



Thank you to everyone who attended the Special General Meeting last night where a large number of subjects were discussed.

Thanks were extended to Marc for all of his hard work and commitment as our Commodore for many years.

Angus has stepped into the post of Commodore so thank you Angus for that!

A long discussion took place regarding CASC and what we do - it was decided that we would take the RYA's advice and sit tight and wait and see how things panned out - in the meantime we need to think carefully about raising club funds and many thoughts were shared. If you have any thoughts on how we can raise

some much needed funds to keep the sailing club afloat please do share!



### Club Racing - please read on

I thought it would be useful just to try and explain what club racing looks like..... For those of you who are fairly new to dinghy saying the 'Race' word can seem daunting - it gives the image of great competition and everyone knowing what to do - I have to say really it is not like that at all....

Please look at racing as a learning curve. It is competitive but for those who are learning it is a great way to make improvements in your style, sail shape and overall performance.

You can learn such a lot by those who are in front of you - watching them pickup lifts of wind, use the eddies of the tide to their advantage and many more skills... I remember so well the first time I raced with Ken - there was no chatting, looking at the scenery I was keeping the boat flat and concentrating (for those who know



### SATURDAY morning maintenance?

We have a small group of members who work tirelessly on a Saturday morning mainly clearing the slip but also attending to other maintenance around the club (that is how the grass gets cut). Thanks must go to those who do this. If you have an hour or two to spare please do come along and give hand it makes a huge difference and ensure that our slip is in tip top condition for sailing.



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me you will appreciate that I found that pretty difficult) but I didn't think I was a competitive person but there was a spark in me that wanted to do the very best I could - and we did! I really believe that there is that spark in everyone.

Please don't ever feel you are not good enough just come and give it a go - Remember, its not just about winning, its about sailing to the best of your ability and learning - perhaps it should be called directed sailing rather than racing - would that help?



### [Racing Rules a handy guide](#)

The club has some racing rules handy guide booklets for sail for £6.32 each.

If you would like one please speak to Bob Hayes. There is also a copy on the race board in the club house if you would like to have a look.

## [John Lewis](#)

### [Cribbs Causeway](#)

### [Community Matters](#)

We have recently applied to be part of the John Lewis Cribbs Causeway Community Matters scheme. Between August and October Shirehampton Sailing Club will be one of three sporting communities which will benefit from a share of £3000.

Every time a customer purchases in the Place to Eat they will be given a green token which has to be placed in one of the three token holders.

Please tell your friends and family that the Sailing Club is included in this as every token we receive will mean money in the pot. The tokens are weighed at the end of the three months and the monies awarded accordingly.

We are up against the Kelly Holmes Foundation and the Bristol Rowing Club so have every chance of being awarded a nice sum of money to go towards equipment for the club.



## **PATROL BOAT - TRAINING WITH THE RYA**

At the meeting last night it was suggested we look at some Patrol Boat training for the club. In order to do this we need to gauge how many members would be interested.... If you are interested please let Bob Angus or myself know. The like cost is around £75 but this will depend on numbers - please think about it - the course is really very interesting and will give you more confidence when undertaking your Patrol Boat duties!



There are a number of positions which need filling - we will need a new Trustee, Secretary, Social Secretary and Vice Commodore at the time of the AGM in October. If you are interested in taking on one of these roles please speak to Angus , Bob or myself and we will be able to give details of what is expected.... We are looking at roles and responsibilities and the feeling is many hands will make lighter work. If you have a couple of hours please do consider this - the future of the club really does need you!

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Find us on Facebook - we do have a Facebook page which some members do use - it is a great way of sharing photos and communicating so go on - find us on Facebook!



I would like to say a warm welcome to Charlotte Thompson who has recently joined the club. She has a vast amount of experience and is now sailing a Laser II - if you see Charlotte at the club please say hello and make her welcome!

*COMMODORE – Angus Claydon  
TREASURER - Bob Hayes  
SECRETARY - Sarah Jewell  
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Keith Bedford*

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