



August 2022

The heatwave and drought has taken its toll on the lake. When I last published the newsletter in early July, the lake level was down by 5.5 metres... now in the last days of August it is minus 11.5 metres, already well past the lowest point of 2021.

It's a long and muddy trek to the water. On the plus side we have a rare, but hopefully brief, opportunity to see some of the landscape as it was before Clywedog was created.

The Canoe section has not stopped looking at building up new skills and expanding their activity. Des and Stuart are sorting out additional leader qualifications next month with a view to give the club more flexibility and to spread the organising pressure.

Richard is looking at putting together a river trip before the end of season. This was a regular feature of the canoe club pre covid . All things being equal details will follow in the next few weeks.

Committee member Mick Crehan has a new found passion, swapping his trimaran "the banana boat" for a canoe... here he is working on his jetty launch technique.



CLUB CLEANING

As mentioned last month, we all have to take some responsibility for keeping the club clean. We ask all members- and their visitors- to remember these few simple rules for everyone's benefit.

Take home all rubbish you may generate

Wash dry and put away any crockery and cutlery you may use, leave the galley clean.

If using showers use the mop or squeegee to dry off any water on the floor and

PLEASE only paper towels into the bin.

We are a volunteer club and everyone has a responsibility to keep the place clean, tidy and secure.

Not so much to our FOUR LEGGED FRIENDS but to their owners.....

There has been a spate of dog poo bags being left around the club grounds.. if you bring your pet to the club, you are responsible for clearing up their mess and taking it away.

Working with the Club and Community Summer of Fun

Early August we were requested by Powys County Council to put on a taster activity day aimed at young people as part of the national Summer of Fun organised by Welsh Government.

We ran sessions morning and afternoon – with each group trying their hand at SUP Boarding, Canoeing and Sailing.

By and large all participants were new to these sports so it was fantastic to see how quickly and competently they progressed, particularly sailing in the double hander fevas.



Thanks to Andy, Richard, Keith , Kevin and Maggie.
a lot of hot hard work that day !

Sailing – the 2022 season - each weekend is tailored to who turns up and of course the weather - if you are keen to refresh your skills, start from scratch or just have a go, then come along and join in. Keep an eye on the facebook page for what is coming up each Sunday as well as the club calendar for a general overview.

Sunday Aug 21st Cruiser Day

Postponed from last month Kevin and Gavin (aka Longshanks and Greybeard) supported by Eric and Nick in Takim, were able to run the Cruiser Day.



They launched under a pirate theme treating all who boarded to a great day of close quarter sailing whilst their crews engaged each other with high powered water cannon.

A steady stream of fresh crews left the captains exhausted when they were finally able to retire for some well deserved barabrit and tea courtesy of Maggie.



CLUB POWERBOAT COURSE

Lee Worthington, Tom Pert and Richard Anderson completed the first club organised powerboat level 2 course.

All three have supported club sailing and canoeing over the last twelve months they were keen to achieve this qualification to build on their contribution to the club.

Well done all.



Aug 27-29th 2022

**CLASSIC & VINTAGE RACING DINGHY ASSOCIATION
CVRDA RALLY at CLYWEDOG**



INVITATION TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS

Clywedog S C invite owners of Classic Dinghies to this annual celebration of sail.

Join us for a great weekend of friendly rivalry and the legendary Clywedog hospitality

Entry Qualification :

The ethos of the CVRDA is simple. The class must have been designed before 1965, and built before 1990 to qualify. GRP is as welcome as wood and most of the boats have the sort of finish associated with boats which get used regularly, rather than dusted once a month. As 1965 is a key date for the association, it was decided to use Yardsticks from then. **Even if your boat does not qualify all are welcome to come and join in.**

The club has 2 boats that qualify that are available for competent sailors.

All are welcome to join in for the whole weekend though your boat has to be of a certain age to qualify <http://www.cvrda.org/who-can-come/>

You can all race with us though, not be eligible for CVRDA prizes

Programme of events (provisional) Starting on Sat with arrivals and with the main races on Sunday and Monday morning Saturday/Sunday nights social and meal £10 per head

Contact Keith Rollinson 01686640305 email: keith@rollinson.me

For more details on CVRDA see Website www.cvrda.org.uk

RNLI - ON WATER SAFETY THIS SUMMER

The weather may have cooled of a little but the RNLI safety warnings do need to be heeded. The lake water is relatively still - this means there is a 30-50cm layer of warmish water on top of the much cooler core lake water- these are ideal conditions for **cold water shock**.

At Clywedog we insist you wear a suitable personal flotation device for your activity. If you are on a paddleboard, make sure you also have your leash attached.

If you get into trouble in the water, remember to **Float to Live**: lean back, using your arms and legs to stay afloat. **MOST IMPORTANTLY CONTROL YOUR BREATHING**. Then call for help or swim to safety.

BUOYANCY AIDS

We regularly have to check members with incorrectly fitted buoyancy aids, particularly children. Please check your BA is fit for purpose, any tears, rips on the webbing or crushing of the internal foam will render it dangerous.

Check it fits securely and any excess on the straps tucked out of the way so it will not snag. Childrens BA's come with leg straps, make sure they are attached.

Calendar dates for August and September...

Wednesday 24 Aug SevernTrent engineers on site for Dam inspection

Weekend 26-29 Aug CVRDA weekend meeting - all welcome
Details posted on facebook and the club website

Sunday 4 Sep 10:30 – Training/ family sailing

Sunday 11 Sep 10:30 - Autumn series Handicap

Saturday 17 Sep 11:00 - Aldridge Sailing Club visit - TBC

Sunday 18 Sep 10:00 - RYA Club Inspection 10.00-1200

10.30 - Racing: Autumn (Pursuit races)

Saturday 24 Sep Sailability Day - TBC

Sunday 25 Sep 10:30 – Family sailing

Canoe and SUP meet on Thursday evenings, check with the club facebook pages for updates .

In the meantime when visiting the club on your own, please follow the guidelines for lone sailing and paddling as contained in your handbook and remember to lock up securely when you leave.

All calendar events are subject to change as they depend on members volunteering their time so please help if you can, additionally activities could be impacted if water levels continue to fall.

Any comments,suggestions send to myself below or to club secretary Gillian

Useful Links:	
Club Website	https://clywedogsailing.org.uk
Members Facebook	
Newsletter: send any news and pictures to...	paulfeely@btinternet.com