

SPRING 2021

# DARTMOUTH YC SAILING NEWS

*News about Sailing, Training, Cruising & Motorboats*



## The way back to the water

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**The last 12 months has been difficult for all of us with trips in and out of lock down and a very much restricted calendar of events last year.** We look ahead to this season with some more optimism. We know that things will not be as they were in the past. But hopefully we will start to see a resemblance of more more normal activity this year.

Over the past 12 months the sailing group has been working behind the scenes to plan ahead for 2021. We have looked at the existing programmes for waterborne events and tried to improve these and make them more accessible to all our members.

As the "route" out of lockdown becomes clearer we hope to get on the water at the first opportunity and we hope to see you all out on the water. This newsletter hopefully will "wet" your appetite for the season ahead and of some of the activities we have got planned. In the next edition of this newsletter I will hopefully be able to share some of the dates of events as our route out of lockdown becomes clearer.

The Sailing group is always looking for more members to join the group and help steer the future of sailing and motorboat activities in the club. If you are interested in becoming part of the group please let me know,

*Gareth*

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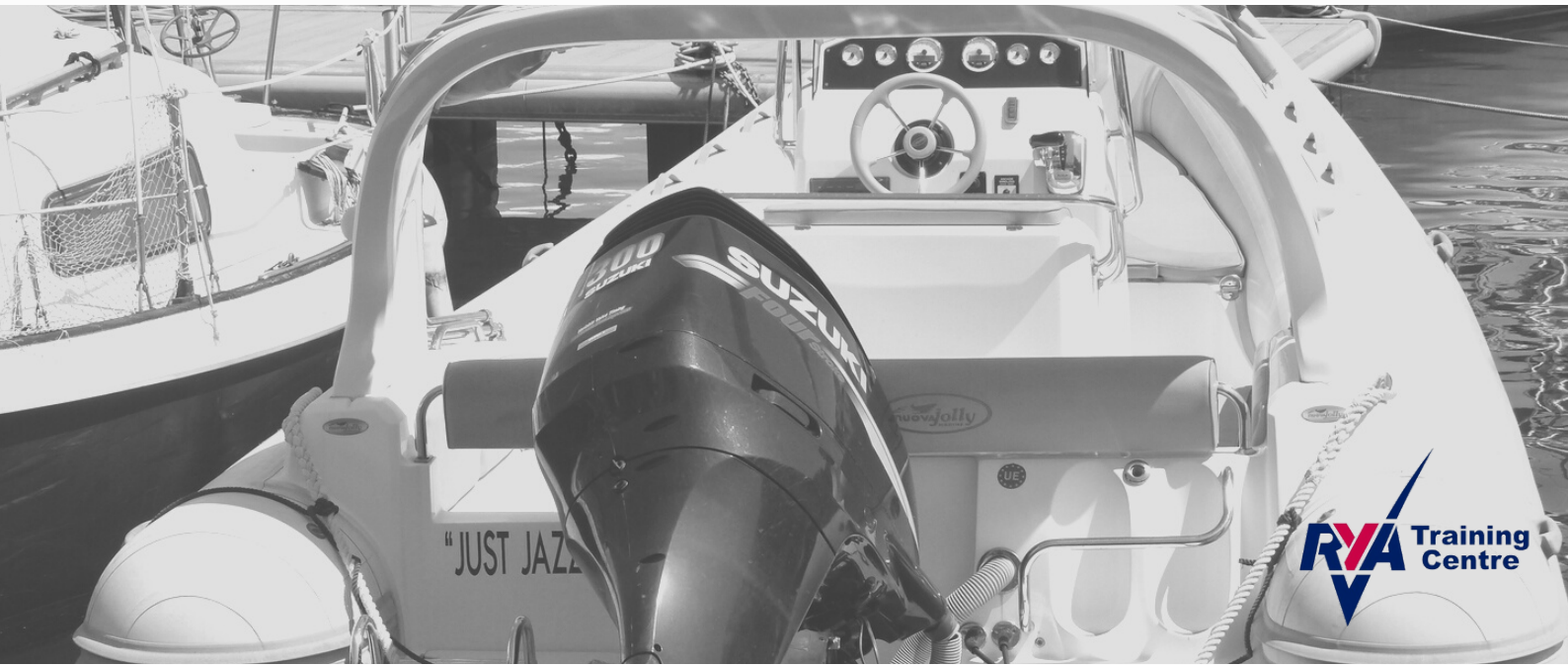
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## **RYA Training**

We are fortunate as a club also to be recognised as a **RYA Training Centre** and able to offer a wide range of courses both waterborne and shore-based.

This year we hope to be able to offer **RYA First Aid, VHF/DSC** courses on shore and later in the year the **RYA Essential Navigation Course** for home study.

We already have a busy planned schedule for **RYA Powerboat 2** courses with many members already on the waiting list and soon as we can schedule these courses we will open up for more courses.

### **Dinghy / Sailing Courses**

With the current restrictions it does look unlikely at the start of the season we will be unable to run **"Start Sailing"** courses due to the close interactions on the dinghies between sailors and instructors. We do though hope to be able to run some of the Advanced courses where the instructor is based on a coach boat. Some more details of these courses will follow over the next few weeks but they will be aimed at competent sailors with at least Level 2 qualifications and recent experience of sailing.

*Kate*

**Centre Training Principal**



Training on the PB2 course was excellent with loads of extra information given about using the River Dart Safely by the instructor



**PB2 Student Summer 2020**



## Waterbased courses



### Adult Courses

Dinghy Levels 1 - 3



### Junior / Youth Courses

Start Sailing Stage 1 - Stage 4



### Powerboat Training

Start Powerboating Level 1  
Powerboat Handling Level 2



### Further Courses

Start Racing, Seamanship Skills,  
Sailing with Spinnakers

## Shorebased courses



RYA First Aid - 1 day course



RYA Marine Radio (SRC/VHF)  
1 day course plus exam



## Cruising Group



You might remember a few years back we had a very successful Dartmouth Cruising Group which allowed for boats to cruise in company with many successful nights spent along the coastline. The group had a variety of vessels from small sailing boats to large motor cruisers and all were welcome!

This season we would like to re-establish this group and when we are allowed get together to discuss some informal plans for the season ahead. Until then we have set up a private facebook group allowing you all to share proposed plans and trips that you might want to have company on.



Join our online group and share your plans  
<https://tinyurl.com/dyccruising>



## Double Steps Pontoon Consultation

As part of its vision and strategic objectives Dart Harbour is considering a project to enhance use and access to the water on the North Embankment, including the landing at the Double Steps.

<https://tinyurl.com/dblsteps>



# JUNIOR SAILING SPLASH 2021



## JUNIOR SAILING

### SPLASH

### Junior Intensive Sailing Courses

Last year we sadly had to cancel our SPLASH program as it was scheduled right in the middle of Lockdown #1

Last summer we ran a series of 2 day intensive sailing courses that took sailors from non sailors to at least Stage 1. These are scheduled again for the summer and we will release dates once we know what restrictions will be in place. The courses will run from 9am to 4:30pm each day and will be based out of Coronation park using our Toppers and Fevas.


We are hopefully that this year it will run as before on Saturday's in May & June. We have some new ways to increase the time on the water for both the beginner group and the advanced group.

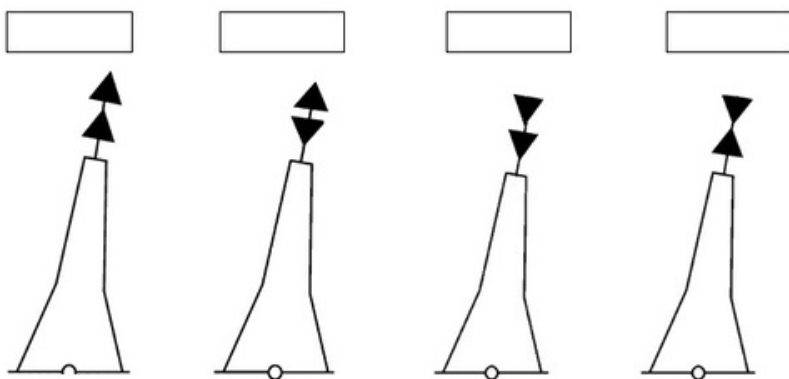
We are also pleased to announce that all the sailors on the course will have the chance to complete their Level 1 Start Power boating certificate as part of the SPLASH program!

*Simon & Joe*

### Cardinal Marks

Can you name each of the Cardinal Marks?  
Can you colour in the marks using the correct colours and markings?  
If you need help: <https://tinyurl.com/ycjuv6de>

 You will need a black and yellow pen or pencil



**Q:** Why did the captain hire a cleaning service?

**A:** His sailboat was looking dinghy.



# Virtual Dinghy Show



Due to COVID this years dinghy show is going to be online over the weekend of 27th - 28th February. If you have never been before it is well worth login on over the weekend for some excellent talks and also amazing offers from exhibitors.

With over 80 exhibitors offering everything you need to get afloat plus two virtual stages crammed with talks and coaching sessions from some of the industry's biggest names, the show is more accessible than ever with plenty to whet your appetite all weekend.

<https://www.rya.org.uk/dinghy-show/>



## Follow us online

One of the best ways to keep up with the latest information about sailing & motor boating at the club is to follow us online. Use the links below to make sure that you are following the official channels of the club!

We are on all mainstream platforms and during the season it the place to get up to date information on events in the club.



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