



March 2020

CIVIL SERVICE SAILING

Civil Service Sailing Association

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CSSA members and Clubs should follow government guidance as it develops.

- Our CSSA activities, if any, during the 'delay phase' should maintain at least 2m distance between members; discourage use of Club buildings and any indoor activity; disinfect Club buildings and equipment to minimise transmission of COVID19.
- Members required to self-isolate should stay away from Club facilities.
- Maintenance and private use of members' equipment is acceptable within government guidelines.
- Maintenance of Club equipment and premises is acceptable within government guidelines.
- All social events should be suspended until government guidance permits recommencement.

Disruption is unlikely to be short-lived. Experts predict that millions could require hospitalisation over the coming months – let's help those who help us.

Stay safe and look out for one another.

CSSA Management Group

WANTED

NEW CSSA TREASURER FROM APRIL 2021

I'm standing for election as the Association's Treasurer this April, but if I'm re-elected I will have been in the post for 15 years, come April 2021. I think it will then be high time for the Association to have a rest from me - and perhaps vice versa - so I'm starting to look for a successor. The Treasurer has few transactions to deal with – although some are pretty large – and only 4 committee meetings to attend each year. The role is mainly about the management and monitoring of the Association's finances and liaison with the Association's clubs and CSSC on financial matters, and preparing an annual Treasurer's Report and Accounts (see pages 4 - 7). Accounting is currently carried out using Sage accounting software - in a very simple way - but could be done on spreadsheets if preferred.

I'd welcome enquiries from would-be successors (grubb64@hotmail.com or 01962 864246) and look forward to being deluged with responses!

Seriously, I would very much welcome expressions of interest.

Brian Grubb

Chandlery

Rectangular CSSA House Flags

Triangular CSSA Burgees

Large (30cm x 45cm approx) £16.00

Small (20cm x 30cm approx) £13.00

CSSA ties (polyester) £10.00

P&P included

Please send your requests and cheques
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**CSSA
AGM**

Postponed

**CSORC
AGM
Postponed**

Hello CSSA friends and families,

Sadly this edition finds us in an unprecedented time in the world and while the light at the end of the tunnel is dimmed, we will overcome this Coronavirus outbreak. Sailors tend to be resilient and resourceful souls so if and where possible, please reach out to those who might need a helping hand but also make sure to ask others for assistance if you do need help.

While we must be socially distant we celebrate that we share a common love for the outdoors and sailing. To that end, hopefully we can support each other. The CSSA is a community of sailors and while we might not be right next door to each other we are here if you need to talk or laugh, or even cry.

In these circumstances included are articles about eSailing and Virtual Meetings, and hope you enjoy the sailing quiz and the article from CSSA Archives.

Hopefully, soon, this will pass and we will be once again ready to take to the water. Take extra care during these days, Eileen



Treasurer's Report



RCSSC AGM



Littleton SC



POG News



Tall Ship, Small Story



Jumbles SC

Annual Prizegiving

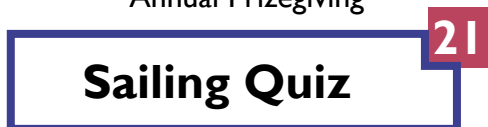


CSD News



VC'S Corner

Yacht in the Med?



CSSA BUSINESS - AGM POSTPONED

CIVIL SERVICE SAILING ASSOCIATION

Agenda for the 62nd Annual General Meeting
of the Civil Service Sailing Association
held from 18:00 on Thursday 30th April 2020
at the
Civil Service Club, Scotland Yard, London, SW1A 2HJ

1. Commodore's Address
2. Presentation of Awards
3. Minutes of the 61st AGM held on 11th April 2019
4. Adoption of the Annual Report for 2019
5. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of the 2019 Annual Report
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Motions – none received
8. Appointment of Officers and Committee members

CSSA AGM Postponed

STOP PRESS

Our AGM 2020 is postponed in line with government advice to help delay the transmission of the COVID-19 coronavirus.

You'll find the AGM papers in the following pages.

Please put any comments or questions to csgensec@yahoo.co.uk

Nominees for General Committee posts listed in these pages will be co-opted for the time being. If circumstances permit, we'll re-schedule the AGM for later in the year. Details will appear in the summer edition and interim updates will be posted at - <http://cs-sailing.org.uk/news/>

TREASURER'S REPORT

2019 Results

1. The Association made a surplus of £12,564 in 2019 compared with £6,245 in 2018. This is more than was forecast, mainly because of a smaller up-take of training grant and lower legal fees towards the end of the year than were anticipated. Because the forecast surplus was small, and contrary to recent practice, no year-end grant distribution was made to the Association's affiliated clubs whereas with hindsight it could have been. We will try to avoid this situation in future. As regards income, the Association's membership grant from CSSC - £33,972 - was some £3,700 more than in 2018. But this increase was more than offset by £3,762 exceptionally spent on legal fees during the year pursuing the £325,000 bequest from Maurice Gates - a former member of the Association – reported on last year. We have now spent a total of £12,945 on this and

will need to spend a little more, but the end seems in sight and we look likely to obtain most if not all of the amount bequeathed. We are close to final agreement with the three charities who are the other beneficiaries that they will indeed make ex gratia payments to the Association in lieu of the bequest.

2019 Financial position and highlights

2. The Association's financial position remains very sound. It has long been our aim - taking one year with another - to increase our general reserves broadly in line with inflation so as to sustain their value in real terms. This is so that clubs' requirements for interest-free loan capital to improve and renew their assets - inevitably affected by inflation - can continue to be met. It has taken more than sixty years to accumulate these reserves and if they are depleted they will be extremely difficult to re-build.

Only one loan was made during the year, being £8,000 to Jumbles Sailing club towards a replacement jetty. It is repayable over 4 years, interest-free. Loan projections show, however, that substantial further demand is in the pipeline, although in the short term and dependent on receiving the bequest and its utilisation, not all the demand may need to be met from these reserves. Repayments on all existing loans continue to be received on or ahead of schedule.

The Future

3. The bequest is clearly the most significant event on the financial horizon and we are considering how best to utilise it within the terms of the will, being for '....the ownership or facilities directly relevant to the ownership of ocean-going yachts....' Legal advice is that this encompasses interest-free loans as well as grants. Our initial thinking is to use some of it to help meet the costs of replacing the three yachts currently run by our offshore Divisions and possibly accelerate and /or enhance such replacement. There is also the possibility of helping purchase an additional yacht – perhaps for the CS Offshore Racing Club who presently operate by chartering. And within these options there is the issue of how much should be by way of grant and how much by interest-free loans. In the spirit of the bequest it would seem necessary over the medium term to invest all of it by way of grant or purchase. Arguably, however, a policy of retaining some initially to provide interest-free loans will help spread the benefit over time and avoid too much distortion in Divisions' finances - because whatever is purchased will require replacement in due course. The terms of the bequest specifically prohibit using it to meet running costs.

4. As regards future operations, CSSC's membership grant - the Association's main source of income - is no longer based on a capitation rate. This reflects changes made to the way that CSSC allocates funds to Area Associations and its other financial priorities. However, the grant for 2020 remains unchanged from last year (as too has the overall funding for Area Associations) at £33,972. And CSSC has increased the events grant budget for the Association from £8,000 in 2019 to £9,000 for 2020.

5. As reported in previous years and as remains the case, the introduction of site rents and charges for the land-based clubs, as well as increases in those amounts, will have a continuing financial impact inasmuch as the CSSC looks to the Association not only to collect such payments on its behalf, but also to 'guarantee' them. Indeed, where the arrangements result in back to back leases between CSSC and CSSA, and CSSA and the individual club – as exists for the Portsmouth Offshore Group and is planned for Littleton SC - then CSSA acquires actual rather than contingent rent obligations, increasing its vulnerability. Once all site agreements are in place the annual obligations - actual and contingent – are likely to be in the order of £140,000. As the Income and Expenditure Account shows, this figure is already some £134,000. This is another reason why the Association needs to maintain substantial reserves which, fortunately, it appears able to do in the foreseeable future.

Appointment of auditor

6. A motion to appoint Wilkins Kennedy Audit Services as auditor for 2020 will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting.

ABRIDGED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

7. Abridged financial statements drawn directly from the audited financial statements and comprising the Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet for the year ended 31 December 2019 are attached. Copies of the full 14-page document including the Audit Report which contains a 'clear' audit opinion, Cash Flow Statement and Notes - will be available at the forthcoming AGM. Copies may also be obtained by e mail request to grubb64@hotmail.com, giving name and CSSA membership number.

For and on behalf of the General Committee

Brian Grubb
Honorary Treasurer
2 March 2020

ABRIDGED CIVIL SERVICE SAILING ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2019

CIVIL SERVICE SAILING ASSOCIATION

Income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 December 2019

	2019	2019	2018	2018
	£	£	£	£
Income				
CSSC membership grant	33,972		30,267	
CSSC events grant	8,430		5,150	
Interest on bank deposits	329		278	
Less: Corporation Tax thereon	(62)		(53)	
Other Income	1		(4)	
	<u> </u>	42,670	<u> </u>	35,638
General expenditure				
Committee costs	1,594		1,186	
Other administrative costs	5,729		12,470	
Functions	1,016		889	
Grants funded by CSSA	-		250	
Training expenditure	1,876		331	
Magazine	10,826		8,502	
Advertising and publicity	-		-	
RYA subscription	635		615	
Trophies and citations	-		-	
	<u> </u>	(21,676)	<u> </u>	(24,243)
Events expenditure				
Offshore racing	1,600		-	
Dinghy championships	1,680		-	
Victory Trophy	-		-	
Interdepartmental offshore regatta	5,150		5,150	
	<u> </u>	(8,430)	<u> </u>	(5,150)
Gross Surplus		<u>12,564</u>		<u>6,245</u>
Loan interest, rents and charges				
HSBC loan interest and charges	683		984	
Less: amounts recharged to clubs	(683)		(984)	
	<u> </u>	-	<u> </u>	-
CSSC rents and charges	134,343		133,736	
Less: amounts recharged to clubs	(134,343)		(133,736)	
	<u> </u>	-	<u> </u>	-
Net Surplus to General Fund		<u>12,564</u>		<u>6,245</u>

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CIVIL SERVICE SAILING ASSOCIATION

Balance sheet at 31 December 2019

	2019 £	2019 £	2018 £	2018 £
Loans to Divisions due after one year				
CSSA-financed interest-free loans	123,000		137,000	
HSBC-financed interest-bearing loans	-		7,000	
	<u>123,000</u>		<u>144,000</u>	
Current Assets				
Loans to Divisions - due within one year:				
CSSA-financed interest-free loans	38,000		37,500	
HSBC-financed interest-bearing loans	7,000		7,000	
Chandlery stock	1,169		1,208	
Sundry debtors	135,121		134,514	
Bank current and deposit accounts	205,910		183,475	
	<u>387,200</u>		<u>363,697</u>	
Current liabilities				
Loans from HSBC – due within one year	7,000		7,000	
Sundry creditors	102,085		105,155	
Corporation tax	62		53	
	<u>(109,147)</u>		<u>(112,208)</u>	
Current assets less current liabilities		278,053		251,489
Total assets less current liabilities		401,053		395,489
Long term liabilities				
Loans from HSBC – due after one year		-		(7,000)
Total assets less total liabilities		401,053		388,489
General Fund				
Balance brought forward		388,489		382,244
Surplus for year		12,564		6,245
		<u>401,053</u>		<u>388,489</u>

Brian Grubb
Hon Treasurer
2 March 2020

The Rutland Civil Service Sailing Club AGM was held on January 11th 2020.

Chris Peck, Club Captain, opened the meeting by welcoming 18 RCSSC members and four guests including Lucy Vizor (Civil Service Sports Council representative). Pete Shuttleworth showed his dedication by travelling down, from his home in the North of the country, the evening before to attend. This was the largest number of members represented at any previous AGM.

The formal part of the meeting included:

The **Club Captain's Report** which showed the club was doing well and mentioned a few of the 2019 key highlights/activities:

Our boats have been continued to be carefully maintained by John Cranwell Ward and Mike Threadgill, with help from other members, who willingly give many hours of their time to ensure we sail safely.

The number of approved helms has now risen to 18 out of 23 members;

reflecting how members have improved their sailing skills and credit goes to Dave Grundy, John Cranwell Ward, Mike Threadgill, Eric Andrew and Tony Garrick, (plus Pete Shuttleworth when he has been at Rutland). All have willingly shared their experience, knowledge and passed on sailing tips.

The website booking in system, continues to work well whereby members can book in themselves and guests 7 days a week during the sailing season.

Some members have for the first time participated in **Club Racing** organised by the RSC Cruiser Fleet during the year. They really enjoyed themselves and did well.

Another successful year for **RCSSC**

Taster Days organised through CSSC: June – September (with 4 scheduled for next year). One day included sailing with CSSC colleagues which was enjoyed by all, captured in pictures and featured in a CSSA article (CS Sailing September 2019).

We are grateful to the continued support of our Helms who kindly give their time and to Dave Grundy for organising and helming. Feedback from those attending has always been positive, and the pictures taken tell the story of how much attendees enjoyed themselves.

The **Treasurer's Report** showed the club had healthy finances.

A few small **amendments to the Constitution** were also approved.



The election of Officers and

Committee members for 2020 with three Committee members standing down:

Dave Grundy, (as past Commodore, Treasurer and other RCSSC multiple roles) has decided to stand aside now as a Committee Member. Dave will continue to organise the Taster Days and help in the background as required. He wishes to have more time to concentrate on sailing. We are indebted to Dave for the timeless energy and expertise he has given to our Club these last few years. This is very much reflected in the position the Club finds itself in today.

Tony Garrick, (as Sailing Secretary and Club Secretary) after giving many years of RCSSC Committee service. Tony will continue to sail as frequently as time allows.

Dave Metharam, (as Webmaster), is standing down as a result of family and work commitments. Dave has worked to develop the functionality of the club website and such as the members booking system.

After the coffee break and the meeting continued with something special. **Dave Grundy (plus Ann, his wife)** were presented with gifts and certificate on behalf of all of us for all the work Dave has done for the club. Dave has been heavily involved in developing the club over the last few years and, as mentioned before, has held many official positions including Club Commodore, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer/ Webmaster but has decided to let other members take over from him although he will continue to organise the Taster Days. Lucy Vizer then continued the presentation to Dave by announcing

Club Officer	Elected
Club Captain	C Peck
Treasurer	A Brolly
Club Secretary	C Brolly
Membership Officer	C Peck
Boat Husband	J Cranwell Ward
Deputy Boat Husband	M Threadgill
Public Relations Officer/ Webmaster	M Gadd
Sailing Secretary	E Andrew
Member Representative	M Tebbutt
Member Representative	S Clark
Sailing Development	N Clark



details of Dave being given a CSSC special merit award which will be formally presented to him in June.

Lucy was presented with certificate of thanks by RCSSC before she finished the meeting with a brief presentation about the benefits of joining CSSC including how you could save money.

The formal Minutes will be available soon.

eSailing - Anyone?

Now might be a good time to have a go at eSailing, especially with the temporary closure of so many clubs and centres and having to stay at home. It's a great way to stay in touch and continue racing and practice racing tactics from your own home.

You don't need to pay to use Virtual Regatta, it's as simple as visiting the Virtual Regatta website from a laptop or PC or downloading the app on a smartphone or iPad and clicking 'play now' on either the inshore or offshore game. You can then enter the game and learn how to use it and compete against others all around the world.

Getting Started

You can see a guide to getting started with eSailing on YouTube:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=19&v=Q2xRHRWCuUA&feature=emb_logo



And there is more information at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=11&v=i_s2Ujk5VYI&feature=emb_logo



For more information about e sailing have a look at:

https://www.rya.org.uk/Pages/virtual-regatta.aspx?utm_campaign=RYA%20-%20March%2024th%20-%20Coronavirus%20update



GBR eSailing National Championships

The RYA are partnering once again with World Sailing and Virtual Regatta, the leading digital sailing platform, for the GBR eSailing National Championship 2020. The free-to-play online game provides players with the opportunity to race against friends, fellow sailors and real-world Olympic Champions.

All players from the United Kingdom will automatically be entered into the exclusive GBR eSailing National Championship, racing the same challenges, seasons and playoffs as the eSailing World Championship and ranking both nationally and globally.

The season will end on 01 September 2020 with the top ten ranking British eSailors being invited to a Live Final event on Saturday 19th September 2020 in Southampton where the 2020 GBR eSailing National Champion will be crowned.

Could you be crowned champion?

Simply visit www.virtualregatta.com or download the 'Virtual Regatta Inshore' App from the App Store or Google Play. The top ten ranked GBR eSailors will automatically qualify for the eSailing World Championship Finals Playoff taking place in early September, with the top eight advancing to the 2020 eSailing World Championship Final.

Governed by the World Sailing Virtual Rules of Sailing, the eSailing World Championship closely matches the real-world rules and formats that govern on-the-water racing. The in-game 'Sailing School' provides a clear explanation of the sport and a new and effective learning tool to familiarise players with the strategies, tactics and terminology of sailing.

RYA Office Closure

The RYA office will temporarily be closed over Easter from Monday 06 April until Monday 20 April. Check the website www.rya.org.uk for who to contact should you need assistance during this time or to get in touch if you have any further questions at:
sport.dev@rya.org.uk or 02380 604100

Need an Annual General Meeting without actually meeting?

Meeting virtually, could this work for your club?

When Delph Sailing Club was faced with the prospect of cancelling or postponing its AGM in the face of the Coronavirus crisis, it decided to hold its AGM online instead.

The North West Club looked at a number of packages which might enable its AGM to take place without members needing to attend in person and decided to use electionbuddy.com although there are plenty of alternative packages available.

This online system enabled the club to email members with a link to its AGM papers along with access to online voting for each section. It resulted in the club's highest-ever engagement rate for a meeting.

As incoming commodore and AGM coordinator Ian Brown explains: "We took the agenda and replicated it electronically so people could work through it online using a link emailed to them with a letter explaining the change this year from a physical AGM, which was due to take place on Friday 20 March, to a digital AGM.

"Over 50% of our eligible members took the opportunity to vote which has given us a better mandate than any physical AGM in recent years. Our members have embraced what has possibly become the biggest democratic exercise in our club's history.

"Members felt involved and it has given a voice to those members who live a distance away and others who may not normally be able to attend because of family or work commitments. The way we sold it to people is that we weren't taking something away but giving them access to something they may not have been able to take part in before."

Electionbuddy allows free testing on up to 5 voters so the club sent a trial email first to see how it worked on a mobile phone and a computer, and with an older member, to ensure it was user-friendly. The club then imported the email addresses of all 110 members eligible to vote and it cost just \$19 dollars to then run the AGM, a price which varies depending on membership size.

The software took members through each part

of the agenda - including the minutes of last year's meeting, the commodore's report, election of flag officers and the accounts - with an option at the end of each section enabling them to vote either for, against or abstain.

The AGM was 'open' for 48 hours during which people could email the management committee at the club if they wanted to raise any questions or ask for further information before voting.

The results are not secret but for the duration of the ballot it is not possible to see how anyone has voted so the process cannot be influenced. The results can be published afterwards.

The full article can be seen at: <https://www.rya.org.uk/newsevents/e-newsletters/club-room/march2020/Pages/Meeting-Virtually-.aspx>

ElectionBuddy is free to test and free for under 20 voters, pricing is based on the number of voters who are eligible to vote (i.e. your total membership list) because notices are sent and bounce-backs are tracked for your full list.

You can create a free account, test as much as you like, and then build your full election, you only pay when you're ready to start it

<https://electionbuddy.com>



Littleton Sailing Club

Open Day

Running later in the year
10.30–16.00

Discount on adult
membership for
CSSA members plus
no joining fee on the
day!



Book yourself a dinghy taster sail in advance
or visit on the day to find out more about us.

For more info email: tasters@littletonsc.co.uk

(currently postponed in line with government instruction regarding Covid-19)



rya.org.uk/discover sailing

Portsmouth Offshore Group Facilities Update

The slipway gate is now operational thanks to one of our members, Chris Roat. Chris has constructed and fitted a pedestrian gate to fill the gap.

We have now acquired a mast derrick and will be making decisions about location, seeking the necessary permissions and so on. The plan is that it should be a self-operated facility

We are planning to make some adjustments and add a float to the walk ashore pontoon adjacent to the slipway shortly.

Chris Wright (Bosun mechanical) has been identifying cradles and bits of kit which appear unused and either do not have boat names, or the names of boats long gone. He has contacted potential owner's past and present and has a good response. There are still some responses awaited. Anything that is not identified will be disposed of.

Carole has had considerable success recruiting volunteers to share some of the essential jobs that keep the club ticking over. Thank you to all those who have put their names forward. The aim is to have back up for each job, so if you feel you would like to contribute please contact Carole facilities@pogcssa.co.uk

Some of you may have seen RYA articles about new industry best practice for the marine industry concerning water supplies. It requires us to do regular inspection to ensure compliance with

regulations, to have notices describing intended usage i.e. wash down only. Also, to put in back flow protection arrangements.

It is very important that users comply with safe practice. Not allowing hose ends or trigger guns to come into contact with sea water or worse. Triggers should be removed when not in use.

It raises the question of whether we should supply hoses on the pontoons for anything other than wash down.

Facilities will be carrying out risk assessments as is required and we may issue further guidance. Please be aware that if you use the hoses on the pontoons to fill your tanks you do it at your own risk. Ideally you should provide your own hose for this purpose. POG cannot guarantee the safe quality of the water which has been in a reeled hose.

The dates for Lift in and Spring lift launch are published in the March POG newsletter. If you are leaving your car in the yard during any of the periods and going away, please remember to leave spare keys in the safe provided and display your contact details in your car.

We have now purchased a sound system for use at talks and large meetings. If you need to use it please make a request using facilities@pog-cssa.co.uk



Tall Ship – Small Story

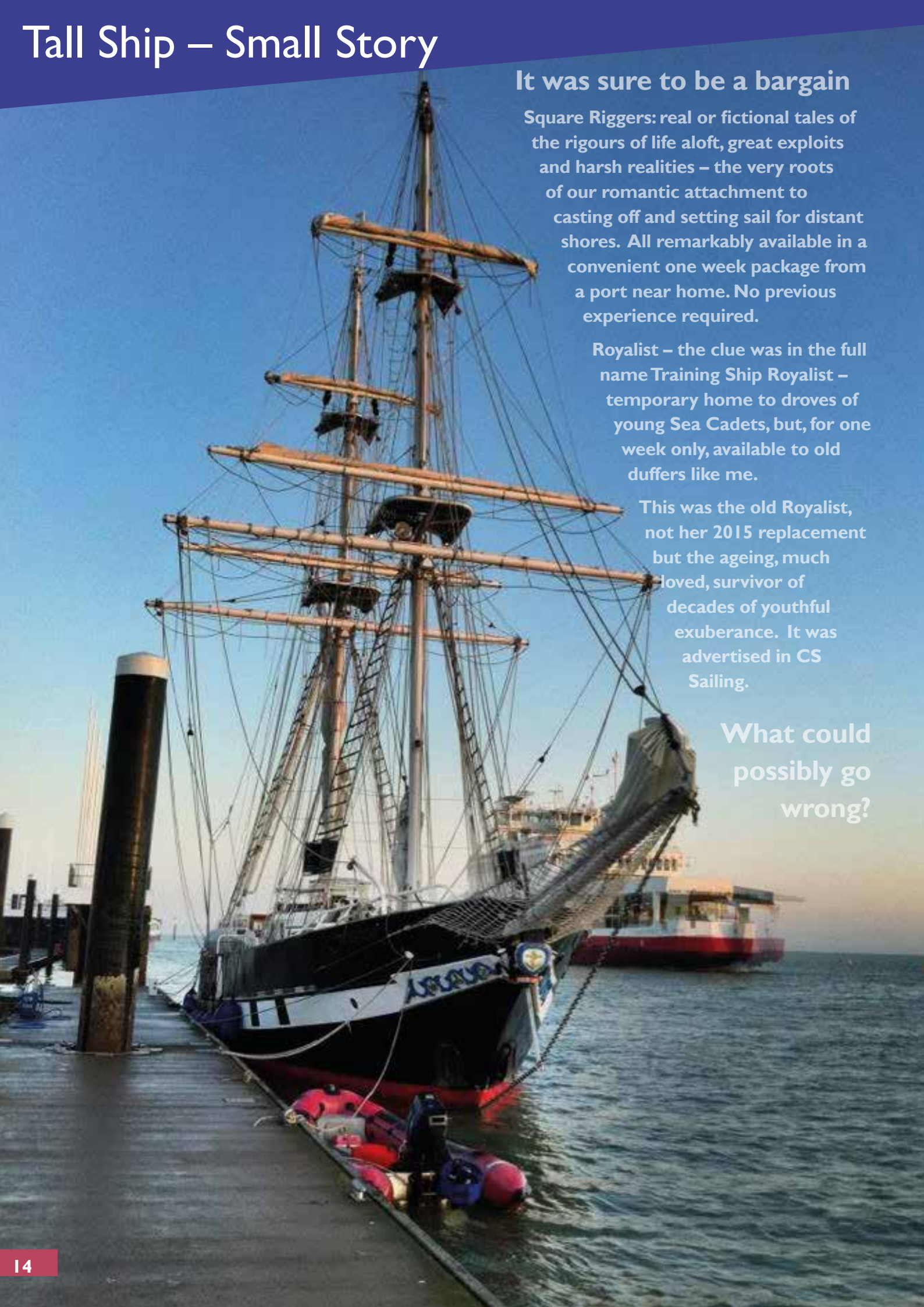
It was sure to be a bargain

Square Riggers: real or fictional tales of the rigours of life aloft, great exploits and harsh realities – the very roots of our romantic attachment to casting off and setting sail for distant shores. All remarkably available in a convenient one week package from a port near home. No previous experience required.

Royalist – the clue was in the full name Training Ship Royalist – temporary home to droves of young Sea Cadets, but, for one week only, available to old duffers like me.

This was the old Royalist, not her 2015 replacement but the ageing, much loved, survivor of decades of youthful exuberance. It was advertised in CS Sailing.

What could possibly go wrong?



As you might expect the Officers were on top form. Naval discipline, tested over years, was not about to be relaxed.

We were barely onboard with kit stowed before our motley crew were lined up to climb the rigging. At the foot of the seaward ratlines, like an airport security check, we were each divested of small coins, keys, cards, mobile phones, penknives, chewing gum, earbuds, cameras or any loose gear deemed surplus to seafaring. The ritual sorting of the men from the boys – or, in this case, sorting more aged capacities – was just the first of the team-forming shakedowns.

We soon settled into the rhythm of onboard life – a tempo attuned to Royalist's needs more than her crew. It allowed duty rotations but few options and no slacking - watches, galley duties, deck scrubbing, sail setting, sheet heaving, log keeping and, yes, even helming under the Officers' watchful eyes. At 29 metres, manoeuvrability was no casual undertaking and the crew above, out on the yardarms, were still getting to grips with acres of canvas.

My personal highlight of the voyage came right at the end of the week. I found myself at the helm for our approach and entry into Portsmouth harbour – for once not confined to the Small Boat Channel – and held that position through a 3-point turn in Haslar Creek to moor on the HMS Dolphin quayside. But life is never all plain sailing.

That carefully plotted manoeuvre was a blessed relief from my personal low point – the incident during my galley duty, prompted by taking food down to the Officers' Mess.

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Fortunately, I made it back to fresh air and the rail just in time, but it changed the Officers' safety procedures for all future generations of young Sea Cadets.

Now, when these youngsters line up at the foot of the ratlines for training in the rigging, each is divested of small coins, keys, cards, mobile phones, penknives, chewing gum, earbuds, cameras and any loose gear deemed surplus to seafaring, including their dentures.

This square rigger experience was a bargain – even after the bill from my dentist.

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Jumbles SC Annual Prizegiving

Jumbles Sailing Club enjoyed a lovely buffet washed down with a glass or two of Prosecco to celebrate the annual prizegiving on Saturday 7 March.



Nancy Stones with her Ambassador's Award presented by Stephen Foreman (Joint Sailing Secretary)

There was a wide range of prize winners over the 2019 sailing season but no-one to touch 16-year-old Lee Cunningham who equalled the record set by Elizabeth Marks in the mid-90s as our youngest ever club champion. Lee's trophies are:

- 1st in Junior Series
- 2nd place in Early Bird Race
- 1st in Spring Series
- 1st in Midsummer Trophy
- 1st in Autumn Series
- 2nd in Winter Series
- 3rd place in Anniversary Cup
- Club champion

Lee, who started sailing just before he turned 11, sails a Laser and double hands with our other teenage instructor Kieron on his Topper Buzz. Kieron won the Lake District cup when the club raced back from Glenridding to Ullswater Sailing Club on our annual sailing/camping weekend.

Not to be outdone by Lee winning the club championship, proud parents Helen, Les and brother Daniel won the Endeavour Trophy for the Cunningham family's huge contribution to the running of the club. The boat park, bar and galley are the better for their stewardship.

The Commodore's Cup went this year to Paul Burroughs one of our instructors. He attended every single training session and won a third place for sailing too!



Kieron Freer presented with the Lake District Cup by Fiona Jack (Club Commodore)



Paul Burroughs with Commodore's Cup



Lee Cunningham's trophies



Our final special award, the Ambassador Trophy, this year went to Nancy Stones for her tireless work engaging with the RYA and other sailing clubs to share expertise, both in terms of improving our training school and planning how to bring 'Discover Sailing' to Jumbles.

We are starting 'Ladies who launch' this year on selected Tuesdays in the summer to encourage more women on the water, although blokes in boats will be welcome too.

Free sailing on Friday evenings, Sunday free sailing and races plus our annual camping/sailing trip to the lakes, taking part in the 24 hour Southport race and a range of socials makes Jumbles the club to join for an active sailing/social life.

Sadly, our Open Day planned for 25th April 2020 has been postponed but hopefully will take place later in the year.



Lee Cunningham with some of his prizes with (L-R) Claire Foreman (Joint Sailing Secretary), Fiona Jack and Stephen Foreman (Joint Sailing Secretary)



Cunningham family with their Endeavour Trophy



Lee Cunningham being presented with some of his prizes by Fiona Jack

Channel Sailing Division News

My first draft of this item was preoccupied with the effect the extreme weather had on Jeff Llewellyn and his Yacht Husband team trying to prepare Sea Essay for the 2020 season. That is now overshadowed by the national emergency brought about by Coronavirus which like all other clubs is causing major disruptions to our sailing programme.

We should still not forget the efforts of the Yacht Husband team who following a protracted winter maintenance, managed a refloat on the 4th February and then continued to struggle with re-rigging sails and the myriad of smaller but niggling tasks that wet and very windy weather only serves to magnify their difficulty. Our thanks to the whole team for persevering and making the boat available for the first Sea Time at the end of February – which then had to be promptly cancelled due to storm Jorge!

Thereafter with a relative lull in the weather Sea Essay has been in action on a Boat Handling Course and a Charter.

Now though with the general shutdown it may be sometime before the boat moves again.

New Boat for 2021?

The review of possible new boats for next year is paused at the moment while we await the arrival in this country of an Elan Impression 40.I which we were hoping to view and test sail in the next couple of months (that virus again). We are also waiting to view a Dufour 390 which in retrospect might be suitable for the CSD.

Mentoring

If, in better times, this is the year you are eventually going to step aboard a yacht to see if the experience ticks one of your unfulfilled boxes can we highlight CSD1-2-1 which was described in detail in the last issue. Briefly this scheme pairs members who would like advice, guidance and practical help to develop their sailing experience with Approved Skippers who like to share the benefit of their established skills, knowledge and experience. If you would like to participate as a mentee or mentor please contact:

Colin Hurd at csd121coord@outlook.com.



Boat Handling Course
Colin Pavey, Roger Sheldrake,
Neil Shillabeer, Shellie Rogers
in Ocean Village

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Booking Contacts

If you would like to take a berth on a Taster Day Sail, Sea Time, Training course, arrange a Group Day Sail or indeed charter the whole boat then these are the people to contact:

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Sea Times	Susie Welch	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
Charters	Brian Skelley	charters@channelsailing.org
Training	Andy Rankine	training@channelsailing.org

Sailing Opportunities in 2020

What is left of the 2020 Sailing Programme can be viewed on the Sailing Opportunities page at www.channelsailing.org. At this time all sailing up to the end of April has been cancelled and events after that date, including the early portion of the Summer Cruise, are obviously under threat. We shall continue to review the situation in light of the recommendations of higher authorities and keep you up to date through the website and Facebook page. On an optimistic note (very optimistic for the earlier dates) we do have the following berths available on Sea Times and Training courses:

Remember throughout the year there are often late berth cancellations that can be taken advantage of, if you would like to be kept informed of such opportunities please contact Susie at our Crew Bureau

Sea Times (the 2-, 3- and 4-day events run from 18:00 Day 1 to 18:00 final day)

Date	Area	Berths Available	Skipper	Contact
15th - 17th May	Solent +	3	A Lewis	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
30th May - 6th June	Hamble to St Malo	4+	TBA	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
22nd July - 1st Aug	Brest to Plymouth	2	G Throm-Jones	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
22nd - 29th August	Plymouth to Hamble	3	I Stanton	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
13th - 16th September	Solent +	3	TBA	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
25th - 27th Sept	Solent +	3	B Skelley	jennifer.yarrow@cssc.co.uk
8th - 12th October	Solent +	4	G Throm-Jones	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org
4th - 8th November	Solent +	3	M Godwin	seatimebureau@channelsailing.org

Training (Events run from 18:00 Day 1 to 18:00 final day)

Date	Event	Berths Available	Instructor	Contact
3rd - 6th May	Boat Handling	1	Alan Vincent	training@channelsailing.org
27th - 30th Sept	Boat Handling	3	Dave Price	
18th - 25th Oct	Yachtmaster Prep and Exam	4	TBC	
29th Oct - 1st Nov	Boat Handling	4	Brian Skelly	



Is it time to base a CSSA yacht in the Med?

Obviously, in light of recent developments in our world and imposed changes to our lifestyles, the following discussion about considering having a yacht in the Mediterranean may seem a little frivolous but it does give a glimpse of what life could offer in the, hopefully, not too distant future.

I've heard several renewed suggestions recently that we should have a CSSA yacht in the Mediterranean. Some have pointed out that the Med is simply warmer with more predictable breezes and overall more attractive to older sailors than northern climes. Both 5KSC and ECYD have considered over many years the practicalities of basing a yacht in the Med. Some members want to cruise to the Mediterranean from the UK spending a season in Biscay and along the Portuguese coast. Others have little interest in Atlantic cruising and prefer to ship the Club yacht to the Med by lorry.

There is strong support in our CSSA General Committee for providing support for dinghy sailors outside of established CSSA Clubs. We now have to work out how we do it.

Our General Committee is struggling to find ways of making our AGM more attractive to members.

Participation dropped sharply when the Boat Show moved out of London and we've yet to find a formula to rekindle participation.

Should we align our AGM with the Southampton Boat Show; the RYA Dinghy Show; one of our national events (IDOR, Dinghy Championships); or another sailing event?

All ideas for improving our CSSA are welcome via your General Committee rep or direct to Brian Stevenson at email: csgensec@yahoo.co.uk

There will be time for us to discuss your ideas on all the above and on other issues during our rescheduled AGM.

I look forward to meeting you there, whenever that may be.

Fair winds

Paul

Vice Commodore



Sailing Lingo Quiz

Sailing as a much-loved past time has its own special language. Do you know many of the terms associated with it? Then this quiz should be a breeze! Enjoy, and splice the main brace!
(Quiz Courtesy of www.funtrivia.com - Answers on the next page)

As we're having to spend more time indoors, here's something to help keep you amused

1. Where would you put a baggy wrinkle on your yacht?

- a. On the tiller
- b. On a shroud
- c. On the transom
- d. On the gunwale

2. Where would you use a pig stick on your yacht?

- a. In the galley
- b. On the bowsprit
- c. At the top of the main mast
- d. On the tiller

3. If your yacht has a boomkin, where is it located?

- a. On the gunwale
- b. On the main sail boom
- c. On the main mast
- d. At the bow or stern

4. If your yacht has a deadlight, where is it located?

- a. At the stern
- b. At the top of the main mast
- c. On the main deck, forward of the main cabin
- d. At the bow

5. If your yacht has a dolphin striker, where is it located?

- a. On the transom
- b. On the bowsprit
- c. Near the tiller
- d. Ready for use in the cockpit

6. If your yacht has a spanker, how would you use it?

- a. It's used to quell unruly guests onboard your yacht
- b. It's used as a small light sail, always in conjunction with a spinnaker
- c. It's used to shorten an anchor chain or anchor line
- d. It's used as a type of storm trysail

7. If your Yacht has gudgeons and pintles, where are they?

- a. In the galley, it's a nickname for insect infestation on a small boat
- b. At the spreader arms on the main mast
- c. On the stern and the rudder
- d. Attached to the auxiliary diesel engine

8. Your yacht probably has scuppers. Where would they be located?

- a. On the bulwarks, below the toerail
- b. In the head
- c. In the cockpit deck
- d. On the outboard end of the main mast spreaders

9. As an experienced sailing yachtsman, you know the most useful knot on a sailing boat is the bowline, but why is it the MOST useful?

- a. Because it is easy to untie in the dark
- b. Because it can be used to tie almost anything together
- c. Because it never slips
- d. Because it is easy to untie when wet or under a strain

10. You have been told by several of your fellow yachtsmen that your yacht is "Yare." What does this mean?

- a. That your yacht is slovenly maintained and rather ugly (for a sailing boat)
- b. That your yacht handles easily under sail and is quick to answer the helm
- c. That your yacht is beautifully maintained, clean with good lines and very beautiful (for a sailing boat).
- d. That your yacht is difficult to handle under sail and is slow to answer the helm

Sailing Lingo Quiz Answers

1. Where would you put a baggy wrinkle on your yacht?

Answer: b - On a shroud

Baggy wrinkles are used to prevent sail chafe and are usually attached to the main shrouds, port and starboard. They can be used on any shroud that may rub against a sail. They were traditionally made by sailors out of old lines cut to various lengths and attached to a central core to form a sleeve.

2. Where would you use a pig stick on your yacht?

Answer: c - At the top of the main mast

The pig stick is used to fly your yacht club burgee. The pig stick is designed to be hoisted by a small halyard to the maintop so that the burgee flies above the mast and is free to rotate to show the direction of the apparent wind.

3. If your yacht has a boomkin, where is it located?

Answer: d. At the bow or stern

On almost all yachts, that are designed to have a boomkin, it is at the stern. It is used to extend the anchor point for the main after shroud beyond the after hull. It's usually made of heavy planks (or tubing) and securely fixed to the hull.

4. If your yacht has a deadlight, where is it located?

Answer: c - On the main deck, forward of the main cabin

A deadlight is a glass prism, sealed in a watertight fixture and set flush with the main deck. It is designed to let sunlight into the forward part of the yacht. As it is a prism it does a good job of bringing light to the normally darker part of the yacht.

5. If your yacht has a dolphin striker, where is it located?

Answer: b - On the bowsprit

On yachts with larger bowsprits, the dolphin striker extends at a right angle below the bowsprit. It is used to secure and adjust the proper stay angle to support the bowsprit. From its position it's obvious where the name dolphin striker came from. It is illegal to strike dolphins.

6. If your yacht has a spanker, how would you use it?

Answer: b - It's used as a small light sail, always in conjunction with a spinnaker.

A spanker is set inboard of the spinnaker and requires a separate sheet winch in addition to the spinnaker winch. It's not usually used on pleasure yachts as it's difficult to set correctly. If you are racing in light air, however, it does help.

7. If your Yacht has gudgeons and pintles, where are they?

Answer: c - On the stern and the rudder

The gudgeons and pintles allow the rudder to move as directed by the tiller or helm. The gudgeons are ring like fittings attached to the stern. The pintles are pin like fittings, attached to the forward part of the rudder, which fit into the gudgeons supporting the rudder and allowing it to turn freely.

8. Your yacht probably has scuppers. Where would they be located?

Answer: a - On the bulwarks, below the toerail

Scuppers are fitted close to the main deck, in the bulwarks. When the yacht's bulwarks are not flush with the main deck, the scuppers allow water accumulated on the deck to automatically drain when the yacht is heeled on either tack.

9. As an experienced sailing yachtsman, you know the most useful knot on a sailboat is the bowline, but why is it the MOST useful?

Answer: d - Because it is easy to untie when wet or under a strain.

Because the bowline is used to secure the sheets to the sail clews and are almost always under strain, and, of course, it's always wet on a sail boat, it's considered the most useful knot. The other answers are true but not the main reason to use the bowline on a sailing boat.

10. You have been told by several of your fellow yachtsmen that your yacht is "Yare." What does this mean?

Answer: b - That your yacht handles easily under sail and is quick to answer the helm.

Yare, (pronounced yar) in other connotations, is from archaic middle English meaning ready and or able. The nautical usage given here is probably the only modern use of the word. But it does make you sound a bit like a pirate.



CAN YOU HAVE A RACE WITH ONLY ONE YACHT IN IT?

Our General Secretary has unearthed quite a substantial quantity of CSSA archives, we hope to bring you some more of the more interesting ones in the future. If you have any of your own you feel you'd like to share please send them in.

Have a look at the following dilemma, from the minutes of the Civil Service Sailing Association, Cruising Committee 83rd Meeting, held on Tuesday 5th July 1966.

3. The Chairman drew attention to the report of the East Coast Rally. The Chairman announced that only one Declaration, from Mr Bowley (No. 1679), had been received in respect of the Pursuit Race to Bradwell on the Sunday morning; in the absence of any other entrants, he had thought it proper to await the Committee's views as to whether the Demijohn trophy, containing about £3 worth of rum, should in fairness be presented to Mr Bowley. One view was that this was too generous

for merely sailing over the course. However, it was pointed out that the entrant had complied with the conditions, in rather unpleasant weather which had apparently discouraged other possible competitors from attempting the course; the position was somewhat analogous to that obtaining after a yacht race in which all competitors but one retired or were disqualified, and there was no precedent for cancelling a race after the finish. It was suggested that some lesser award be made in lieu of the trophy; however, Mr Walker proposed that The Demijohn be duly presented to Mr Bowley at the Laying-Up Supper: this was agreed, and the Secretary undertook to inform Mr Bowley.

It's Easy Being Green

We at CS Sailing have been asked if it is possible to use biodegradable plastic for the wrapper that the magazine is delivered in. The answer is yes, it would cost a bit more but it could be done, using material derived from potato starch.

The catch is that a biodegradable wrapper has to be recycled as food waste (or home-composted), not in the normal domestic recycling bin. Put it in the recycling with the plastic and it goes to landfill, at least under current arrangements. Not all councils accept biodegradable or compostable plastics in their food waste bins.

The magazine is now despatched in re-cyclable poly wrapper but there is a much easier way to cut down on the plastic and it would save us money, and that is to opt to receive the magazine by email. If you would like to do this then simply send an email to membership secretary Ken Pavitt as follows:

To: kenwpavitt@aol.com
Subject: "CS Sailing by email"
Body: Your name (and CSSA number if possible)

Not everybody wants to read a newsletter on-line, or print it out themselves, so if you want to continue to receive a paper copy then you need do nothing and you will get your copy through the post as normal. If you are not receiving a copy and would like to, it may be that Ken has an out-of-date address for you, so email Ken with your CSSA number and up-to-date details.

Meanwhile we'll continue to look at ways of improving our environmental impact. And don't forget that you can download CS Sailing from the CSSA web site at www.cs-sailing.org.uk.

Notice to the Yachting Community from the Royal Southampton Yacht Club and the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Yacht Club February 2020

You are invited to join in a Mayflower 400 flotilla linking Southampton, Dartmouth and Plymouth in honour of the sailing of the Mayflower 400 years ago.

Following a Parade of Sail on Sunday, 16th August 2020, the itinerary is as follows;

Sunday, 16 th	Yarmouth
Monday, 17 th	Cross to Portland
Tuesday, 18 th	In Portland: (weather window)
Wednesday, 19 th	Sail to Brixham
Thursday, 20 th	In Brixham: Pontoon BBQ
Friday, 21 st	Sail to Dartmouth. Reception and Dinner at Royal Dart YC
Saturday, 22 nd	In Dartmouth: Tours, visits, shopping
Sunday, 23 rd	In Dartmouth
Monday, 24 th	Sail to Plymouth
Tuesday, 25 th	In Plymouth: Reception and Dinner at Royal Western YC
Wednesday, 26 th	Depart Cruise

Berths are arranged at the ports listed. Two receptions with dinner are planned with other activities ashore for a great summer cruise.

Please notify your intention to participate directly with the Royal Southampton YC of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve YC, giving details of your boat, and full or partial participation. Contact membership@rsyc.org.uk or telephone 023 8022 3352 for further details.



https://www.mayflower400uk.org/media/3407/national_announcemnet_2502.pdf

Fastnet race will no longer end in UK

The Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC), organisers of the Rolex Fastnet Race, have announced that the City of Cherbourg will host the finish of the Rolex Fastnet Race for the 2021 and 2023 editions of the biennial race.

The move encourages and secures the future development of the race and will open it to more competitors; in 2019 the race had a waiting list of 150 boats.

The UK will no longer host the end of this yacht race for the first time in nearly 100 years.

<http://www.rorc.org/news/>

Portsmouth to host America's Cup preparation event

The Emirates America's Cup World Series will take place in Portsmouth from 4th to 7th of June 2020. It's the second event of the three-regatta ACWS circuit that sees the America's Cup teams racing on their first generation AC75 high-performance foiling monohulls.

The teams will face each other during 4 days of racing delivering high-performance action.

Portsmouth has been chosen as only one of two locations outside of New Zealand.

<https://www.americascup.com/acws/portsmouth#>

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In recognition of the 400th Anniversary of the departure of the MAYFLOWER and SPEEDWELL and as part of the SOUTHAMPTON MARINE HERITAGE WEEKEND, You are invited to join with the Royal Southampton and Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Yacht Clubs to a

GRAND PARADE OF SAIL SUNDAY, 16th AUGUST 2020

Yachts will muster off Marchwood and Mayflower Park at 1030h departing at 1100h sailing to Greenland Buoy. Together with the ASTO sail training fleet, Tall Ships, Historical Vessels, VIPs and a myriad of other vessels, sail and motor, the spectacle will be a feature of our Maritime History and recognition of the valuable world-wide contribution Southampton has given over thousands of years.

Throughout the Anniversary weekend, Southampton offers a lively selection of events including unveiling the refurbished Mayflower Monument, complete with new plaques, 1620 exhibitions, performances and workshops by the Wampanoag Indian Visitors, departure of the Queen Mary 2 on an Ancestry Cruise, Heritage tours, plus newly commissioned musicals and much more.

Sunday's Parade of Sail will be a significant reminder of the link between the south coast and beyond to the historic Mayflower voyage of 1620. To enjoy the full weekend some berths may be available on the 'Boat Show' marina at Mayflower Park.

To register your vessel, please email - membership@rsyc.org.uk, or telephone 02380 223352. Full instructions will be forwarded to you upon registration.

For more information about the Mayflower 400 celebrations visit the official website at www.mayflower400uk.com



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