



SILVER RIVER

Dartmouth Yacht Club Newsletter Spring 2017



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NEW COMMODORE



It is with great pride that I have taken on the role of Commodore of our wonderful club and I promise you all that I and your Committee will do everything in our power to ensure its continuing success.

For those of you who don't know me yet this is my 12th year of membership and my background is very much in sailing. My introduction to yachting was in my teens prior to continuing to sail whilst serving in the Royal Navy, but other than supporting our daughters in their Topper I have never been a 'wet bottomed' dinghy sailor! This year has seen my husband Mike and I become motorboaters having purchased a Hardy Bosun 20 after 11 years of yacht owning which included crossing the Channel 16 times.

Whilst the majority of DYC members get involved in our waterborne activities I know some of you just want to enjoy the benefits of our marvellous Clubhouse and great staff team, but I am sure you would all agree that we get great value for our membership.

I look forward to sharing a laugh with you, cruising in company with you and getting to know you if I don't already.

Kate

Summer opening hours from 10th April

Day	Bar	Catering
Monday	11:00 to 23:00	No catering
Tuesday	11:00 to 23:00	12:00 to 14:30 & 18:00 to 21:00
Wednesday	11:00 to 23:00	12:00 to 14:30 & 18:00 to 21:00
Thursday	11:00 to 23:00	12:00 to 14:30 & 18:00 to 21:00
Friday	11:00 to 23:00	12:00 to 14:30 & 18:00 to 21:00
Saturday	11:00 to 23:00	12:00 to 14:30 & 18:00 to 21:00
Sunday	12:00 to 22:00	12:00—15:00

Bushell's Upper Deck

Dartmouth's new restaurant opening on 10th April.

The Committee of Dartmouth Yacht Club wish Sarah, Jamie and the team every success in their new venture.

Membership

A big thank you to those that have already renewed their subscription.

Members are reminded that these were due on 1st April.

This can easily be done online at:

<https://webcollect.org.uk/dartmouthyc>

News and Events on the Water

Interesting in cruising in your yacht or motorboat?



Cruising together is a great way to visit new ports, gain confidence for a Channel crossing or just make some new friends. Whether you are new to this or an old hand there is always something to be gained from going away as a group. Those of you who haven't cruised in company before will find us a relaxed and happy bunch with the emphasis on encouraging newcomers as well as having fun. Members are often looking for crew, so if you don't have a boat then there are still opportunities to join in.

In order to find out what our many new members would like to see and hopefully re-establish the Club's Cruising-in-Company Programme, everyone interested is invited to a meeting on Tuesday 25th April at 7pm during which you can find out more and make suggestions of where and when you would like to go.

Food is available from the bar menu and the intention is to get together and swap stories of travels past and talk of this season's plans.

If you are able to attend the meeting or are interested but cannot attend, please let me know via email or by signing up on the noticeboard.

I look forward to some great times afloat.

Tim Vaughan
RC Sailing

Paddling News



The canoe section of the club are offering a range of free courses and taster sessions in April May and June. You can have a 3 session introduction to sea kayaking for instance, or for general purpose kayaking. The courses are free and open to non members - the idea is that people can do the 3 session course and then hopefully join the club at the end of it. If you have friends or neighbours who might like to take up paddling and maybe join the club afterwards these would be ideal for them.



There are also 2 taster evenings in paddleboarding and a club open day similar to last years where people can try out a range of craft including a club motorboat or a sit on top kayak. Full details of the dates are on the [club web-site](#). For further information email timfreeman@googlemail.com

Members' Sailing for 2017

All club organised dinghy sessions will continue to benefit from safety boat cover and we continue to offer all training at cost to our members, making it as affordable as possible.

Unfortunately, there will be a slightly slower start to the season this year; not is only Tim, our RC Sailing off sailing his Southerly 110 around Britain but also Christine and Terry, our dinghy leads, are sailing their Westerly Oceanquest back from Spain.

But we've already provided a very popular Man Over Board session, and our sincere thanks go to the RNLI and particularly John Younnie, the sea safety lead, for this.

Junior Dinghies

The regular SPLASH! series. These are mornings or afternoons on 8 Sundays through May, June and July. Aimed at teaching with much fun but an RYA stage 1/2 certificate can also be attained. Places are still available. (The 8 sessions cost only £50 for a junior as part of a family subscription or £80 for a junior member) contact post@dartmouthyachclub.co.uk

An Introduction to the Sailing Team

Our sailing team is starting to grow and in 2017 we have:

Tim Vaughan - Rear Commodore Sailing
Anne Walton - RYA Principal
Joe Wellerd - Chief Instructor
Supported by Terry Phillips; lead Junior Dinghy,
Christine Phillips; lead Adult Dinghy and
Shirley Tonkin: support for fundraising.



Any of the above can be contacted on
post@dartmouthyachtclub.co.uk

Very many other members help. Many thanks go to all those that helped make 2016, our busiest dinghy sailing season yet.

Volunteers needed!

Volunteers are always welcome and can help in many ways; we are always looking for ...

- experienced dinghy sailors to support our novice sailors
- Safety/Cover boat drivers (PB2 required)
- anybody handy, to help with maintenance of dinghies or motor boats

Sailing News

Family Sailing Week is to be held, jointly with Dittisham Sailing Club, at end of July/beg August but sorry its already full.

Adult Dinghies: keep watching as some taster/improver sessions, led by a senior instructor, will be advertised on the club email soon.

For those in Keel Boats an RYA Small Craft **Sea Survival course** has been arranged for Saturday July 15th. This is in association with Performance Yachting and theory sessions will be held in our clubhouse, with the water exercises in Dartmouth's brand new pool. All at just £100.

Future plans

Include RYA level 1/2 for adults and RYA Stage 1/2 for juniors as well as improver/ race training sessions. The dates for these will be available soon.

We would also like to start regular club sails in toppers and the wayfarer, led by an experienced member and open to juniors and adults. These will be held on Tuesday evenings, hopefully starting in June and with a cover boat.

Interested in any of the above just message us on post@dartmouthyachtclub.co.uk

Coronation Park: As many already know we have our dinghy storage facility in the park, making it very convenient for the slip. The club received a very generous donation from **RGC Building supplies** which enabled us to build our fantastic new rigging box.

We would also like to recognise the support we had from SHDC, last year in setting up the facility and they would remind all members that a condition of using the park is that there shall be **no use of vehicles within the park** in order to either bring in or remove dinghies (unless agreed by an officer of the Council).

New Topper



We are pleased to announce the arrival of a new Topper to add to our fleet. Many thanks to Joe for sourcing and collecting the boat.

On behalf of our Juniors many thanks to all those who have supported and run our Meat Draw and various raffles which have funded this acquisition.

Are you able to help?



DYC members Abbie and Aaron Ashton have set up a community crowd funding project to help raise money to finish the restoration of their classic yacht Heron II (a registered National Historic Vessel). In return for meeting our fundraising target, we will give 250 Plymouth school children a unique, hands on, sailing experience.



The restoration is currently underway at Mill Creek in Dartmouth. The boat, Heron II, is a 1936 50ft Sailing Yacht. A beautiful boat designed by Fred Shepherd and built by the world renowned Woodnuts.

You can see more at their Spacehive page www.spacehive.com/gatewaytosailing and by watching the video clip attached.

What's on at DYC

Sun 9th April - Sunday Roast

Mon 10th April - Summer Hours Begin

Wed 12th April - Thai Buffet

Wed 19th April - Old English Night

Sun 23rd April - St Georges Day Lunch

Sun 23rd April - Safety Boat Training

Tue 25th April - Cruising Meeting

Wed 26th April - Italian Buffet

Thur 27th April - Live Music Night

12th to 14th May - Music Festival

Sun 18th June - Club open day

Wed 21st June - Midsummer buffet

31st July to 4th August - Family Sailing Week

24th to 26th August - Royal Regatta

Sat 16th Sept - Medieval Supper

Sat 14th Oct - Laying up Supper

Sun 5th Nov - Fireworks Supper

Sat 18th Nov - Commodore's Dinner

Sat 9th Dec - Panto

Sun 10th Dec - Christmas Lunch

Don't forget our regular Wednesday evening themed buffet nights from 19:00, excellent value at £12.76 if paid using your club charge-card.

Our ever popular Sunday lunches continue at 13:00

1 course £8.40*, 2 courses £11.20*, 3 courses £14.00*

* If paid using your club charge-card

Booking is essential to assure your place via the bar on 01803 832305 or via bar.manager@dartmouthyachtclub.co.uk.

DART MUSIC FESTIVAL at DYC

12th - 14th May 2017

Friday night—Dodgy Practice

Saturday pm and Evening - The Harry Browns
and the Nauti Buoys

Saturday Night - Joe Cribb and the Drill Seeds

Sunday lunchtime - Jazz

BAR PRICES

We regret that we have had to increase prices in the bar due to external pressures (supplier increases and HMRC budget increases) We have tried to keep this to a minimum and hope that you will agree that our prices after your 20% discount are still very competitive.

NEW WEBSITE

We are happy to report that progress on the new site is well under way and that we will shortly be launching phase 1, whilst continuing to develop the remainder of the content.

LADIES LUNCH

On the first Thursday of each month at 13:00

Choice of menus and a dessert

£10.50 if paid using your club charge-card

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DYC At Home



Saturday 25th March saw out "At Home", when we hosted members from most of our neighbouring yacht club. The evening was a huge

success, with many complimentary comments about our club, food and friendliness. In addition our raffle raised a total of £109 for Junior Sailing.

Contact us:

Bar: 01803 832305 Email: post@dartmouthyachtclub.co.uk Post: 22 South Embankment, Dartmouth, Devon TQ6 9BB

For the most up to date information about what is on at the club and when, see the DYC website www.dyc.org.uk

