June 14th 2023

June 14th Updates

General Updates:

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.

Please keep the pontoon free on the evening of the 17th June as we are expecting visitors.

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 a few days later if you have an active GoCardLess mandate.

In case you missed it, **summer Trident** is out - both in the clubhouse and for download.

Cruisers:

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

Last Sunday, seven boats sailed for the Ovens Buoy Trophy, (see Gallery) a 37NM race to the lower reaches of the Thames. 4 completed the course in light winds. Thank you to Roger Bailey for manning the race hut and Beverley Scott for helming the trot boat. As usual, the lapsed and corrected times are on the clubhouse noticeboard. The results are as follows:

1. Naiad - Jo
2. Lo Flyer - John
3. Mesečina - Milan
4. Ahoy Keelboat - (helmed by Michael)

- DNF Rosebud - Tim
- DNF Courage II - Tomasz
- DNF Freedom II - Robin

<u>Coming up:</u>

Royal Naval Sailing Association Trophy (summer series 4) Sunday, 18th June; Briefing 1230; start 1400 Notice of Race Trot boat after the briefing

Overnight visit to Thurrock Yacht Club for a Shanty Evening Saturday and Sunday 1st - 2nd July More details Bring your tender to head ashore at Thurrock

The results of the **Duke of York Challenge** (open race) sailed on the 28th of May had to be corrected; see below:

1. Naiad - Jo
2. Lili - Martin
3. Lo Flyer - John
4. Mesečina - Milan
5. Ahoy Keelboat - Michael
6. Talulah - Frank
7. Blue Moon - Mick
8. Cataleya - Stef(TYC)
9. Midas Touch - Gary(TYC)

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

Dinghies:

Sunday 18 June 12:30 pm – RNSA

We have all safety boat positions filled, and still need an experienced approved helm to sail with new members.

No dinghies have been booked yet. So that our safety boaters can make alternative plans if they're not needed, approved helms interested in sailing please book before Friday. Any crew wishing to sail please make yourselves known on the dinghy whatsapp group.

Following events:

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

NEW 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):

Further to previous TNAs, Sunday 30 July briefing 09:30 will be the first beginner focused 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:

10 June - rowing report In addition to our usual programme of fun rowing, last Saturday we did a special "coxes and technique" outing to Bow Creek. Some of our more experienced rowers took turns to cox, running drills and exercises on steering and crew leadership. Newcomer rowers got a chance to work on finer points of technique, ready for a longer row.

18 June - rowing trip to West India Quay/Isle of Dogs A couple of places still available for probably the most unusual route of the year; in through the ship lock to the waters around Canary Wharf, for a sedate paddle around Millwall Dock and up for a tea break at West India Quay. Suitable for all levels of experience and a great opportunity to learn and practise technique. 1230 meetup, enquiries to shane.

The Rowing section is building a new, up to date, email list to let interested members know about upcoming trips. If you are an existing rower, or a row-curious member who would like to be added to the list, please email Preeda. We always give members first option, before we make remaining oars available to prospective future members or visitors from other clubs.

Training:

The ‘taster’ afternoon on **17th June** has room for two more participants. Learn how to rig, launch and sail a dinghy and sail the keelboat. 1300-1630.

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:

The Midsummer Madness, En Plein Air, Sunday Painters on **June 18th**. Lots of interest so please make visiting artists welcome - like letting them in if wandering aimlessly outside the gate. Don't know if it's a good or bad thing but coming to GYC to paint got me hooked on sailing...

On Saturday 15th July. Hopefully volunteers to locate the dinghy and trailer are contacting Richard but display and promotional material is needed - can we search every nook and cranny to pull out and see what we have, please?

Sports Day, Yard, date TBA - 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

Jazz and Jam Session, Thursday 21st September (Autumn Equinox) - Volunteer musicians coming forward including a 4th year student jazz trio from Trinity College. The event will be dedicated to fundraising for the RNLI. Note: This was originally planned for the Saturday but neither the clubhouse or Landside building were available...

Open House, September 9th/10th. Put date into diary and look out for further announcements

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

Sustainability:

Tuesday 20th June 2023 7pm – Environmental Event

The TCV team managing Greenwich Peninsular Ecology Park (GPEP) will be visiting GYC to share their mission, environmental programs and vision with GYC members. We will take the opportunity for GYC member Terry Paterson to introduce the iNatualist App where members can get involved in contributing and learning about biodiversity in the natural science. This will be followed by Q&A on iNaturalist and discussion on how GYC and GPEP can potentially collaborate on environmental projects. If you care about the bio-diversity conservation and the natural world, you should attend this talk to get involved with our neighbours and also use the iNaturalist app.

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:

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)