



HAPPY NEW YEAR - welcome to 2023.

Although the clubhouse facilities will be closed until March, if the weather permits you are welcome to visit and use the lake.

New Year message from Commodore Keith

Commodores Musings looking back at 2022 and forward to 2023

Our AGM report.

Our new Committee and Officers hit the ground running in June after the EGM.

As promised we have made efforts to interact more with our members and Paul Feely has produced a monthly newsletter which has been received well. We have also updated the website and club facebook page, these are ongoing projects- Thanks Gavin and Paul.

The paddle sessions were re-started with Richard and Andy giving their time generously to get this section going again with much appreciation and they have also tried new water experiences.

We have seen an increase in all club activities with a number of outside organisations being hosted for Sailing and paddling sessions, many thanks to all those who helped on these special days. I won't steal the thunder from reports yet to be given but I believe those helping were just as happy as our visitors.

It was great to host the CVRDA regulars over the August Bank Holiday though the difficulties due to low water levels were a challenge but great to meet old friends and it was good to see so many dinghies out on the water again.

We finally accepted defeat in September mainly due to the sticky mud at the shoreline. However this meant we were able to do a number of jobs on shore, mainly the new path for when the jetty is moved out as the tide ebbs. Many thanks to Kevin and his team who have done a fantastic job.

It was lovely to see a good turnout for the Working Party weekend and the club is looking very smart in its winter clothes. We still have some ongoing jobs and projects which will be tackled before next season.

January Update.

We have been busy over the Holiday and have drawn up a draft Calendar for 2023 which reflects how our efforts last year were received. Hopefully we have listened to your comments and suggestions.. We would love to see more of you on the water as despite a very healthy membership and full park, we only see a few regulars out enjoying our unique and beautiful lake. If there is demand we can lay on some social/barbecue evenings or weekends, please contact myself or any of our committee.

We are still desperately short of volunteers help to look after the club at the weekends so that we can provide the full facilities on offer.

The water level is now nearly full and just before Xmas we managed to bring off the last club boats and take the jetty up the creek to its winter mooring in almost balmy conditions. The following week it was down to -10deg. We also hope to get a few jobs done around the Clubhouse and park before opening. In the meantime the water is still turned off whilst we attend to outstanding plumbing work.

We kick everything off over the weekend of 18-19th March so this is your chance to get down and dirty metaphorically speaking, helping to clean down club and dinghies for the season. Easter is early this year Sat 8th -Mon 10th April, but if the weather is kind I hope some of you will join us for the whole weekend. Saturday the Kayakers are on the 2nd part of there Moving Water session but we will be on site if anyone wants go for a sail, canoe or sup. We have racing down for Sunday and Monday but we can alter this round depending on what everyone wants to do.

That's all for now and again thanks for all those who have been working away in the background , it is much appreciated.

Wishing you all a very Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you soon.

Keith

This is a picture from an event held a number of years ago, Can you recognise some of the helms ? Clue some may be teaching you now and some have gone on to work in the outdoor environment.



Sailability News with Mick Crehan.

Looking forward to our Sailability day in June. Also looking forward to seeing new disabled sailing members and visitors on the water this season. Almost any disability can be overcome to see you out on the water. Get in touch with me at [General Enquiry](#) to discuss your needs and when you would like to visit us.

I look forward to seeing you all out on the water soon

New year message from our membership secretary Tracey

Happy New Year All

The Membership Form is now open for your Membership Renewal for 2023. A big thank you to all who have already joined. (We have had an amazing 44 renewals already) You can get to the Membership Form via the club website. You will need to log in with the details you used last year and then select New Membership in the Menu. If you have a dinghy stored, please renew as soon as possible to secure your place. If you are not intending to rejoin, please remove your dinghy from the boat yard but please let me know when you have so that you do not have to put up with my reminders!

Likewise, if you have a canoe or kayak stored on the Members' Racking, please rejoin and register your paddle craft to secure your space on the racking or let me know if you no longer want the space that was allocated to you in 2022 - we do have a waiting list for spaces.

You will already have received a Draft Calendar that Rich has put together for our Paddlers. The proposed calendar dates are all provisional at this stage and will be confirmed along with full details nearer the time of the event. Thursday pool sessions are re-starting on 12th January for six weeks. If anyone is interested in attending and has not yet done so then please contact Amanda Worrell for details and to book a space. All these dates are included in the club draft calendar below.,

If you have tried to look at the members FB Page, you will notice that you will need to request to join it again. For a trial this year I have deleted all 2022 Members (so I can keep track that ONLY Members are on the page) and as you renew and pay for your Membership, please request to join the FB Page again.

Please note the new Use of Club Equipment_Policy below. I look forward to seeing you in 2023- Tracey

CLUB DRAFT CALENDAR FOR 2023

The dates above are all subject to change at short notice depending on weather conditions, water levels, availability of leaders etc. nearer the time.

Please also note that this is your club and if there is anything at all you would like to include then please do reach out to myself or any of the other leaders and we will do our very best to accommodate where possible.

All details will be confirmed in advance and nearer to the event. Participation in river trips will also be subject to Leader's assessment of suitability and skill level.

Free Sailing: Every Sunday is a free sailing day, no matter what else is happening. Just come along, we will endeavour to always have safety cover. Canoeing and SUP every Thursday evening , details on facebook. Racing roughly every fortnight will provide a variety of formats, experts and novices welcome. Racing and training aims to start at 11am. Please be ready to launch by 1045 am.

The SUP section under Andy J is also looking to incorporate a number of away trips over the season, venues include the Brecon Canal, the Mawddach Estuary and a Three Lakes Challenge.- details to follow.

Additional dates and events may be planned and added as the season progresses. Please note the calendar does not include peer trips which members may wish to arrange amongst themselves subject to skill level and self-sufficiency in terms of kit / transport etc.

All dates are subject to last minute changes due to weather or volunteer availability, we will try to announce all changes on the club website and on facebook.

Dates for 2023

<p>JAN-MARCH- Canoe pool sessions MARCH 5 Canoe flat water paddle MARCH 18-19 Working Weekend. Everyone needed, lots to do. lunch provided MARCH 25 Canoe intro to moving water 1 MARCH 26 – Launch and Sail welcome to the season</p> <p>APRIL 2 – Free Sail and Informal Training. APRIL 6 Canoe lake sessions restart APRIL 8 Canoe intro to moving water 11 Free sailing- race preparation. APRIL 9 – EASTER WEEK END – Racing. Spring series if enough interest, APRIL 10 EASTER CUP (Handicap races) APRIL 16 – Free Sail and Informal Training. APRIL 16 Canoe Paddle safer award APRIL 23 – Racing. Spring Series Handicap APRIL 30 River Trip APRIL 30 – SPRING BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND , Open Racing day</p> <p>MAY 1 – CLUB OPEN DAY Event. Volunteers needed MAY 7 Canoe guest club invitation MAY 7 – Coronation Weekend Free Sail and Informal Training. All welcome MAY 13 Canoe river clean up MAY 14 – Racing. Spring Series MAY 21 – Free Sail and Informal Training. MAY 27 Canoe River Trip MAY 28 – SPRING BANK HOLIDAY – a social event sailing and paddling, evening event MAY 29 ROSEBOWL TROPHY Races all welcome, a fun day on the water</p> <p>JUNE 4 – Free Sail and Informal Training. JUNE 10 Canoe White Water Improvers 1 JUNE 11 – Racing. 20/20 Series, rapid short races for all JUNE 17 – SAILABILITY OPEN DAY, everyone welcome & volunteers needed JUNE 18 Long distance relaxed race on nearly the longest day (weather dep.) JUNE 24 – Canoe Flat Water Paddle JUNE 25 – Free Sail and Informal Training</p>	<p>JULY 2 – Racing. 20/20 Series, rapid short races for all (Races 6,7,8,9,10) JULY 9 Canoe White Water Improvers 11 JULY 9 – Catamaran Day JULY 16 – Racing. Summer Series (Races 1,2,3) JULY 23 Canoe River Trip JULY 23 – Racing and Fun. CRUISER INVITATION DAY ? Fancy Dress – and fun racing JULY 30 – Racing. Summer Series (Races 4,5,6)</p> <p>AUGUST 6 – Event. Aldridge SC Weekend ? AUGUST 6 – Free Sail. All welcome AUGUST 13 – Racing. Summer Series (Races 7,8,9) AUGUST 20 – Free Sail and Informal Training. AUGUST Sat/Sun 25th/26th Canoe Camp Trip AUGUST 26-28 – Event: CVRDA event, race day on 27th, all welcome regardless of class of boat. Free Sailing on the Sunday and evening social.</p> <p>SEPT 2 – Free Sail and Informal Training. SEPT 3 – Event. Youth Regatta Day – training, racing and general fun. Adults welcome! SEPT 10 – Free Sail and Informal Training. All welcome SEPT 17 – Racing. Pursuit Racing (1,2,3) 24 – Racing. Autumn Series (Handicap races 1,2,3,4)</p> <p>OCT 1 – Free Sail and Informal Training. OCT 8 – Racing. Pursuit Racing (4,5,6) OCT 15 – Racing. Autumn Series (Handicap races 5,6,7,8) OCT 22 - Racing & Event. Final Fling</p> <p>OCTOBER 28 & 29 – Clocks go back Work Party - Winter Close Down Weekend</p>
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USE OF CLUB EQUIPMENT

The Use of Club Equipment policy is intended to support members in the early stages of their sailing and paddlesports development, whilst ensuring all members can safely enjoy the activities and opportunities provided through membership of the club.

The club maintains a fleet of craft, including sailing dinghies, paddleboards, and kayaks as well as a selection of personal equipment for member's use during club instructor-led activity sessions. The club fleet also allows the club to provide community-based events such as open days and taster sessions.

For the 2023 season there will continue to be no charge for member's use of club craft and equipment during club sessions.

Club rates will apply for other times (please see exceptions below).

Club instructor-led activity sessions, when there are appropriate qualified instructors and safety measures in place, are primarily:

- Sailing – Sundays
- Paddleboarding – Thursday evening SUP club
- Kayaking – Thursday evening canoe club
- Other ad-hoc and programmed events which will be communicated in advance

The club sessions are designed to provide a pathway for new members, those wishing to develop skills in the various disciplines, gain qualifications, progress in their chosen discipline, e.g., racing, or just to enjoy the activity as part of a group session.

Members wishing to enjoy the activities on the lake outside of the club-led sessions are expected to follow the club lone sailing/paddling guidelines and to have a level of competency in the respective activity, be confident in their ability to self-rescue and to rescue others in their group, and to provide their own craft and personal equipment. As such club craft and equipment are not generally available for casual use outside of the prescribed activities.

Use of club sailing dinghies is only permitted when safety cover is active on the lake, provided by a club helm who holds at least RYA PB2 certificate.

REMEMBER: A proper fitting buoyancy aid is mandatory for all activity on the water .

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