



## Doesn't the photo say it all!

### Welcome

It's been a long time coming but welcome to the first newsletter of 2011.

For some of us, sailing may be nothing but a distant memory after the December was written off by the weather.

2010 however was a great year for Rotherham Sailing club and we don't intend to sit around on our

laurels. 2011 looks to be just as exciting and a busy calendar is already being drawn up. Read on to find out more.

If you have any ideas on how to improve the newsletter, or items to include please send them to [newsletter@rotherhamsailingclub.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@rotherhamsailingclub.org.uk)

### RYA Dinghy Show 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> March

The Dinghy Show is usually quite well attended by club members, however this year it will be taking on extra importance for Rotherham Sailing Club.

In 2010 Garry Chambers and Chris Cooper were invited to the AGM for the RYA Yorkshire and Humberside region to give a small presentation on the development we'd undertaken out our club this year and how we'd achieved it. On the back of that they have now been asked to present on the main stage as part of the Club Development Conference along with the likes of Ben Ainslie.

The Club Development Conference takes place on the Saturday so if you're intending to visit the show on that day, why not pop along and show your support. Final details are still being confirmed, however it's believed they will be presenting sometime before lunch.

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#### 2011 Dates for the diary

##### Social Events

- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Dinner Dance
- 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Dinghy Show
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mar – First Aid Course
- 19<sup>th</sup> March – Working Party
- 24<sup>th</sup> Mar – Rules Night
- 26<sup>th</sup> Mar – Fitting out supper
- 11<sup>th</sup> June – Open Day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Midsummer BBQ
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov – Laying up supper
- 26<sup>th</sup> Dec – Punch Party



## Rotherham Sailing Club AGM

Due to the unusually bad December weather the AGM had to be postponed twice, however, in a break with tradition, it was finally held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

Reports were heard from the Commodore, Sailing Secretary and Treasurer, plus a report on Training. The outcome of these reports show that the club is in a strong position and is in a great place to progress going forward.

Nominations were also heard for club officials in 2011, with a number of individuals are also stepping down from their current posts. Thanks was expressed for all of these individuals who take on these roles on a voluntary basis, without which the club wouldn't survive.

Copies of the minutes are available for all members.

Posts for 2011 were agreed as follows;

President – Denis Webster

Commodore – Peter Cogill

Vice Commodore – Alastair Watson

Rear Commodore – Alison Foster

Treasurer – Garry Chambers

Galley Manager – Susan Short

Bar Manager – Simon Elliott

Committee Members

- Melvyn Moore
- Mark Thompson
- Simon Crawford
- Simon Fleetwood
- Keith Bailey

Model Yacht section – Brian Quinn

Peter Owers was also appointed as Trustee following the resignation of John Holmes.

Vacancies exist for the posts of Secretary, Sailing Secretary and a further committee member and volunteers would be welcomed.

The next AGM will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am.

## RYA Training Centre – Update

A number of courses are now being planned for 2011, aimed at both adult and junior members. Details can be found on the club website and have been added to the sailing calendar.

We plan to run a number of informal training sessions for juniors, prior to the start of this years YHYSA travellers series.

## Dates for the diary

### Sailing Events

20<sup>th</sup> March – Frostbite Series starts

24<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Regatta

1<sup>st</sup> May – Spring Series starts

21<sup>st</sup> May – Streaker Open

25<sup>th</sup> June – YHYSA Travellers at RSC

26<sup>th</sup> June – Summer Series starts

4<sup>th</sup> Sept – Autumn series starts

10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Sept – Southport 24hr race.

30<sup>th</sup> Oct – R.N.L.I. Pudding Meeting

6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Winter series starts

26<sup>th</sup> Dec – Boxing Day race.

26<sup>th</sup> March – Rigging for success. We're hoping to have Chris Blackburn, regional RYA development officer for Volvo championship clubs at the club to give our juniors advice on how best to rig your boat. In addition we're trying to arrange for a local chandlery to be at the club should you wish to make any improvements following Chris' advice.

2<sup>nd</sup> April – Starting and sailing upwind

9<sup>th</sup> April – Sailing Downwind

30<sup>th</sup> April – The Finish, Trim and Speed

Other training coming up, for which bookings are now being taken are;

12<sup>th</sup> March – [First Aid training](#)

24<sup>th</sup> March – Going by the rules. Following the success last year we're planning to hold another [Rules Night](#) with Carol Haines from the RYA

If you, or anyone you know is interested in these courses and would like further details, or wish to reserve a place, please email the training [email](mailto:training@rotherhamsailingclub.org.uk) address – [training@rotherhamsailingclub.org.uk](mailto:training@rotherhamsailingclub.org.uk).



### Upcoming OD Duties

20<sup>th</sup> Mar – Andrew Elliott, Janet Campbell, Liam Blood

Rescue Needed

27<sup>th</sup> Mar – Chris Cooper

Abbie/Chloe Cooper

Rescue Needed

3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – Garry Chambers, Matt Chambers, Graham Sheard

10<sup>th</sup> Apr – Mark Slack

Rescue Needed

### New Rescue Boat

We're pleased to announce that the new Rescue Boat, bought with the grant we won from Sport England, has now arrived. Simon Crawford will be making sure all lines etc are in place before it can be used. A number of members are undergoing Powerboat Instructor training so we can offer more Powerboat Level 2 courses.



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## Sports club of the year.

You may be aware that Rotherham Sailing Club was nominated for the Sports Club of the year 2010 in the South Yorkshire sports awards.

The presentations were held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January and a few members of the club attending the evening. Whilst we finished as runners up to Sheffield Diving Club, it should be seen as a great honour to be recognized as one of the top 3 sports clubs in the region and is testament to the hard work and excellent progress we've made throughout 2010.

## Dutyman

Rotherham Sailing Club is run on a volunteer basis however one requirement of membership is to undertake OD duties. This year RSC will be trialing a piece of software called Dutyman, which displays all the duties, issues reminders when yours is coming up and facilitates members arranging swaps should they be unavailable for any reason.

Chris and Garry are currently setting Dutyman up along with links from the club website and you'll shortly be receiving an email with your username and password. Garry has already issued a request for your available dates and a few duties early in the season will be populated from those that have responded.

## Website Updates

A few updates have been made to the club website and more are planned. Both sailing and social calendars have now been updated for 2011 and we've also introduced an [interactive calendar](#) which you can link into your own via ical if required.

A new members page will shortly be launched (may even be there by the time you read this Newsletter), which has a Windguru widget for RSC and a link to Dutyman.



## Fitting Out Supper

This years fitting out supper will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March and will be a [Murder Mystery](#) evening.

Tickets are available now from [Susan Short](#) priced at just £10 adults and £5 children. As the actors will need floor space, tickets will be limited to the first 60 so you're advised to book early.

## Membership renewals

Memberships are now due for renewal. Once again Rotherham Sailing Club is offering extremely competitive prices as follows;

Full/Family Membership - £106

Crew (Yr1 only) - £20

Crew - £30

Cadet (Under 18) - £20

Social Membership - £15

Boat Berth/Launch fee - £26

Garry has already sent membership renewal forms out, however if you don't think you've received yours or can't find it, you can get another [here](#)

## Working Party

A working party is planned for 19<sup>th</sup> March to help get the club ready for the season. Volunteers required please. All the materials have now arrived for the disabled toilet. If anyone is available to help with the work starting this week, please contact Denis Webster

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