjoying yourself, a visit to the Clubhouse galley will be welcome! As we are inviting the public to see the club in full operational mode, we would like to offer some refreshments and are requesting contributions from home bakers. If you can provide any **tasty cakes, biscuits or snacks**, they will be gratefully accepted.

Check out the full programme of proposed events for our Open Day later in this issue.

In the meantime...In other business, I would like to extend a thanks to all those members that turned out for our work day on Saturday 6th April, when a huge amount of tidying up, maintenance and preparation went into getting the club ship-shape for 2024.

I'm sure the work was spurred on by a hearty clubhouse lunch, courtesy of Merrin and Kay, in fact the list of jobs that was planned over 2 x weekend days, was completed on day 1, leaving Sunday 7th April free for the first Kick start sailing event, run by our Sailing Secretary, Trevor Bradley.

Already our sailing season has begun, with 2 Sunday race days and the first of our “Sunset” racing series that are held each Wednesday evening in Spring and Summer.

Don't be shy, any newcomers wanting to stretch their sailing ability will be very welcome at our informal racing events. All race dates and times are published on the events page of the **club website**

I hope you enjoy this “Open Day” edition of SailTime, any feedback is always welcome!

**Best wishes.
Mike Smith.**

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Open Day events



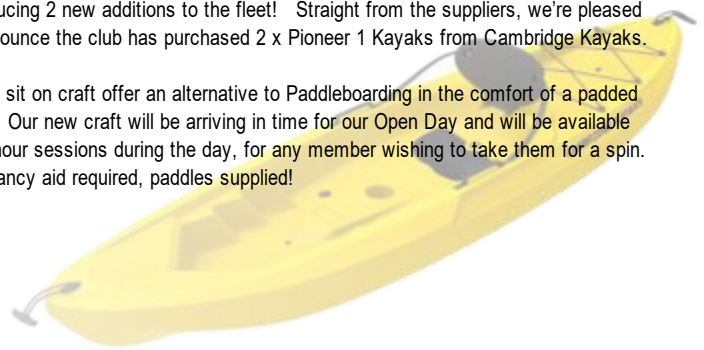
Have you tried sailing a different craft? Try out one of our club boats, the Fusion fleet offer a great opportunity to try something new, with happy helpers on shore and assisting with launch and recovery, you'll not be short of advice about rigging and handling tips to get the best of the experience.

Fancy a swap with another members boat to see the difference each craft offers? We're hoping to have a number of boats rigged and ready to try, Safety boat services will be on the water at selected times throughout the day.



Introducing 2 new additions to the fleet! Straight from the suppliers, we're pleased to announce the club has purchased 2 x Pioneer 1 Kayaks from Cambridge Kayaks.

These sit on craft offer an alternative to Paddleboarding in the comfort of a padded seat! Our new craft will be arriving in time for our Open Day and will be available for 1 hour sessions during the day, for any member wishing to take them for a spin. Buoyancy aid required, paddles supplied!



No wind? Too much Wind? No excuse for retiring to the clubhouse, get active with a Paddleboard.

Our 3 x Shark Paddleboards will be available for use throughout Open Day on a fair usage of up to 1 hour, free of charge.

There will be 2 x "Ready to Ride" instruction sessions taking place from 10.00 - 12.00 and 1.30-3.30. Provided by an external instructor, we only have 1 morning session ticket available at the time of publication



If you've seen our Radio Controlled Yachts sailing the model course near the water inlet recently and wondered how they work and wanted to give it go....Now is your chance to learn more about the set up and handling of the 2 x club owned Dragon 65 Yachts.

Our Model Yacht team will take you through setting up, battery management and using the remote transmitter functions to operate the Yachts.

Feeling confident? After an induction, enjoy some free sailing under the watchful eyes of the experts. Once inducted, you'll be able to hire the club Dragon 65 class yachts through our booking system.



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News from the Clubhouse

After all the activity on and off the water, you'll be ready to enjoy a snack from the Clubhouse galley.

Tea, Coffee, Hot and Cold drinks will be available from the Galley and we are requesting donations of home bakes to offer to guests, members and the public as part of our Open Day plans.

If you can donate a "Tray Bake" or individual cakes - pre portioned ready to serve would be very welcome.

**My favourites are
Chocolate
Brownies....Just saying!**



Tuckcred -- our tuck shop credit system is once again active and available on the membership booking system, where a credit can be purchased in advance..... to save having cash available at the club.

Graham, our head of Tuck - points out that TuckCred is not a "slate" system and an up-front payment is required!

People paying cash on the day also need to be reminded to record their purchases in the cash book please.



**Buy your TUCKCRED
by visiting the TSSC purchase
shop here**



Ice creams will be stocked when warmer weather graces the club (if it ever arrives?)

Graham Whittall

Have you sailed at another location?

Don't forget, your craft must be washed down prior to re-entering TSSC water as a bio security measure and is a requirement by Yorkshire Water.

The wash down area provided, is located to the rear of the newly commissioned "West Wing" Changing room facility.

Please do not wash your boats near the reservoir, but use the hose provided, as the run off water will then drain into the main drain and won't contaminate our fine Yorkshire dales drinking water!



What a great day our Work day turned out to be!

Many thanks to all who wielded barrows, spades, rakes and paint brushes on the day, the club is looking good for the season ahead.



Safety First



“ Whizzing around the water in the safety boat....what’s not to like? ”

All the club boats will be ready to be sailed on open day, there are 3 Lasers (two full rig and one radial), four Fusions, four Toppers and three Oppi's, not forgetting three Wanderers, although it appears only the Fusions are being regularly sailed by members, so, don't forget the other craft are also good boats! Our open day is the perfect opportunity to try another type of craft to broaden your experience and enjoyment.

For everybody to feel confident on the water, safety boat services are essential and an important part of the club's activities.

All members are required to volunteer for their SB duties during the main sailing season and Syd, our Bosun gives up a huge amount of time to introduce members, new and old to the requirements of their SB Duty. On Open Day, Syd will be on hand to take any member out on the water for an intro session

Book a 1 hour slot with Syd, as a taster before completing the full familiarisation day we regularly offer. Click to e mail the membership secretary to book your time slot.

Following our series 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.

Further SB Fam sessions can now be arranged on selected Saturdays through our [booking system](#).

Once accredited and signed off by Syd, please select an available SB duty as a Helm or Crew on a free date to complete your SB duties!

[Access the rota here >>>](#)

Safety Boat Rota

“ A Note from Syd... ”

Avast and listen up sailing club mates! Now is the time for some succession planning! Contrary to popular belief both Bob and Syd are mortal and have surpassed their biblical age and as such are getting on a bit! Therefore we would like you to consider taking over from us in the next eighteen months, anyone who is interested come along and chat about the role, we can do a staged hand-over for an easy transition....t's fun, honest ☺ and a good excuse to escape home for a few hours.

We also need some new instructors coming through the system. Currently we have four active dinghy instructors, one (sometimes) two senior instructors, but there is no succession plan in place to increase our instructor numbers.

A dinghy Instructor's role is to take someone who hasn't sailed and teach them the basics to be able to sail a course. Teaching improvement skills falls to the more experienced instructors.

Have a think about it.... Would you like to help someone else enjoy what you enjoy?

If you feel you have the qualities to assist and help with maintaining and helping with the smooth running of the club's fleet, we would like to hear from you!

Contact any committee member or Syd and Bob for details.

Although there's definitely no mast climbing involved!



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The clubhouse will require externally painting as soon as the better weather approaches.

Plans are in hand to form a painting party sub committee to carry out the work. As always, as we are small club with limited resources much of the routine maintenance work needs to be completed on a volunteer basis.

Can you help?

A WhatsApp group has been formed to communicate plans for the upcoming painting work and if you feel you can offer your time expertise and help, the easier the task will be.

Painting Party?
e-mail to sign up
to the working group here!





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