

June 20th 2023

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General Updates:

Work Party is this Saturday - 9.30 start and a hearty cooked breakfast after your efforts.

Don't forget to sign in guests who visit the clubhouse.

There are further reports of a crime spree targeting yacht clubs and boat yards up and down the Thames. Please think about security - and in particular avoid leaving outboards in the yard and where this is unavoidable use the best locks you can find.

Two bits of repetition from last week - but important nonetheless!

The **annual summer members forum** will be held on **22nd July at 2.30pm** - where members can meet the committee of management and talk over any issues of concern. There is a work party in the morning, so why not join in with that, have a cooked breakfast and then share your thoughts at the forum! Members can, if they wish, submit questions before hand.

The process of re-issuing unpaid invoices is now underway. Nearly all of these will be correct and just need to be paid, but errors are possible and do get back to us immediately if you think it is in error as the debit might go through automatically a few days later if you have an active GoCardLess mandate.

Cruisers:

Members wishing to crew on yachts, please see the list published in TNA or speak to skippers.

A correction to last weeks TNA - the outcome of the **Ovens Buoy Trophy** was actually:

1. Naiad
2. Lo Flyer
3. Rosebud
4. Mesečina
5. Ahoy Keel Boat

DNF Courage II

DNF Freedom II

Last Sunday, five cruisers entered the **RNSA Trophy** (summer series race 4). A short race around the cans in blustery conditions. Thank you to Rob for helming the trot boat and Nick for manning the race hut. The results are as follows:

1. Naiad

2. Lo Flyer
3. Ahoy Keelboat
4. Freedom II

DNF - Maybetu

Coming up:

Saturday and Sunday 1st - 2nd July - Overnight visit to Thurrock Yacht Club & Shanty Evening

More details and how to book free tickets: Bring your tender to head ashore at Thurrock!

Trot boat: If you want to helm the trot boat, please make sure you are on the list.

Dinghies:

Saturday 1 July 10 am - Commodore Jubilee Trophy (we have one safety boat helm and crew, and are in need of one more safety boat helm, crew and club boat helm)

Saturday 15 July 10 am - duty roster being developed

25 July: Tuesday Night Cup, briefing time 5:30pm newly scheduled one (thanks to Andy N and David H-C for their recent work on the calendar):

Sunday 30 July briefing 09:30 will be the first beginner focussed event. Experienced approved helms are encouraged to sail with beginners. Beginners will be charged £13.50 per person; approved helms volunteering in a training capacity for this event will not be charged and the events will not impact results in the summer series. Let Toby know by email if you can make it and in what capacity (safety duties / race officer / approved helm / beginner). First come first serve.

The dinghy section welcomes you to join us regardless of your sailing ability! All details are in the FAQ.

Rowing:

Rowers took **Buccaneer to South Dock on Sunday 18th June**, thankfully stowed back onshore before the rain arrived, though battling some wind-over-tide chop on the return leg.

The next rowing outing is to **Olympic Park on July 2nd**. There's still time to express interest in joining that trip by emailing Shane. Numbers are already looking high and this may be a three boat trip.

GYC will be entering Buccaneer for the **Great River Race** this year. If you're interested in a demanding row to Richmond among hundreds of other boats, contact Shane to find out more.

Reminder to please send your email to Preeda to join the new mailing list if you wish to hear about rowing opportunities in future. This applies even if you already get rowing emails.

Training:

There are 6 places for the **Dinghy L/2** weekend course which will run on **22nd/23rd July**. If you passed your Dinghy L/1 last year and have been crewing regularly, you are ready for this next stage.

Social:

Sunday Painters - A small but select group took part in the painting event this weekend.

Open House, 9th/10th September - We need a club volunteer to help organise the Open House event as Chris will not be available.

Jazz and Jame Session, 8pm Thursday 21st September - Volunteer musicians coming forward including a 4th year student jazz trio from Trinity College. The event will be dedicated to fundraising for the RNLI. Volunteer needed to help with this.

Sports Day - Due to the magnitude of the event, it is proposed to postpone this to coincide with the Paris Olympics (Friday 26th July – Sunday 11th August 2024). Also proposing water-based events around the same time

Other suggestions and volunteers for Social Events are welcome so please get in touch.

Sustainability:

Hazardous Waste Disposal at GYC

Veolia will be sending a chemist to help dispose of hazardous waste on the 7th July. If you have hazardous waste, please reach out to Michael or the yard team on how to transfer your antifoul waste, antifreeze, empty aerosol cans, waste oil, paint cans and used rags, marine batteries and electric waste etc to the refuse store for Veolia to dispose of them before 7th July.

Volunteering:

Social Sec. Assistant - for various reasons Chris needs to par back his workload a bit and would appreciate a deputy to spread the load. Ideally would be someone interested in taking on this role in future - but if you just want to get involved for this Summer that is fine.

GMV Summer Fete organiser - the housing complex are organising a Summer Fete for July 15th - and it is proposed that GYC has a stall there, and possibly wheels up a dinghy to show off! We need a volunteer to help organise the GYC end of things: please email Richard (Bosun)

