



Spring 2021 Newsletter



With the last of the winter snow melt comes the first signs of spring: birds chirping and snowdrops braving their way through frozen soil. Even by Scottish standards, the speed from one season to the next was nothing short of remarkable!

In a normal year we would be busy preparing for the start of our sailing season. Dragging out our sailing kit, hoping, that after another Christmas of excess, it would still fit! But as we all, only too well know, this year (like last year) is no ordinary year.

So, although, we can't yet confirm when we will be able to set sail, we have been busy making all the necessary preparations. The sailing committee have pulled together the [sailing calendar](#), that is now up on our website. Not only will you be able to see timetabled races and fun sails, but you'll be able to identify when you are listed for a duty. What's more, RYA dinghy, PB2 and other training such as race training have been under discussion by the training team and will be advertised as soon as they can be made available.

It will be great to have the bar open once more, and our social gatherings and events resumed. It was unfortunate that our great Burns Supper was unable to be celebrated. However, for some, the unmarked passing of the Burns Night might have been a blessing in disguise! Candy the Cleaner from Canada was quite a lot to have to handle! As soon as we hear we can open the bar again, Craig will be in touch.

Here's hoping that it won't be too much longer!

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Covid update

The clubhouse and boatyard are still closed, aside for essential maintenance (please contact Craig if you need access for any reason). It is looking increasingly likely that on April 26th our national lockdown will move from Tier 4 to Tier 3. Whilst I'd hate to get anyone's hopes up at this early stage, it should mean that with the same/similar sailing procedures in place, as at the end of the season, we should be able to sail! We will update you as soon as we can.





Dates for the Diary (subject to change)

- Virtual bar and racing - Fridays 7pm start
- Online quiz night 'Nautical knowledge, Greek myths and cocktails'. Date tbc. Swot away!
- Crane in- Tuesday 27 April
- Yacht Racing Commences- Saturday 1 May
- Dinghy Racing commences- Sunday 9 May
- Discover Sailing (open day for sailing taster sessions) Sunday 20 June
- Bar open every Friday from as soon as we can!



Virtual Racing

Can't wait to race? Why not hone your skills by racing virtually? Last lockdown, Mark led a Friday evening tradition of playing some virtual regatta and bar in the company of friends. A couple of Fridays ago this was restarted, with 9 keen sailors bashing it out on the virtual course. Check out Mark's recent emails for details.



Clubhouse and Boatyard Improvements

Over the course of the next few weeks, we will be improving the organisation of back porch and cellar and the layout of the boatyard to enable better storage of all equipment. It's our aim to ensure that everyone can easily locate what they need; be it all the equipment needed for the club boat they have booked or to carry out a Race Officer/crew duty. Max will be organising various work parties, in line with what's allowed at that time. Look out for his emails and if you can spare some time to help out, it will be very much appreciated.



Have your say

The committee are busy thinking about the future direction of our club and we would like to hear your views. Please look out for the survey that will be sent to you over the next couple of weeks. Your say will help shape our way!

