



Budworth Sailing Club

Mere Moments

Christmas 2017

So another year is over bar the shouting... Christmas and the New Year is a time of reflection and planning for some of us.

It is useful to reflect on where you have got to with your sailing this year. Did you achieve your goals? Are you planning to campaign next year? If you are new to the sport, then is it what you expected and what are your next steps? Do you need help in working out what you can do next?

Your goal for next year may be a simple - Not to be last in every race, for instance, or even to start racing. Once you have a goal, what help do you need to get there? Perhaps this is one of the "Better sailing" courses that we will again be running, or maybe you have progressed further and you want a bit of one to one coaching or Class training. Over the page I have listed the training courses for the year, but before



we get there, we will be running winter "bar" sessions, where, in a relaxed atmosphere we will pick up a number of different topics.

I would urge experienced sailors to see what you can do this year to help someone else along the learning path. It may be taking someone out as a crew and teaching them a bit about racing or boat handling. If you are unsure how you can help then please speak to your fleet captain as we will be arranging times where you can meet the new members. If you get the chance to buddy someone, you will find it very rewarding to see them progress.

Coming up

Boxing Day Bash

Before we finally say cheerio to 2017, we have our final race day of the year, the Boxing Day Bash. This is a Charity event with the proceeds going to the RNLI. It is open to visitors and all club members and as I write the weather looks rather interesting!

Entry and details can be found on the website [here](#)

We are still looking for rib crews to support the event if you can spare a few hours and aren't planning to sail. I am also looking for someone to serve the mince pies and mulled wine when sailors come off the water.

In addition our Treasurer's daughter Rosanna is going to sail the event for the RNLI and is gaining sponsorship for taking part. If you would like to support one of our youngest and

most courageous sailors then you can support her here at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/julie-roberts-joyce>

Thirsty Thursday sessions

Two years ago we ran the Thursday evening sessions to provide winter training and socials. We are resurrecting these and the sessions will be suitable for a range of different levels from beginners through to experienced. These are being run by a number of experienced club members who are giving up their time for free.



Provisional program

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| Jan 11th | - Tacking and Gybing |
| Jan 25th | - Rigging and sail settings |
| Feb 1st | - Spinnaker handling |
| Feb 8th | - Introduction to rules of sailing |
| Feb 22nd | - Introduction to racing |
| Mar 1st | - Running racing - Using the system |
| Mar 8th | - Racing techniques |
| Mar 22nd | - Running racing - Starts and courses |
| Apr 5th | - Advanced racing rules |
| Apr 12th | - Rescue boat handling |

The evenings will start at 7pm and will finish at 9pm. The bar will be open, and we will attempt to make sure the club is warm (ish). Sessions will be free to members and we will ask you to sign up on webcollect so we can see numbers in advance.



Clear the Boat Park

Because of the considerable works at the club over the coming months, we request that ALL boat owners remove their boats from the club. You should be aware that boats in the Snipe, Solo, Junior and GP14 boat park WILL be moved over the winter if they are left there, and space in the Laser and RS200 / Firefly boat park will be at a premium, so please make every effort to remove them.

What's been Happening

It has only been a few weeks since I sent the last Mere news, however it is important to update you before the winter. Congratulations to the winners of the Autumn series, a great turn out in the Solo and Laser Fleets with over 7 qualifiers in both fleets. Phil Barnes took the Solo prize and Dave Nicholson won the Lasers. Whilst the RS200's raced down to the wire with Tony Taylor stealing it from Martin Joesbury.



Jetty Project plan

Contracts are now in place for the new Jetties and the removal of the GP14 and Snipe jetties will start in earnest from Week 2 in January. The goal is to have removed the GP14 and Snipe jetties by the end of the 2nd week in February. The new Jetties should start to be delivered in last week of February and we hope to complete by the last week in March.

You may be forgiven for thinking that we had already removed them, the photo opposite taken on 15th December after all the flood water... We don't think it has ever been higher, are we right, or has there been a great flood in the past?

Club closures

We have a number of contractors on site over several weeks, this will mean that we will be closing access to the club completely while works are in progress. This will be enforced with no exceptions. The reason for this is firstly to ensure safety, there will be considerable machinery operating on site and heavy load lifting. We will notify the closures at least a week in advance and closures will be during working weekday hours. It is also to limit the potential distraction of contractors, I am sure you can imagine if 50 members all decided that they wanted a 10 minute update or to raise a particular issue with them, that we will soon lose lots of expensive time that the club is paying for!

Jetty working parties

We are still planning the removal of Jetties, but we believe that we as members can assist by removing the decks and longitudinal beams from the existing jetties. If we decide on this course of action, then we will be starting this on Saturdays and Sundays during January. Bill Kenyon and Jon Chapman will be leading the effort on Saturdays and Steve Hubbard will lead the effort on Sundays. Because of the nature of the work, we do need the fit and the strong! If you can help, please volunteer to Steve Hubbard stating whether you can assist on Saturdays or Sundays please.

Training schedule 2018

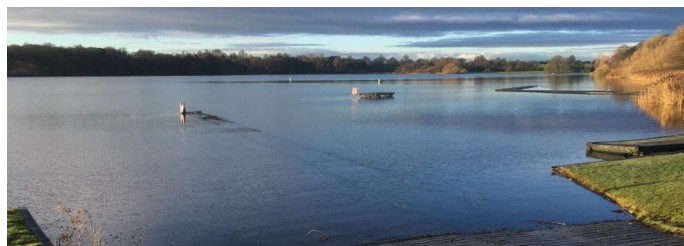
Next year we have the services of Cheshire East team Josh and Steve to run our adult and family training program again. We are keen to involve other experienced fleet helms at the end of the training sessions to enable the trainees to meet club members and investigate how they can get involved with the club. If you can help in this program, then please let me know over the coming weeks.

The junior training program will again be two 6 week courses covering Beginners, Progressors and Advanced. These are always oversubscribed, Rob and Ben are continuing with organising this again this year. Dates will be confirmed shortly.

The adult and family training administration this year will be run by Tom McMillen, who has kindly offered to manage this side of the program. All courses are for members only and we attempt to keep the prices as low as we can. The course sign up page on web collect will be opened about 6 weeks before each course. Adult and families is aimed principally at adults, but we encourage participation with accompanied juniors from age 12.

Learn to sail is aimed at beginners with little or no experience of dinghy sailing. Better sailing is a progressor course for those who have completed Learn to Sail. Please wait for more details before enquiring.

I have also included a "Get back on the water" session. This will not be run by instructors, but DI's and coaches will be on hand. It is intended for those who have completed Better sailing courses or higher, but want to start the season with a little coaching. No charge for this, but please sign up on line.



Adult and family provisional Schedule

Learn to Sail

7th / 14th April	Full day Saturday
16th April	Mon evenings - 6 weeks
8th / 15th Sept	Full day Saturday
3rd Sept	Mon evenings - 6 weeks

Better Sailing

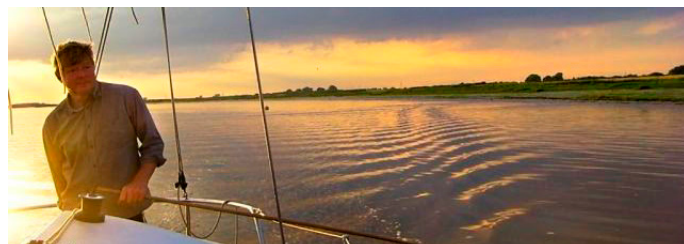
4th June	Mon evenings - 6 weeks
21st / 28th July	Full day Saturday
13th / 27th Oct	Full day Saturday

Get back on the water

1st / 8th 15th April	Morning - Sundays
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MANCHESTER CRUISING ASSOCIATION

Many of you know that Budworth SC was formed as the Dinghy sailing section of the MCA in the early days and we have maintained close links and affiliations ever since. Below is an extract from their recent newsletter which I think will be of interest to our members.



KEEP TURNING LEFT - DYLAN WINTER

HOUGH END CENTRE Mauldeth Road West, Chorlton cum Hardy M21 7SX
- 11th January - Start time 8pm

Dylan realised that a journey around the world was going to be too expensive...in time & money. But a journey around the UK's 20,000 mile long outrageously crinkly coastline could be done 'One piece at a time' - like the Johnny Cash song. He had £3,000 in the bank so spent £2,000 on a 50 year old Mirror Offshore and made a start from Bembridge.

Eight years later he'd got as far as the Glasgow after going via Shetland. He visited most of the rivers in-between the Isle of Wight and the Firth of Forth by a simple process of 'taking left turns' - the Medway, Thames, Crouch, Roach, Blackwater, Colne, Walton Backwaters, Stour, Orwell, Deben, Blythe, Broads, The North Norfolk Estuaries, the Wash, Nene, Wainfleet, Tyne, Tees, Wear, and Blythe. Dylan comes to MCA with lots of pictures, video and anecdotes which, by reputation, should make a roaringly enjoyable and hilarious evening.

Please try and join us for a great start to 2018! Guests and visitors most welcome too!

Lots more information at www.manca.org.uk/

And finally..

I wish all of our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. Thank you all for your support over the last year...

Let's together make 2018 a year to remember for Budworth Sailing Club. All the best...

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