



Newsletter

July / August 2019

Race to Medway

10th August is a Race / Sail to Medway Yacht Club at Upnor, followed by a social get together in the evening over a meal.

This is an opportunity for the whole club to get out on the river for a big sail giving you a whole range of options to take part. You can race there either in a dinghy or a cruiser; or if you don't want to race then you may decide to just sail there. If you would prefer you may just drive there and join the sailing contingency for the social event with a two course meal for £15 - The menu choices for the meal will be available shortly.

To help Paul Winterflood with organising this he needs to know by Sunday July 21st; If you are Intending to race or cruise there and will need an overnight mooring or if you would like to join us for the evening social.

Also it would be helpful to know if you are able to provide space on board for additional crew, either one way or overnight or can help with providing a race officer or rescue cover for any dinghies racing.

We already have 15 entries across the fleet so if you haven't let Paul know please do as soon as possible – sailing@gravesendsc.org.uk this would be most helpful.

Sailability

Gravesend Sailing Club Sailability is a separate charitable organisation and we have received a notice about the possible winding up of it. As a GSC member if you have any view please attend the meeting or let them know.

Sailability

Extraordinary General Meeting

Sat 20 July 2019
7:30pm at GSC

Proposal: This Meeting instructs the Committee to dispose of our assets in accordance with our constitution and relevant legislation and then proceed to dissolve Gravesend Sailing Club Sailability.

The committee would like to hear the views of as many club members as possible whether they are GSC Sailability members or not. If you cannot attend you may email your views to: sailability@gravesendsc.org.uk

Followed by

AGM

To receive Chairman's and Treasurer's reports and (if necessary) elect a new committee.

Sailing up the East Coast

If you intend to sail up the East Coast then you will need to take note of the Notice to Mariners;

L25 of 2019 – Lower Notice – Leigh Channel - SW Barrow Buoy - Repositioned

<http://www.pla.co.uk/assets/l25of2019-leighchannel-swbarrowbuoy-repositioned.pdf>

Good Housekeeping

A bit of lax behaviour is creeping into member's use of the club facilities. Please make sure you wash up your tea and coffee things after use, including teapots, percolators etc., dry them and put them away. Some pennies in the pig will never go amiss. Don't leave any food in the clubhouse unless it is in the fridge, cupboard or a secure tin or plastic box. Both sizes of four-legged "friends" will come calling otherwise. Put the furniture back in its place after you have used it.

Items of clothing and bits and pieces like sunglasses and gloves are building up again in the men's bunkroom and in the old telephone box. Have a look and remove what is yours – come the autumn they are likely to be disposed of.

When you see a box of bottles on the table please take them to the dump and return the box next time you visit the club – don't leave it to the same old same old.

The crane is being left in some disorder quite frequently. Either both red switches are being turned off or both are left on – top one off, bottom one on please – and make sure the boom is actually swung into its docked position before screwing up the "bolt on a stick" as someone memorably called it.

Bar

If you find that the item you want is not on the shelf then feel free to take it from one of the unopened packs. While you're at it why not give the bar officer a hand and stack the rest of the pack on the shelf; it'll only take a moment.

Payments to club

The treasurer is happy to receive payment via electronic funds transfer with a suitable reference showing what the payment is for (The bank details are in the Club Book). However, he asks that you do not pay any funds in over the counter at a bank as unfortunately they do not record a reference and it may not be possible to correctly attribute your payment.

The Reach

The Reach is our in house magazine and the editor Charlotte is seeking contributions to the next edition, which is intended to be a bumper edition in time for the Duck Supper they can be on any topic that you like and think may be of interest to fellow members, but it would be good if you have any stories of the Club's past.. Send them to editor@gravesendsc.org.uk

Roy Plummer

It was with sadness that we received news of the death of Roy earlier this year. Roy was especially active in the 70's and 80's and was the first club member to attain a Yachtmaster Qualification.

The Social Event of the year – Duck Supper 2019
Saturday October 26th

Remember to put the date in the Diary

High tide times in italics are after sunset or before sunrise.
 All times are local.
 Tides for Gravesend are indicative only and not to be used for navigation.

July 2019	
15	00:20 (5.9m) Mon 12:47 (6.0m)
16	01:10 (6.0m) Tue 13:32 (6.0m)
17	01:54 (6.0m) Wed 14:12 (6.0m)
18	02:34 (6.0m) Thu 14:48 (6.0m)
19	03:11 (6.0m) Fri 15:21 (6.0m)
20	03:46 (5.9m) Sat 15:52 (6.0m)
21	04:21 (5.9m) Sun 16:24 (5.9m)
22	04:56 (5.8m) Mon 16:57 (5.8m)
23	05:32 (5.6m) Tue 17:33 (5.7m)
24	06:11 (5.5m) Wed 18:14 (5.6m)
25	06:55 (5.4m) Thu 19:01 (5.5m)
26	07:48 (5.3m) Fri 19:58 (5.3m)
27	08:53 (5.2m) Sat 21:12 (5.3m)
28	10:10 (5.3m) Sun 22:37 (5.4m)
29	11:19 (5.6m) Mon 23:45 (5.7m)
30	12:16 (5.8m) Tue -
31	00:42 (6.0m) Wed 13:06 (6.0m)
August 2019	
01	01:33 (6.2m) Thu 13:54 (6.2m)
02	02:22 (6.4m) Fri 14:40 (6.4m)
03	03:10 (6.5m) Sat 15:25 (6.5m)
04	03:57 (6.6m) Sun 16:10 (6.5m)
05	04:44 (6.5m) Mon 16:55 (6.4m)
06	05:31 (6.4m) Tue 17:41 (6.3m)
07	06:19 (6.1m) Wed 18:29 (6.1m)
08	07:12 (5.8m) Thu 19:24 (5.8m)
09	08:13 (5.6m) Fri 20:35 (5.6m)
10	09:25 (5.5m) Sat 21:54 (5.5m)
11	10:35 (5.6m) Sun 23:04 (5.7m)
12	11:36 (5.7m) Mon -
13	00:03 (5.9m) Tue 12:29 (5.9m)
14	00:53 (6.0m) Wed 13:14 (6.0m)

Dates for Your Diary

Sunday 21st July – Dink About Afternoon – Start about 1300

This is a replacement to advertised events as the Sail Training has been cancelled. It will be followed by an informal barbecue at 1800.

Saturday 27th July – Cruiser 4 – 11:00

Saturday August 3rd - Sunday August 4th – YW Dayboat Open Weekend

On the Saturday will be a long distance race upriver, starting at 14:00hrs with a briefing at 13:00hrs.

This will be followed by a BBQ or fish supper.

On Sunday there will be 2 shorter races, the first starting at 12:30. The prize giving will follow after the second race.

The entrance fee for the weekends sailing is £15/boat.

We have some visitors who are interested in taking part but cannot bring their own boat, so if you are not sailing but would be willing to loan your boat to a competent helm or can help with accommodation for visitors please let me know. Even if you can only sail on one of the days please come down to the club and meet dayboaters from a distant clubs.

Friday August 9th Dink and Dine (1800)

This is an evening with a chance to have a little food and a pleasant sail. This is ideal for people wishing to practice their skills and is also an excellent opportunity to give novices and potential members a trial sail.

Saturday August 10th Race to Medway YC

This is the big sail to the Medway. Followed by an evening meal at £15 – see notice on front page.

Saturday August 24th – Shivering Sands Race – 0700

This is a long Distance race out and around the Shivering Sands Fort in the Estuary. The beauty of this race is that it is such a challenge that is no completed every year.

Sunday August 25th - Dink about day

Another chance to just potter or hone your skills.

Monday August 26th – Dinghy Downriver Race – 1100

This is a dinghy race going down on the ebb tide. How far it goes is determined on the day based on the weather forecast – maybe even as far as Hole Haven.

Sunday September 1st – Dinghy Series Race 7 – 1300

Saturday 7th September - Cruiser Series Race 5 – 1100

Sunday 15th September Dinghy Series Races 8 & 9 – 1200

Saturday 21st September – Gravesham Thames

The annual open upriver cruiser race to the Woolwich Barrier with an evening in the Cruising Association at Limehouse Dock