



NEYLAND YACHT CLUB

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Newsletter – Spring 2022

It is March, Spring is in the air and the thoughts of every right-minded person turn to sailing. Welcome to this edition of the NYC Newsletter. Hopefully, it will prompt you to put down your anti-fouling paintbrush, your winch grease or your rigging tension gauge for a few minutes and get a flavour of what has been going at the club recently and whet your appetite for the coming season.

After the trials of the past couple of years, it is good to see membership increasing and the club continuing to flourish. If you haven't yet renewed your subscription for 2021/22 you are welcome to do so now. A reminder of the details are overleaf.

Dinghy Sailing Once again this year, several brave (foolhardy?) souls have been out on the water since early January in the annual Sunday morning 'Frostbite Series'. Having lost a couple of weeks due to winds that were too strong even for these intrepid sailors, we are now running two races back to back with the first start at 1030, until the series finale later this month. NYC is the only club in the region that sails at this time of the year and as well as our own members, the youngest of whom are just 12



years old, we have welcomed visitors from as far afield as Fishguard and Newquay. If you're not taking part yourself, why not come down and cheer them on – they'd appreciate it. All the results can be found on the club website.



Spring Series and Dinghy Regatta With the conclusion of the Frostbite series, attention will naturally shift to the Tuesday evening Spring Series. Details, including notice of race and sailing instructions will be on the website which you are encouraged to keep a weather eye on. And, of course, you won't want to miss the NYC Dinghy Regatta on 7th and 8th of May.

A volunteer is worth 10 pressed men All of our activities on the water are run by volunteers and there are plenty of ways to be involved. We always need safety boat drivers and crew, race officials and timekeepers, beach masters and general helpers. Don't worry if you don't have any qualifications (yet), if you would like to help out in any way, just let us know!

Cruiser Sailing For those who prefer a little more comfort (and maybe a gin on the foredeck), Wednesday evening Cruiser Racing in conjunction with Pembroke Haven Yacht Club will begin on 13th April with Race 1 of the Spring Series. For those who want a longer sail there is a good selection of weekend events planned which are included on the Pembrokeshire Yachting Federation Fixtures List. This can be accessed via the NYC website. Just click on the Sailing tab and look for Downloads at the right of the page. One event not to be missed is the ever popular Neyland YC Cruiser Week from 29th June to 1st July.



Rowing Club The rowers also have not been put off by the cold and it has been inspiring to see them putting in the training hours on the water over the past few months. Not content with that, they have put two rowing machines in the training room which can be booked for use by members. Plans are now underway for a major event sponsored by Welsh Sea Rowing, bringing together boats from across Wales and beyond. Organised and run by Neyland Rowing Club, we are anticipating up to 100 boats to be taking part over the weekend of 17th September. Please put this date in your diary and come along to help and support this new venture.

Sadly missed Over the past two years we have lost several old friends and stalwart supporters of the club. We particularly remember Gwyn Phillips, Fred Fisher, Ron 'Dogger' Hanney and Peter Blayden. An evening at the club to commemorate them is being planned. More details will be sent out when they are available.

Renewing your subscription can be done by online banking. Here is a reminder of our account details:

Account name: Neyland Yacht Club Account number: 13220060 Sort Code: 20-37-82

And, please make sure you're paying the right amount:

Single member: £35 Family: £50 Senior citizen/student single: £17.50 Senior citizen couple: £25

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