



Windshift

At Dovestone Sailing Club

April 2018

THE BIG FREEZE

IN THIS ISSUE

Reports, pics and plans for the season — & Meet the Team

A BUSY START TO THE NEW SEASON WITH THE BIG CLEAR –UP EXTENDING TO CLUBHOUSE, BOAT PARK AND DAM WALL!



Not all the white stuff landed as snow—but a great clear-up was underway very quickly and the microscopic bits of pontoon buoyancy was swept up into multiple bin liners and taken away.



PERSONAL SAILING PLANNING

Our thanks to Andrew who came along on Friday, 9th March to share some tips on how to get the most from your season and here is a summary from the notes I made.

1. Make a personal sailing season plan to work towards. Think and plan what you want to achieve. Otherwise you can drift along making no progress.
2. Type of goals to set yourself
 - results orientated
 - process (e.g. to improve starting, downwind technique, sailing in strong wind etc.)
3. SMART goals—Make them specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, timely
4. Identify steps needed to achieve them—(target events, sailing beforehand, specific training)
5. Planning and Maintaining the gap—keep life going with non-sailing things but, if it is a sailing day, go sailing! Sometimes that forecast can be wrong! There may be lost days but **STICK TO THE PLAN.**
6. Monitor your plan—Improve your experience and improve your sailing..



Prog. of events May/June

Wed. May 9th
Start of Night Owl Series

Sunday 13th May
Push the Boat Out

Sunday 20th May
Tanner Trophy

Sunday 27th May
George Jones Trophy & Graham Winterbottom Youth Trophy

Sunday 3rd June
Start Summer series



James, (with help from Mum) was successful in collecting the most eggs and was awarded a special chocolate Easter bunny for the best decorated boat and costume.

Only one other boat was successful in egg rescue—there was serious racing happening too! Well done, James!

In the warm crafty corner we made Easter cards and chicks and ate rather a lot of mini eggs after a hunt in and around the clubhouse.

Graham and Lucy had chickens in their hair, not flowers and one or two sets of “ears” were in evidence.



COMING SOON TO A CLUB NEAR YOU

SPRING SOCIAL EVENT

SATURDAY, 5th MAY, 12 noon

Picnic afternoon in the Valley

Parents and other members—If you would like a walk during the last Youth training day of the Spring sessions followed by a drink and a chat at the club please sign up on the notice in the clubhouse or contact Sally.

THE

SUMMER BBQ

SATURDAY, 2nd June, 7pm

Tickets £10

Contact Sally to book

mckee_family@talk21.com

EXECUTIVE NEWS AND UPDATES



New stopwatches acquired for the season are reported to be working perfectly.....



The EXEC are planning to purchase NEW PONTOONS as soon as possible to replace the sections damaged in the gales. This one is on currently on loan and seems to do the job well. Thanks to everyone who helped with disposal of the wreckage.

SAFETY BOAT CREWS—The Clubhouse pontoon is in a fixed position. You need to launch a boat to access it. To bring it in—

Undo (*but secure it back onto the loop*) the shackle on the bridle loop at the mooring end (*not the shackle secured with a cable tie—the other one*) to let out enough rope to allow the pontoon to be moved close enough for the ramp to be lowered **to just** reach the shore. Secure the rope round a cleat if necessary.

Then at the shore end - pull in both knotted rope ends to ease pontoon into position and secure each line round the cleats on pontoon. Lower ramp **carefully** so that it just rests on stones and acts like a bridge.

Reverse the process at end of the day keeping the boat on the pontoon to enable you to come ashore safely! (*Your rib assistant may need to help onshore with lifting the ramp!*)

The Devonshire Trophy . . .



. . .was sailed on 15th April in gusty wind conditions which abated as the race progressed. FF 4005 held off a gallant challenge by the Laser (training put to good use) and the Silver FF finished in third place. Several boats retired early to consume their delicious cream tea which was served after the race.

Prize-winners Colin, Mandy, David, Mal and George

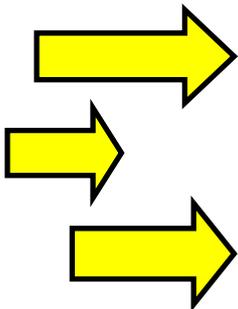
OnBoard Youth Squad

The first of the OnBoard youth squad sessions got off to a flying start with lots of sunshine and a light breeze sparking enthusiasm all round. We had an excellent day with everyone getting used to being back out on the water as well as those venturing out for their very first time!

We had loads of fun with 'no rules' racing, tacking practice and plenty of other games on the water. This was followed by a mast climbing challenge enjoyed thoroughly by all, including Tom Goddard who set the record. With plenty more sessions to go and sun in the forecast let's see as many people on the water as possible.

Andy

P.S. The second session was also held in glorious weather - two more sessions in this lot still to enjoy!



MAY 13TH—PUSH THE BOAT OUT—TRY SAILING IN MAY

**TELL YOUR FRIENDS, COLLEAGUES, NEIGHBOURS TO BOOK with
andyg@mailprintsolutions.uk**

**PLEASE CONTACT ANDYG IF YOU CAN HELP ON THE DAY AT ALL
ON THE WATER, ASHORE, GALLEY, BAR, SAFETY ETC.**

Family Friday Squad July 20th—August 31st 5pm

Would you like some help with "getting on the water?"

On Friday evenings during the summer the club is holding sessions for novice adult sailors and their families to learn more effective crewing and helming techniques. Help with basic racing practice is also planned.

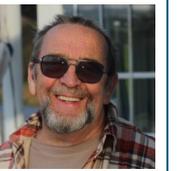
These sessions will also create the opportunity for members who have completed an RYA course to work on their sailing skills under the guidance of experienced members. Club members who have recently completed their Power Boat 2 Certificate might also make use of their skills by volunteering for safety boat support.

The sessions are free and intended to be social occasions too, with a supper available.

Participation won't lead to any certification.

If you are interested in joining the squad, are prepared to volunteer to assist or just keen to do some fun sailing please email or speak to Sally or David at mckee_family@talk21.com

If you don't have your own boat—Check out the Boat Borrowing Scheme.

MEET THE TEAM	Rear Commodore Sailing—David	Sailing Secretary—Iain	Bosun -Sail Ray	Training Sec. and Senior Instructor—Harriot	Treasurer Anne	Field Chairman—Jim
Over the next few newsletters we will be putting faces to our club's officers and finding out a little more about them						
What was your nickname at school?	Badger—not sure why but my friends were Ratty and Moley....	I didn't have one.	Greeny	Harri	I didn't have one	Jim
What was your favourite childhood possession?	Not sure I had one!	A guitar	First pair of Nike trainers	My teddy	A Pooh bear Mum won before we were born & a Panda my father gave me	My bike
What is your earliest sailing memory?	Sailing with my grandfather at Christchurch.	Going out in an Enterprise on Loch Goile in sheeting rain with 29th Glasgow Sea-cadets	As a runner in the Scottish Islands race	Sailing an Oppy on Windermere	Started in 1975 crewing in a FF (Windy) wearing knitted gloves under Marigolds	A GP14 on the Havel in Berlin with a Major in the Royal Signals
What is your proudest sailing accomplishment?	3rd in Flying Fifteen World Championship at Cowes with Sally	The time we didn't finish last!	Same—I think we finished about 5th	Team racing on Lake Garda last year	I am most proud of winning Paul Taylor Trophy with Ian	Day Skipper in Tenerife
Describe something most people don't know about you.	I was there in 1966 when England won the World Cup.	I am a beekeeper who is allergic to bees.	?	I want to teach people with Special Needs	I ran my personal best in the London marathon. Now I am a keen long distance walker.	I'm really a very nice person
Do you have a pet hate?	Raw onions in salad or sandwiches.	Politicians	No	People who leave the container in a mess	People who don't give receipts but still expect swift re-imburement	Arthritis in my knees
What could you not live without?	Oxygen	Caroline - and music	Food	Technology	Fresh air	The wife
What is the latest book you read?	The Midnight Line—Lee Child	Reservoir 13 – John McGregor	I'm not a big reader—probably a book on the Vietnam War	Our alternative life	A novel	A novel - can't remember, I read a lot
What were the first and last albums you bought?	Jimmy Hendrix (Best of) Sunny Side Up—Paolo Nutini	Beatles Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band Everything Now - Arcade Fire	Blancmange—Happy Families Tiny Moving Parts	None. I am on Spotify	London Theatre recording of Les Miserables A Christmas one	Rubber Soul Best of Abba for my beloved
Which actor would play you in the movie of yourself?	Gibbs	John Hannah	Steve McQueen	You choose	I don't know	George Clooney
Recommend a local eating place.	Lime Kiln, Uppermill	The Dining Room@The White Hart	Swan at Dobcross but it is a while since I have been	Wetherspoons—good for students	Navigation Inn, Dobcross	Roaches Lock

We are sad to report the recent death of a former Secretary of the Club, Brian Gartside. Brian was Manager at the Nat West bank in Greenfield until he retired. He and his wife, Kate, sailed FF2324 together.