

# West Oxfordshire Sailing Club PROGRAMME 2023



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# General Race Information

| START TIMES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE |  | HANDICAP FLEET DIVISION |                                |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Morning Races                       | 12:00                                    | Fast                    | Wayfarer 1105 and faster boats |
| Afternoon Race 1                    | 14:00                                    |                         |                                |
| Afternoon Race 2                    | 15:30                                    | Slow                    | Slower than Wayfarer 1105      |
| Evening Races                       | April & August 19:00<br>May - July 19:15 |                         |                                |

| RACE NAME                              | NUMBER      | RACE TYPE   |
|--|-------------|---|
| Transom                                | 3 out of 4  | Single Handed and Crewed  |
| Spring                                 | 3 out of 4  | Fast and Slow   |
| Warm Up                                | 3 out of 4  | General Handicap  |
| Easter Egg Races                       | 2 out of 3  | General Handicap  |
| Evening 1                              | 6 out of 11 | Single start, single finish from which a result for G/H, Fast and Slow will be taken*   |
| Blenheim                               | 2 out of 3  | General Handicap  |
| Pursuit                                | 3 out of 4  | 90 minute race  |
| General Handicap 1                     | 4 out of 7  | General Handicap  |
| Solo Fleet Racing                      | 4 out of 7  | Class Racing  |
| Summer                                 | 5 out of 8  | Single Handed and Crewed (Single Start)   |
| Juniors                                | 5 out of 9  | General Handicap, separate start for U19s on 30/04/23                                   |
| WOSC Diamond Jubilee Regatta (Sat)     | 2 out of 3  | General Handicap  |
| WOSC Diamond Jubilee Regatta (Sun)     | 2 out of 3  | General Handicap  |
| WOSC Diamond Jubilee Regatta (Overall) | 5 out of 6  | General Handicap  |
| Evening 2                              | 6 out of 11 | Single start, single finish from which a result for G/H, S/H and Crewed will be taken** |
| Midsummer Night Race                   | 1 boat/team | General Handicap team race 4hrs duration Start at 20:00 finish at 24:00                 |
| Diamond Jubilee Junior Regatta         | TBD         | General Handicap start 11:00 (crews to be under 18 on the day)                          |
| 8 Hour Race                            | 1 out of 1  | General Handicap team race 8hrs duration Start at 11:00 2 boats/team                    |
| Midsummer 1                            | 5 out of 9  | Fast and Slow (single start)  |
| Midsummer 2                            | 5 out of 9  | Single Handed and Crewed  |
| General Handicap 2                     | 4 out of 6  | General Handicap  |
| Sprint Series 1,2 & 3                  | TBD         | Series of sprint races approx 10 mins   |
| Autumn 1                               | 3 out of 5  | Single Handed and Crewed (single start)   |
| Autumn 2                               | 3 out of 5  | Fast and Slow   |
| Friendly                               | 3 out of 5  | General Handicap  |
| Hardwick Hardship                      | 1 out of 1  | General Handicap race 4 hrs duration. Start at 11:30                                    |
| D.Minty                                | 2 out of 3  | General Handicap  |
| Frostbite 1                            | 5 out of 9  | General Handicap Start at 11:30   |
| Fostbite 2                             | 5 out of 9  | General Handicap Start at 13:30   |
| Boxing Day Race                        | 1 out of 1  | General Handicap Start at 12:00   |
| Winter 1                               | 5 out of 8  | General Handicap Start at 11:30   |
| Winter 2                               | 5 out of 8  | General Handicap Start at 13:30   |
| Start Racing at WOSC                   | TBD         | 2-4 short races per session briefing 9.30 1st race 10am                                 |

Results taken from Spring, Midsummer 2 and Autumn 2 for Wayfarer & Firefly fleet trophies (see ♦)

The "Margaret Young Memorial Cup" for the person who has represented WOSC and achieved the best results at Open Meetings

\* Single Start , separate results for Fast, Slow and Evening Paddle (G/H)

\*\* Single Start , separate results for S/H, Crewed and Evening Paddle (G/H)

# Programme of Events

## March 2023

| DATE     |            | RACE 1               | RACE 2       | RACE 3      | WED |
|----------|------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|-----|
| Sat 4th  |            | Boat Maintenance Day |              |             |     |
| Sun 5th  |            | Transom (1)          | Spring (1) ♦ | Warm Up (1) |     |
| Sun 12th |            | Transom (2)          | Spring (2) ♦ | Warm Up (2) |     |
| Sat 18th |            | Boat Maintenance Day |              |             |     |
| Sun 19th |            | Transom (3)          | Spring (3) ♦ | Warm Up (3) |     |
| Sun 26th | BST starts | Transom (4)          | Spring (4) ♦ | Warm Up (4) |     |

## April 2023

| DATE     |  | RACE 1   | RACE 2               | RACE 3               | WED           |
|----------|--|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Sun 2nd  |  | Blenheim (1)   | Blenheim (2)         | Blenheim (3)         |               |
| Wed 5th  |  |  |                      |                      | Evening 1 (1) |
| Sat 8th  |  | <b>RYA Pre-Season Training Briefing For Adults And Juniors 14:00</b> |                      |                      |               |
| Sun 9th  |  | Easter Egg Races (1)   | Easter Egg Races (2) | Easter Egg Races (3) |               |
| Wed 12th |  |  |                      |                      | Evening 1 (2) |
| Sun 16th |  | Pursuit (1)  | Pursuit (2)          |                      |               |
| Wed 19th |  |  |                      |                      | Evening 1 (3) |
| Sat 22nd |  | <b>Wayfarer/Wanderer Open Day 1</b>                                  |                      |                      |               |
| Sun 23rd |  | <b>Wayfarer/Wanderer Open Day 2</b>                                  |                      |                      |               |
| Sun 23rd |  | Sprint Series 1  |                      |                      |               |
| Wed 26th |  |  |                      |                      | Evening 1 (4) |
| Sat 29th |  | <b>RYA Training For Adults And Juniors</b>                           |                      |                      |               |
| Sun 30th |  | <b>Starting Racing At WOSC 9.30 Briefing</b>                         |                      |                      |               |
| Sun 30th |  | Summer (1)   | Summer (2)           | Gen Handicap 1 (1)   |               |
|          |  | Junior (1)   |                      | Solo (1)             |               |



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## May 2023

| DATE     |          | RACE 1                                | RACE 2            | RACE 3              | WED           |
|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Wed 3rd  |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 1 (5) |
| Sat 6th  |          | RYA Sailing School Level 1            |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 7th  |          | RYA Sailing School Level 1            |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 7th  | Swimming | Summer (3)                            | Summer (4)        | Gen. Handicap 1 (2) |               |
|          |          | Junior (2)                            |                   | Solo (2)            |               |
| Wed 10th |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 1 (6) |
| Sat 13th |          | RYA Sailing School Level 2            |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 14th | Swimming | RYA Sailing School Level 2            |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 14th |          | Summer (5)                            | Summer (6)        | Gen. Handicap 1 (3) |               |
|          |          | Junior (3)                            |                   | Solo (3)            |               |
| Wed 17th |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 1 (7) |
| Sat 20th |          | RYA Training For Adults And Juniors   |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 21st | Swimming | Summer (7)                            | Summer (8)        | Gen. Handicap 1 (4) |               |
|          |          | Junior (4)                            |                   | Solo (4)            |               |
| Wed 24th |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 1 (8) |
| Sat 27th |          | RYA Training For Adults And Juniors   |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 28th |          | Starting Racing At WOSC 9.30 Briefing |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 28th | Swimming | Midsummer 1 (1)                       | Midsummer 2 (1) ♦ | Gen. Handicap 1 (5) |               |
|          |          | Junior (5)                            |                   | Solo (5)            |               |
| Wed 31st |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 1 (9) |

## June 2023

| DATE     |          | RACE 1                                | RACE 2            | RACE 3              | WED            |
|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Sat 3rd  |          | Albacore Open Sprint Series           |                   |                     |                |
| Sun 4th  |          | Albacore Open Sprint Series           |                   |                     |                |
| Sun 4th  | Swimming | Midsummer 1 (2)                       | Midsummer 2 (2) ♦ | Gen. Handicap 1 (6) |                |
|          |          | Junior (6)                            |                   | Solo (6)            |                |
| Wed 7th  |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 1 (10) |
| Sat 10th |          | WOSC Diamond Jubilee Regatta          |                   |                     |                |
| Sat 10th |          | Come and Try Sailing 5pm-6.30pm       |                   |                     |                |
| Sun 11th | Swimming | WOSC Diamond Jubilee Regatta          |                   |                     |                |
| Wed 14th |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 1 (11) |
| Sat 17th |          | RYA Training For Adults And Juniors   |                   |                     |                |
| Sun 18th | Swimming | Midsummer 1 (3)                       | Midsummer 2 (3) ♦ | Gen. Handicap 1 (7) |                |
|          |          | Junior (7)                            |                   | Solo (7)            |                |
| Wed 21st |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 2 (1)  |
| Sat 24th |          | RYA Training For Adults And Juniors   |                   |                     |                |
| Sat 24th |          | Midsummer Night Race                  |                   |                     |                |
| Sun 25th |          | Starting Racing At WOSC 9.30 Briefing |                   |                     |                |
| Sun 25th | Swimming | Midsummer 1 (4)                       | Midsummer 2 (4) ♦ | Gen. Handicap 2 (1) |                |
|          |          | Junior (8)                            |                   |                     |                |
| Wed 28th |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 2 (2)  |

# Programme of Events

## July 2023

| DATE     |          | RACE 1                                | RACE 2            | RACE 3              | WED           |
|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Sat 1st  |          | Solo Open Meeting                     |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 2nd  | Swimming | Midsummer 1 (5)                       | Midsummer 2 (5) ♦ | Gen. Handicap 2 (2) |               |
|          |          | Junior (9)                            |                   |                     |               |
| Wed 5th  |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 2(3)  |
| Sat 8th  |          | RYA Training for Adults and Juniors   |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 9th  | Swimming | Midsummer 1 (6)                       | Midsummer 2 (6) ♦ | Gen. Handicap 2 (3) |               |
| Wed 12th |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 2(4)  |
| Sat 15th |          | RYA Sailing School Level 1            |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 16th | Swimming | RYA Sailing School Level 1            |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 16th |          | Pursuit 3                             | Pursuit 4         |                     |               |
| Wed 19th |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 2 (5) |
| Sat 22nd |          | RYA Sailing School Level 2            |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 23rd | Swimming | RYA Sailing School Level 2            |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 23rd |          | Sprint Series 2                       |                   |                     |               |
| Mon 24th |          | Start of Junior Sailing Week          |                   |                     |               |
| Wed 26th |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 2 (6) |
| Fri 28th |          | End of Junior Sailing Week            |                   |                     |               |
| Sat 29th |          | Diamond Jubilee Junior Regatta        |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 30th |          | Starting Racing At WOSC 9.30 Briefing |                   |                     |               |
| Sun 30th | Swimming | Midsummer 1 (7)                       | Midsummer 2 (7) ♦ | Gen. Handicap 2 (4) |               |

## August 2023

| DATE     |          | RACE 1                                | RACE 2            | RACE 3              | WED            |
|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Wed 2nd  |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 2 (7)  |
| Sat 5th  |          | RYA Sailing for Adults And Juniors    |                   |                     |                |
| Sun 6th  | Swimming | Midsummer 1 (8)                       | Midsummer 2 (8) ♦ | Gen. Handicap 2 (5) |                |
| Wed 9th  |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 2 (8)  |
| Sun 13th | Swimming | Midsummer 1 (9)                       | Midsummer 2 (9) ♦ | Gen. Handicap 2 (6) |                |
| Wed 16th |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 2 (9)  |
| Sat 19th |          | RYA Training for Adults And Juniors   |                   |                     |                |
| Sun 20th |          | Starting Racing At WOSC 9.30 Briefing |                   |                     |                |
| Sun 20th | Swimming | Autumn 1 (1)                          | Autumn 2 (1) ♦    | Friendly (1)        |                |
| Wed 23rd |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 2 (10) |
| Sun 27th | Swimming | 8 Hour Race                           |                   |                     |                |
| Wed 30th |          |                                       |                   |                     | Evening 2 (11) |

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## September 2023

| DATE     |          | RACE 1                                | RACE 2         | RACE 3       | WED |
|----------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----|
| Sat 2nd  |          | RYA Training For Adults And Juniors   |                |              |     |
| Sun 3rd  |          | Autumn 1 (2)                          | Autumn 2 (2) ♦ | Friendly (2) |     |
| Sat 9th  |          | RYA Sailing School Level 1            |                |              |     |
| Sun 10th | Swimming | RYA Sailing School Level 1            |                |              |     |
| Sun 10th |          | Diamond Jubilee Sprint Races          |                |              |     |
| Sat 16th |          | RYA Sailing School Level 2            |                |              |     |
| Sun 17th | Swimming | RYA Sailing School Level 2            |                |              |     |
| Sun 17th |          | Autumn 1 (3)                          | Autumn 2 (3) ♦ | Friendly (3) |     |
| Sun 24th |          | Starting Racing At WOSC 9.30 Briefing |                |              |     |
| Sun 24th |          | Autumn 1 (4)                          | Autumn 2 (4) ♦ | Friendly (4) |     |

## October 2023

| DATE     |          | RACE 1                   | RACE 2          | RACE 3       | WED |
|----------|----------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------|-----|
| Sun 1st  |          | Hardwick Hardship        |                 |              |     |
| Sat 7th  |          | Eric Twiname Team Racing |                 |              |     |
| Sun 8th  |          | Eric Twiname Team Racing |                 |              |     |
| Sun 8th  |          | Autumn 1 (5)             | Autumn 2 (5) ♦  | Friendly (5) |     |
| Sat 14th |          | Firefly Open Day One     |                 |              |     |
| Sun 15th |          | Firefly Open Day One     |                 |              |     |
| Sun 15th |          | Sprint Series 3          |                 |              |     |
| Sun 22nd |          | D. Minty (1)             | D. Minty (2)    | D. Minty (3) |     |
| Sun 29th | BST ends | Frostbite 1 (1)          | Frostbite 2 (1) |              |     |

## November 2023

| DATE     |  | RACE 1                                   | RACE 2          | RACE 3 | WED |
|----------|--|--|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Sun 5th  |  | Frostbite 1 (2)                          | Frostbite 2 (2) |        |     |
| Sat 11th |  | Lightning Rum and Mince Pie Open Meeting |                 |        |     |
| Sun 12th |  | Frostbite 1 (3)                          | Frostbite 2 (3) |        |     |
| Sun 19th |  | Frostbite 1 (4)                          | Frostbite 2 (4) |        |     |
| Sun 26th |  | Frostbite 1 (5)                          | Frostbite 2 (5) |        |     |

## December 2023

| DATE     |  | RACE 1          | RACE 2          | RACE 3 | WED |
|----------|--|-----------------|-----------------|--------|-----|
| Sun 3rd  |  | Frostbite 1 (6) | Frostbite 2 (6) |        |     |
| Sun 10th |  | Frostbite 1 (7) | Frostbite 2 (7) |        |     |
| Sun 17th |  | Frostbite 1 (8) | Frostbite 2 (8) |        |     |
| Tue 26th |  | Boxing Day Race |                 |        |     |
| Sun 31st |  | Frostbite 1 (9) | Frostbite 2 (9) |        |     |

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## January 2024

| DATE     |  | RACE 1       | RACE 2       | RACE 3 | WED |
|----------|--|--------------|--------------|--------|-----|
| Sun 7th  |  | Winter 1 (1) | Winter 2 (1) |        |     |
| Sun 14th |  | Winter 1 (2) | Winter 2 (2) |        |     |
| Sun 21st |  | Winter 1 (3) | Winter 2 (3) |        |     |
| Sun 28th |  | Winter 1 (4) | Winter 2 (4) |        |     |

## February 2024

| DATE     |  | RACE 1       | RACE 2       | RACE 3 | WED |
|----------|--|--------------|--------------|--------|-----|
| Sun 4th  |  | Winter 1 (5) | Winter 2 (5) |        |     |
| Sun 11th |  | Winter 1 (6) | Winter 2 (6) |        |     |
| Sun 18th |  | Winter 1 (7) | Winter 2 (7) |        |     |
| Sun 25th |  | Winter 1 (8) | Winter 2 (8) |        |     |





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## A Welcome from the Commodore, Lucia Winrow



Welcome to West Oxfordshire Sailing Club (WOSC). WOSC is for all the family, whatever your age, whether you are an absolute sailing beginner, just want to sail for fun or you are an experienced racer, WOSC can meet your needs. The club also accommodates open water swimmers of all ages and abilities from the hard core winter swimmers to the summer dippers. It is my honour and privilege to be writing as your new Commodore. I am pleased to share some highlights from a very successful 2022 and look forward, together to 2023. I would like to say thank you to the rear commodore, Mike Bellew for his hard work and dedication to the club. Mike steered us through the tail end of the pandemic and kept the club open and available to all. The last couple of years have given us particularly wet winters and hot dry summers so the installation of the new sewage system that can cope with the fluctuations of water levels is, although not the most glamorous thing to do, is a hugely important achievement.

This is an exciting year in our WOSC history as the club will be 60 years old and so 2023 means we are celebrating our Diamond Jubilee. Throughout the season you will notice races and social events dedicated to the Diamond Jubilee, including a Spectacular Black Tie event. Watch out for more details on the website and emails. WOSC is a family-orientated, friendly club and most of the work of running the club is done by its members. Tasks such as helping with the maintenance of the grounds, catering for the sailors and helping with the racing is carried out by its members on a rota basis. It takes all of us to run the club.

I want to thank our committee members for all their hard work and continued help and support, it's very much appreciated, as well as the Trustees, and members for all their contributions to the club. We are fortunate to have such a strong community of sailors, swimmers, and volunteers who contribute the time and skills to continually improve our club.

I am looking forward to challenges and joy that the next year will bring.

Have a safe and enjoyable season.

Lucia Winrow  
Commodore



# WOSC Race Programme 2023

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## General Handicap Series

Single start for all competitors. Race length approximately 45–60 minutes.

## Singlehanded Series

Series for singlehanded boats, including two-handed boats sailing singlehanded with handicap adjustment. Singlehanded start before crewed fleet.

## Crewed Series

Series for two or three-handed, or more (where allowed by class rules). Start after singlehanded fleet.

## Fast Handicap Series

Series for all boats with a Portsmouth Number 1105 and faster (may change in March). Start before the slow fleet, includes Wayfarer and faster boats.

## Slow Handicap Series

Series for boats with a Portsmouth Number above 1105 (may change in March). Start after the fast fleet, all boats slower than the Wayfarer.

## Wednesday Evening Series 1 & 2

Wednesdays from April to August inclusive

**Start time:** April & Aug 19:00 May–July 19:15

**Race type:** Evening 1, Fast and Slow Handicap, one start. Evening 2, Singlehanded and Crewed, one start. Both have General Handicap prizes too

A popular series in the summer months, well attended and hotly contested. Bar open after racing.

## Easter Egg Races

**Date:** Sunday 16 April

**Easter egg hunt at 11:00**

**Start time:** 12:00

**Race type:** General Handicap

A three race series with two races to count. Easter Egg prizes awarded at the discretion of the Race Officer.

## Blenheim Series

**Date:** Sunday 2 April

**Start time:** 12:00

**3 races, General Handicap, 2 to count.**

**Normal Sunday facilities**

One-off series for the Blenheim Trophy.

## Starting Racing at WOSC

**Dates:** Sunday 30 April, 28 May, 25 June, 30 July, 20 August and 24 September

**Number of races:** 6, 4 to count

This fun and informal monthly race series aims to give new sailors of all ages the opportunity to build their confidence and develop their sailing & boat handling skills. Throughout the race series you will receive coaching and advice from experienced members to help you improve your skills and technique.

Every four weeks or so during late spring and summer, we will meet at **9:30 on Sunday morning for a quick briefing** on the race course and some basic rules. Club boats will be available for those wishing to take part. We aim to run two or three short races, with the first starting at 10:00. We should be finished around 11:00 after a short debrief. This will give participants enough time to join in the 12:00 club race, should they wish to.

We hope to see as many of you as possible, make sure you come dressed for the weather and be sure to bring your sense of humour!

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## Sprint Series 1, 2 & 3

**Dates:** Sunday 23 April, 23 July & 15 Oct

**Start time:** 12:00 and 14:30, approximately

**8 races per day**

**Normal Sunday facilities**

Approximately 4 races in the morning and 4 races in the afternoon, each lasting just 10 minutes. Hone your skills on the start line and defend your position, there will be no time to play catch-up.

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## Pursuit Series

**Dates:** Sunday 16 April and Sunday 16 July

**Start time:** 12:00 and 14:30, 2 races per day

**Normal Sunday facilities**

A change from normal racing, where instead of one start, boats set off at different start times as calculated from the published yardstick number, so that boats sailed to the handicap would all finish together. Start time tables are provided; slowest boat starts first and sails for 90 minutes.

## Solo Fleet Racing

**Dates:** Sunday 30 April, 7, 14, 21 and 28 May, 4 and 18 June

**Start time:** 15:30

**Normal Sunday facilities**

Solo fleet racing will allow the growing fleet of Solos to enjoy some boat-on-boat action without the maths, so all you Solo owners – put the dates in your diary so you don't miss a start.

## The WOSC Diamond Jubilee Regatta

**Date:** 10 & 11 June

**First start:** 12:00

**Number of races:** 6, 5 to count or 2 out of 3 each day

**Race type:** General Handicap

**Prize:** Saturday, Sunday and overall

**Prize:** for first junior

**Food:** galley service for lunch

**Camping:** yes

**Visiting boats:** yes

A two-day race series that is a great opportunity for members to complete a series over one weekend. Novice sailors, juniors and switch of regular helms and crews are encouraged. Visiting boats from other clubs welcome.

## The Midsummer Night Race

**Date:** Saturday 24 June

**Start time:** 20:00 – 24:00

**Race type:** General Handicap

Join a team and sail around the lake in the dark to the delight of the participants and observers. Bring your own food to keep the spirits up.

**Rules:** 1 boat with a minimum of 2 helms for a single handed boat and 2 helms and 2 crews for a crewed boat with a change of helm/crew every 2 laps  
**Food:** BBQ lit for members to cook their own food.

**Camping:** yes

**Visiting teams:** yes

## 8 Hour Race

**Family Event**

**Date:** Sunday 27 August **Start time:** 11:00

**Race type:** General Handicap team event

**Rules:** minimum team size 6, to race one single handed boat and one crewed boat for 8 hours changing crews every two laps

**Prizes on day,** prize for junior team

**Food:** please bring your own food, a BBQ will be available for everyone to cook their own food

**Camping:** for competitors only

**Visiting teams:** yes by invitation

This is another team race with crew changes every 2 laps so fun for competitors and spectators alike. This is a fun race for all levels from novice to regular racers and the aim is to get as many people sailing during the day as possible. The bar will also be open. In the evening there will be music to keep us entertained and an evening surprise!! Planned around 8pm. So why not miss the bank holiday traffic and just spend the weekend at WOSC.

**Come and try sailing session after racing on Saturday 10 June. Any club member would be invited to get out on the water with experienced club sailors between 5:00pm and 6:30pm**

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## Junior Team Racing

**Dates:** 10am-2pm Saturdays

**Contact:** James Ball - Youth Development Officer

Juniors will learn excellent boat handling skills in the club Fireflys, experienced junior helms can sail with inexperienced junior crews. The training is expertly organised and delivered by James Nicoll. The club enters one or two teams into the Eric Twiname Youth Team Racing Championships at Oxford Sailing Club 8–9 October.

## Hardwick Hardship

**Date:** Sunday 1 September

**Start time:** 11:30

**Race type:** General Handicap

The Hardwick can be as hard as you want to make it, the rules don't say you have to have a strong bladder, so by all means pull in for a pee! For the hardcore battling for 4 hours non-stop can be tough in light winds and when it is blowing 'old boots'.



## WOSC Diamond Jubilee Sprint Races

**Date:** Sunday 10 September

## Derek Minty Series 1, 2 & 3

**Date:** Sunday 22 October **Start time:** 12:00

**Number of races:** 3, 2 to count

**Race type:** General Handicap

A one day special.



## Social/Bar

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In addition to the sailing programme West Oxfordshire Sailing Club organises a variety of social events. Most of these events are open to members and their invited friends who may be non-members. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers to help run events. Most of the events are run by members willing to help and give their time to ensure the events are fun for all who attend. Volunteering to help is a great way of getting to know new people and feeling much more part of the club. Below is a list of events we are hoping to offer in 2023 once conditions allow. Please look at the social calendar and upcoming events list for fuller details.

### Easter Egg Hunt and Races

**Date: Sunday 9 April**

**Children's Easter egg hunt starts at 11.00 from the Clubhouse**

*Family Event*

**Race starts at 12.00**

**Race is General Handicap**

**Number of races: 3, 2 to count**

Easter egg prizes awarded at the discretion of the Race officer.

### Midsummer Night Race

**Date: Saturday 24 June**

**Start time: 20.00**

**Finish time: 00.00**

Team race with crew changes every 2 laps. See events for race details. There is overnight camping available and BBQ is available for people to bring and cook your own. A great social evening for teams and spectators alike, one to remember.

### WOSC Eight Hour Race

**Date: Sunday 27 August**

**Start time: 11.00**

**Open Event: Visiting teams welcome**

See events for race details. Team event with crew changes every 2 laps, so fun for competitors and spectators alike. This is a fun race for all levels from novice to regular racers and the aim is to get as many people sailing during the day as possible. The bar will be open.

### Halloween Bonfire Night

**Date: Saturday 29 October**

**Start time: 18.30**

*Family Event*

Avoid the trick-or-treaters and join us for a traditional bonfire and party games. Fancy dress prizes, sweet treats and a big bonfire. A fun night for all the family to enjoy. Competitions for the best carved pumpkin and far more. After the bonfire we will have the WOSC Halloween Disco so why not stay on the dance floor and scare the children!

### Quiz and Curry Night

**Date: Saturday 18 November**

**Bar open from 19:00, quiz starts 19:30**

**Curry at 20:00**

**Booking and payment required online as this is very popular with limited places. Booking opens in October.**

### The Glittering Diamond Jubilee

**Date TBC**

To celebrate 60 years of the club. This fabulous black tie event will include dinner and dancing.

### AGM Wine & Cheese

**Date: Friday 24 November**

**Start time: 19:30**

**In the club house**

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### Christmas Lunch

Date: Sunday 17 December

Start time: 12:45

Booking and payment required online as this is very popular with limited places

A great warm up for the festive season. All are welcome for an excellent Christmas lunch cooked by a team who take mass catering to a new level.

### Boxing Day Race

Date: Tuesday 26 December

Start time: 12:00

Race type: General Handicap

Prize: The Commodore's Whisky

Prize for first junior

Why not arrange to meet up with friends and family and admire new Christmas sailing gear and Christmas jumpers. Bring a plate of food to add to a post-race buffet.

## WOSC SUMMERTIME SWIMMING SUNDAYS

7th May – 17th September 2023

9.00am – 11.00am



Darrin Roles

This is a regular swimming time in summer, in addition to the everyday swimming that all members can enjoy, subject to the same rules and guidance. Please note that WOSC summertime swimming Sundays are not wardened.

Contact: [stanley.uljaszek@anthro.ox.ac.uk](mailto:stanley.uljaszek@anthro.ox.ac.uk)



## WOSC Sailing School

Principal: Andrew Robson

[sailingschool@wosc.org.uk](mailto:sailingschool@wosc.org.uk)

Senior Instructors: Matt Batterton and Andrew Robson

Training Administrator: Naomi Richardson  
[training@wosc.org.uk](mailto:training@wosc.org.uk)

West Oxfordshire Sailing Club has a well-established RYA-affiliated sailing school. All tuition is organised under the supervision of experienced volunteer RYA qualified Senior Instructors and participants can gain a nationally recognised certificate in sailing. In 2023, the WOSC Sailing School will continue to offer a range of courses for club members and external candidates. In addition to the regular training activity, we will be encouraging participants to continue their skill development by joining in with the "Start Racing at WOSC" club dinghy racing – see the WOSC Race Programme for 2023.

Please keep yourselves up to date with events through the WOSC website and when required course registrants will be contacted directly should courses be subject to change.

### Pre-requirements and Equipment

For the sailing courses, you must be able to swim 50 metres in light clothing; you will not be tested on this, but you are expected to be confident enough in water, wearing a buoyancy aid, and to participate in the capsizing drill.

- Please wear suitable clothing for the weather and assume that you will get wet, so bring a change of clothes.
- You must bring your own buoyancy aid for the Saturday Afternoon Training

Sessions and Junior Sailing Week.

- For the weekend course, buoyancy aids can be provided by the club if necessary.
- All participants must wear closed shoes that don't come off, i.e. no 'clogs', sandals or flip-flops. Old trainers or water/beach shoes are fine.
- You **MUST** declare any medical issues of relevance (see booking conditions) to the Training Secretary ([training@wosc.org.uk](mailto:training@wosc.org.uk)) before participating in any training course at the time it is booked. Information on medical conditions will need to be passed on to Instructors so that they are better prepared to assist you should you be taken ill.
- If you have a medical condition that could potentially cause loss of consciousness or awareness, as well as informing the Training Secretary, you will need to use a life jacket that supports the head above the water, rather than a buoyancy aid.
- It would be helpful for Instructors if parents could discuss any special educational needs with the Training Secretary ([training@wosc.org.uk](mailto:training@wosc.org.uk)) before participation in the course.

See website for booking conditions.

## Sailing School Courses

### 1. Weekend RYA Sailing School Level 1 and 2 Course

**Open to WOSC members and external candidates +16 years**

The aim of this course is to teach a beginner to sail over two consecutive weekends achieving Level 1 and Level 2 RYA qualifications.

Times will be 9.30am to 5pm each day. There is a maximum of 9 students per course. This course is recommended for those over 16 years of age, though the minimum age is



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14 years, for example, if taken with a parent. All young people under 16 must be accompanied by their parent/guardian at all times.

All students will need to sign in at each session.

## Course content

Level 1—On this course, we start with the assumption that you have never been in a sailing boat before and, by the end, you will be able to sail in light winds with an Instructor in the boat.

Level 2—By the end of this course, you will be safety conscious, have a basic knowledge of sailing and be capable of sailing, in light winds, without an Instructor on board.

You will receive four full days of instruction. Both the syllabus elements and the duration of training contribute to certification.

The course is conducted mainly in Wayfarers, but there may be opportunities to sail in other boats depending on progress and weather conditions. The course is led by a Senior Instructor and the ratio of instructors:participants is normally 1:3 but may be up to 1:6.

## External candidates

Booking is on a first come first served basis by contacting the training secretary: [training@wosc.org.uk](mailto:training@wosc.org.uk).

The cost of the course to external candidates is £250 in total (includes two weekends, Level 1 and Level 2), to be paid in full at the time of booking.

This amazing offer also includes temporary membership of the club until the following March, so that you can have access to club boats and facilities to further practice your sailing. Once your temporary membership expires, you can apply for full club membership if places are available.

*Important note:* You will be expected to comply with the conditions of membership which

includes club duties a couple of times a year (see Membership pages for more details).

## WOSC members

Booking is on a first come first served basis booked via the events calendar on the website. This course attracts a £50 administration fee.

## Certificates

On successful completion of the course, all qualifying candidates will receive RYA Level 1 and Level 2 certificates along with a logbook and 'Start Sailing' guide.

*Cancellation conditions apply, see website.*

## 2. Saturday Afternoon RYA Training for Adults and Juniors

### Open to WOSC members only, aged 8+ years

This training is aimed at those that cannot commit to two consecutive weekends and would like to access training in a more flexible way as and when a student attends. Both adults and juniors of at least 8 years of age can take part.

All children under 16 years of age must have a parent/guardian at WOSC at all times who must sign in all children. All participants are required to sign in at every session.

## Costs

Training is free, but contributions to the Martin Gibson Junior Sailing Fund are welcomed.

## Course content

Adults will follow the Level 1 and 2 RYA syllabus and juniors the Youth Stage 1, 2 or 3 syllabus, depending on previous sailing experience. Those who already hold these qualifications can still take part in the training sessions.

You can attend as many or as few sessions as you want, but of course the more you attend the

faster your progress will be. Each session lasts approximately 3 hours depending on conditions.

Also, if you want to apply for RYA certificates, there is a minimum course duration for each Level of 8 hours of instruction.

### **Start time is 13:00 and runs on till 16:00 or when the sun stops shining!**

Please be prompt and be ready to sail at 13:00 otherwise you may not get a sail as the Instructors will have organised everyone and gone sailing!

The session is led by a Senior Instructor with the required minimum RYA instructor/participant ratios. Adults will usually be in a Wayfarer, Firefly, H12 or Laser. Children will be taught in Optimist, Topper, Firefly, H12, Laser and Wayfarer.

### **Booking**

All students that wish to take part in ANY Saturday afternoon session need to book once at the beginning of the season. This allows us to track progress. To book, you must first log into the club website then go to events, find the event, click on 'register' and follow the instructions. Note that we must adhere to RYA Instructor : student ratios and safety boat : dinghy ratios so if the course is very busy groups may need to be rotated between boats and 'snack time'.

You will still need to sign in at the start of each session, otherwise your progress will not be logged.

### **Certification**

All training will be logged and progress and attendance will be reviewed in September. Those students who have reached the required standards for RYA Level 1 or 2 or Youth Stage 1, 2 or 3 will be informed by the Training Secretary. If a student wishes to have a certificate, it can be issued at the cost of £20 administration fee (per level), but students are not obliged to apply for a certificate. As well as a certificate, students

will be provided with a log book and 'Start Sailing' book.

## **3. Junior Sailing Week**

### **Open to WOSC members only, aged 8 to 18 years**

This week is designed to accommodate the absolute beginner to those who wish to access club racing. There is a maximum of 44 places available. All young people under 16 must be accompanied by their parent/guardian at all times.

### **Course content**

The RYA Youth Stage 1, 2 and 3 syllabus will be covered, depending on the students' abilities.

The course duration is 15–20 hours depending on conditions. As each level takes 8 hours, all three levels cannot be completed in the week, but skills acquired and hours of training undertaken can be added to those obtained by attendance at Saturday Afternoon RYA Training for Adults and Juniors.

The session is led by a Senior Instructor with the required minimum RYA instructor/participant ratios. Instructors will allocate groups based on previous sailing experience so students will not have to repeat Stages that they have already completed. The course will be conducted in Optimist, Topper, Firefly, Laser, H12 and Wayfarer.

### **Costs**

The week is free, though donations to the Martin Gibson Junior Sailing Fund are welcomed.

### **Booking**

Notifications of the booking procedure will be announced in the What's on at WOSC newsletter and added to the Juniors pages of the website. An e-mail notification will also be sent to all members. Please only apply if your child can attend the entire week.

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## Certification

Those that achieve the requirements for the Youth RYA Stage 1 and 2 or 3 syllabus can have a certificate issued at a cost of £20 (per level), but students are not obliged to apply for a certificate. As well as a certificate, students will be provided with a log book and 'Start Sailing' book.

## 4. Powerboat Level 2 Course

**Open to WOSC members only aged 16+**

To facilitate the Patrol Boat cover for club racing, a 2-day course resulting in a RYA Powerboat Level 2 qualification is offered. This is free to candidates with certificates issued at club cost. Students will be added to the Patrol Boat rota for club duties. You must be 16 years of age for this course. Courses will be advertised and registration will be through the events page. If you have any questions regarding this course, please contact the Training Secretary using the following e-mail address: [training@wosc.org.uk](mailto:training@wosc.org.uk).

## 5. Powerboat Direct Assessment

**Open to WOSC members only aged 16+**

Powerboat Direct Assessment is offered to those that feel they have the required competence to meet the requirements of the RYA level 2 syllabus. This will take a couple of hours to complete and is free to candidates. Certificates are issued at club cost. Students will be added to the Patrol Boat rota for club duties. You must be 16 years of age for this course.

## RYA Training Qualifications

If you wish to train towards obtaining an RYA Instructor qualification, the committee has agreed to cover the financial burden of the required courses for each role when additional Instructors are required for the RYA Sailing School. For this we will also receive support from the RYA. To put this into context, the cost of becoming a Dinghy Instructor if an individual was

to attend a commercial training supplier would be around £600.

More details available on the website or contact [commodore@wosc.org.uk](mailto:commodore@wosc.org.uk)



## Your Commitment to WOSC

The club is run by the members for the members. To make this work all adult members and at least one adult representative from all family memberships are required to assist in the running of the club by performing official duties. Official duties are defined to include the following:

- Officer of the day
- or Assistant Officer of the day
- or Galley
- or Patrol Boat Driver (if qualified)

Club members, as a minimum should expect to undertake one to two duties per year and as a new member your duty will be assistant race officer.

And we ask you and your family to observe all safety and security rules.

## Wayfarer and Wanderer Open and Evening Social

Wayfarer Fleet Captain: Les Burton

Contact: [les@leslieburton.co.uk](mailto:les@leslieburton.co.uk)

Wanderer Fleet Captain: Michael Lewington

Contact: [membership@wosc.org.uk](mailto:membership@wosc.org.uk)

[www.wosc.org.uk/wayfarer\\_open](http://www.wosc.org.uk/wayfarer_open)

Date: 22 – 23 April

First start: 12:00 on Saturday

Evening Food to be ordered and paid for on the day

**Camping: Yes**, this needs to be booked with the sailing club in advance. No requirement to have Wayfarer class membership to compete. WOSC has a large fleet of Wayfarers among the membership and three club boats, so with visitors, this is a very popular open meeting. Make sure you invite Wayfarer and Wanderer sailors from other clubs to attend. This is also a good opportunity for members to experience an open meeting by booking a club boat or offering to crew.

## THE MARGARET YOUNG MEMORIAL TROPHY

Margaret Young had been a longstanding member since she first joined with her husband Keith and daughter Caroline in 1980. She sadly passed away on 24 November 2022 and as a memorial to her time at the club, her daughter Caroline Hollier is purchasing a new trophy to honour her memory. This trophy will be awarded to the best placed club sailor, who has represented WOSC on the open circuit over the sailing year. So let's all get out there and represent WOSC.



## Solo Open

Saturday 1 July

Contact: Mark Peters: [solofleet@wosc.org.uk](mailto:solofleet@wosc.org.uk)

[www.wosc.org.uk/solo\\_open](http://www.wosc.org.uk/solo_open)

Part of the Thames Valley Series hosted by West Oxfordshire SC. WOSC has a large regular Solo fleet sailing in WOSC club races.

## Firefly Open

Saturday 14, 15 October

Contact: James Ball: [fireflyfleet@wosc.org.uk](mailto:fireflyfleet@wosc.org.uk)

Hosted by West Oxfordshire SC, home to one of the largest Firefly fleets in the country, this promises to be a great event. Racing for one of the legendary silver Firefly trophies.

## Lightning Rum and Mince Pie Open

Saturday 11 November

Contact: Caroline Hollier:

[caroline.key@adrianhollier.co.uk](mailto:caroline.key@adrianhollier.co.uk)

[www.wosc.org.uk/lightning\\_open](http://www.wosc.org.uk/lightning_open)

WOSC hosts the Lightning 368 Open.

The Lightning was designed by Mark Giles, an honorary member.



# Membership of WOSC

The membership year runs from 1st March to the end of February and is limited to 350 memberships.

New members joining part way through the season are given a discount on membership fees.

The Club is run totally voluntarily by its Committee and its Members for the benefit of all

Members. There are no paid posts within the club. The Club expects Members:

- a) to abide by the Club Rules;
- b) to assist with running the Club Racing (Sundays throughout the year and some Saturdays and Wednesday evenings during the Summer) when selected, on a rota basis, by the Sailing Secretary (Club Rule 22). For most club members, you should expect to do a minimum of 1 or 2 duties per year although it will occur more frequently for regular racing members. Other duties can be substituted as on page 21.

- Enjoy the availability to sail 365 days a year.
- Use of the club facilities to change and shower.
- Sail the club boats: Wayfarer, Firefly, Laser, H12, Topper (hire charge applies for recreational sailing, there is no charge for use of club boats for club racing).
- For children, sail the club Optimists (free).
- Adult & Junior sail training free to members' children aged 8–18.
- Saturday afternoon adult & junior sailing for children over 8 years (May, June, July, Aug, Sept).
- August Junior sailing week (numbers limited, booking required).
- Junior Team race training incl. matches and competitions.
- General handicap racing on Wednesday evenings (summer only) and Sundays.
- Special racing events on selected weekends.
- Weekend sailing courses.
- Dinghy storage (annual fee applies).
- Swim in the swimming area and open water swimming lake.
- Social events (Quiz nights, Halloween, Bonfire night and more...).
- Barbecue on the club facilities.
- Picnic and relax on the grass area.
- Above all – enjoy a convivial and friendly atmosphere.

| Type of Membership  | Cost per year |
|---|---------------|
| Family Membership - members of one immediate family comprising one or two adults living as a couple and their dependent children, children being under the age of 18 or in full time education at the start of the membership year; (An immediate family does not include grandchildren, biological relatives, and those related through marriage, such as a brother-in-law, friends or work colleagues.) | £155          |
| Adult Member - one adult member over the age of 18 and not in full time education   | £110          |
| Student Member - 18 years and over receiving full time education  | £45           |
| New Member Joining Fee (Does not apply to Country and Junior Members)   | £40           |
| Junior Member - Minimum age 16 years  | £45           |
| Country Member - at the discretion of the General Committee and must live more than 100 miles from WOSC. Contact the Membership Secretary for details   | £21           |
| Senior Member - Aged 60 and over who have held a membership of the club for at least 10 years and no longer keeps a boat or sailboard at the club. Eligible members must apply to the Committee through the Membership Secretary  | £45           |
| Boat Berth (per boat)   | £17           |
| Locker Fee  | £5            |
| Adult Guests  | £2            |

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**Are there any restrictions** when I can use the Club and how do I get into the Club outside of normal opening times?

**NO** – As a member you will be provided with one free swipe card which allows unlimited access through the front gate and the Clubhouse. Family members may purchase a second swipe card.

**Security – Security of the premises and Clubhouse is paramount, you must close the gate behind you** to keep the club safe and secure and freely available for members to use. The gate into WOSC should be closed and locked behind you at all times. You should not allow anyone to follow you in without checking they are a member. Similarly, the Clubhouse door should be shut at all times.

On leaving the Club premises it is paramount that you ensure the Clubhouse is totally secure, garage door, patio door and main door and the main gate is closed and the electric lock engaged.

**Safety** – Outside of normal sailing and scheduled events and activities the Club does not have a patrol boat on the water to render assistance. You are therefore sailing at your own risk.

**Do I have to do Club duties and what do they entail?**

**YES** – The Club is run by the members and everyone must take part in Club duties. There are two types of duties – Race and Galley. Duties

are undertaken by Adults and Families but only 1 adult member of a family is on the roster.

**Race Duty** – This is rostered on Wednesday Evenings (April to September inclusive) some Saturdays for special events such as open meetings and Sundays all year round. This includes Officer of the Day (OOD) who sets the racing course, Patrol Boat driver (if qualified) and Assistant Officer of the Day (AOD). Typically on Wednesday evening for the single race you are required to be at the Club from 6.30pm and usually finished by 8.45pm. April to September Sundays from 11:15 to 16:45 for the three races and in the winter, two races from 10:45 to 15:30.

**Galley Duty** – Sunday and occasional Saturdays. Many non-sailors opt for galley duty which involves providing lunch (ready to eat around 13:00, 12:30 in winter) and afternoon tea (around 15:00, not required in winter). There are periods in the year when lunch is not provided on a Sunday. You decide what you will provide (guidance available), buy the ingredients, prepare, cook and serve charging normally £4.00 for lunch. The income should cover the costs with a small surplus. You will not be out of pocket.

**What if I can't do my duty?**

Duties are published well in advance on the website and in the Newsletter. If you are not available on your assigned date you are required to telephone other members to arrange a swap. Contact phone numbers are published on the duty roster. If you change duties you must inform Caroline Hollier for Race Duty (caroline.key@adrianhollier.co.uk) or Stig Topp-Jorgenson for Galley Duty (galley@wosc.org.uk).

**Can I bring my own dinghy to the Club?**

**YES** – Use of boats on Club premises is limited to canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, windsurfer

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boards, rowing boats and single hulled sailing dinghies less than 5.0 metres in length or having a Portsmouth Number (PN) greater than 970, PN being defined by the RYA. Only boats with a PN of 1000 or greater are eligible to race.

### How do I locate a berth for my dinghy(s), kayaks or canoes?

Once you have paid your berth fee to locate a berth you should contact the Harbourmaster at [harbourmaster@wosc.org.uk](mailto:harbourmaster@wosc.org.uk). Berths are large enough for the storage of one sailing dinghy, for the storage of canoes and kayaks a rack is provided on the bund.

### Do I need to pay for a berth for my kayaks or canoes?

**YES** – If you do not store your kayak or canoe with your dinghy you must purchase a berth. If you have multiple kayaks or canoes you may need to purchase more than one berth.

### Do I need dinghy/kayak/canoe/rowing boat/windsurfer insurance?

**YES** – Every member **who uses or keeps** one of the above on the Club's property must be covered by insurance against third party liability to an amount as shown on a current application (£1 million) or renewal form to cover any one accident. All members on initial application and on renewal shall be required to sign to say that such insurance is in place.

### Are Club boats insured?

**YES** – The General Committee ensures that all boats owned by the Club and made available for use by members or participants in RYA sailing courses organized at the Club are covered by equivalent insurance.

### How do I hire a Club dinghy?

Boats can **only** be hired by **club members** and must **not be sailed in wind above force 4**, except at the discretion of a Committee member. The fees are used for the maintenance of the boats.

Boats are maintained at a level suitable for club racing boats should not be used as swimming/diving platforms.

Boats shall be beached using the launching trolley, and sails must not be left hoisted whilst the boat is not being sailed. Cover must be replaced and the boat tied down.

To hire a Club Topper, Firefly, Wayfarer, H12, Laser you must first book the boat and pay the hire fee at the clubhouse or online through the website. Club Optimists are for use by children only are free to use. The Boat Hire Book is located in the main corridor on the shelf next to the visitors book. Record your hire of a boat in the Boat Hire Book and place your hire fee in one of the small brown envelopes provided. Pay the hire fee and importantly write the details of your name,

| Scale of Charges | Half Day (Before 1.30pm) | Full Day  |
|------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Wayfarer         | £5                       | £10   |
| Firefly          | £5                       | £10   |
| Laser            | £5                       | £10   |
| H12              | £5                       | £10   |
| Topper           | £2.50                    | £5  |
| Oppies           | No Charge                | No Charge – still need to be booked-out and only for use by Juniors |

**Club boats used for club racing – No Charge – still need to be booked-out**



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membership number and fee on the envelope. Once complete, place the envelope through the brass letter box in the bar store door located behind the bar. See table below.

Please consult a member of the General Committee if you want to use a Club boat for the first time.

**Please do not beach or drag club boats on the shore, this damages the hull.** Do use the launching trailers to take boats out of the water or ask others to assist you in lifting a boat. Do drop or furl the sails when not in use, do not leave the sails flapping. Do roll sails to avoid creasing them (ask for help if you don't know how to store sails).

### **Please look after our boats!**

**Optimists:** There are many Club Optimists and the sails, masts, rudder and dagger boards can be found in the garage. They are not dinghy specific so please use any. The Optimists are located in the compound to the left of the Club. A small trolley is provided to move it to the water. After use, return the dinghy to the compound and lock the gate.

**Toppers:** There are many Club Toppers and the sails, masts, rudder and dagger boards can be found in the garage. They are not dinghy specific so please use any. The Toppers are located on the rack to the left (away from the car park) of the Clubhouse. The Toppers can be launched from where they are stored.

**Hartley H12:** The H12 is the new generation of training boat, it is very stable, has a deep, roomy, comfortable cockpit, high boom, good head clearance and visibility, self-draining, easy reefed, easy to right—comes up with very little water. There are two H12s which are stored next to the Fireflies, all equipment is stored in the boats.

**Fireflies:** There are six Fireflies. Sails, masts, rudder and centre boards are in/on the dinghy. The Fireflies are stored on launching trolleys

and located alongside the lake to the left (away from the car park) of the Clubhouse. They can be launched from where they are stored.

**Wayfarers:** There are three Club Wayfarers and the sails, masts, rudder and centre boards are in/on the dinghy. They are located to the left (away from the car park) of the Clubhouse in front of the compound with the safety boats. They are stored on a launching trolley and can be launched from the slipway immediately in front of the Clubhouse. Once launched please return the launching trolley to the berth to leave access to the slipway free.

**Lasers:** There are two Club Lasers and the sails, masts, rudder and dagger boards are kept in the garage. They are located to the left (away from the car park) of the Clubhouse, one in the row alongside the lake and the second close to the container. They are stored on a launching trolley and can be launched from either slipway immediately in front of the Clubhouse.

Please leave the boats and equipment in the state that you would wish to find them. Please de-rig, return the rigs (if appropriate) to the garage, put the boat back and secure the cover (if appropriate).

### **What do I do if a piece of equipment is missing or breaks on a Club boat?**

Alongside the hire Boat Hire Book is a book for boat repairs. Enter the necessary details in the book and then taking a tag from the wall in front of you, attach this to the boat or equipment in need of repair. The boat maintenance crew will ensure it is repaired. **If you do not record the repair no one knows and it cannot be repaired.**

### **Do I need a buoyancy aid?**

**YES**—Buoyancy aids are compulsory for all on paddle boards, windsurfers, canoes, kayaks, rowing boats or dinghies when on either lake.

**May I swim?**

**YES** – You can swim in the designated area in the large lake in front of the tables and swings. Children under 16 swimming must be supervised.

**Can I swim in the main lake in front of the Clubhouse outside of the designated area?**

**NO** – You can only swim in the designated area.

**Can I use a boat in the swimming area?**

**NO** – Hard hulled craft, boards, canoes etc. are not allowed in the swimming area. Inflatable boats or inflatable canoes are allowed.

**Can I swim on the Open Water Course?**

**YES** – The small top lake is for the sole use of open water swimmers and human powered paddle craft. No engine powered, other than for weed cutting, or sailing vessels may use this lake. As with other water sports any member undertaking the activity of open water swimming must understand the risks inherent in this activity and be medically fit and competent to undertake it.

- No solo swimming, minimum of two people who must stay within 4 metres of each other.
- Bright coloured swim hat and swimming drag along (tow) float to be used by all swimmers.
- Only enter the water at the signed slipway.
- Mobile phone and safety kayak to be ready and available at the entry point.
- No swimming when under the influence of alcohol.
- Swimmers only enter the water and swim if it is within their capabilities.

**Can I bring visitors to the Club?**

**YES** – A member may invite not more than five persons which includes adults and children

("Guests") at any time to the Club premises.

For the purpose of this rule, Family memberships count as one member. Members must sign their guests in by entering the names and addresses of their guests in the visitor's book and must pay the fee as stated in the visitor's book. The member is personally responsible for their guest(s) whilst they are on Club premises. A member may not invite any person who has been refused or expelled from membership without the prior consent of the General Committee

The maximum number of times that any one guest may visit the Club premises in any calendar year is three (3). A member wishing to invite more than five persons to the Club premises (Rule 64) or exceed the maximum numbers of visits per year (Rule 65) must request and receive the prior consent of the General Committee

**Can I use a BBQ at the Club?**

**YES** – You can use the Club provided fixed BBQ located under the canopy on the decking. Charcoal and lighters are not provided by the Club. You must clean up after use and dispose of the ash. Do not place hot ash in the bins. If you bring a disposable BBQ and use it on the grass area you must ensure it is raised clear of the grass to avoid a grass burn.

**Can I bring dogs to the Club?**

**YES** – However, no dogs (with the exception of assistance dogs) are allowed in the Clubhouse or on the patio area. All dogs around the Clubhouse, on the grassed area in front of the car park or within the boat parks must be on a lead. If your dog "unburdens" itself please ensure you pick up. You may walk your dog around the lake off the lead once clear of the Clubhouse, car and boat parks.