



SILVER RIVER

Dartmouth Yacht Club
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New Safety Boat

Safety Boat *Cleo*



The start of the story for our new RIB, Cleo, begins with the success of the club's efforts in helping get members out on the water and our tremendous increase in membership over the last three years. With the resultant surge in enthusiasm for both junior and adult dinghy sailing.

We quickly realised that a second safety boat was needed to allow more training. But how to fund it? As a CASC (community amateur sports club) our training is provided at cost and income from members subscriptions are re-invested in all water based activities.

Heads were put together and after a flurry of activity we were successful in our application for a Sport England grant.

The result was Cleo, a high quality Ribeye 4.0m RIB, with 20HP Yamaha engine, launched this summer and already hugely popular. She has already provided nearly 100hrs of safety cover; and is now heading off for her first service ready for safety boat duties next season.

The name Cleo was voted for by our Junior Sailors from a short list compiled by the Club's Committee.

If you have PB2, can swim and are interested in joining the club's volunteer safety boat rota then please let us know on post@dartmouthyachtclub.co.uk

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Please see website
for more details

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Dates for your Diary

November

- 29th: Music and Tapas with Tallulah and the Tramps

December

- 6th Fun Quiz
- 15th Christmas Panto with optional Buffet
- 16th Christmas Lunch (*fully booked*)
- 19th Families Afternoon: with the Cabbage Head Experience @ 16.00
- 21st Secret Santa & Carols
- 31st New Year's Eve

For details and other events see
the website: dyc.org.uk

Junior Sailing 2018

Junior Sailing at DYC focusses on fun as well as sailing and who better than a Junior sailor to describe it...

"SPLASH was a fun time learning to sail on Saturdays from May until the end of July. We could see our friends, have a mess around and also learn great new sailing skills. We mainly sailed in the club Toppers but also sometimes with our instructor Joe in the new club Vision.

There were two groups this year. In my group there were 12 of us and we sailed in the morning and the older group was in the afternoons.

I had a great time and the weather was good. We went in lots of new boats, learnt how to rig them. At the end of the season we also sailed up past Dittisham for an end of year SPLASH BBQ and it was delicious".

Ralph aged 9



Canoes



There are 55 paddleable craft owned by the club. They include sit on top kayaks, sea kayaks, general purpose kayaks, canadian canoes and stand up paddleboards. If you want to use them contact Tim Freeman. The photo above shows an upriver paddlers' BBQ in June 2018, one of several upriver trips to pubs or for meals al fresco that take place each year. The next time you can join us is February 2nd when we have a Pool Session that beginners are welcome to join in with.

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Tuesday Evening Sailing



Sailing on a Tuesday evening has been an even greater success this year with almost fifty members of all ages participating across the Summer. We started at the beginning of May with the last session in September and during that time only one evening was cancelled because of the weather.

The addition of more single handed Toppers, the Vision and the loan of a Pico gave more choice on the water for those wishing to hone their helming or crewing skills or just get on the water and try something different. The Vision has been particularly popular giving opportunity to helm or crew in a two-person boat and try out an asymmetric spinnaker. The Pico has also proved very popular with a father and son, who successfully completed their RYA Sailing Courses with the Club and wanted more experience to test their newly acquired sailing skills.

Tuesday Evenings are for all age groups with some experience of sailing, whether in the past or present, who want to progress and gain confidence on the water.



It is also for the more practiced sailor who just wants to get on the water mid week and have fun. There is no formal instruction but plenty of support and advice for those wishing to use the club dinghies. Once a member has demonstrated competence and been added to the list of approved dinghy users they can book a dinghy for use at any time without supervision. It's not just about the sailing though, the success of Tuesday Evenings is also down to all the volunteers who give up their time and help with launching, safety boat cover and of course packing away.

The Tuesday Evening Sailing will start again in May 2019, please check the DYC calendar of events and express your interest by e-mail.

We meet in Coronation Park at 5.30pm to rig the boats, on the water for 6pm and off the water by 7.30pm.

Hope to see you there!



Junior Sailing 2019

May 2019 will see the start of the club's Junior dinghy training for those aged 8 and over; run on eight Saturday mornings and open to beginners and improvers alike. Demand and enthusiasm increased significantly last summer so we're also looking to run some earlier sessions and extend the training into half term and the summer holiday in 2019.

All details of training events will be sent out on the club email, so keep an eye out from early spring

Social Committee

The Social Committee consisting of Lorraine Flemming, Fiona Ward, Richard Cooke, Mike Goodearl, Sue Macfarlane, David Kelland and Helen Southern are busy all year organising events.

They try to put together a varied programme to suit all tastes and are always on the lookout for new ideas. If anybody would like to suggest an event, talk etc., then please contact

lorrainefleming1955@gmail.com.

McGonagall Night

The evening in celebration of William McGonagall was a lot of fun, featuring a reconstruction of the Tay Bridge Disaster and the Commodore's prize winning account of her experience in the 1979 Fastnet Disaster.



Upcoming Events



Upcoming events include the Christmas Panto – Pinocchio – on Saturday 15th December (free and no need to book) followed by an optional buffet meal, the Families Afternoon on Weds 19th and Carol Singing in the bar on Fri 21st.

A skittles evening and a tapas evening are planned for early next year.

Tap dancing for adults takes places on Thursdays, 4 – 5 pm. All are welcome whether beginner or with some experience.

RYA Training Courses

Theory plus practical dinghy & powerboat courses available. To express interest contact:

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For the most up to date information about what is on at the club and when, see the DYC website dyc.org.uk