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Welcome

The warm May weather has brought the moors around Warley back to life. It also seems to have brought more sailors and windsurfers back onto the water. It's easy to forget just how cold it was at the start of the season. Fingers crossed that the good weather and good turnouts continue.

There's been a lot happening in the early part of the year. The most obvious development is the installation of our brand new floating jetty. This is the culmination of many months of planning and effort. The jetty is a major investment for the Club and shows that we are determined to continue to develop the Club's resources for the future.

Yet again Push the Boat Out was a great event for us and for once the weather was absolutely ideal. Not only was the sun cracking the flags but we had a good (if slightly unpredictable) breeze. Even the catamaran 'jockeys' weren't complaining so it must have been ok. Many attendees decided to try both sailing and windsurfing. The public turnout was slightly up on last year and a good day was had by all. Thanks to everyone who helped out on the day.

On the safety front we have just invested some of the Club's funds in a new RIB. This became available to us unexpectedly and even though we weren't actively in the market for another boat we felt it would be a mistake to miss out on the opportunity. We're now well equipped to cover both our rescue and training requirements simultaneously.

Our Club only operates so well because members are willing to give up their time and effort to make it work. Much of this effort goes unnoticed and all of it goes unpaid. I'd like to express my thanks again to everyone who contributes in anyway.

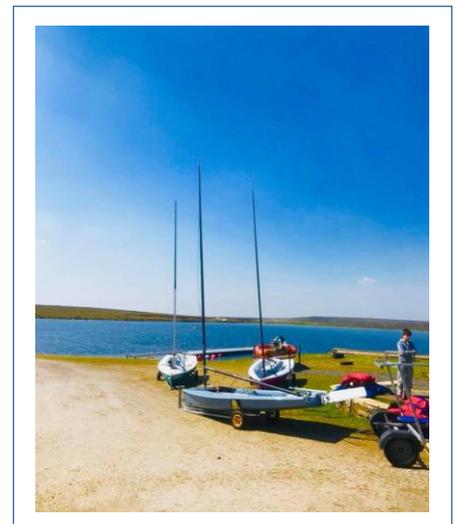
Graham Norton

Lightning 368 Open Event ⚡

Young people arriving on Saturday 19th May for their afternoon sailing session found a number of unfamiliar boats being rigged at the Club.

Responding to a last minute request from our neighbours at Denholme, we agreed to host a Lightning 368 Open event. A scheduling conflict that was only realised on the Thursday evening left them desperate for an alternative venue and we were happy to help.

Seven competitors, some travelling from Essex, arrived for the three race series. Sunny conditions and light winds gave a good afternoons racing.



New Jetty Arrives At Last

As you probably know, at the end of last year the Club made an application to the EON (Ovenden Windfarm) Community Fund to help us purchase and install a new jetty. The fund is administered by the Community Foundation For Calderdale (CFFC) on EON's behalf. Towards the end of December we were informed that we had been awarded £10,000 which got our year off to a really great start.

Work began very quickly as we needed to remove the old jetty before the new one could be installed. The old structure was constructed out of scaffolding poles that had been driven into the bottom of the reservoir. Getting these out was a significant undertaking that was only completed when Steve Hill and Tim Holden donned their Scuba gear and attached straps to the bottom of various broken poles. Hero isn't a word to be used lightly but they certainly went above (below?) and beyond the call of duty.

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After evaluating various options we eventually selected aqua-dock as the supplier for the new jetty. This UK Company were able to show us many examples of similar installations across the world and were able to convince us that their product would meet our expectations. And of course - the price was right.

With an eye on our upcoming open day on May 20th, the installation was arranged for Monday 30th April. The pontoon arrived late morning and by early evening we were at last able to see the fruits of our labour. It certainly didn't disappoint!



I think we can all agree that the new jetty will be a great asset to the Club for many years to come. Now we just have to find a way to stop those flying muck-spreaders from using it when we aren't there. Answers on a postcard



New Safety Boat

Earlier this year the Club had the opportunity to acquire a new safety boat. In recent years many people have suggested that a RIB would have better performance than our existing boats and improve safety at the Club. The previous owner had made contact with us when he offered to donate a Miracle dinghy to the Club. Members who went to view the dinghy found it sitting next to a 4.8 meter Tornado RIB. It transpired that the owner also had to dispose of the RIB so the committee decided to weigh up



the pros and cons of buying it. A Committee meeting was held in mid December to allow us to examine the options from all angles. The Club has limited resources so spending money on new assets was never going to be taken lightly. The decision we made is obvious because we now have a rather impressive orange RIB in the garage which has been used to good effect on many occasions already.

The Tornado has center steering and is fitted with an electric engine tilt. The engine is a 60hp Yamaha which gives it a very impressive turn of speed. The time to reach any part of the reservoir is now more than adequate.

Cox's new to the RIB should note that opening the throttle too quickly will result in very sudden acceleration. This may come as an unpleasant surprise to anyone not holding on securely. Closing the throttle suddenly will also stop the boat very abruptly. Gently on the power is the order of the day.

Training Roundup

The Training team is looking forward to our first dinghy course which will be held over the Bank Holiday weekend - Sunday and Monday 27th/28th May. This year's courses are filling up nicely and we received several enquiries from this year's Push the Boat Out.

For those people who are not sure who we are, the team is headed by Training Principle Steve Davison (or will be from the next RYA Inspection) and Chief Instructor Sue Lamb (SI). The rest of the team are Henry Goodman, Tim Hartley, Adam North, Kevin Holmes and William Redman (SI). We also have Assistant Instructors - Emma Cable, Hannah Cable and Eve Hustler.

Leading the windsurfing team is Senior Instructor (and Commodore) Graham Norton along with Trevor Stevenson and Assistant Matt Hartley. All our training is done by RYA qualified voluntary instructors and we cannot thank them enough for all the work they do.

Our Saturday Young Peoples Sailing sessions started on May 5th. We've been very lucky with the weather so far having had light winds and sunshine for every session. The greatest number of boats that we've out so far is 15.



Saturday's are much easier now we have Henry working with us. Henry qualified as a sailing instructor just two weeks before Christmas. I want to thank all our Saturday Safety Boat crews - George, John, Phil, Steve and anyone else that helps. Without you we could not function.

Push the Boat Out 2018

Sunday 20th May saw the Club hosting our annual open day and for once the weather gods smiled upon us. Bright sunshine and a steady breeze gave excellent conditions as we opened the Club to our local community.

This year over 400 clubs across the country signed up to take part in the RYA's flagship event which ran throughout May.



As usual we had a good turn out by our own members to support the event. Several wives and partners were also 'put upon' to assist us ashore so many thanks to them. Martine Hartley ran a barbecue all afternoon which was a nice addition to the event.

Visitors arrived steadily throughout the afternoon unlike some previous years where we had a sudden influx. The result was a more relaxed environment where most people had plenty of time afloat. This combined with the sunny weather ensured that people enjoyed their time at the Club. Smiling faces were the order of the day.

Many people elected to try sailing and windsurfing in the warm conditions. The safety boats were well occupied retrieving the many novice windsurfers who were blown down wind (as usual).

The new floating jetty was an added bonus for this year's event. It provided an excellent means to get people in and out of the various boats in a safe and controlled manner.

In total we took over 80 people out on the water, some more than once. A number of people have expressed interest in the Club as a result. The Halifax Courier sent a photographer along so hopefully some of us will get their picture in the paper as well.

