



Here's a new game – it's called spot the helm

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Welcome

Well here it is already – the May newsletter. Doesn't time fly when we're having fun. The sailing season is well and truly underway and we are now into the Spring series as well as Thursday night Pie & Pea racing underway and Social Sailing is seeing good numbers of attendees turning up.

In this May edition we've got a combination of reports on some

of the events we've had and what there is to look forward to in the near future and what's happening at the club to take us forward.

If you have any ideas on how to improve the newsletter, or items to include please send them to newsletter@rotherhamsailingclub.org.uk

Training at RSC

First of all a big congratulations to Keith Bailey on passing his Senior Instructor Assessment after many hours (and tears) of hard work.

As we now have a Senior Instructor at the club we can push forward with our application for recognition as a RYA training Centre. Garry Chambers has put in many hours work getting all the club paperwork up to date and we will be assessed by the RYA on

the 17th May.

Hopefully this will be approved in time for this years training course, which will start on the 7th June, and we will be able to issue our first formal RYA certificates. Garry has already circulated a leaflet to all members with the challenge of distributing it far and wide – who will those prizes go to.

All enquiries should go to training@rotherhamsailingclub.org.uk

Dates for the diary

Social Events

- 7th June – RSC Training course begins
- 3rd July – BBQ
- 13th Nov – Laying up supper



Voice of the Committee

Rules Night

The rules night was a well attended event and very informative helping members brush up on their knowledge of the racing rules. If you want to buy any of the books that were on sale on the night there are links to them below – just click the images;



Handy Guide to Racing Rules - £3



Racing Rules Explained - £7.99

Social and Catering

The Open Day was held on Saturday 8th May. The weather wasn't overly kind to us but we had a good turn out with new members joining and lots of interest in the training course. A big thank you to everyone who helped out on the day and provided cakes etc for us to sell from the galley.

RYA Partnership

Rotherham Sailing Club now has a partnership in place with the RYA. You may have noticed a link appear on the home page of the club website for becoming a member of the RYA. There will also be a link shortly to the RYA shop should you wish to purchase any books etc. By going through these links it won't cost you any more money however the club will benefit from a commission payment so you can obtain what you want whilst also helping the club.

YHYSA Travellers series

We have a number of our Junior sailors who are taking part in the YHYSA travelers series this year.

These events take part on a Saturday and

Dates for the diary

Sailing Events

7th – 17th June – Training Course
4th July – Summer series starts
5th Sept – Autumn series starts
18th Sept – Streaker Open
31st Oct – R.N.L.I. Pudding Meeting
7th Nov – Winter series starts
26th Dec – Boxing Day race.

involve our Junior sailors competing at various clubs around the region. We have a good record in this series and we wish our juniors well. Competing so far have been Ed Bailey & Josh Bennett in the 405. Abbie Cooper and Ollie Thompson in Toppers and Matt Chambers in his Pico.



Upcoming OD Duties

16th May – Simon Fleetwood, Mel Moore, Josie Gilbert

20th May – Chris Cooper, Terry Senior, Simon Elliot

23rd May – Mike Brown, Dennis/Emma Soames, Craig/Jim McKay

27th May – Keith Bailey, Nicole Watson, Dennis Soames

30th May – Peter Cogill, Ed Bailey/Josh Bennett, Thomas McLaughlin

3rd June – Simon Fleetwood, Lavinia Ody, Mark/Ollie Thompson

6th June – Helen Gray, Claire Bailey, Darren Nugent

10th June – Peter Cogill, Jane Morton, Garry Chambers

Enterprise Open

Winds were very light and variable in direction for the Rotherham SC Enterprise 'Cock O'North' open meeting on Sunday 18th April, but the sun was shining and a welcome was extended to all. The first race was postponed for half an hour whilst something resembling wind emerged over the club house. From a committee boat start Brian Garrison (E23135) from Hallamshire took an early lead. Helen Gray (E22934) Rotherham, caught and passed Brian taking advantage of a significant wind shift. Brian sailed well to regain the lead. At the finish Brian won with Helen 2nd and Dave Staniforth (E20687) Ulley/Sheff Viking 3rd.

After the break for lunch a northerly wind had started to fill in. To make up for the postponement earlier 2 races were run back to back. Brian won the 2nd race with Larry Gray (E22269) from Yorkshire Ouse 2nd and Dave making 3rd.



Although Brian had won, it was still all to play for, for the places. 3 boats were tied on a count of 6 points going into this final race. Helen took the lead at the start, and with great tactical sailing around the 1st mark sailed off to win the last race. Brian came 2nd and Larry came 3rd to give him 3rd overall.

Rotherham SC thank those visitors that came and enjoyed some close racing in rather light winds but in a very sociable atmosphere. (Volcanic dust free).

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| 1 st | E23135 Brian Garrison Hallamshire SC |
| 2 nd | E22934 Helen Gray Rotherham SC |
| 3 rd | E22269 Larry Gray Yorkshire Ouse SC |
| 4 th | E20687 Dave Staniforth Ulley/Sheffield Viking SC |
| 5 th | E22934 Simon Fleetwood Rotherham SC |

Southport 24hr Race

The [Southport 24 Hr race](#) will be held on the weekend of September 11th & 12th. Rotherham Sailing Club will once again be looking to enter a team this year and names are required ASAP for helms and crews. A list is up on the notice board. Alternatively let Alison Foster or Chris Cooper know. If we're early we can get a discount on the entry fee and also book a pitch with all the tents together. This is a great fun weekend for sailors of all abilities so come on and join in.

OOD Swaps

Jane seems to be getting a lot of requests for OOD swaps which don't always get answered.

If you need to arrange a swap can you please arrange this yourself and ensure that cover is in place on your duty.

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