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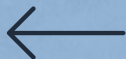
NEWSLETTER



JUNIOR SAILING 2023

Another great season! Over 50 children enrolled with an average of 35 taking part each week, and some superb efforts in DYC hosted events.

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CLUBHOUSE REFRESH

We had a highly successful pre-season cleaning weekend, that actually grew into several more days. Club members from far and wide gave their time and skills and we owe them a huge gratitude for their help. Plans are afoot for a repeat before next season.

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COMMODORE'S LETTER

Dear Members

The 2023 season, and my first as Commodore, has definitely been very productive, thanks to our industrious committee and volunteer membership who have worked together to rise to the various challenges we set out to accomplish over the year.

Hopefully this update will give you a sense of what the Club has been doing and the plans we have for next season.

Thank you to the Committee, our regular volunteers and the wider membership. Without your continued support Dale Yacht Club would not be thriving as it is!

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DYC HOSTED EVENTS 2023

In June the Club co-hosted the **RYA British Youth Sailing Welsh Regional Junior Championships** in conjunction with **Celtic Sea Watersports**.

In July we co-hosted the **ILCA Welsh Open Championships**.

The **West Wales Dragon Series** event in August proved a great success for our junior sailors and visitors, showcasing the prowess of a varied fleet.

Our final event of the season was the **RYA South & West Wales Onboard Festival**.

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MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Club members Nicky & Robin Mecklenburg who sailed the **2023 Isle of Wight Round the Island Race** in their 1979 OOD 34 - Mickey Mouse. They came 1st in the ISC Racing System Division 6B and 2nd place in the the IRC Rating System overall and Family Trophy divisions.



CLUB DINGHY RACING

The DYC Dinghy Racing Series continued well into September.

In August we held the annual **DYC Regatta** with impressive results and the addition of the **West Wales Dragon Series** event for our junior sailors.

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OUR VOLUNTEERS

In addition to the work our volunteers do to support the running of the Club and maintaining our facilities, we have a number of volunteers who 'help' out at events and with our regular dinghy racing.

A special mention should go to **Andrew Scott** (age 17) and **Sophie Marshall** (age 16) who have both completed their **RYA Dinghy Instructor** qualifications and in return for their RYA and Club sponsorship continue to volunteer each week for Junior Sailing.

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COMMODORE'S LETTER

Dear Members

As this newsletter showcases, I am delighted to report that we have had another successful season for both our **Junior Sailing** and **Club Dinghy Racing Series**. We have co-hosted a range of **Events**; our members have celebrated some fantastic achievements; and the ongoing work of our dedicated volunteers has definitely made improvements to our **Clubhouse** and facilities.

I am proud to be part of such a thriving Club and wider community.

At the last AGM the Club agreed a new constitution and the committee has re-structured the agreement with our caterer. Both needed updating to make them relevant and supportive of how we want to work as a Club and to move us forward. This was a tremendous amount of work for all concerned.

We are delighted that **Coco's Brasserie @ Dale Yacht Club** is proving so popular and keeps thriving, providing fantastic food, service and ambience. Thank you to Shelley Courie and all her team for their hard work and commitment. It really is a wonderful place to relax and unwind after a day sailing. We look forward to celebrating this year's sailing efforts at the **2023 Laying Up Supper** on Saturday 11 November, hosted by Coco's Brasserie and hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

This year's AGM takes place on Friday 1 December 2023. We will be live streaming it this year so that distant members can watch.

The Committee have been working collectively to secure a number of benefits for our members including some great discounts. We will shortly be launching these on a new members' only area of our new website – more info to follow! If you haven't already checked out the new website please do – it has some useful information about the Club, activities and the Dale area – daleyachtclub.org

As well as planning the 2024 sailing season for our own junior sailors and dinghy racers, we are also in negotiations with various classes about hosting other events here in Dale. Dale is back on the map as a great venue for a range of watersports and we are delighted to be part of the action.

Now that the season has come to an end, the committee is working hard to ensure the future sustainability of the Clubhouse, exploring options for renewable energy and funding for further improvements. We will be reaching out to all members again in the new year to ask for your help to do the essential jobs and maintenance the Clubhouse needs.

Thank you again to all the committee and wider membership – Dale Yacht Club is nothing without you!

*Best wishes,
Max*

JUNIOR SAILING

Our regular sailors have progressed well over the season and we are so grateful to the parents for taking an active part in the launching and recovery of boats.

We have pushed the Juniors a little harder this year into the realms of racing as well as achieving their RYA Youth Sailing certification, with many taking part in the Dragon Series event in August and the OnBoard Festival in September.

The under 8's have also made huge progress under the calm and experienced guidance of John Reynolds and Howell Davies, with added support from Mark Christie this year.

Unfortunately the weather hasn't always been kind to us - either no wind or too much! But this hasn't deterred our sailors from enjoying each session as much as they can even when sailing hasn't been possible.

The last session turned into a mini-adventure with a sail (and tow) round to Castle Bay for fun and games!



Our **End of Season Celebration on Wednesday 13 September** showcased the successes and achievements of everyone who took part.

Thank you to all volunteers, parents, Celtic Sea and their team for the great work they do! But most of all - thank you to all our junior sailors - you are fantastic!

Junior Sailing Cups - Most Improved 2023:

Stage 1 - Martha Hyde

Stage 2 - Iolo Bool

Stage 3 - Joshua Barratt

Stage 4 - Finn Marshall

Racing - Georgia Scott

James Lemon Cup

Felix Kummer

'Young Achiever of the Year'



CLUBHOUSE REPAIRS



Our pre-season working party redecorated the changing rooms, showers and toilets and the entrance and stairwell, as well as fixing and repairing lots of things. The Clubhouse is looking resplendent in its new livery and has a more nautical feel about it.

The same weekend we cleared out the dinghy park and repaired the racking.

Fil Marshall, our Moorings Officer, completely rebuilt our two inner moorings with new gear so they are now fit for purpose as they were very tired and worn.

We didn't quite achieve everything we planned and as a result Howell Davies and myself returned to paint the outside.

Thank you to John Reynolds and Dale Sailing for the donation of rope and tanker chain ends we used to replace the ground tackle and rebuild the racing marks.

The Committee is currently exploring future energy alternatives to make our heating and hot water more efficient. We have replaced the oil tank with necessary ground work completed by Dan Jones and will be replacing the boiler and water cylinder before the end of the year.

We are planning a further working weekend before the 2024 season starts, with a call for more volunteers again please - more details to follow ...



OUR VOLUNTEERS

Dale Yacht Club is run by volunteers. Every aspect of the Club is reliant on the efforts of a number of individuals who give their time and effort to keep the Club going.

This includes our Safety Boat crew, without whom the weekly dinghy racing just would not happen; junior sailing instructors, coordinators, and safeguarding support, maintaining our dinghy and RIBs; carrying out Clubhouse repairs; volunteering for the events we run and host; and of course our Committee.

Thank you



EVENTS

We hosted 4 successful events this year plus our annual DYC Regatta. Each event helps generate funds for the Club and brings business to the community of Dale. We are super proud that a number of Dale sailors did extremely well and have gone on to compete at other events across Wales.

Here is a snapshot of the events and links to more information about each one.

RYA British Youth Sailing Welsh Regional Junior Championships

17 & 18 June 2023

With 5 races on day one and 4 races on day 2, competitors, competitors had fair conditions with 6-10 knots. Dale juniors - **Georgia Scott** placed 19th in the Toppers and **Macsen Barber** placed 4th in the General Fleet.



RYA South & West Wales Onboard Festival

2 & 3 September 2023

Our last event of the season and although there was little wind, great fun was had by all, with some excellent photos captured by Ade Owens.



ILCA Welsh Open Championships

28 & 29 July 2023

30 sailors gathered for what turned out to be a great event, despite the forecast. **Macsen Barber** came 3rd overall in the ILCA 4 class and **Aimee Bulkes** came 10th overall in the ILCA 6 class.



West Wales Dragon Series

12 & 13 August 2023

13 brave young sailors joined for training on day one and 17 young sailors took part in the racing on day two, as part of the DYC Regatta!

Some testing conditions with some absolutely brilliant sailing by all!

Macsen Barber shone again, coming 1st overall in division 2 and best overall junior in his ILCA 4.



DINGHY RACING

The early part of the season saw bright sunshine and variable wind with a consistent fleet, which produced some competitive sailing.

July and August were not quite so predictable with strong winds and an increased level of moisture. However you can't have it perfect all the time. Ask the farmers!

The fleet increased from July, with our regular holiday visitors, and we were also pleased to have some of our keen junior members join us, which serves to sharpen the competition!

The outright winner in Division 1, with a perfect four firsts, was Julian Owens from PYC, sailing a Blaze.

In Division 2, we had a smaller fleet, with Macsen Barber sailing an ILCA 4 narrowly beating Jake Scott in an ILCA 7 in each race, claiming the Division prize and the best Junior Helm.

Huge thanks must go to all the volunteers (organisers, safety boat crew, mark layers, committee boat crew, shore staff, etc. etc.) without whom this annual event simply could not happen.

We hope 2024 will bring more stable sailing conditions but whatever happens, we look forward to seeing you on the water again in April!

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Please join us
for an evening
of food and fun.

LAYING UP SUPPER

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER 2023

Time: 7:00pm for 7:30pm

Where: Coco's Brasserie @ Dale Yacht Club

Dress: Smart casual



BOOK NOW
£35
per head
3-course meal

Starter

FIG & BURRATA BRUSCETTA &
BLOSSOM HONEY DRESSING
WITH OR WITHOUT PROSCIUTTO
OR
PAN FRIED MACKEREL FILLET,
STIR FRIED VEGETABLES &
GINGER CREME FRAICHE

Main

SOUTH AFRICAN CHUTNEY
CHICKEN & ROASTED BUTTERNUT
SQUASH
OR
BEETROOT, MUSHROOM,
CHESNUT, BUTTERNUT SQUASH
WELLINGTON

Dessert

FRENCH APPLE TARTSKI
& CHANTILLY CREAM
OR
LEMON & RASPBERRY MOUSSE
& GINGER SHORTBREAD
OR
TROPICAL FRUIT SALAD
& MANGO SORBET

BOTH SERVED WITH DAUPHINOIS
POTATOES & TENDER STEM BROCCOLI

Book by email: daleyachtclub@gmail.com

with menu choices & dietary requirements by **3 November**



Notice of DYC AGM

The Club AGM is taking place on **Friday 1 December 2023**.

We are looking for new committee members to join the Dale Yacht Club committee. We welcome nominations from members – both local and from away – we will happily set up video links to committee meetings if you aren't able to attend in person.

Although the role is voluntary and there is no remuneration, being a committee member has many merits. As a committee member you support the club, share your enthusiasm for sailing/boating and use your strengths and expertise to ensure the long term viability of DYC. By joining the committee you can share your skills for the long term benefit of the Club and its members.

The more members involved, the lighter the load overall.

Please consider standing for the Committee.

If you would like to know more about what being on the Committee involves, please email the Hon. Secretary – daleyachtclub@gmail.com.

If you would like to join the Committee, the main way is to stand for election at the AGM on 1 December. To do this you need to complete a nomination form with a proposer and seconder. This needs to be completed and returned to the Hon. Secretary by 3 November. If you would like a nomination form, please download them from our website – <https://www.daleyachtclub.org/about>

We currently have 3 vacancies on the Committee and the following Officers are up for election this year – **Treasurer, Rear Commodore** and **Vice Commodore**.

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We need you!

Join the committee!

Call for nominations

Submit your nomination form now : www.daleyachtclub.org/about

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