



NEWSLETTER

KEY DATES

- 23 – 25 AUGUST
Dale Bank Holiday Series
- 4 SEPTEMBER @ 8:30pm
August Cup Presentation
- 11 SEPTEMBER
Quiz Night
Alzheimer Fundraiser
(bookings only – Coco’s)
- 20 SEPTEMBER
Coco’s Closing Party
- 28 SEPTEMBER @ 5:00pm
September Cup Presentation
- 11 OCTOBER
Commodore’s Ball
& Laying Up Supper
@ The Lord Nelson Hotel

DALE YACHT CLUB COMMODORE’S SAPPHIRE BALL & LAYING UP SUPPER

Tickets £55 per person – Tables of 10-12 – Black Tie
Young person discount (age 16-21 yrs) £40 per person
10% Discount on ALL bookings made by 15 September 2025



COMMODORE’S BALL & LAYING UP SUPPER

We have decided this year to combine the 2025 Laying Up Supper with the Commodore’s Ball. This will take place at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Milford Haven on Saturday 11 October.

Ticket price includes a welcome drink, 3-course meal, coffee and live music with dancing.

Ticket numbers are limited.

We are offering a 10% discount on all bookings made by Monday 15 September.

Online booking form available through the website.

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COMMODORE’S LETTER

Dear Members

Better late than never!

Despite not getting a Newsletter out in the Spring, Dale Yacht Club has been as busy as ever, with lots to report, and we still have lots to look forward to for the rest of this season.

From the 2024 Laying Up Supper in November ... the 2024 Annual General Meeting in January ... Continued improvements to the Clubhouse ... New Club branded clothing and merchandise ... 100 Club winnings ... DYC support for a ‘Changing Places Toilet’ in Dale ... Committee changes ... RYA Welsh Regional Championships in June ... a sad farewell to Coco’s closing in September ... and building up to the Commodore’s Ball in October.

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COMMODORE'S LETTER

Dear Members,

The 2024 Laying Up Supper in November was a great success – more people than ever and a new more relaxed layout created a great atmosphere in the Clubhouse for us to celebrate, reflect and digest the ups and downs of the 2024 season – accompanied by a delicious Coco's meal!

The Clubhouse and all things DYC had its annual refresh in January, building on previous improvements and everything is looking fantastic!

The new range of Club clothing and merchandise was launched and it's great to see people wearing it.

The 100 Club had a slow start but has built momentum over the year with more and more members signing up and the winnings paying out. We have a special draw taking place at the DYC Regatta with forecast prize payout of £85. Entries for this have now closed but entries are still open for future draws with a chance to win £30 each month.

The Committee are delighted to report that they have granted a small parcel of land within the tender park to accommodate a Changing Places Toilet facility. This will be a great addition to Dale – creating opportunities for less abled individuals to access watersports. DYC members will also be able to use this once it's built. For more information about the fundraising for this and next steps please contact Windswept CIC directly.

We have had some changes on the Committee with Nia and Stuart both stepping down due to personal commitments. We are so grateful for the support and time they have given the Club over their terms and are delighted that Nia will be continuing to support communications by managing the website and social media.

This does leave a vacancy for the Welfare Officer and for a coordinator to help organise Junior Sailing from next year. Nia will be continuing through this season but we would welcome interest from any members or Junior Sailing parents interested in taking this on.

I will be stepping down as Commodore at the end of my three-year term, this November, as is our Club Treasurer, Terence, leaving a further two vacancies on the Committee. Please contact the Club Secretary, Christine, if you would like to discuss joining the Committee or learn more about what the role involves.

It was such a shame that our annual Regatta had to be cancelled last weekend due to high winds and unsafe conditions on the water. While disappointing, safety must always come first. A huge thank you to all the volunteers who were on standby, ready to help and support the event. Your time and commitment are always appreciated.

We have been able to re-schedule the RYA Dragon Series event for Bank Holiday Monday – more information under the Events section.

We are saddened by the news that Michelle and Ella have decided to close Coco's at the end of September. They have provided an excellent offering in the Clubhouse for the past 5 ½ years, since taking over the licence. We thank them both and their incredible team of staff for everything they have done, the commitment they have given to the Club, their amazing food and the atmosphere they have created, and wish them both the best of luck with their future adventures.

Finally, we are gearing up for the Commodore's Ball in October. This will combine the Laying Up Supper for the season – hosted at The Lord Nelson Hotel in Milford Haven – we hope to see as many members and guests there as possible – Saturday 11 October!

*Fair winds,
Max*



DALE YACHT CLUB

COMMODORE'S SAPPHIRE BALL & LAYING UP SUPPER

Celebrating
 **65+** 

PLEASE JOIN US
6.30 PM, SATURDAY OCTOBER 11, 2025
THE LORD NELSON HOTEL
MILFORD HAVEN

WELCOME DRINK ♦ 3 COURSE MEAL
LIVE MUSIC ♦ DANCING ♦ FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Tickets £55 per person - Tables of 10-12 - Black Tie
Young person discount (age 16-21 yrs) £40 per person
10% Discount on ALL bookings made by 15 September 2025



ONLINE BOOKINGS – <https://www.daleyachtclub.org/events>

MENU CHOICES

STARTER

Chicken & Chorizo Ballotine (GFO)
tomato relish, whipped butter & rustic bread

Or

Beetroot & Goat's Cheese Arancini (V)
candied walnuts & rocket salad

MAINS

Rump Of Beef Bourguignon (GFO)
garlic & thyme roasted baby potatoes & tenderstem broccoli

Or

Pan Seared Purple Gnocchi (V)
roasted butternut squash, chestnut mushrooms, baby spinach,
veggie parmesan & rocket salad

DESSERT

Rich Chocolate Brownie (GF) with chantilly cream

Or

Fresh Lemon Tart

2025 DINGHY SERIES CUP PRESENTATION

FOLLOWED BY LIVE MUSIC FROM **HONEY FUNGUS**

& FUNDRAISING AUCTION

Carriages 1:00 am



CLUBHOUSE NEWS

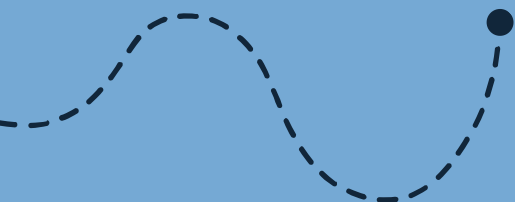
The annual volunteer weekend was held in January this year with yet again a great turnout of dedicated members. We gave the Clubhouse a deep clean ready for the season, spruced up the outside, powerwashing the front and side access.

A new sign on the front of the Clubhouse and a lick of paint has definitely enhanced the outside – added to with Coco's beautiful flower baskets.

We continue to invest in greener energy solutions with the addition this year of PIR lighting in the changing rooms. The more efficient boiler and heating system has meant we have removed the shower token system, a step which has been welcomed by our regular sailors.

New fire doors ensure we remain compliant with ever changing regulations.

We are planning another working weekend early next year to keep the Clubhouse looking good – any volunteers would be greatly appreciated! More details will be shared closer to the time.



The Committee is currently exploring options for the next catering provision and will be inviting members to contribute ideas – more information to come.

If you or anyone you know is interested in taking on the catering provision, please contact the Club Secretary, Christine – info@daleyachtclub.org.

DINGHIES

The dinghy bay markers have been replaced, clearly delineating each numbered bay. The Club's Toppers are undergoing inspection and pressure testing to determine what needs replacing. Celtic Sea have replaced the trailer wheels for the Fusions as they had perished.

The safety boats continue to be maintained annually with the grateful support of Lyn Jones and Dale Sailing, however they are reaching the end of their lives and it remains a top priority to replace them – hence the fundraising efforts.

Coco's has been a huge success! Beginning in 2018, Michelle Courie took over the licence in 2020. Michelle has worked tirelessly to create a buzzing atmosphere and built a reputation for great food - with a range of tapas, Mediterranean inspired mains and their famous pizzas. Michelle's daughter Ella has led the front of house team making sure that all guests are made to feel welcome. Together with Michelle's son Oliver and the rest of the staff, Coco's has provided catering for sailor's suppers, DYC events, family parties, baby-showers, weddings, christenings and funerals. The Clubhouse remains an important part of the Dale community and without doubt the success of Coco's has contributed to this.

Sadly, all good things come to an end. Michelle and Ella have decided to call it a day and will be closing Coco's on Saturday 20 September, but not without a big goodbye.

All members and patrons of Coco's are invited to join them for a day of celebration with a Hog Roast, drinks, music and karaoke. The bar will be open all day with the party starting from 6pm.

Thank you!



On behalf all our members, the Committee wishes Michelle, Ella, Oliver and all the team at Coco's the warmest of thanks and best of luck for their next adventures.

FUNDRAISING

The big push over the next couple of years is to raise funds to support DYC's ongoing investments in the Clubhouse and boats.

DYC launched a range of Club clothing and merchandise in 2024 – all available via the website.

The 100 Club is continuing to grow with over £350 in winnings paid out so far.

The Commodore's Ball in October will be a great opportunity to celebrate everything DYC with the added ambition to raise funds in an auction.

100



Join DYC 100 Club

Support your Club AND win monthly cash prizes!

Open to all fully paid-up Dale Yacht Club members aged 18 or older.

Complete an entry form and set up a Standing Order – forms and full terms available on our website: www.daleyachtclub.org

For any questions, please contact the DYC Treasurer at info@daleyachtclub.org.

Over £350 paid out to date – be in it to win!



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ONLINE SHOP

DYC branded clothing ♦ % of sales direct to DYC ♦ 2 week turnaround
optional text on back ♦ range of items ♦ children & adult clothing

stbridesbay.com/dale-yacht-club



LAYING-UP SUPPER 2024

Coco's hosted the 2024 Laying-up Supper in November.

Another fantastic evening with a delicious 3-course menu. A great turnout with our regular sailors, members and guests, all sharing a celebration of everything DYC!

Cups were presented by Peter Morgan, Race Officer.

Cup Presentations:

1st – Howell Davies

2nd – Ross Prytherch & Jim Barden

Ladies Cup – Jacque Kamau

DINGHY RACING 2025

Now competing for the August Cup, dinghy racing continues to attract our regulars and visiting sailors on a Thursday evening and Sundays. The live results can be accessed on the website. Overall winners will be presented with cups at the 2025 Laying Up Supper and Commodore's Ball in October.

Cup winners so far for the 2025 Dinghy Racing Series are:

April Cup – Will Colles

May Cup – Peter Rose

June Cup – Peter Rose

July Cup – Peter Rose

The August cup has 3 races left with the Cup presentation at the beginning of September. The September series will run until Sunday 28 September, which is the last race of the series. The September Cup will be presented that evening.

Series race dates and times and live results are available on the DYC website:

<https://www.daleyachtclub.org/dinghy-sailing>

The Club relies on volunteers – from the Committee, to Safety Boats, running the Little Ones session for Junior Sailing, helping with events – we simply would not be a Club without the commitment of our volunteers.

If you are able to help in any way – give some time for a one-off event or are interested in joining the Committee, then please contact us:

info@daleyachtclub.org

We need your

HELP



EVENTS 2025

The **RYA Welsh Junior Championships** were held in Dale on **21-22 June**, co-hosted by DYC, Celtic Sea Watersports and Windswept.

It was an action packed weekend and attracted a total of 74 entries, including 18 sailors keen to develop their racing skills in the coached regatta fleet.

Despite a slow start due to fog and a lack of wind, both the regatta and main fleets were able to launch at lunchtime on the Saturday and sailed until 5pm.

Sunday saw an earlier start with a south-westerly breeze of 10 knots and some big gusts, the main fleet completed five races, and the regatta fleet another three.

This wrapped up a total of eight races for both fleets over the weekend with two discards. Welsh kitefoiler Catrin Williams from the British Sailing Team presented medals to the winning sailors at the prizegiving

For the full write up and results:

<https://www.rya.org.uk/news/welsh-regional-championships-2025>



RYA Cymru Wales West Dragon Series Event

Monday 25 August

14:00 race start – up to 4 races planned

Coached training fleet, junior & general handicap fleet

Pre-entry required – scan QR code

Boats available to hire from CSW £10 per day

Full series information – welshsailing.com

Email questions to info@celticseawatersports.com



CHANGING PLACES

Exciting news – supporting an inclusive future!

We're pleased to share that DYC has supported a request from Pembrokeshire County Council to release a small section of land from the existing Tender Park – an area currently leased by the Club. This land will be used to build a much-needed Changing Places toilet facility for the village. Importantly, it will be accessible to all Club members, further reinforcing DYC's commitment to being an inclusive sailing club for everyone.

Changing Places toilet facilities provide essential, safe, and dignified spaces for people with profound learning disabilities and those with severe mobility challenges. Without such facilities, individuals are often forced to stay at home or face the distress and indignity of being changed on toilet floors, in car parks, or on beaches.

There's still a lot to do – the project must secure planning permission and raise between £80,000–£100,000 to bring the facility to life. Local charity PERKY and Windswept Watersports CIC are leading the initiative, aiming to have the Changing Places toilet facility open and operational by Summer 2027. Until then the identified section of the Tender Park will continue to be used by DYC.



PHOTOS: Georgie Thomas

Over the August Bank Holiday we will be running the **Dale Bank Holiday Series**, with the following race start times:

Saturday 23 August: 3pm

Sunday 24 August: 11am

Monday 25 August: 11am

Prizes to be won! Please ensure that you have registered for the race at least 30 minutes prior to the start time.

For full racing instructions please refer to the website – <https://www.daleyachtclub.org/dinghy-sailing>



To learn more or get involved, visit the Facebook page (scan the QR code) or explore the national campaign at changing-places.org.

DYC are proud to be supporting this important step toward greater accessibility in our community.



JUNIOR SAILING 2025

The season is well under way. We kicked off on 4 June and with the amazing run of weather we have managed to run a session every week! An average of 25 sailors across the two groups has been an impressive sight in Dale Bay on Wednesday evenings.

We still have 3 weeks left of the 2025 season, culminating in the celebration presentation on **Saturday 13 September** at The Boathouse Cafe at 4pm.

Subsidised by DYC, this is the 4th year of the partnership with Celtic Sea Watersports. We aim to support as many local children as possible to experience dinghy sailing, gain valuable skills and achieve certification. Regular and new visitors to Dale are welcome to join. Sessions are booked week by week making the programme accessible to everyone.

We have also had some great 'sail-aways' over the summer holidays. An opportunity for our Junior Sailors to sail out of Dale Bay and explore the beaches in the Haven, learn about local history and the marine traffic using the waterway.



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JUNIOR SAILING 2025

Celtic Sea
Watersports

PRESENTATIONS & CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 13 September
The Boathouse Cafe, Dale

4:00pm prize giving

followed by food

Free food for children

funded by DYC

Adult menu available

**** Booking essential ****

Link on WhatsApp group

