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April 2023 Newsletter

The weather has started to show signs of improvement, we've refurbished the downstairs bar area and there's a new selection of wines and drinks available to enjoy in a cosy atmosphere. With the events calendar filling up nicely too we are poised for another great season. We are really looking forward to it and can't wait to see you soon either in the Club House or out on the water. See below for a round up of March and a preview of some of the up and coming events including some great offers from the PPSA to engage with some of the yacht racing later this year if you'd like to have a try at that. Do let us have feedback, we are always open to ideas about how to improve.

Event Updates





This month we celebrated the arrival of the new wine list and the re-opening of the downstairs bar area at the club house - see more here...

Cockpit Bar Refurbishment update





After a pretty dubious bout of weather over the last few weeks we were very lucky to have been able to enjoy a lovely sunny morning in Jennycliffe Bay on Sunday morning serving hot sausage baps to club members and having a front row seat to watch the PPSA racing! Keep an eye on our events page for more like this...

RPCYC Events Page



The Certificate of Commendation presented to the club by the RYA arrived early in March and is now proudly paraded on the Clubhouse wall.

-> [Read more about it here](#) <-



Adrian hosted another talk night on 3rd March 2023, discussing the importance of safety grab bags for sailors. The event was a resounding success, with a large turnout of sailors and boating enthusiasts eager to learn more about how to prepare for emergency situations at sea.

-> [Read more about it here](#) <-

Upcoming Events





A number of Corinthians are venturing down to Fowey over this Easter Weekend. If you'd like to take part please see more details using the button below about how to register.

[Click to join the Cruise in Company to Fowey this weekend](#)



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It's weather dependant of course but we are planning to return the successful BBQ on the beach event at the end of April. If you would like to join in please register using the button below.

[Book for BBQ on the Beach 2023](#)

Quiz Night is back!

Friday 14th April 19:00

Dust off those brain cells and come on down for the latest RPCYC big enormous quiz of the month!

£10 entry to include food and prizes!

[-> Book for the Quiz here <-](#)

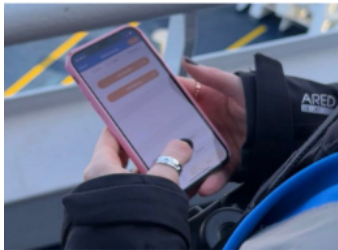


We have a wide range of tempting events over the Coronation weekend -
book your tickets using the button below!

-> book here <-



Survey for whales and dolphins as an ORCA OceanWatcher



During this course, you will learn how to identify over **25 different species of whale, dolphin and porpoise**, plus learn the skills to be able to **survey** for these animals **from land or at sea**.

It will cover the following topics:

- **Introduction** to **whales, dolphins** and **porpoises**
- How to **identify whales, dolphins** and **porpoises**
- The **methodology** behind surveys from land and at sea
- **Collecting data** on the **ORCA OceanWatchers app**

2023 Course Dates

April

- Course Opens: Monday 3rd April
- Live Zoom Session: Saturday 15th April (9:30 am - 12:30pm)
- Course Closes: Monday 24th April

May

- Course Opens: Monday 1st May
- Live Zoom Session: Saturday 13th May (9:30 am - 12:30pm)
- Course Closes: Monday 22nd May

Courses cost £60 per person and are aimed at adults (16 years and older). To book your place visit www.orca.org.uk/oceanwatchers



News from the PPSA

(Port of Plymouth Sailing Association)

RPCYC Re-connects with the PPSA

Last month we re-established links with the [Port of Plymouth Sailing Association](#). The PPSA coordinates, supports, encourages and promotes all sailing activity within the Port of Plymouth and the surrounding area. In addition to protecting the interests of all who sail in the Port and representing all affiliated member clubs and organisations, the PPSA coordinates the annual sailing programme, organises the annual Port of Plymouth Regatta, and promotes the Port as a venue for dinghy and yacht championships.

Our Commodore has accepted the role of Chairman of the PPSA Cruising Sub-Committee and will be looking to establish links between all interested parties to expand and promote Cruising in Company opportunities for all Clubs in Plymouth.

RPCYC members keen to try or build yacht race experience can benefit from the newly agreed free Yacht rating system and inclusion in new race formats to allow staggered starting procedures.





Get your Yacht 'rating' for free if you are considering a race entry

Tony Head, our PPSA Handicapper, is conducting an exercise to compare RYA YTC ratings with IRC TCC ratings, the aim being to gather data and build-up confidence in the RYA's new scheme for cruisers.

Therefore it is requested that anyone with a recent IRC certificate (say within the last 3 years) assists this exercise by sending a copy (scan, photo etc) to tony-head@lineone.net.

Alternatively, owners of IRC boats may prefer simply to provide their IRC TCC and the following data:

IRC TCC

Class of boat/version/keel type

Hull length

Length water line (water-plane)

Displacement

Headsail area

Mainsail area (or mainsail measurements)

Spinnaker/asymmetric area

YTC ratings will be calculated by the PPSA handicapper and can be made available to the owner on a provisional basis and on request. Data and results of this exercise will be anonymised for owner and name of boat in order to comply with GDPR, and made available by the PPSA in due course.

Dartmouth Classics 23rd to 25th June 2023

If you are interested in watching or joining in see here..

[-> Read about it here <-](#)

Introduction to Racing

Rookie Racers would be a one day event as an introduction / taster to racing with the aim of getting more children involved in the larger events in the port, for example, PPSA Regatta.

This would comprise of a beginners fleet of Picos and an intermediate fleet of Fevas. We at Horizons have 12 Picos, 2 Fevas, 3 safety boats and a committee boat that could be used and wondered if any other clubs would be willing to add boats into the mix also.

We have noted that the PPSA Regatta is on 10th and 11th June. We would aim to run Rookie Racers a month before so anyone who is interested in continuing could then enter the more competitive racing.

We would also like to try and arrange a BBQ and social event afterwards for both children and parents to enjoy. Unfortunately we don't have the facilities to run this at Horizons, so we were wondering if anyone else might be able to host this for us?!

Depending on the amount of support that is offered, we would aim to keep the costs to the participants to a minimum.

Nothing is set in stone as of yet and we are currently in the 'testing the waters' stage to see if there is enough interest within the clubs to make this happen.

If anybody is interested, please can they get in contact so that we can try and arrange it further.

Thank you,

Lois

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News from the RYA

Nominate Volunteers for RYA recognition

Clubs thrive on the commitment of volunteers so why not recognise this by nominating a deserving member of your club.

What a great opportunity to formally recognise the people that have sacrificed their time and effort to create this club and to keep it going!

This link takes you to the RYA Facebook page which contains a short video and link: [RYA VIDEO](#)

or, if you would like to go direct to the nominations page, use the link below. This gives more information about the nomination categories and criteria...

It is important to note that [nominations close](#) on **MAY 5th** and must be made by the club, group or association the person belongs to.

-> Get nominating here ! <-





Help Shape The RYA

Among the information in the RYA InBrief on-line magazine Round-up for February, sent out to members on March 3rd, is notice of an RYA Focus Group being set up for April this year with the intention of providing feedback to the RYA of what its' members feel to be most important at this time.

They are asking members with an interest to apply to become part of the focus group. If you are interested and would like a bit more information use the button below:

Malcolm Wood (PPSA Rep on the RYA SW Regional Team)

-> Let the RYA know what you think here <-

What makes the Club tick?

As we continue to navigate through these uncertain times, we are grateful for your continued support and dedication to the Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club.

We are excited to announce that we have launched a new rota system to help manage our events and activities. This new system will allow us to better organize our events and ensure that everyone has a chance to get involved and contribute to the club.

We are looking for volunteers to put their names down on the new rota and help us to make our events and activities a success. Whether you have experience in event planning, hospitality, or simply want to lend a hand, we would be grateful for your support.

By volunteering on the rota, you will have the opportunity to meet new people, learn new skills, and be an integral part of the team that makes the Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club leadership community. We believe that everyone has something valuable to contribute and we would be honored to have you on board. We also now have an attractive reward scheme in place.

If you are interested in volunteering on the new rota, please get in touch with us by emailing info@rpcyc.co.uk We will be happy to provide you with more information and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you.

Thanks for reading and have a fabulous April !



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