

DARTMOUTH YACHT CLUB SAILING NEWS



MAY 2021

News about Sailing, Training, Cruising & Motorboats



The Season Ahead

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We are now right into the season with Powerboat sessions already restarted and adult dinghy sessions starting in late June. The Junior SPLASH sessions are midway through their program and the club has reopened indoors!

Safety Afloat

Over recent weeks we have seen the River Dart become steadily busier with more motor boats afloat. Some of these people are first time boat owners and others are experienced over many years. What we are asking is that everyone remembers some basic safety instructions that will keep all users of the River safe.

Wear your **KILL CORD** at all times - it should be worn around your thigh.

When underway - **ONE HAND GEAR - ONE HAND STEER**

Maximum of **6 Knots** on the River and keep your wash to minimum there are lots of Kayakers and Stand Up Paddle boarders on the River that can be affected by your wash.

Gareth

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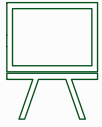
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RYA Training



Dinghy & Keel Boat Instructors

As a club we are looking to expand our instructor base over the next season. We are looking for new Assistant Instructors, Dinghy Instructors and Keel Boat instructors. We also would like to help train new Senior Instructors. If you have previously been an instructor and have let your qualifications lap please get in touch or if you are just on the start of your journey into instructing please get in touch via training@dartmouthyachtclub.co.uk



Marine Radio Short Range Certificate

We are restarting our VHF courses later this summer.

The RYA Marine Radio Short Range Certificate (SRC) is the minimum qualification required to operate marine VHF radio equipment on a UK flagged vessel. This includes both fixed and handheld equipment with and without Digital Selective Calling (DSC). It is obtained by successfully completing an SRC exam.



Look out for details coming soon of how to sign up for this course.

Yacht Racing

This May sees the return of RDYC's May Regatta and the Commodore's Cup

It is set for two days of racing for IRC, SWYTC and Dayboat Classes. As well as regatta racing, Inter-club teams battle for the Commodore's Cup

Full SI's and NOR can be found on the RDYC website.

We are looking for members to represent **Dartmouth Yacht Club** across the classes. If you are interested in entering your boat under the **Dartmouth Yacht Club Burgee** please contact either rcsailing@dartmouthyachtclub.co.uk or commodore@dartmouthyachtclub.co.uk To form a team we need to have at least one of the three boats in each team entered in the IRC class. If you are interested in crewing also let us know and we can point you in the directions of boats looking for crew.

If you want to find out more about the **SWYTC** please visit <https://www.swytc.org.uk/>



Dean Frost, one of our members, is rowing across the Atlantic as part of Team Elijah's Star.

Team Elijah's Star are rowing the Atlantic in support of Action Medical Research to shine a spotlight on the impact premature birth has on babies and their families and to help fund more research that can save lives.



Dean Frost

Follow their journey by visiting <https://elijahsstar.com/>

The Mayflower Parade of Sail will take place on Saturday 28th August 2021.

Originally planned as part of the 2020 maritime commemoration event for the Dartmouth Mayflower 400 project which sadly did not happen. Moving forwards to 2021, the aim of this event is to bring together as many boats as practicable to form a vast armada and create a magnificent spectacle commemorating the legacy of the historic Mayflower 400 anniversary.



The minimum requirements for entry are as follows:

Boats of any description that on the day must be propelled by either a motor or manpower with oars; sails will not be hoisted.

Each boat must be able to maintain a controlled passage speed of 3 knots.

Each boat and skipper must be suitably insured.

<https://www.dartmouthregatta.co.uk/mayflower-river-parade>



Cruising Group

The cruising group has been growing in number online on it's Facebook Group.

Some small cruises are now being planned. Why not visit the group and get involved.

No matter the size of your boat you are welcome to join as we are mix of sailing boats and motorboats.

We are hoping to head to Torbay in early July for an afternoon's cruise



Join our online group and share your plans
<https://tinyurl.com/dyccruising>

Club Motorboats

The club has two small motorboats available for members use during the summer months. These boats are maintained by the club's Bosun, Norman Brown.

To book the boats please contact the bar - you must be on the registered user list and hold a RYA PB2 or equivalent qualification.

Club Training Activities take precedent over leisure bookings



Last month we shared the story about our friends at Dart Sailability trying to raise £25,000 to fund their relocation. I am delighted to say that they reached their target. Read more about the work that they do and how to get involved.

<https://www.dartsailability.org/>

Social Sailing

Look out in next month's news letter for details of Thursday night social sailing using the club's dinghy fleet.

Open to all members who are experienced to RYA Level 2





In the clubhouse

The shower refurbishment is well underway making extensive use of volunteer labour. As it is well known, the showers have been closed for a considerable time now, originally because of leaks and more recently due to Covid limitations.

There was extensive rot resulting from one historic and three current leaks

A substantial volume of waste has been removed from site and we are now well into re-build. New Whiterock wall cladding was installed at the end of last week to very high standard, providing a hygienic, easily cleanable finish and the new flooring will be fitted soon.

First fix plumbing is now in place, (including heating which the men's showers have not previously had). New digital shower controllers will be fitted to both the gents and ladies. The ladies' showers will also have an extra hand basin and a full size radiator to provide effective heating.

At present, the project is on time to be completed by 21st. June however, this may be impacted by the delivery time on the new cubicle panels and shower cubicles.



New wall panels still with protective covers on

Andy Hay

Dartmouth Yacht Club

Gun Room Hire

Would you like to Hire our multifunctional events space?

As a community club we make our event space - known as the Gun Room - available for hire.

Seating up to 60+ it's a marvellous space for all number of events.

In the past we have hosted:

- Birthday parties - old and young!
- Weddings
- Funeral Wakes
- Club events
- Charity events

We also have an in house caterer who can cater for your event be that a sit down meal or a finger buffet. We can also provide a tea and coffee package.

To hire our room please ask for a booking form from the bar.

Fees

Non members to hire for a max of 4 hours £50
 Members hire for a maximum of 4 hours £15
 Charity and local club events £10 per hour.

Please note that a 25% non-refundable deposit will be required for any catering agreed with the balance being paid 48 hours before the event is due to commence.

Please note you will be responsible for ensuring the Gun Room is left clean and tidy after your event.

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Gun Room Hire

RULES FOR HIRE OF THE GUN ROOM

- Hirer understands that there may be some traffic through the Gunroom to the rear rooms.
- Hirer is responsible for the orderly behaviour of all persons present.
- Hirer will ensure that all present adhere to the Club rules and instructions from the Bar Staff.
- Hirer agrees to pay for any damages, straining and breakages.
- Hirer will not use music or loudspeakers without prior agreement.
- Hirer will ensure all present depart by the end of the period booked.
- Hirer indemnifies Dartmouth Yacht Club

Joining is simple - simply visit:
www.webcollect.org.uk/dartmouthyc

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JUNIOR SAILING SPLASH 2021

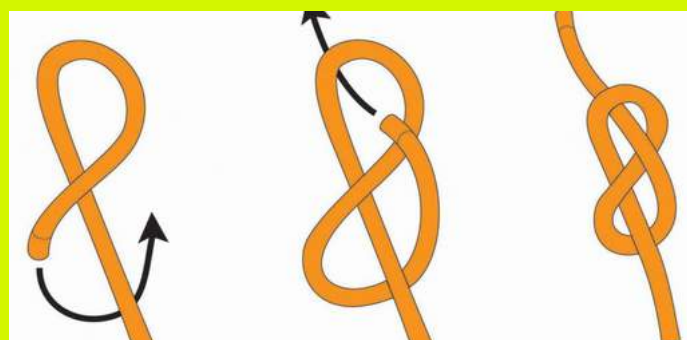
JUNIOR SAILING

Splash has started with the Juniors out on the water on Saturdays. Have a look at some of the fun we have been having!



Simon & Joe

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Dates for the diary...

Torbay and Dart Combined Coastal Series

Gallon of Rum Race (RDYC) 9th May

Dart to Yealm Race (RDYC) 11th September

Exe Bouy Race (BYC) 1st October

For further details of the combined series visit RDYC / RTYC
or BYC websites for NOR & SIs



Follow us online

One of the best ways to keep up with the latest information about sailing & motor boating at the club is to follow us online. Use the links below to make sure that you are following the official channels of the club!

We are on all mainstream platforms and during the season it the place to get up to date information on events in the club.



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If you area member with a marine business and wish advertise in the Summer Newsletter please contact rcsailing@dartmouthyachtclub.co.uk for further details. Any donations goes towards replacement of Junior sailing Equipment



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