



## Upcoming Events

### Apr '19

13th—MKSC Club Working Day

13th—Instructor Day

27th—MKBYSA Racing—Emberton Park SC

27th—Social Sailing Saturday

27th—Better Sailors

### May '19

11th—Better Sailors

19th—MKSC AGM

25th—Social Sailing Saturday

29th—RYA L1&2 Dinghy Course Starts

### Jun '19

1st / 2nd, 5th, 8th/9th—RYA L1&L2 Dinghy Course

8th—MKBYSA Racing—Great Moor SC

Better Sailors—TBC—check website calendar

15th/16th Illuminis Vareo/Asymmetric Event

22nd—Youth 10 Hour Team Race—Emberton Park SC

29th—Social Sailing Saturday

## Big Racing Changes—but business as usual!

To try and encourage more participation in MKSC Club Racing there will be changes happening to the racing on Sundays from the Spring Series, starting on 3rd March.

Personal handicaps are being re-introduced to the 10:30 race and are being extended to the 11:00 race.

**What will this mean for the sailing?** Nothing. Just turn up and race as normal. All the magic will be done in the background by Sailwave and those that manage the results (mainly Ross Page, with a bit of help from me occasionally).

**What will this mean for the results?** Hopefully it will mean that everyone has a better chance of getting their name on one of the Trophies in the cabinet at the club.

The first time this was tried, was when Paul Barker started the 10:30 Personal Handicap Series about 10 years ago, I manually calculated an average handicap for all the competitors and used this in place of the RYA PY number. This was hard work for those doing the results (me back then) and it soon fell by the wayside and we went back to the base PY numbers.

Since then, the RYA has come up with the NHC (National Handicaps for Cruisers) system. Happily, for us, this works perfectly as a Personal Handicap system and as the hard work is done by Sailwave; so I hope that we will be able to keep it going this time. Win a race and the PY is adjusted down. Lose and it goes back up. For those that are interested in more details, please look at the RYA website: <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/Pages/nhc.aspx>



Another change that we are introducing to all the racing series is to change the discard profile. What this means is that from the Spring series, instead of your 7 best results that count, it will now be just 4 races that count in a series. Again, this has been done to allow more members to have enough sailed races in a series; rather than having a DNC (Did Not Come to starting area) counting towards their final series results and effectively ruling them out of a series win.

I hope that both of the above changes will encourage even new members to have a go at the racing as well as encourage some of the longstanding members to come back to the water. Hope to see you there.

Mark Warren

## Illuminis RS Vareo Open and Asymmetric Invitation Event

15th/16th June 2019



For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year MKSC are hosting an RS Vareo Open event as part of the Rooster National Tour. We are delighted that this year our event has been awarded to host the **Inland Championship** for the class. My company will once again sponsor the event providing prizes, all catering and a BBQ on the Saturday evening

As some of you may know RS Vareo sailors are not great travellers so there tends to be only a few boats turn up at each event. This year in order to make the event more viable we are "inviting" local sailors of Asymmetric boats to join us. This is the chance for you to compete locally on a standard windward/leeward course for a full weekend of racing – we are planning 4 races on Saturday afternoon and 3 on Sunday, finishing around 2pm. If you have an asymmetric boat and are interested in entering the event please can you let me know as soon as possible – fees are £10 per boat for the whole weekend which includes all food and drink and the BBQ (including beer/wine).

We hope to attract a fleet of 12-15 boats which should provide a great spectacle on the downwind leg. Also, in a bid to encourage the (shall we say) less elite sailors there will be a Silver fleet trophy. At the end of the Saturday racing, the fleet will be divided in 2 based on the results and those in the lower half will have the chance to compete with each other for this additional trophy. We will all still race together but the scoring will be separated for each fleet.

As usual, **we are looking for volunteers** for 2 safety boat crews on each day. We also need a new race officer (and assistant) as Bob Austin managed this for the previous 2 events. All volunteers are welcome to join the BBQ with a guest.

Paul North

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## MKSC Club—Working Day—13th April 2019

The next club Working day is coming up.

The jobs that need doing: **First grass cut** in the boat yard; **Clearance** of scrapped boats and other redundant items; Replacement of worn out missing **tyres on jetty**; **cleaning** of club boats/safety boats.

If possible, it would also be great if we could get the **racing buoys cleaned** and the numbers have a touch-up/repaint. Further grass cutting in the yard on 15th June and 10th August as part of additional work days.

Other thoughts are the jetties will need regular brush clean down due to bird fouling throughout the year.

Unfortunately, it always appears **to be the same people** helping every time and it is hard work, untying the boats, moving them and then cutting the grass and then putting the boats back in, tying back down. If you feel the physical stuff isn't for you, there are loads of other jobs, making drinks or food for the workers.

It is a lovely social event and a good opportunity to re-connect with the club if you haven't been down for a while. We will work hard to make the weather as good as the last few years.

Eamon Elsted



## AGM—19th May 2019

Come down and meet all the members of your committee (new and old), find out who they are and what their roles are.

Mark Tuffnell

## Social Sailing Saturdays

There used to be a time when the days you could go sailing on were either Wednesday evenings or Sundays and suddenly all this seems to be changing. In the last newsletter Keith wrote about how his sailing has progressed and he introduced Better Sailor Saturdays, and now we have Social Sailing Saturdays.

These offer you the chance to get on the water for a sail to either brush up on your technique or enjoy the simple pleasure of sailing. To help those who want it, the plan is to be on hand to offer advice and sailing tips along with cups of tea. On top of this offer we also intended to drag the BBQ out and cook up a few sausages.

I would like to further underline these Saturdays aren't just for beginners, they are for everyone and all about going for a sail and having some fun.

We are planning to run Social Sailing Saturdays on the following dates: **April 27th; May 25th; June 29th, July 27th, August 24th and September 14th (Between 10:30 and 4:00 pm)**

So why not if you find yourself at a loose end on a Saturday come down and join us for a sail, a cupper and a hotdog.

Jonathan Garfitt



## Training Courses

### Powerboat Level 1 & 2

The next Powerboat course is currently being organised. This qualification is an internationally recognised certificate allowing you to rent/hire boats around the world. More importantly, it allows you to become a rescue boat driver for the club. If you are interested in knowing more information, please refer to the Training pages on the internet.

### Adult Level 1 & 2 Dinghy Course

Perhaps you feel that you would like a refresher, or perhaps a family member/ friend has always wanted to learn to sail a dinghy. The next Level 1 and 2 Course is held over 2 Wednesday evenings (29th May/5th June), and two weekends (1st/2nd June and 8th/9th June).

If interested please take a look at the Training section on the website.

### Youth squad

Our Youth Squad meets roughly every two weeks on Sunday afternoons (1.30—4.00pm). Details on times and dates are updated on our Youth Section of the website. All our volunteer instructors are qualified RYA instructors including regular, Advanced, Race Coach and Senior Instructors. Our ethos is to improve the youth sailing skills whilst working through the Stages, Advanced modules and many go on to train as assistant instructors and hopefully Dinghy Instructors of the future.

## Rota—Apr 2019

Contact:	Committee	Race Officer	Ass. Race Officer	Rescue Driver	Rescue Ass.	Galley 1
07-Apr Sunday Sailing	Brian Naylor	Peter Preston	Kerry Murphy	Brian Naylor	David Henchy	Helen Brown
14-Apr Sunday Sailing	Eamon Elsted	Gillian Messenger	Michael Smith	David Boyle	Patrick Glavin	David Pickett
21-Apr Sunday Sailing	Paul McParland	Jonathan Garfitt	Kerry Whitford	Paul McParland	David Johnson	Tracey Johnson
28-Apr Sunday Sailing	Mark Warren	Keith King	Mark Daniels	Mark Warren	Paul North	Suzanne Daniels

## Membership news

**Membership Application 2019/20:**

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 First name(s) (1): \_\_\_\_\_  
 First name(s) (2): \_\_\_\_\_  
 First name(s) (3): \_\_\_\_\_  
 First name(s) (4): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please indicate D.O.B. - if under 18) Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Club Membership Fees (please select):**

Fee When Joining	Apr-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Mar
<b>New Members</b> (inc £25 joining fee)	(not applicable)		
Family	£180	£132	£110
Individual	£135	£108	£95
Senior (Over 60)	£80	n/a	n/a
Social Member*	£60	n/a	n/a
Student (In full time Ed.)	£70	n/a	n/a
<b>Total:</b>	£0		

**Youth Squad** (When combined with Family or Social Family Membership) n/a

Youth Squad #1	£70
Youth Squad #2	£70
Youth Squad #3	£70
<b>Total:</b>	£0

**Renewing Members** (not applicable)

Fee	Apr-Jul	Aug-Oct	Nov-Mar
Family	£128	£135	£160
Individual	£105	£110	£135
Senior (Over 60)	£52	£55	£60
Social Family	£33	£35	£40
Social Member	£33	£35	£40
Student	£43	£45	£50
<b>Total:</b>	£0		

The membership year ends 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020  
 \* Non-sailing social members do not have voting rights in relation to any matter affecting the Club

Hopefully, you've all received your membership renewal. The membership fees have remained the same for yet another year. Remember, if you renew before April, you receive a discount.

Alistair Grant has been doing a sterling job of membership for many years but he is now handing over the batten to Helen Brown, who has very kindly taken over the membership role within the committee.

There are some changes on the form. Some of these are to do with GDPR and data protection. Some are to do with Next of Kin

information. This is particularly important if you are a sailor that regularly sails on their own. In the case of an emergency, we need information about who to contact. Up until now, we've often only got the contact details of the sailor which has been problematic. <https://mksc.org.uk/our-club/membership>