



Tankerton Bay Sailing Club

TBSC Winter Warmer # 2

February 2021

Hello to all our members

This is my first email of 2021 and I really do hope it finds you all healthy and well. It's been a horrible start to 2021 with Covid taking a nasty grip right across the country, however as we are now seeing a real ramp up in the vaccinations, there is some light ahead of us. It's therefore all the more impressive that the majority of our 2020 membership has renewed for 2021 – so a big thank you to you all for sticking with us and let's hope that we can get some great sailing (and even socialising) in as we move further into 2021. That's our plan anyway!

In this first email for 2021 I'll be covering our 2021 sailing calendar, our proposals for training, virtual sailing, online quizzing, changes to the committee and cadet club proposals for later this year

1. Sailing, Training and Social Calendar 2021

We have now issued our sailing, training and social calendar for 2021 – see attached. You'll see we plan to start slow, with 3 staggered dates for boat rigging, and then a number of unsupported or supported sailing days, but we are hopeful that by mid-April we can get back to some form of supported sailing and racing. Over and above the usual full Racing offering (most Sundays) we have some real stand out events to add to your dairies as we progress through the year – including TBSC hosting *The Man and Maid of Kent*, an open event supported by the East Kent Yachting Association on the 12th June, a supported sailing week towards the end of July culminating in a Pirate Day, the start of a New Saturday Morning Cadet Club for 7 weeks throughout the summer as well as increased supported cruising days. Alongside the formal training offering, Helen and Ted will be supporting free of charge many of the monthly Friday afternoon /evening Improver and relaxed supported sailing sessions.

We have a number of days set aside for social events, but Jane and Charlie are struggling to plan around these – and anything we do will very much be dictated by the pandemic decline (or so we hope). I hope you'll agree that this a terrific programme, but making it work all depends on what happens with Covid – this unfortunately means that our best laid plans may be subject to late change.

2. Your Committee gets an upgrade!

Following the Extraordinary General Meeting in January, we welcome Nick Runeckles in the role of Assistant Sailing Secretary, with Ross and Tom taking on the vacant positions of Honorary Sailing Secretary and Rear Commodore respectively. We now have a full team and had our first meeting of the year last week. Of course, we are all volunteers so anything you can do to help, please don't be shy in coming forwards – it looks like another busy year with many changes that will need to be managed.



3. Virtual Sailing winter series

We are well underway with our virtual winter sailing series with 2 stand out virtual sailors, Helen and Ross are vying for the overall series win – good luck to the pair of them over the last 5 races next week.



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Once we've completed the series but will look to restart fun sailing – so if you haven't dipped your toe in this yet – why not give it go? Just sign up to [Virtual Sailing Inshore here](#) and join us via Zoom meeting at 7pm every Wednesday until further notice.

4. Virtual Quiz – January

Nine online teams settled into a fun and exciting 90 minutes of virtual quizzing run by our very own quiz master James. We all downloaded the app and played fastest finger first for top points and great (virtual) prizes. Great fun was had by all and it was lovely to catch up and have a laugh with many members. The winners? The Richards of Hannah, Jim and Jo. Watch this space as James is threatening a rerun during February or in early March. Thankyou James.

5. NEW! Cadet Club – Summer 2021

Calling all Members with children between 8 and 16, we are looking to run a new Cadet Club for youngsters running for 7 weeks this year, every Saturday 0930 to 1130 from 19th June to 31st July culminating in the Cadet series races over the first two weekends in August. Ross, Hannah and Charlie have put together a terrific proposal and will be looking for volunteers from the Mums and Dads to help make this work. The intention is for the cadets to have fun both on and off the water in a safe environment. If this year works, we'll look to extend the idea next year. More details to follow as we move into the season – but exciting stuff and aligns with our 5-year plan of creating more opportunities for youngsters to enjoy our club and start sailing.

At the risk of repeating myself, remember you can keep up to date and join in by following our closed Facebook page or check the website which is regularly updated with all the good stuff that's going on and planned. You can also get more focused by joining the WhatsApp groups

Please keep safe and looking forward to seeing you all soon

Ian Mills TBSC Commodore (on Behalf of the Committee)

PS – Trying to work off the Covid Flab in time for sailing through increased exercise and walking, the trouble is the fridge is just toooooo close.