

DALE
YACHT
CLUB



SPRING 2024

COMMODORE'S LETTER

Dear Members

Here comes the sun – well we would hope so, after what seems like the wettest winter ever!

At the start of this new 2024 season Dale Yacht Club is in the favourable position of being ship shape and organised, thanks to the tireless work our Committee and a number of volunteers.

It is with your help and support, giving of your time or expertise, that the Club is able to achieve its goals – offering a varied sailing program, a range of events, and a well maintained Clubhouse and facilities.

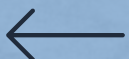
Thank you!



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OUR ANNUAL VOLUNTEER WEEKEND – CLUBHOUSE REFRESH

Thank you to all who turned up for our volunteer working weekend in February. With all hands on deck we refreshed paintwork, re-varnished woodwork, deep cleaned, cleared outside areas, tidied the tender park – it all looks great.



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CLUB DINGHY RACING 2024

Our 2024 sailing season started in the same way we ended the 2023 season – with a cancellation! But we are now well underway and sure that things are about to improve with lots of sunshine and good steady winds to make sailing in Dale Roads the most enjoyable in the Haven.



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NEWSLETTER

KEY DATES 2024

2 MAY @ 9pm
April Cup Presentation

6 JUNE @ 9pm
May Cup Presentation

22-23 JUNE
RYA Regional Junior Championships

4 JULY @ 9pm
June Cup Presentation

5-8 July
Cherub & International Canoe
National Championships

1 AUGUST @ 9pm
July Cup Presentation

11 AUGUST
Dale Regatta & Dragon Series

22-26 August
420 National Championships

24 - 26 AUGUST
Dale Bank Holiday Series

31 AUGUST – 1 SEPTEMBER
RYA OnBoard Regatta

5 SEPTEMBER @ 9pm
August Cup Presentation

9 NOVEMBER
Laying-up Supper

6 DECEMBER
DYC AGM



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EVENTS 2024 – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

With a strong calendar of events planned for 2024 we are seeking volunteers to help run them.

Volunteering is an excellent way to get involved with Club boating activities, supporting the Club in building its reputation as an ideal location to host events and help generate income.

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LAYING-UP SUPPER 2023

We hosted the **2023 Laying-up Supper** at Coco's on 11 November. It was a fantastic night with a 3-course delicious menu, prepared and served by Shelley and her team. Cups were presented by Peter Morgan, Race Officer. Please join us this year – the date is fixed for **Saturday 9 November 2024**. More details will be circulated nearer the time.

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FOR OUR CRUISING MEMBERS ... CRUISE IN COMPANY

DYC members have historically participated in a number of cruising events both locally and as part of flotilla fleets to various destinations including Padstow and Ireland. DYC Committee Member, Steve McGrath, is keen to get this up and running again and would like to hear from members interested in participating in a 'Cruise in Company' programme.

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NEW FOR 2024 – DYC SHOP!

The Committee are in the process of developing a range of branded clothing and sailing goods to help raise funds for the Club. We hope you will be tempted ... updates to follow!

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Hopefully you will have all received your new membership cards for 2024. We are in the process of securing more discounts for members. Check out current discounts here.

[← MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS](#)



COMMODORE'S LETTER

Dear Members

The Clubhouse and its grounds have both received extensive maintenance and improvement – as a result the Clubhouse is now looking better than ever! Winter works include a new oil tank, boiler and hot water storage cylinder; a new floor in the back room upstairs; a new bar front; a fresh coat of paint to the downstairs doors and all the changing room and stairs woodwork has been sanded and re-varnished. Improvements are ongoing with work starting soon on the men's showers, a new stair carpet, new fire doors and we will be repainting the outside once temperatures permit! Our hard work has been further enhanced by Coco's Brasserie's input and finishing touches including the new Welsh produce wall. The Clubhouse is a first class environment to enjoy. We look forward to the delicious catering on offer and wish Shelley and her team much success for the coming season.

Our membership is steadily growing and we are delighted to have welcomed 5 new committee members, meaning all our committee posts are now filled.

We have a rich and exciting year of events planned and the Club is looking forward to co-hosting four major sailing dinghy events this year, in conjunction with Celtic Sea Watersports. These include two Nationals which will be very exciting to watch as they are both for high speed trapeze sailing dinghies; and two RYA events which will give our local junior sailors the opportunity to enter prestigious RYA events on home waters.

We also have our full Club dinghy racing program with monthly cups, the Bank Holiday series and Regatta.

This year we are hoping to offer our members a full cruiser sailing program. Please see the details on how to join in this newsletter and on the website.

The Committee is working hard to add more value to your membership which now includes new discounts available to you.

Junior Sailing is again being run this year by Celtic Sea Watersports and we look forward to helping deliver this to our local community.

We will be introducing some DYC branded apparel and goods this year too so keep an eye out on our website.

As a Committee we have carefully planned our expenditures, which have been unavoidable and considerable. We are therefore planning a range of fundraising activities in the near future. This will be your chance to help support your Club and use your membership to its full potential! For this I ask you all to:

HOP ON BOARD!

*Best wishes,
Max*

DINGHY RACING 2024

This year we are looking forward to being joined by some of our younger Junior sailors on a smaller course and some of our not so young sailors joining the main fleet, so it promises to be an exciting year ahead.

We are always looking to welcome new sailors but if you prefer to be driving a RIB we always need safety boat cover and can offer training through Celtic Sea Watersports.

We look forward to seeing you on the water soon.



We need your

HELP

... to make sure these events run smoothly. We are specifically looking for qualified safety boat drivers and other experienced sailors to assist with running the racing side of events, but there are also a range of opportunities for less experienced members to get involved, learn new skills, and be part of the event.

Be it on the water, or assisting shore side, if you have any time you can give on any of our event days please get in touch via Christine Dawber (Club Secretary) - daleyachtclub@gmail.com to express an interest. We would love to involve a wider range of members.

EVENTS 2024

Building on the success of last year's events we have an exciting calendar lined up for this year, co-hosted with Celtic Sea Watersports.

For the 2nd year running we have the **RYA Regional Junior Championships for Wales on 22-23 June**. This regional regatta attracts juniors (under 16s) of all skill levels to participate in an action-packed and fun weekend on the water.

The Cherub & International Canoe National Championships on 5-8 July is a joint event which will attract sailors of UK Cherub two-person 12 foot racing dinghies with asymmetric spinnaker and twin trapezes as well sailors of the thrilling International Canoe classes. It will be lovely to see these return to Dale once again.

Alongside our Club Regatta on **11 August** we are hosting on of the **RYA Cymru Wales South & West Wales OnBoard Dragon Series** events again which is a festival of fun for new and experienced South & West Wales Junior and Youth Sailors. More information will be available from RYA Cymru Wales in the summer.

22-26 August sees the **Seldon 2024 420 British Nationals** in Dale for the first time. This includes a 1 day coached practice racing and familiarisation, followed by 4 days racing.

The final event of the year will be on **31 August - 1 September** for the **South & West Wales RYA OnBoard Regatta** which welcomes new and less experienced sailors to Dale alongside windsurfers from clubs across Wales.

CRUISE IN COMPANY



Steve is skipper of 'Gwawr' and keen to get a cruising programme up and running. The programme could include:

- Round trips to set destinations
- Cruise around Skomer
- Cruise to Skomer & anchor for lunch
- Regatta Day Cruise / Race

If you own a cruising yacht and you are interested in taking part, please contact Steve with details of your yacht, and whether you would need crew?

Steve McGrath - gwawr@btinternet.com
or mobile - 07775 705290

If you don't own a cruising yacht, would you like to crew, but don't know where to start? We could run taster sessions for members who are interested. Please let Steve know.

LAYING-UP SUPPER 2023

The final cups of the season were presented at our annual Laying-Up Supper in November last year.

September Cup was presented to Jaque Kamau.

Of the **Series Cups** presented ...

1st went to Ross Prytherch and Jim Barden

2nd went to Howell Davies

3rd went to Ian Heyes

The **Ladies Cup** was presented to Christine Dawber.

The Farmer's Cup was not presented.



LAYING UP SUPPER

SATURDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2024

More information will follow later in the year but
please put the date in your diaries!

CLUBHOUSE REFRESH

The Committee is continuing to drive efforts to maintain and improve the Clubhouse.

At our annual volunteer weekend in February we achieved a huge amount and the Committee is grateful to all those who gave of their time including Ross, Adrian, Jim, Collette, Jeremy, Sara-Jane, Tony, Rita and Mike, plus our many of our committed Committee members

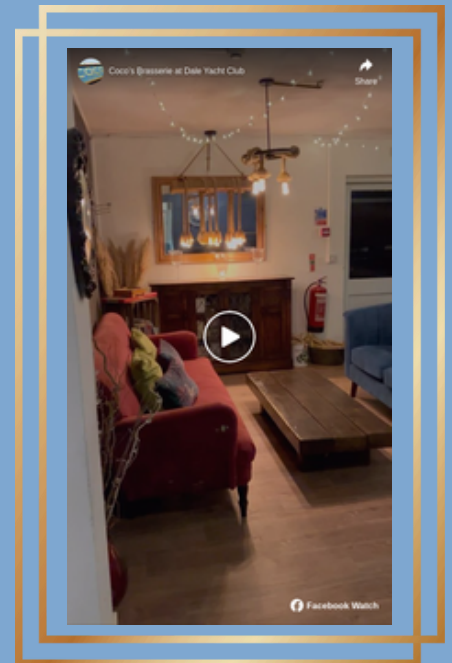
This year we sanded and re-varnished all the wood in the changing areas and on the stairs, refreshed the internal paint work, cleared and cleaned down the side of the Clubhouse and around the front, powerwashed the side path and tidied the tender park.

Thanks to Will Colles the bar has been re-built with a more functional area behind and a new bar front. Shelley has continued to invest in the decor of the upstairs with the addition of the new produce wall, which complements the interior beautifully.

We still have jobs planned for 2024 including repainting the outside of the Clubhouse and front porch and replacing the dinghy bay markers.

The Club has also invested in a new oil tank and boiler, replaced the flooring in the back restaurant room and work is soon to start on replacing the men's showers.

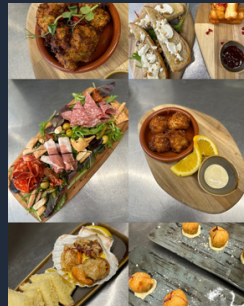
Thank you to everyone who has helped over the past 12 months. We aim to run another volunteer weekend early next year so please look out for the date!



[Watch the video here.](#)

Now open for the 2024 season!

Serving a delicious selection of tapas-style choices, Mediterranean inspired mains and home-baked pizza - something for all the family. Plus we have a great range of local produce to buy.



With views over Dale Bay to enjoy from the welcoming bar & restaurant or our roof top terrace - come and join us for a drink, lunch or dinner.

Opening times vary so please check our Facebook or Instagram pages or call 01646 636 362 / 07967 352 456

JUNIOR SAILING 2024



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SAILING 2024



Wednesdays

5:45 pm – 8:15 pm

12 June – 11 September



Dale Seafront

Dale, Pembrokeshire
SA62 3RB



Fees per session:

Little ones (Age 5+) – £6.50

Juniors: (Age 8-18) – £11.00*

*subsidised by DYC @ £11.50 per Junior



DYC annual membership:

Family Membership – £60

Junior Membership – £10 per junior

Sign up evening

Wednesday 15 May @ 5.30pm
at Coco's Dale Yacht Club



AGES 5-18

Fees include qualified instructors,
use of boats, provision of
safety boats and life jackets.

Little Ones 5+ will experience
what it's like to be on the water.

Juniors 8+ will work towards
the RYA Youth Certification.

Complete beginners welcome.

Before the season starts we will be organising a FREE briefing / refresher evening in May half-term – **Wednesday 29 May** – and a sail/away social (weather permitting) – dates & fee to be confirmed.

**ABSOLUTELY BRILLIANT
PROGRAMME!**

My child absolutely loved coming to sailing last year, and it was a great introduction having never done it before. We're really looking forward to coming back!

**KEEP UP THE
AMAZING WORK AND
LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU ALL
SOON**

**CelticSea
Watersports**

Enquiries to Rhys Broomhall
info@celticseawatersports.com
01646 636642

RYA

DYC are committed to giving everyone a chance to experience the thrill of sailing. We aim to keep the Junior Sailing programme as accessible as possible by subsidising costs for older children and running the Little One sessions with Club volunteers. This year DYC have increased the subsidy to help ensure that sailing remains affordable for our junior members, despite rising costs. Your fees cover everything needed for a safe and enriching experience – professional training led by qualified instructors, access to a fleet of boats and essential safety equipment.

Ready to **HOP ON BOARD**? – Join us at Coco's on **Wednesday 15 May** for our sign up evening. Nia and Rhys will be there from 5:30 pm onwards. Newcomers are warmly welcomed – no prior experience required! Any questions? – please contact Rhys – info@celticseawatersports.com

DYC Membership – what does it mean for you?



DYC exists because of its members. Our members share a passion for boating and a common bond through a love and respect of the sea. Members don't need to be boat owners – we welcome applications for membership from people with interests in any form of boating activity, whether sail or power, and who want to become part of a community organisation.



Gets you out on the water

Once you have committed and paid to join DYC, you are much more likely to get yourself and family down to Dale and out on the water – it's a great hobby for the whole family to enjoy!



Helps you meet like-minded people

Joining DYC will give you the opportunity to meet a variety of boaters, from racers, weekend cruisers to offshore cruising of all skill levels. Many members make long term friends that go beyond boating.



An opportunity to share and expand your knowledge

Our members have a great wealth of knowledge to share and if you volunteer to support our events there are opportunities to gain qualifications for free.



A welcome at reciprocal clubs

As an RYA Affiliated Club, your membership offers you the benefit of reciprocity at other RYA clubs – offering a home away from home when you're boating around the UK. You can also take advantage when you're on a non-boating vacation.



Dinghy racing

For the more active sailors we offer a full racing programme from April to September – a great opportunity to improve your sailing and racing skills, or just to have some fun on the water!



Junior sailing

DYC subsidises the Junior Sailing programme, helping our younger members to get out sailing, develop their skills and get a feel for racing.



Membership discounts

With your membership card you can receive a discount at:

- [Dale Sailing – 10% discount on hire charges](#)
- [Celtic Sea watersports – 10% discount on hire charges](#)
- [Cleddau Marine Upholstery & Vehicle Trimmers – 10% discount](#)