



November 2023 Newsletter

Commodores Ramblings

Another month of low pressure systems and strong winds interspersed with a few days of no wind has again ruined most people's sailing and racing opportunities. All the cruiser fleet is now safely on-shore for the winter, but the Darts will continue to hope for some compliant weather to continue racing on the high tide weekends

Roy Sheriff, our long-standing club secretary and cruiser stalwart has unfortunately had to resign from the committee this month for personal reasons and Chantelle has very kindly stepped in, to replace him as secretary. Roy has been a fantastic asset to the club and committee for many years and we all hope and expect to see him fighting fit and sailing again next season

This month also saw the passing of Mike Potts, one of our most senior and long-standing members and our thoughts are with his wife Ginny and the family at this sad time

On the social side, the club has just hosted a Halloween Party. Many thanks to Sue, Angie and their teams for putting on a great event. It was fabulous to see so many children at the club and let's hope that we can encourage some of them to join us sailing in the future

Keep your eyes peeled for notifications of other upcoming social events, training courses and other activities being held at the club over the winter

Andrew Potter

Training

Our annual RYA training assessment was completed last weekend with a successful outcome, so keep you eyes peeled on the website for up-and-coming courses in the new year!!

We have successfully completed our RYA First Aid Course which was successful thank you to our RYA trainers Chris and Paul for all the courses ran this year.

We Plan to run a SRC/VHF course with examination early 2024, this will be a one day course date to be confirmed.

Prize Giving

With not long left until our annual prize giving, we are now requesting that all Trophies handed out last year are returned to the club over the next few weeks to allow the sailing team to prepare for this year's prize giving.

Social

Friday 27th October was our first Friday night social of the winter, we held a fabulous Halloween Party, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed a huge thanks to Sue, Sandra, Angie and the social team for hosting a fabulous evening.



Christmas Dinner Tickets are now on Sale

Saturday December 4th

Do not delay in purchasing tickets as there will be a limit to tickets sold.
The collection has now opened for Raffle prizes, we are hoping for a fabulous array of prizes this year which all proceeds will go to our local RNLI

Dart 18 update

After some great racing last weekend, we look towards the end of the season and the Laying Up Series!! With racing scheduled for the 12th, 19th and 26th fingers crossed for more conditions like Sunday, as you can see it was a great day - many thanks to everyone who played a role making it happen!





Lee Matthews

Dart 18 fleet Captain

Cruiser Fleet update

Upcoming - Sunday 5th November 2023 - Laying Up Lunch from 1pm on-wards.

Now that all the boats are safely back in the top field and members begin to winterise and/or prepare them for next season, it's time to announce our annual Laying Up Lunch, where members can get together for a chat and reminisce about the season.

There will be Hot Pot available (£6 per head).

If members wish to upload their 2023 seasons photos to be displayed on the projector in the background, you can do that by clicking [HERE](#)

Trophies!

If you won a trophy last year and you haven't already, please can you return them to the club as soon as you can, ready for our upcoming prize giving.



Darren Thomas
Cruiser Fleet Captain

Tuesday Team



Over the past 20 plus years there has been a group of anonymous volunteers who have carried out regular maintenance on the club every Tuesday morning, from electrical repairs, alarm testing, Defib reporting, grass cutting, spartina picking, painting, clearing the rubbish, to road repairs and ensuring deliveries to the club are safe.

Unfortunately, as the years progress the numbers in the group have dwindled and for the first time, we have had to miss a day. It is obvious we need more volunteers (Men and Women) who can spare every Tuesday morning from 0900 until 12:30. Free tea/coffee and biscuits available. No experience required just a commitment to attend, Time off for good behaviour will be given if your work is satisfactory.

Applicants in person to: Greg Cooper Tuesday Morning 11:00 in time for tea break. All welcome.

Dart 16

This could be you!



Dee Sailing Club has 2 Dart 16 catamarans available for all junior & adult members to use for a small fee, for all club racing, special events & Coaching sessions.

The Dart 16 is a 16-foot catamaran designed to be sailed by two crew with a mainsail & jib. It is a modern beach catamaran that is fast and fun. Its skeg design and thermo-plastic

construction differentiate it from other typical catamarans and make it very impact and scratch resistant. Perfect for the beach.

The Dart 16 is designed so everyone can sail it and there are several configurations to get the most out of the boat. You can single-hand the boat with the mainsail and jib. If it is too windy the jib furls for safe stowage.

If you would like to use one, please speak to Paul Oliver Dart 16 Fleet Captain

Hire fee's

£16 per boat for adults

£8 per boat for juniors (Under 18)

To be paid at the bar



Junior coaching session on the club lawn, August 2020.

