



# WE DID IT!!!

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## Welcome

Where does the year go – June already.

The big news for the club this month is that after a lot of hard work we have been accredited RYA recognised training centre status with the official confirmation and paperwork coming through last week. In this June edition we'll give you a quick overview of what we needed to do to get there and what

it means to the club plus a look at some up and coming events, both sailing and social.

If you have any ideas on how to improve the newsletter, or items to include please send them to [newsletter@rotherhamsailingclub.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@rotherhamsailingclub.org.uk)

### Dates for the diary

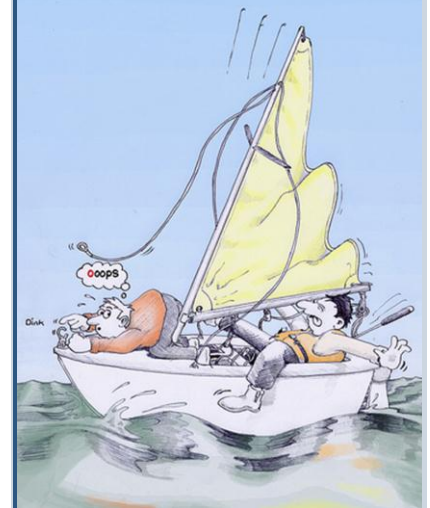
#### **Social Events**

- 7<sup>th</sup> June – RSC Training course begins
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Junior Training course – Stage 1 starts.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July – BBQ
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – Laying up supper

## Health and Safety

You will be aware from previous newsletters that we have been reviewing and updating the Club's policies and procedures. This month we would like to draw you attention to Health & Safety and remind you that:

- Members and visitors of Rotherham Sailing Club must ensure they do not do anything (or not do something) that may put themselves, others or equipment at risk and ensure they comply with the Club's rules, policies and procedures at all times.
- The Club's rules, policies and procedures are designed to provide a safe environment for all users and are built on common sense.
- Members and visitors have an important role to play in ensuring a safe environment and in the identification, assessment, escalation and management of risks. If you have any safety concerns about any aspect of the Club or the Club's activities speak to a Committee member or event organiser immediately.
- A copy of the Clubs policies and procedures can be found in the Club House.



## RYA Training Centre – The Story

### Why

For many years now Rotherham Sailing Club has successfully run training courses and introduced many people to the sport of sailing, with the fun and thrills we all know it can bring. So why did we decide to go down the route of applying for recognised training status. Just what is in it for us as members.

Well there are a few reasons really. The primary one being that it helps to promote the club. It allows us to raise our profile with the RYA supporting us (particularly useful in grant applications) and that in turn could well help us to grow the membership. We can offer formal training courses to our existing members at reduced rates to what they would pay at places such as Rother Valley, which give them the same recognised qualifications – something that a lot of the commercial centres are now asking for before allowing boats to be hired and because we know that our instructors are giving their time voluntarily through their love of the sport, instead of the fact it's just a job, the training you receive is of the highest standard and for your benefit.

### Inspection Day

A lot of hard work had already been done – we had some great qualified instructors already, we gained a further 6 in February and Keith gained his Senior Instructor just recently which allowed us to go forward to the next stage – Application and Inspection! As you will know from last months newsletter our inspection day was Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. 9am came and an intrepid few arrived at the club to prepare for Suzie Blair's visit. Bearing in mind that we would be moving boats around for the inspection, with the possibility of having to get some in the water there were some surprised looks when Alastair Watson arrived, immaculately dressed in his suit – was the dry suit going on so he could perform the James Bond look when removing it.....

Suzie looked around, was impressed with the boats we had and the standard to which they were kept, commenting that we obviously took pride in our club and our equipment. Then Garry Chambers took over the task of presenting the paperwork – Again Suzie expressed her satisfaction, advising it was one of the most comprehensive and professional looking set of documents she'd seen – well done Garry – I'm sure it makes all the ribbing worth while! Finally Suzie advised she was very happy with everything that she had seen and was happy to approve us (the

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#### Sailing Events

7<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> June – Training Course

4<sup>th</sup> July – Summer series starts

31<sup>st</sup> August – Bassenthwaite  
Regatta Week

5<sup>th</sup> Sept – Autumn series starts

11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Sept – Southport 24hr  
race.

18<sup>th</sup> Sept – Yorkshire Water  
Championships.

18<sup>th</sup> Sept – Streaker Open

31<sup>st</sup> Oct – R.N.L.I. Pudding Meeting

7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Winter series starts

26<sup>th</sup> Dec – Boxing Day race.

easiest one she'd ever done!) after a couple of small recommendations, which were quickly actioned, culminating in the final approval and paperwork coming through last week. All our hard work has even resulted in us getting a mention in a National RYA newsletter which can be seen at the following link - [RYA newsletter](#)

### Where now

Not wanting to let the dust settle you will be pleased to hear that we've already run our first formal RYA course. A postponed youth powerboating course from earlier in the year gave us the perfect opportunity and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June saw RSC run our first RYA course - a level 1 powerboat course. The weather was at its best for us, 4 enthusiastic younger members of the club assembled eagerly awaiting their chance to get their hands onto the throttles of the clubs rescue boats.

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### **Upcoming OD Duties**

10<sup>th</sup> June – Peter Cogill,  
Jane Morton, Garry  
Chambers

13<sup>th</sup> June – Andrew  
Elliot, Janet Campbell,  
Martin Ball

17<sup>th</sup> June – John Short,  
Paul Jago, Mel Moore

20<sup>th</sup> June – Simon Elliott,  
Helen Bowett, Andrew  
Walker

24<sup>th</sup> June – Alan  
Gillard, Margaret  
Mettam, John Holmes

27<sup>th</sup> June – Andrew  
Short, Jane Morton,  
Lavinia Oddy

1<sup>st</sup> July – Mike Brown,  
Darren Nugent, Alastair  
Watson

## **RYA Training Centre – cont.**

After a short introduction to the boats they were launched and everyone took their turn learning basic control of the speed and steering building up to the challenging coming alongside towards the end of the day.

The finale to the course was a short high speed run - something all of them (well nearly all) had been looking forward to. There was however no stopping any of them once they had experienced driving at speed! Congratulations to Ollie Thompson, Chloe & Abbie Cooper, and Matt Chambers they have successfully completed the introduction to power boating course - well done.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June sees the start of our next course as we run the RYA Level 1 & 2 sailing courses. This is well subscribed and we have 10 participants – 9 of which are brand new to the club.

Finally we are in the very early stages of planning a Stage 1 Youth Sailing course which is set to run over 2 Tuesday nights and a Saturday afternoon, starting on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June at 6pm.

There have already been a few requests for training courses and a list is steadily building. If you have an interest in this, or any other courses please email  
[training@rothrhamsailingclub.org.uk](mailto:training@rothrhamsailingclub.org.uk)

## **Weed**

The dreaded weed is rearing its flower-heads again and will soon be entangling our daggerboards and rudders. We will need some volunteers to learn how to plough up and down with our own antiquated weed cutter. Health and Safety aspects means adults only on this one.



## **Southport 24hr Race**

The [Southport 24 Hr race](#) will be held on the weekend of September 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. We now have enough members taking part to enter a team but the more the merrier – all are welcome. A list is up on the notice board. Alternatively let Alison Foster or Chris Cooper know. This is a great, fun weekend for sailors of all abilities so come on and join in.

## **Summer BBQ**

The Summer BBQ will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The cost is a very reasonable £8 adults and £4 children. There is a list up by the bar in the clubhouse – book your place now and don't leave it until the last minute. Family and friends are welcome. You can also phone or email Sue Susan Short to confirm your booking.

## **Bosun**

The club boson George Clark is having a knee replacement . He therefore will not be able to cut the grass for at least 2 months, so again volunteers needed please.

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