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DARTMOUTH YC SAILING NEWS

News about Sailing, Training, Cruising & Motorboats



"Eggcellent News"

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Since our last newsletter lots of announcements have been made by the government with regards to the resumption of sporting activities. They have also put dates in place for the reopening of Bars and Restaurants.

We are now in full swing of publishing dates for courses and hopefully by the time you read this members on the waiting list for Powerboat Courses will have started being booked onto the courses currently available. We will contact you shortly if you have not heard from us yet!

Our Junior Sailing Program has also been published for this season and will be starting in May, Social dinghy sailing will begin in late June and run through the summer on a Thursday evening.

The Cruise in Company group is looking forwards to some days away in the Summer. There is renewed interest in the Combined Torbay & Dart clubs racing program and I would like to find some one to help co-ordinate Dartmouth Yacht Racing in the future and to act as a liaison between the clubs.

Gareth

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RYA Training

We are fortunate as a club also to be recognised as a **RYA Training Centre** and able to offer a wide range of courses both waterborne and shore-based.

Meet the team

Chief Dinghy Instructor

Sue Thomas is our RYA Chief Dinghy Instructor. Sue enjoys sailing fast but something she probably enjoys even more is sailing slowly on the River Dart, taking in the superb scenery, the company and the wildlife. Having started sailing rather late in life, she has a particular interest in helping adults to develop skills and confidence, and is quite awestruck at how quickly kids manage to pick it all up. Sue is keen to encourage families to get involved with our dinghy courses so the whole family can get out on the water and enjoy that amazing sensation of being powered by nothing but the wind.



Sue

Waterbased courses



Adult Courses
Dinghy Levels 1 - 3



Junior / Youth Courses
Start Sailing Stage 1 - Stage 4



Powerboat Training
Start Powerboating Level 1
Powerboat Handling Level 2



Further Courses
Start Racing, Seamanship Skills,
Sailing with Spinnakers

Shorebased courses



RYA First Aid - 1 day course



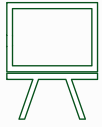
RYA Marine Radio (SRC/VHF)
1 day course plus exam



Kate Brown - RYA Principal

My role is to ensure that the club's training courses are run to the correct standard and that our procedures ensure safe sailing and motor boating, ably supported by our RC Sailing and Chief Instructors. I am not an RYA Instructor myself but committed to enabling as many of our community as possible to experience the pleasures and many benefits that getting out on the water bring. My background is in many happy years of yacht cruising but recently moved to owning a motor cruiser and I am looking forward to when we are able to start Cruising in Company again.

Kate



RYA Training

First Aid Training

Our 1st First Aid course of the year will run on the 19th June due to current COVID restrictions this first course can only run with 6 people plus the trainer. The course is an all day course running from 9am until 5pm. You will be provided with a course handbook and on successful completion of the course a RYA First Aid certificate valid for 3 years.

To sign up visit this link - <https://webcollect.org.uk/dartmouthyc/event/rya-first-aid-19th-june-2021>



You will need to sign in with your Dartmouth Yacht Club WebCollect address - this is the same login as you use for membership.



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 for set for two days of racing for IRC, SWYTC and Dayboat Classes. As well as regatta racing, Inter-club teams battle for the Commodores 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 our more about the **SWYTC** please visit <https://www.swytc.org.uk/>



Cruising Group

Since last months newsletter the cruising group has been growing in number online on it's Facebook Group. As we are now a bit clearer on the route way out of Lockdown some small cruises are now being planned.

Why not visit the group and get involved.

Suggestions include cruise in company to Torbay for lunch anchored off Broadsands and visits to Teignmouth.

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



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



RYA SafeTrx

The RYA SafeTrx app monitors your boat journeys and can alert emergency contacts should you fail to arrive on time. It is an app for both Android and Apple iOS smartphones that allows you to track your journey on your phone.

The app provides all recreational boat users, particularly dinghy cruisers, PWC users, RIB users, canoers, kayakers, wind and kite surfers and smaller boat users with an easily accessible and simple to use means that can inform HM Coastguard of their voyage plans and dynamic location in the event of distress.

This app is freely available to anyone who wants to be safer afloat. It is free to download and there is no charge to use it.

You can enter your journey details directly from your smartphone and plan a trip knowing that should you not arrive by the time given, a nominated emergency contact will be alerted and advised to initiate appropriate action.

Where an emergency contact calls HM Coastguard about an overdue trip, they will have access to your location and SafeTrx trip data through a secure SafeTrx server.

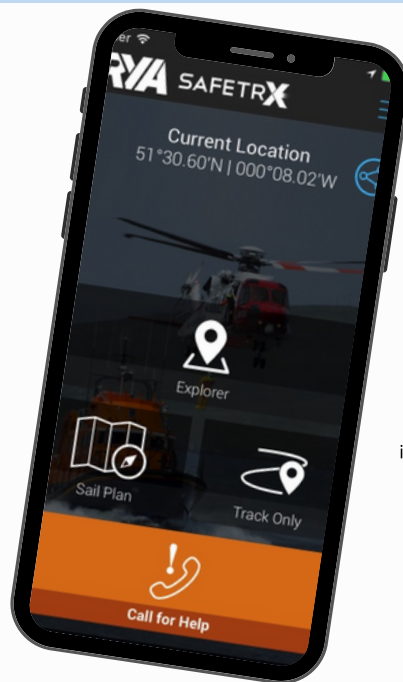
Since RYA SafeTrx periodically sends your location data back to a dedicated server, HM Coastguard's response team can get help directly to you, and quickly.

Whilst components of the GMDSS system remain the preferred means for communication and distress alerting, the RYA SafeTrx app is a useful backup and particularly helpful for those on the many small craft that do not have the ability to fit or carry standard GMDSS equipment.

RYA SafeTrx is an accessible tool that leisure craft users can use when going to sea. It does not replace GMDSS, EPIRB, PLB or AIS.

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. We are currently awaiting for the boats to be serviced and prepared for the year ahead which has been delayed by the latest lockdown. **We will advise members when these boats are available to use.**



We recommend that members use SafeTrx when using the club motorboats. It is free and simple to use. The updated version now also uses less battery on your phone.



Please take the time to read about our friends at Dart Sailability who are currently having to relocate their centre of operation

We are very excited to announce that we have launched a £25,000 appeal to fund our relocation to Galampton Creek which starts in April. The funds are needed to build vital infrastructure including a new pontoon and ramp for safe and easy access and we're even going to have a club house for the first time! Other requirements include new fuel tanks, tools, trollies and a Hansa hoist so sailors can access the boats. A huge amount of preparation work is underway including ground works so that we can start the season with a splash. We are looking forward to welcoming back our existing sailors and volunteers and hope to see lots of new faces. Our new home is at MDL Marinas, Dartside Quay, Kiln Road, Galampton TQ5 0EH and we would like to extend our very grateful thanks to MDL Marinas and Dolphin Quay across the creek which is providing free moorings.

Donations can be made in the following ways: On our website at www.dartsailability.org - please press the red donate button on the home page

OR online at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/> 16225

Hospitality

It is hoped that from the 12th April we can reopen the club outdoor on the embankment. We have as a group of businesses on the embankment all grouped together to make the experience this year even better and you will soon notice large umbrellas and barriers marking out various establishment's area.

The service will be weather dependent until we are allowed to reopen indoors later in May.

There will be a full service of beverages and food all day until closing which will be in the evening. So please come and join us when we re-open.

Meanwhile indoors the bar floor has been relaid to provide a much safer surface and the bar has been decorated for the season ahead. As we get closer to each stage of reopening we will inform you of any measures in place.

Please work with our bar staff and committee members and follow the rules in places for health and welfare of all.





JUNIOR SAILING SPLASH 2021

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SPLASH

The news everyone has been waiting for! **SPLASH** is back!

Like everything at the moment things are changing and we are going to change the way that **SPLASH** runs.

This year the groups will be split into 4 week blocks and the 2 groups will not run on the same Saturdays as we need to make sure that equipment is cleaned correctly and we minimise the number of people on site at one time.

There will be two groups SPLASH #1 which is the group for sailors who have attended SPLASH before and SPLASH#2 for people just starting their SPLASH adventure.

SPLASH #1 will start in May and run for 4 Saturdays from 9:00am to 3:30pm each day. Parents / Carers will be expected to help out with the supervision of the course and help out with beach duties or with Safety Boat duties. (More details to follow upon sign up)

SPLASH #2 will then start in June in and run for 4 weeks.

Booking opens on Saturday 4th April via the club's webcollect membership system

Remember that sailors must be members of Dartmouth Yacht Club

Junior Intensive Sailing Courses

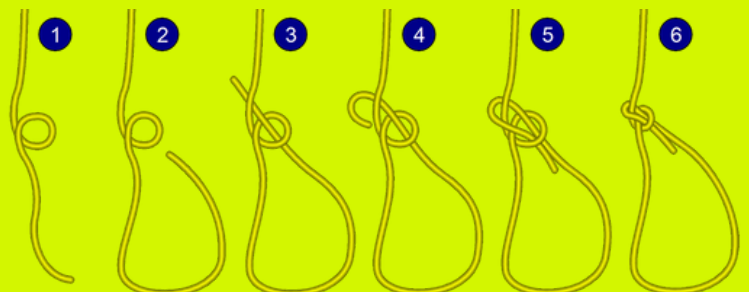
Last summer we ran a series of 2 day intensive sailing courses that took sailors from non sailors to at least Stage 1. These are scheduled again for the summer. If you are interested please email rcsailing@dartmouthyachtclub.co.uk to be added to the distribution list for information about these.

These courses cover RYA Stages 1 - 4



Simon + Joe

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Dates for the diary...

Torbay and Dart Combined Coastal Series

Smugglers Run (RTYC) 18th April

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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