



APRIL 2025

Hi Everyone

Welcome to the first newsletter this year.

Over the winter we had a number of unfortunate setbacks. Starting with storm Darragh in December when the jetty was ripped from its moorings in the creek, along with several hundred trees along the shore. This required a recovery operation as the storm had carried the jetty to Bwlch Y Gle dam where it then proceeded to grind it apart. The jetty is subject to an insurance claim and at the time of writing, we are waiting to hear a date for the new installation. This has had a knock on delaying effect as not only do we need a jetty for much of normal club activity but much of the launch area is blocked with the salvaged jetty.



Hopefully for not too much longer!

A second setback has been the failure of part of the water filtration system at club. You will have seen the various notices that the water should not be consumed. Our usual plumbers were unable to effect a repair, however Gavin has applied his extensive expertise and all is now in order. ,
Additionally the water pump supplying the clubhouse has been replaced.

Many many thanks Gav !

As always there is a plea for more assistance from you the membership for support with the myriad of jobs that require attention plus with the running of activities and events - all of which are appreciated but do need arms and legs to make them happen.

Nick Johnson Walker

Our friend and colleague Nick passed away in March following a long illness.

Nick joined the club over 15 years ago when he brought along his son Ben to join in the RYA Onboard program.



Many of us Mums and Dads went on to become involved in the running of the program and subsequently the Club.

The photo on the club wall is testament to the success of Onboard.

Nick continued to become more involved at Club, both he and Jill helping with the committee, and Nick using his practical skills as club bosun to sort any number of jobs. In the last few years he took time to qualify as a power boat instructor and was learning his way around his new Flying Fifteen.

Our thoughts go out to Jill and Ben.

Other News

6th March Cambrian Marine attended to service our outboard engines ready for the new season.

Work Party Weekend

29-30th March-

we had the work party reopening the clubhouse, grounds and rechecking the club kit. There is always a lot to do, and whilst great work was done by those who turned up there are still jobs to finish both on and offshore.



6 April RYA annual Inspection by Chris Hoppins.
This is an independent check on our equipment and procedures.
Chris was able to observe part of the PB refresher session.

6 April Powerboat refresher course

7 club members attended to update their skills.

13 April Committee meeting.

15 April Fire extinguisher servicing



Upcoming

3rd May the clubhouse will again be used as a marshal check point for the 30 mile HOWUM Ultramarathon This is a circular route starting and finishing in Llanidloes. The car park and grounds will be busy most of the morning.

15th May Aber Adventures will be running an afternoon paddle board session for a Staylitttle Lodge group.

CANOE CLUB Richard Anderson

Richard has advised that the canoe club will resume sessions in May not in April as advertised, further details to follow.



Cruiser Corner and Boat Park

Until the jetty is back in operation and the moorings have been checked, we are asking cruiser owners to delay launching. This is somewhat out of our hands so please persevere with us. Any assistance from you in this aspect of club is welcome.

A reminder that empty boat trailers should not be left at the club.

Clubhouse Galley and Security

Remember if you have used the galley facility then please wash up, dry and put away everything you have used.

If you are last to leave the clubhouse, make sure the water and all lights are turned off, the front door locked and both car park gates are closed and locked.

The new code will have been sent out with your membership renewal.

A provisional calender for 2025 is available on the club website.

We welcome your assistance with running with this calender.

BUOYANCY AIDS (BA's) REMINDER

Please remember that at all times on the water and on the jetty you should be wearing a properly fitted buoyancy aid that is in good condition is a good fit, and preferably with leg straps. There have been recalls with certain imported brands so make sure your BA is also CE certified, Any doubts ask. **SUP waist aids** are not acceptable.

Juniors should wear a buoyancy aid if they are near the waters edge. We have already had to ask people to leave the water because they think they know better. Also please remember there is no swimming permitted in the lake.

This is a **no exception rule** and is part of the agreement with Hafren Dyfrdwy granting us use of the lake.

POLICY for LONE ACTIVITY SAILING and PADDLING

Hafren Dyfrdwy/Severn Trent has asked the Committee to advise members and visitors to follow guidelines to promote a safer environment for sailing/paddling without wishing to prohibit activity. Clywedog is a remote location so these precautions are in your own interest and will satisfy the Water Authority to allow us to continue to provide access.

Members choosing to use the lake when there is no scheduled safety cover must take into consideration the weather conditions and evaluate their abilities to handle an emergency situation without support.

This means:

- Be aware of the weather conditions and forecast.
- Wear appropriate clothing, a buoyancy aid and carry some means of attracting attention - there is some phone signal on the lake
- Let a 3rd party know your schedule, and have an emergency contact onshore. On water activities only during daylight hours.
- Canoeists and Paddle boarders are recommended to go out in 3's, and have an emergency contact onshore.

PADDLING and SAILING SAFETY GUIDANCE

On a bright day the lake looks inviting, if you intend going on the water then look at the advice from British Canoeing and Atoll SUP boards.

This advice echoes the Club lone sailing policy emphasising that with a bit of extra planning you can safely enjoy your paddling .

Their top tips are :

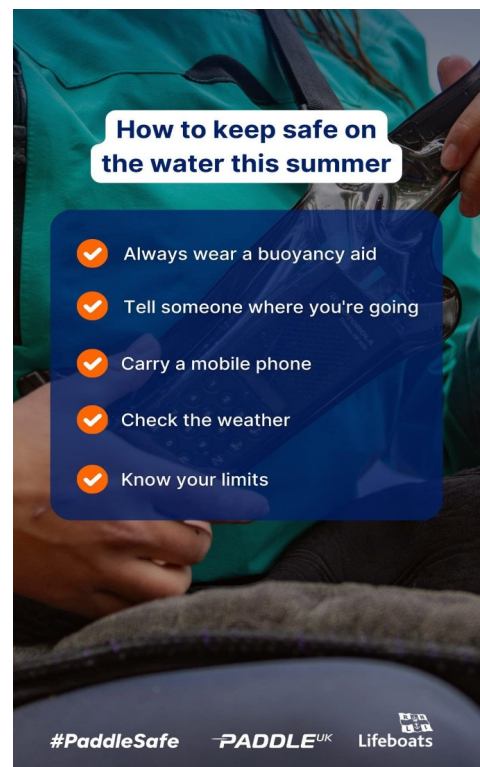
1. Check the weather, check the water
2. Plan your session
3. Be prepared for cold water and dress appropriately
4. Be a social paddler
5. Wear a buoyancy aid- make sure it fits, no rips or damage, CE mark.
6. Take a phone or VHF radio
7. Take spare clothes
8. Think about food and drink
9. Stay hydrated
10. Enjoy your paddling!

Follow the link to look for more detail...

<https://atollboards.com/how-to-dress-for-cold-water-paddling-even-if-you-dont-have-a-full-wet-suit/>

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USE OF CLUB EQUIPMENT POLICY

The Use of Club Equipment policy is intended to support members safely in the early stages of their sailing and paddlesports development.,

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 is also used to run community-based events such as open days and taster sessions.

For the 2025 season there will continue to be no charge for member's use of club craft and equipment during club sessions.

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

- Sailing – Sundays
- 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. 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.

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.

REMEMBER:

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

Waist belt buoyancy aids are not permitted for use on the lake.

Complete the relevant equipment log book so we have a record of usage.

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

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