West Oxfordshire Sailing Club PROGRAMME 2024



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A Welcome from the Commodore, Lucia Winrow



Welcome to West Oxfordshire Sailing Club (WOSC). WOSC is a friendly, family orientated sailing club that welcomes beginners and advanced sailors, as well as the sailing we have open water swimming that accommodates hard core all year round swimmers to the summer dippers. The club runs social events throughout the year from quiz night, the bonfire party and the fantastically flavoursome Christmas lunch.

Things you should know...

The club is run by volunteers who contribute their time and skills to continually improve the club. They mend broken club boats, run the sailing school, maintain the grounds and boat parks, as well as the clubhouse. It would be fabulous if you could also help out: offering time to attend a maintenance day or help clear the weeds from the swimming lake. If you have a skill or are qualified in something do let us know. Make sure you are receiving the 'What's on at WOSC' weekly email, to keep you informed of information and events.

Crew and Helms

The main aim of the club is to promote the sport of sailing. Crewing for an experienced helm is

a great way for new sailors to improve their skills. There are currently crews looking for a helm to race with and there are helms that need crews! WOSC is a very friendly environment so please don't be reluctant to come sailing. You are guaranteed to have a good time and rapidly improve your sailing knowledge.

If you would like to join a WhatsApp group that has been set up to match sailors. Please get in touch. commodore@wosc.org.uk

Club Duties

You will notice that everyone is asked to undertake a club duty and this could be sailing duty or galley duty. This is a mandatory part of being a member of the club and is closely monitored behind the scenes to ensure that members turn up to duty, and do not avoid doing them by continuously swapping.

Please take your time to browse through this handbook, especially the final few pages giving you useful information and contact details of people, it will help you make the most of your time with the club.

Finally

Enjoy the club, talk to people, even if it is just a hello, and come along to the social events. Most of the big racing events have a disco or live music in the evening and we would love to see you on the dance floor.

Have a safe and enjoyable season.

Lucia Winrow Commodore



General Race Information

START TIMES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE			HANDICAP FLEET DIVISION	
Morning Races	12:00	From 27 October	Fast	Wayfarer 1105 and faster boats
Afternoon Race 1	14:00	Sunday Racing	rast	
Afternoon Race 2	15:30	11:30 & 13:30		
Evening Races	April, August & September 19:00 May - July 19:15		Slow	Slower than Wayfarer 1105

NUMBER	RACE TYPE	
3 out of 4	Single Handed and Crewed	
3 out of 4	Fast and Slow	
3 out of 4	General Handicap	
2 out of 3	General Handicap	
7 out of 12	Single start, single finish from which a result for G/H, Fast and Slow will be taken*	
2 out of 3	General Handicap	
4 out of 6	90 minute race	
4 out of 6	General Handicap	
4 out of 6	Class Racing	
5 out of 8	Single Handed and Crewed (single start)	
5 out of 9	General Handicap	
Lots	Teams of 2 sailed in Fireflies 12pm start	
2 out of 3	General Handicap	
2 out of 3	General Handicap	
5 out of 6	General Handicap	
7 out of 12	Single start, single finish from which a result for G/H, S/H and Crewed will be taken**	
1 boat/team	General Handicap team race 4 hrs duration Start at 20:00 finish at 24:00	
TBD	General Handicap start 11:00 (crews to be under 18 on the day)	
1 out of 1	General Handicap team race 8 hrs duration Start at 11:00 2 boats/team	
4 out of 7	Fast and Slow (single start)	
4 out of 7	Single Handed and Crewed	
3 out of 5	General Handicap	
TBD	Series of sprint races approx 10 mins	
3 out of 5	Single Handed and Crewed (single start)	
3 out of 5	Fast and Slow	
3 out of 5	General Handicap	
1 out of 1	General Handicap race 4 hrs duration. Start at 11:30	
2 out of 3	General Handicap	
5 out of 9	General Handicap Start at 11:30	
5 out of 9	General Handicap Start at 13:30	
1 out of 1	General Handicap Start at 12:00	
5 out of 8	General Handicap Start at 11:30	
5 out of 8	General Handicap Start at 13:30	
TBD	2-4 short races per session briefing 9.30 1st race 10am	
	3 out of 4 3 out of 4 3 out of 4 2 out of 3 7 out of 12 2 out of 3 4 out of 6 4 out of 6 5 out of 8 5 out of 9 Lots 2 out of 3 2 out of 3 5 out of 6 7 out of 12 1 boat/team TBD 1 out of 1 4 out of 7 4 out of 7 3 out of 5 TBD 3 out of 5 3 out of 5 3 out of 5 1 out of 1 2 out of 3 5 out of 8 5 out of 8	

The "Margaret Young Memorial Cup" for the person who has represented WOSC and achieved the best results at Open Meetings * Single Start , separate results for Fast, Slow and Evening Paddle (G/H) *** Single Start , separate results for S/H, Crewed and Evening Paddle (G/H)

March 2024

DATE		RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED
Sat 2nd		E	Boat Maintenance Da	y	
Sun 3rd		Transom (1)	Spring (1)	Warm Up (1)	
Sat 9th		Powerk	ooat 2 course (session	1 of 2)	
Sun 10th		Powerb	Powerboat 2 course (session 2 of 2)		
Sun 10th		Transom (2)	Spring (2)	Warm Up (2)	
Sat 16th		E	Boat Maintenance Da	у	
Sun 17th		Transom (3)	Spring (3)	Warm Up (3)	
Sat 23rd		Powerk	ooat 2 course (session	1 of 2)	
Sun 24th		Powerb	Powerboat 2 course (session 2 of 2)		
Sun 24th	BST starts	Transom (4)	Spring (4)	Warm Up (4)	
Sun 31st		Easter Egg Race (1)	Easter Egg Race (2)	Easter Egg Race (3)	

April 2024

DATE	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED	
Wed 3rd				Evening 1 (1)	
Sat 6th	RYA instructors	pre-season meet & i 10:00-13:00	ncident training		
Sun 14th	RYA Pre-Season	training briefing for a 10:00-11:00	dults and juniors		
Sun 7th	Blenheim (1)	Blenheim (2)	Blenheim (3)		
Wed 10th				Evening 1 (2)	
Sat 13th	Powerboat	refresher courses x 3	of 2 hours		
Sun 14th	Pursuit (1)	Pursuit (2)			
Wed 17th				Evening 1 (3)	
Sat 20th	Wayf	arer/Wanderer Open	Day 1		
Sun 21st	Wayf	arer/Wanderer Open	Day 2		
SUN ZIST		Sprint Series 1			
Wed 24th				Evening 1 (4)	
	Recre	ational sailing 13:00-			
Sat 27th	Powerb	ooat 2 course (session	1 of 2)		
	Powerb	Powerboat 2 course (session 2 of 2)			
	9	Start Racing At WOSC			
Sun 28th	Summer (1)	Summer (2)	Gen Handicap 1 (1)		
	Junior (1)		Solo (1)		

May 2024

DATE	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED		
Wed 1st				Evening 1(5)		
	RYA Sailing S	chool Adult Level 1 (s	session 1 of 2)			
Sat 4th	RYA Sailing S	chool Youth Stage 1 (session 1 of 2)			
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	RYA Sailing So	chool Youth Stage 3 (session 1 of 2)			
	RYA Sailing S	chool Adult Level 1 (s				
Sun 5th	Summer (3)	Summer (4)	Gen Handicap 1 (2)			
	Junior (2)		Solo (2)			
Wed 8th				Evening 1(6)		
Sat 11th	3	chool Adult Level 2 (
Sacritii		chool Youth Stage 1 (
	RYA Sailing So	RYA Sailing School Youth Stage 2 (session 2 of 2)				
Sun 12th	RYA Sailing	RYA Sailing School Youth Stage 3 (session 2)				
3011 1201	RYA Sailin	RYA Sailing School Level 2 (session 2 of 2)				
	Summer (5)	Summer (6)	Gen Handicap 1 (3)			
	Junior (3)		Solo (3)			
Wed 15th				Evening 1(7)		
Sat 18th	Powerboat	refresher courses x 3	3 of 2 hours			
Sacrotti	Recre	ational Sailing 13:00	-17:00			
		Start Racing At WOS	C			
Sun 19th	Summer (7)	Summer (8)	Gen Handicap 1 (4)			
	Junior (4)		Solo (4)			
Wed 22nd				Evening 1(8)		
Sat 25th		Albacore Open ?				
Sun 26th	Team Racing	Team Racing	Team Racing			
Mon 27th	WOS	C FAMILY FUN OPEN	DAY			
Wed 29th				Evening 1(9)		



June 2024

DATE	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED
Sun 2nd	Pursuit (3)	Pursuit (4)		
Wed 5th				Evening 1(10)
Sat 8th		WOSC Regatta		
Sun 9th		WOSC Regatta		
Wed 12th				Evening 1(11)
Sat 15th	Recre	ational Sailing 13:00	-17:00	
Sun 16th	Midsummer 1 (1)	Midsummer 2 (1)	Gen Handicap 1 (5)	
3011 10111	Junior (5)		Solo (5)	
Wed 19th				Evening 1(12)
Thu 20th	Summe	r Solstice Swim		
Sat 22nd	Recre	ational Sailing 13:00	-17:00	
Sat 22nd	M	lidsummer Night Rad	e	
		Start Racing at WOS	3	
Sun 23rd	Midsummer 1 (2)	Midsummer 2 (2)	Gen Handicap 1 (6)	
	Junior (6)		Solo (6)	
Wed 26th				Evening 2 (1)
Sat 29th	Solo Open Meeting			
Cup 20+b	Midsummer 1 (3)	Midsummer 2 (3)	Gen Handicap 2 (1)	
Sun 30th	Junior (7)			

July 2024

DATE	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED	
Wed 3rd				Evening 2 (2)	
Sat 6th	Recre	ational Sailing 13:00	-17:00		
Cup 7+b	Midsummer 1 (4)	Midsummer 2 (4)	Gen Handicap 2 (2)		
Sun 7th	Junior (8)				
Wed 10th				Evening 2 (3)	
	RYA Sailing S	ichool Adult Level 1 (session 1 of 2)		
Sat 13th	RYA Sailing S	RYA Sailing School Youth Stage 1 (session 1 of 2)			
Sat 15th	RYA Sailing So	RYA Sailing School Youth Stage 2 (session 1 of 2)			
	RYA Sailing So	RYA Sailing School Youth Stage 3 (session 1 of 2)			
Sun 14th	RYA Sailing S	RYA Sailing School Adult Level 1 (session 2 of 2)			
3011 14111	Pursuit (5)	Pursuit (6)			
Wed 17th				Evening 2 (4)	
	RYA Sailing S	RYA Sailing School Adult Level 2 (session 1 of 2)			
Sat 20th	RYA Sailing So	RYA Sailing School Youth Stage 1 (session 2 of 2)			
341 20111	RYA Sailing So	RYA Sailing School Youth Stage 2 (session 2 of 2)			
	RYA Sailing	RYA Sailing School Youth Stage 3 (session 2)			
Sun 21st	RYA Sailin	g School Level 2 (ses	sion 2 of 2)		
3011 2151		Sprint Series 2			

July 2024 (continued)

DATE	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED	
Wed 24th				Evening 2 (5)	
Sat 27th	Recre	Recreational Sailing 13:00-17:00			
Sun 28th					
Sun 28th	Midsummer 1 (5)	Midsummer 2 (5)	Gen Handicap 2 (3)		
	Junior (9)				
Wed 31st				Evening 2 (6)	

August 2024

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DATE	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED
Sun 4th	Midsummer 1 (6)	Midsummer 2 (6)	Gen Handicap 2 (4)	
Mon 5th	Sta	rt of Junior Sailing W	/eek	
Wed 7th				Evening 2 (7)
Fri 9th	En	d of Junior Sailing W	eek	
Sat 10th	Junior Regatta			
Sun 11th	Midsummer 1 (7)	Midsummer 2 (7)	Gen Handicap 2 (5)	
Wed 14th				Evening 2 (8)
Sat 17th		Topper Open		
Sun 18th		Start Racing at WOS	C	
Sun 18th	Autumn 1 (1)	Autumn 2 (1)	Friendly (1)	
Wed 21st				Evening 2 (9)
Sun 25th	8 Hour Race			
Wed 28th				Evening 2 (10)
Sat 31st	Recreational Sailing 13:00-17:00			

September 2024

DATE		RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED
Sun 1st	V	Vinter Swim Challeng	ge Begins (ends 1st Ap	or 2025)	
Sun 1st		Autumn 1 (2)	Autumn 2 (2)	Friendly (2)	
Wed 4th					Evening 2 (11)
Sat 7th		RYA Sailing S	RYA Sailing School Adult Level 3 (better sailing) (session 1 of 2)		
		RYA Sailing So			
Sun 8th			Sprint Series 3		
Wed 11th					Evening 2 (12)
Sat 14th		RYA Sailing S	chool Adult Level 3 (I (session 2 of 2)	petter sailing)	
		RYA Sailing S	chool Youth Level 4 (:	session 1 of 2)	
Sun 15th		Autumn 1 (3)	Autumn 2 (3)	Friendly (3)	
Sun 22nd		Start Racing at WOSC			
3011 22110		Autumn 1 (4)	Autumn 2 (4)	Friendly (4)	
Sun 29th			Hardwick Hardship		

October 2024

DATE		RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED
Sun 6th		Autumn 1 (5)	Autumn 2 (5)	Friendly 5	
Sat 12th		Erio	Eric Twiname Team Racing		
Sun 13th		Eric Twiname Team Racing			
Sun 13th		D. Minty (1)	D. Minty (2)	D. Minty (3)	
Sat 19th			Firefly Open		
Sun 20th			Firefly Open		
Sun 20th		Sprint Series 4			
Sun 27th	BST ends	Frostbite 1 (1)	Frostbite 2 (1)		

November 2024

DATE		RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED
Fri 1st	Halloween Dip				
Sun 3rd		Frostbite 1 (2)	Frostbite 2 (2)		
Sat 9th		Lightning R			
Sun 10th		Frostbite 1 (3)	Frostbite 2 (3)		
Sun 17th		Frostbite 1 (4)	Frostbite 2 (4)		
Sun 24th		Frostbite 1 (5)	Frostbite 2 (5)		

December 2024

DATE		RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED
Sun 1st		Frostbite 1 (6)	Frostbite 2 (6)		
Sun 8th		Frostbite 1 (7)	Frostbite 2 (7)		
Sun 15th		Frostbite 1 (8)	Frosbite 2 (8)		
Thur 26th			Boxing Day Race		
	Boxing Day Dip				
Sun 29th		Frostbite 1 (9)	Frostbite 2 (9)		

January 2025

DATE	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED
Wed 1st	New Year's Day Dip			
Sun 5th	Winter 1 (1)	Winter 2 (1)		
Sun 12th	Winter 1 (2)	Winter 2 (2)		
Sun 19th	Winter 1 (3)	Winter 2 (3)		
Sun 26th	Winter 1 (4)	Winter 2 (4)		

February 2025

DATE	RACE 1	RACE 2	RACE 3	WED
Sun 2nd	Winter 1 (5)	Winter 2 (5)		
Sun 9th	Winter 1 (6)	Winter 2 (6)		
Sun 16th	Winter 1 (7)	Winter 2 (7)		
Sun 23rd	Winter 1 (8)	Winter 2 (8)		

WOSC Race Programme 2024

General Handicap Series

Single start for all competitors. Race length approximately 45–60 minutes.

Singlehanded Series

Series for singlehanded boats, including two-handed boats sailing singlehanded with handicap adjustment. Singlehanded start before crewed fleet.

Crewed Series

Series for two or three-handed, or more (where allowed by class rules). Start after singlehanded fleet.

Fast Handicap Series

Series for all boats with a Portsmouth Number 1105 and faster (may change in March). Start before the slow fleet, includes Wayfarer and faster boats.

Slow Handicap Series

Series for boats with a Portsmouth Number above 1105 (may change in March). Start after the fast fleet, all boats slower than the Wayfarer.

Wednesday Evening Series 1 & 2

Wednesdays from April to September inclusive Start time: April, Aug & Sept 19:00, May—July 19:15 Race type: Evening 1, Fast and Slow Handicap, one start. Evening 2, Singlehanded and Crewed, one start. Both are combined for the General Handicap Evening Paddle Prizes.

A popular series in the summer months, well attended and hotly contested. Bar open after racing.

Easter Egg Races

Date: Sunday 31 March Easter egg hunt at 11:00 Start time: 12:00

Race type: General Handicap

A three race series with two races to count. Easter Egg prizes awarded at the discretion

of the Race Officer.

Blenheim Series

Date: Sunday 7 April Start time: 12:00

3 races, General Handicap, 2 to count.

Normal Sunday facilities

One-off series for the Blenheim Trophy.

Starting Racing at WOSC

Dates: Sunday 28 April, 19 May, 23 June, 28 July,

18 August and 22 September Number of races: 6, 4 to count

This fun and informal monthly race series aims to give new sailors of all ages the opportunity to build their confidence and develop their sailing & boat handling skills. Throughout the race series you will receive coaching and advice from experienced members to help you improve your skills and technique.

Every four weeks or so during late spring and summer, we will meet at 9:30 on Sunday morning for a quick briefing on the race course and some basic rules. Club boats will be available for those wishing to take part. We aim to run two or three short races, with the first starting at 10:00. We should be finished around 11:00 after a short debrief. This will give participants enough time to join in the 12:00 club race, should they wish to. We hope to see as many of you as possible, make sure you come dressed for the weather and be sure to bring your sense of humour!

Contact: Alex Nairac: sailingsecretary@wosc.org.uk or Andrew Robson: sailingschool@wosc.org.uk if you have any questions.

Sprint Series 1, 2, 3 & 4

Dates: Sunday 21 April, 21 July, 8 Sept, 13 Oct Start time: 1 & 4 start at 14:00; 2 & 3 start at 12:00

8 races per day

Normal Sunday facilities

Approximately 4 races in the morning and 4 races in the afternoon, each lasting just 10 minutes. Hone your skills on the start line and defend your position, there will be no time to play catch-up.

WOSC Race Programme 2024



Dates: Sunday 14 April, 2 June, 16 July Start time: 12:00 and 14:30, 2 races per day

Normal Sunday facilities

A change from normal racing, where instead of one start, boats set off at different start times as calculated from the published yardstick number, so that boats sailed to the handicap would all finish together. Start time tables are provided: slowest hoat starts first and sails for 90 minutes



Dates: Sunday 28 April, 5, 12, 19 May,

16 and 23 June Start time: 15:30 Normal Sunday facilities

Solo fleet racing will allow the growing fleet of Solos to enjoy some boat-on-boat action without the maths, so all you Solo owners - put the dates in your diary so you don't miss a start.

The WOSC Regatta

Date: 8-9 June First start: 12:00

Number of races: 6, 5 to count or 2 out of 3

each day

Race type: General Handicap Prize: Saturday, Sunday and overall

Prize: for first junior

Food: galley service for lunch

Camping: yes Visiting boats: yes

A two-day race series that is a great opportunity for members to complete a series over one weekend. Novice sailors, juniors and switch of regular helms and crews are encouraged. Visiting hoats from other clubs welcome

The Midsummer Night Race

Date: Saturday 22 June Start time: 20:00 - 24:00 Race type: General Handicap

Join a team and sail around the lake in the dark to the delight of the participants and observers. Bring

your own food to keep the spirits up.

Rules: 1 boat with a minimum of 2 helms for a single handed boat and 2 helms and 2 crews for a crewed boat with a change of helm/crew every 2 laps Food: BBQ lit for members to cook their own food.

Camping: yes Visiting teams: yes

8 Hour Race

Family Event

Date: Sunday 25 August Start time: 11:00 Race type: General Handicap team event Rules: minimum team size 6, to race one single handed boat and one crewed boat for 8 hours changing crews every two laps

Prizes on day, prize for junior team Food: please bring your own food, a BBQ will be available for everyone to cook their own food

Camping: for competitors only Visiting teams: yes by invitation

This is another team race with crew changes every 2 laps so fun for competitors and spectators alike. This is a fun race for all levels from novice to regular racers and the aim is to get as many people sailing during the day as possible. The bar will also be open. In the evening there will be music to keep us entertained and an evening surprise!! Planned around 8pm. So why not miss the bank holiday traffic and just spend the weekend at WOSC.

WOSC Race Programme 2024

Junior Team Racing

Dates: 10am-2pm Saturdays

Contact: James Ball - Youth Development Officer

Juniors will learn excellent boat handling skills in the club Fireflys, experienced junior helms can sail with inexperienced junior crews. The training is expertly organised and delivered by James Ball. The club enters one or two teams into the Eric Twiname Youth Team Racing Championships at Oxford Sailing Club 12–13 October.

Mardwick Hardship

Date: Sunday 29 September

Start time: 11:30

Race type: General Handicap

The Hardwick can be as hard as you want to make it, the rules don't say you have to have a strong bladder, so by all means pull in for a pee! For the hardcore battling for 4 hours non-stop can be tough in light winds and when it is blowing 'old boots'.



Derek Minty Series 1, 2 & 3

Date: Sunday 20 October Start time: 12:00

Number of races: 3, 2 to count Race type: General Handicap

A one day special.









Social/Bar

In addition to the sailing programme West Oxfordshire Sailing Club organises a variety of social events. Most of these events are open to members and their invited friends who may be non-members. We are always looking for new ideas and volunteers to help run events. Most of the events are run by members willing to help and give their time to ensure the events are fun for all who attend. Volunteering to help is a great way of getting to know new people and feeling much more part of the club. Below is a list of events we are hoping to offer in 2024 once conditions allow. Please look at the social calendar and upcoming events list for fuller details.



Easter Egg Hunt & Races

Date: Sunday 31 March

Children's Easter egg hunt starts at 11.00 from

the Clubhouse Family Event

Race starts at 12.00
Race is General Handicap
Number of races: 3. 2 to count

Easter egg prizes awarded at the discretion of the Race officer.



►Midsummer Night Race

Date: Saturday 22 June Start time: 20.00 Finish time: 00.00

Team race with crew changes every 2 laps. See events for race details. There is overnight camping available and BBQ is available for people to bring and cook your own. A great social evening for teams and spectators alike, one to remember.



WOSC Eight Hour Race

Date: Sunday 25 August Start time: 11.00

Open Event: Visiting teams welcome

See events for race details. Team event with crew changes every 2 laps, so fun for competitors and spectators alike. This is a fun race for all levels from novice to regular racers and the aim is to get as many people sailing during the day as possible. The bar will be open.

Halloween Bonfire Night

Date: Saturday 2 November

Start time: 18.30 Family Event

Avoid the trick-or-treaters and join us for a traditional bonfire and party games.

Fancy dress prizes, sweet treats and a big bonfire. A fun night for all the family to enjoy.

Competitions for the best carved pumpkin and far more. After the bonfire we will have the WOSC Halloween Disco so why not stay on the dance floor and scare the children!

Quiz and Curry Night

Date:Saturday 16 November

Bar open from 19:00, quiz starts 19:30

Curry at 20:00

Booking and payment required online as this is very popular with limited places. Booking opens in October.

The Glittering Diamond Jubilee

Date TBC

To celebrate 60 years of the club. This fabulous black tie event will include dinner and dancing.

AGM Wine & Cheese

Date: Friday 22 November

Start time: 19:30 In the club house

Christmas Lunch

Date: Sunday 15 December

Start time: 12:45

Booking and payment required online as this is

very popular with limited places

A great warm up for the festive season. All are welcome for an excellent Christmas lunch cooked by a team who take mass catering to a new level.

Boxing Day Race

Date: Tuesday 26 December

Start time: 12:00

Race type: General Handicap Prize: The Commodore's Whisky

Prize for first junior

Why not arrange to meet up with friends and family and admire new Christmas sailing gear and Christmas jumpers. Bring a plate of food

to add to a post-race buffet.



Open Meetings

Wayfarer and Wanderer Open and Evening Social

Wayfarer Fleet Captain: Les Burton Contact: les@leslieburton.co.uk

Wanderer Fleet Captain: Michael Lewington

Contact: membership@wosc.org.uk www.wosc.org.uk/wayfarer_open

Date: 20 - 21 April

First start: 12:00 on Saturday

Evening Food to be ordered and paid for on the day

Camping: Yes, this needs to be booked with the sailing club in advance. No requirement to have Wayfarer class membership to compete. WOSC has a large fleet of Wayfarers among the membership and three club boats, so with visitors, this is a very popular open meeting. Make sure you invite Wayfarer and Wanderer sailors from other clubs to attend. This is also a good opportunity for members to experience an open meeting by booking a club boat or offering to crew.

THE MARGARET YOUNG MEMORIAL TROPHY

Margaret Young had been a longstanding member since she first joined with her husband Keith and daughter Caroline in 1980. She sadly passed away on 24



November 2022 and as a memorial to her time at the club, her daughter Caroline Hollier is purchasing a new trophy to honour her memory. This trophy will be awarded to the best placed club sailor, who has represented WOSC on the open circuit over the sailing year. So let's all get out there and represent WOSC.

Solo Open

Saturday 29 June

Contact: Mark Peters: solofleet@wosc.org.uk

www.wosc.org.uk/solo_open

Part of the Thames Valley Series hosted by West Oxfordshire SC. WOSC has a large regular Solo

fleet sailing in WOSC club races.

Firefly Open

Saturday 19-20 October

Contact: James Ball: fireflyfleet@wosc.org.uk
Hosted by West Oxfordshire SC, home to one
of the largest Firefly fleets in the country, this
promises to be a great event. Racing for one of
the legendary silver Firefly trophies.

Lightning Rum and Mince Pie Open

Saturday 9 November
Contact: Caroline Hollier:
lightning@wosc.org.uk
www.wosc.org.uk/lightning_open
WOSC hosts the Lightning 368 Open.
The Lightning was designed by Mark Giles,
an honorary member.



Alongside the great sailing opportunities at WOSC members also have the opportunity to use the top lake for open water swimming and we are super lucky at to have a great community of members who swim regularly.

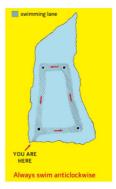
Your swimming representatives are Emma Gibbard and Stanley Ulijaszek. If you, have any ideas, queries, questions, concerns or if you wish for something to be put to the committee, please do feel free to contact them via email or WhatsApp.

Email: Emma – egibbard8@gmail.com Stanley – Stanley.ulijaszek@anthro.ox.ac.uk

WOSC OPEN WATER SWIMMING RULES

- Competent swimmers only. Each with a tow float and hi visibility swim hat. Any junior (U18) swimmers must have close 1:1 supervision by a competent adult buddy swimmer or rescue craft on the water with them at all times.
- Two person minimum at each swim session.
 Swimmers not more than 4m apart from nearest buddy with a responsible person available to initiate an emergency action plan.
- Rescue craft to be available to respond to swimmers in distress at all times when swimmers are in the water. The swimming safety kayak is on a combination padlock, (code 60380). Please ensure this is unlocked when you arrive to swim and then re-locked and secured when you have finished.
- Only paddle powered craft in the top swimming lake. These are to be kept out of the swim lane, unless being used for coaching or rescue purposes.
- 5. Swimmers to stay in identified safe swim track around the lake.
- Visual checks should be made of the lake before entering the water to ensure that weeds are not encroaching on swimming area.

- Entry into the water is at a set location only, please see marked signage at the lakeside.
- Members who
 wish to swim in
 the top lake should
 acknowledge
 contents of the OWS
 risk assessment



Please ensure that the club rules are followed regarding guests and that they are signed in either at the clubhouse or online.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Easter Swim

Sunday 31 March 2024 - 10am.

Come along with the family for a watery easter egg hunt and then the kids cans join in with the Children's Easter Egg hunt starting at 11am at the club house. You could even stay on a watch the racing starting 12:00.

Summer Solstice Swim

Thursday 20 June 2024 - 7pm

Come have a swim to celebrate the start of hopefully warmer weather and the longer days. Please feel free to bring food to share.

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Winter Swim Challenge

1 September 2024 to 1 April 2025

This year will see the start of our very first winter swim challenge. Details are being finalised and it is anticipated that the information will be sent out at the beginning of August via the website and WhatsApp group for all members who might like to take part.

Halloween Dip

2 November 2024 - 4pm

Come along and have a dusk dip and maybe a cheeky apple bob. Prize for best dressed tow float (tow floats must be illuminated). Why not stay on and get warm by the bonfire starting at 18:30. There are prizes for the best fancy dressed and carved pumpkin later on. See events for further information on the evening.

Boxing Day Dip

26th December 2024 - 11am

A great way to celebrate. Bring warm layers and food to share (we are sure there will be plenty).

New Year's Day Dip

1 January 2025 - 11am

Always a great turnout, let's get 2025 off to a good start. Bring warm layers and food to share.

SWIM NEWS

The New Year's Day Dip was well attended and has become very popular. Thank you Stanley for starting this wonderful tradition and we hope to see you all there in 2025.

We do have an active West ox sail club swim WhatsApp group which is great for keeping in touch with other members who swim. Please do let us know if you would like to be added to the group and this can be arranged.

SUMMER WORKING PARTIES

A working party isn't just for the winter!!! In the summer, we know that the weed in the top lake can sometimes be problematic so to pre-empt this we are looking at getting some dates into your diaries for summer working parties. With the anticipation

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that the maximum weed growth to be in July/ August time, the following dates are set aside. If on these dates, the weed is not an issue, we are sure that there will be other duties that will need to be done and you could always finish off with a swim.

Saturday 20 July 2024 – 10am Saturday 17 August 2024 – 10am Saturday 31 August 2024 – 10am If these dates change, it will be on the website and also we will notify the WhatsApp group.

Please note that we encourage all members whether they swim or sail to attend working parties and they are in addition to your official duty as a sailing club member.



Learn to sail in 2024 - WOSC Sailing School

RYA AFFILIATED

Make 2024 the year you learn to sail and enjoy WOSC to the max. We are introducing some changes to help you, including more flexibility around the RYA Sailing School courses and new Recreational Sailing sessions as well as continuing with the Starting racing at WOSC sessions, the Club races and the WOSC team racing squad for juniors. We've even made a diagram to show how all this fits together! See below for more details.

New! WOSC Recreational Sailing sessions

Members are always asking how they can practice their sailing with the reassurance of powerboat

cover. For 2024, WOSC is introducing Recreational Sailing sessions on Saturday afternoons throughout the summer with powerboat support. These sessions are not run by the sailing school, no instruction is provided and you don't need to register. It's just an opportunity for you to practice your sailing, have fun and maybe do some family sailing in the summer. However, because of other events, it's not every Saturday afternoon in the summer, and details of when these sessions are happening will be on the WOSC calendar. The committee are supporting this initiative by making club boats free to hire in these sessions you'll still need to remember sign boats out before going on the water and your sailing safety is your responsibility. Hire charges for boats at other times are as normal.

Help wanted! To ensure that the sessions can go ahead, we're looking for volunteers who either

Adults* Juniors* **RYA** courses **RYA** courses RYA Level 1 *Aged 8 to 18 RYA Stage 1 (beginning sailing) (beginning sailing) Club practice sessions Club practice sessions Recreational Recreational RYA Level 2 RYA Stage 2 sailing sailing Starting racing at Starting racing at RYA Level 3 RYA Stage 3 WOSC WOSC *Children over 14 years Club races at can do adult RYA courses RYA Stage 4 WOSCT at WOSC. †Sailors of any age can take part in club practice sessions and any of the club races; Club races at WOSC team racing except the junior series and junior regatta WOSC† squad which are only for under 18s

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have Powerboat 2 (PB2) qualification or who are interested in gaining PB2 to sign up to a powerboat rota. This will count as one of your club duties. Look out for an email to sign up for powerboat duties and for PB2 training to support these new sessions.

Sailing School 2024

There are some changes happening to the Sailing School for 2024. These are aimed at providing the same amount of training for juniors and adults but in a more flexible way for students and instructors. See the WOSC calendar for course dates.

- RYA Youth Level 1, 2, and 3 courses:
 Each course will be run as two whole consecutive Saturdays (see timetable).

 Students will need to register for each course and will need to complete both Saturdays and will be issued with a certificate on successful completion.
- RYA Adult Level 1 and 2 courses: Previously you had to sign up to do both of these courses together. However, for 2024 you'll be able to sign up to Level 1 or 2 separately. As previously, these courses will each run over a weekend with full days on Saturday and Sunday.
- New for 2024: A Youth Stage 4 course and an Adult Level 3 course will be run in September. These 'better sailing' courses will consolidate your practice over the summer and get you ready for racing in the winter.
- Junior Sailing week: This will run as normal, on five afternoons in the summer holidays.
 See the calendar on the website for details.
- Powerboat 2: Become a qualified powerboat driver at WOSC; it's free to do the course but

- you need to sign up to the powerboat rota to support club racing and/or recreational sailing sessions.
- Powerboat refresher: The controls in the powerboats have been changed and we have a new dock, so everyone with a PB2 certificate should do a refresher course; these take a couple of hours – see the calendar for dates.

Instructor opportunities

As always, we're very keen to hear from instructors who would like to volunteer to teach sailing at WOSC — if you can help, please contact training@ wosc.org.uk. Also there are opportunities to train as an Instructor, supported by the WOSC committee, if you're interested please contact training@wosc.org.uk.



Membership of WOSC

The membership year runs from 1st March to the end of February and is limited to 350 memberships.

New members joining part way through the season are given a discount on membership fees.

The Club is run totally voluntarily by its

Committee and its Members for the benefit of all

Type of Membership	Cost per year
Family Membership - members of one immediate family comprising one or two adults living as a couple and their dependent children, children being under the age of 18 or in full time education at the start of the membership year; (An immediate family does not include grandchildren, biological relatives, and those related through marriage, such as a brother-in-law, friends or work colleagues.)	£165
Adult Member - one adult member over the age of 24 and not in full time education as at the start of the membership year 1 March	£115
Student or Under 24 members- Student members are persons over the age of 18 and in full time education and Under 24 members are persons' not in full time education but under the age of 24 at the start of the membership year 1 March.	£50
New Member Joining Fee (Does not apply to Country and Junior Members)	£40
Junior Member - Minimum age 16 years	£50
Country Member - at the discretion of the General Committee and must live more than 100 miles from WOSC. Contact the Membership Secretary for details	£25
Senior Member - Aged 65 and over who have held a membership of the club for at least 15 years and no longer keeps a boat or sailboard at the club. Eligible members must apply to the Committee through the Membership Secretary	£60
Boat Berth (per boat, or 2 kayaks/ canoes).	£18
Adult Guest fee	£2
Locker fee	£5

Members. There are no paid posts within the club. The Club expects Members:

a) to abide by the Club Rules;

b) to assist with running the Club Racing (Sundays throughout the year and some Saturdays and Wednesday evenings during the Summer) when selected, on a rota basis, by the Sailing Secretary (Club Rule 22). For most club members, you should expect to do a minimum of 1 or 2 duties per year although it will occur more frequently for regular racing members. Other duties can be substituted as on page 21.

- Enjoy the availability to sail 365 days a year.
- Use of the club facilities to change and shower.
- Sail the club boats: Wayfarer, Firefly, Laser, H12, Topper (hire charge applies for recreational sailing, there is no charge for use of club boats for club racing).
- For children, sail the club Optimists (free).
- Adult & Junior sail training free to members' children aged 8–18.
- Saturday afternoon adult & junior sailing for children over 8 years (May, June, July, Aug, Sept).
- August Junior sailing week (numbers limited, booking required).
- Junior Team race training incl. matches and competitions.
- General handicap racing on Wednesday evenings (summer only) and Sundays.
- Special racing events on selected weekends.
- Weekend sailing courses.
- Dinghy storage (annual fee applies).
- Swim in the swimming area and open water swimming lake.
- Social events (Quiz nights, Halloween, Bonfire night and more...).
- Barbecue on the club facilities.
- · Picnic and relax on the grass area.
- Above all enjoy a convivial and friendly atmosphere.



Are there any restrictions when I can use the Club and how do I get into the Club outside of normal opening times?

NO – As a member you will be provided with one free swipe card which allows unlimited access through the front gate and the Clubhouse. Family members may purchase a second swipe card.

Security – Security of the premises and Clubhouse is paramount, you must close the gate behind you to keep the club safe and secure and freely available for members to use. The gate into WOSC should be closed and locked behind you at all times. You should not allow anyone to follow you in without checking they are a member. Similarly, the Clubhouse door should be shut at all times

On leaving the Club premises it is paramount that you ensure the Clubhouse is totally secure, garage door, patio door and main door and the main gate is closed and the electric lock engaged.

Safety – Outside of normal sailing and scheduled events and activities the Club does not have a patrol boat on the water to render assistance. You are therefore sailing at your own risk.

Do I have to do Club duties and what do they entail?

YES – The Club is run by the members and everyone must take part in Club duties. There are two types of duties – Race and Galley. Duties

are undertaken by Adults and Families but only 1 adult member of a family is on the roster.

Race Duty – This is rostered on Wednesday
Evenings (April to September inclusive) some
Saturdays for special events such as open
meetings and Sundays all year round. This
includes Officer of the Day (OOD) who sets the
racing course, Patrol Boat driver (if qualified)
and Assistant Officer of the Day (AOD). Typically
on Wednesday evening for the single race you
are required to be at the Club from 6.30pm and
usually finished by 8.45pm. April to September
Sundays from 11:15 to 16:45 for the three races
and in the winter, two races from 10:45 to 15:30.

Galley Duty — Sunday and occasional Saturdays. Many non-sailors opt for galley duty which involves providing lunch (ready to eat around 13:00, 12:30 in winter) and afternoon tea (around 15:00, not required in winter). There are periods in the year when lunch is not provided on a Sunday. You decide what you will provide (guidance available), buy the ingredients, prepare, cook and serve charging normally £4.00 for lunch. The income should cover the costs with a small surplus. You will not be out of pocket.

What if I can't do my duty?

Duties are published well in advance on the website and in the Newsletter. If you are not available on your assigned date you are required to telephone other members to arrange a swap. Contact phone numbers are published on the duty roster. If you change duties you must inform Caroline Hollier for Race Duty (caroline.key@adrianhollier.co.uk) or Stig Topp-Jorgenson for Galley Duty (galley@wosc.org.uk).

Can I bring my own dinghy to the Club?

YES – Use of boats on Club premises is limited to canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, rowing boats

and single hulled sailing dinghies less than 5.0 metres in length or having a Portsmouth Number (PN) greater than 940, PN being defined by the RYA. Only boats with a PN of 940 or greater are eligible to race.

How do I locate a berth for my dinghy(s), kayaks or canoes?

Once you have paid your berth fee to locate a berth you should contact the Harbourmaster at harbourmaster@wosc.org.uk. Berths are large enough for the storage of one sailing dinghy, for the storage of canoes and kayaks a rack is provided on the bund.

Do I need to pay for a berth for my kayaks or canoes?

YES – If you do not store your kayak or canoe with your dinghy you must purchase a berth. If you have multiple kayaks or canoes you may need to purchase more than one berth.

Do I need dinghy/kayak/canoe/rowing boat insurance?

YES – Every member who uses or keeps one of the above on the Club's property must be covered by insurance against third party liability to an amount as shown on a current application (£1 million) or renewal form to cover any one accident. All members on initial application and on renewal shall be required to sign to say that such insurance is in place.

Are Club boats insured?

YES – The General Committee ensures that all boats owned by the Club and made available for use by members or participants in RYA sailing courses organized at the Club are covered by equivalent insurance.

How do I hire a Club dinghy?

Boats can **only** be hired by **club members** and must **not be sailed in wind above force 4**, except at the discretion of a Committee member. The fees are used for the maintenance of the boats.

Boats are maintained at a level suitable for club racing boats should not be used as swimming/ diving platforms.

Boats shall be beached using the launching trolley, and sails must not be left hoisted whilst the boat is not being sailed. Cover must be replaced and the boat tied down.

To hire a Club Topper, Firefly, Wayfarer, H12, Laser you must first book the boat and pay the hire fee at the clubhouse or online through the website. Club Optimists are for use by children only are free to use. The Boat Hire Book is located in the main corridor on the shelf next to the visitors book. Record your hire of a boat in the Boat Hire Book and place your hire fee in one of the small brown envelopes provided. Pay the hire fee and importantly write the details of your name,

Scale of Charges	Half Day (Before 1.30pm)	Full Day
Wayfarer	£5	£10
Firefly	£ 5	£10
Laser	£ 5	£10
H12	£5	£10
Topper	£2.50	£5
Oppies	No Charge	No Charge – still need to be booked- out and only for use by Juniors

Club boats used for club racing - No Charge - still need to be booked-out

membership number and fee on the envelope. Once complete, place the envelope through the brass letter box in the bar store door located behind the bar. See table below.

Please consult a member of the General Committee if you want to use a Club boat for the first time.

Please do not beach or drag club boats on the shore, this damages the hull. Do use the launching trailers to take boats out of the water or ask others to assist you in lifting a boat. Do drop or furl the sails when not in use, do not leave the sails flapping. Do roll sails to avoid creasing them (ask for help if you don't know how to store sails). Please look after our boats!

Optimists: There are many Club Optimists and the sails, masts, rudder and dagger boards can be found in the garage. They are not dinghy specific so please use any. The Optimists are located in the compound to the left of the Club. A small trolley is provided to move it to the water. After use, return the dinghy to the compound and lock the gate.

Toppers: There are many Club Toppers and the sails, masts, rudder and dagger boards can be found in the garage. They are not dinghy specific so please use any. The Toppers are located on the rack to the left (away from the car park) of the Clubhouse. The Toppers can be launched from where they are stored.

Hartley H12: The H12 is the new generation of training boat, it is very stable, has a deep, roomy, comfortable cockpit, high boom, good head clearance and visibility, self-draining, easy reefed, easy to right—comes up with very little water. There are two H12s which are stored next to the Fireflies, all equipment is stored in the boats.

Fireflies: There are six Fireflies. Sails, masts, rudder and centre boards are in/on the dinghy. The Fireflies are stored on launching trolleys

and located alongside the lake to the left (away from the car park) of the Clubhouse. They can be launched from where they are stored.

Wayfarers: There are three Club Wayfarers and the sails, masts, rudder and centre boards are in/on the dinghy. They are located to the left (away from the car park) of the Clubhouse in front of the compound with the safety boats. They are stored on a launching trolley and can be launched from the slipway immediately in front of the Clubhouse. Once launched please return the launching trolley to the berth to leave access to the slipway free.

Lasers: There are two Club Lasers and the sails, masts, rudder and dagger boards are kept in the garage. They are located to the left (away from the car park) of the Clubhouse, one in the row alongside the lake and the second close to the container. They are stored on a launching trolley and can be launched from either slipway immediately in front of the Clubhouse.

Please leave the boats and equipment in the state that you would wish to find them. Please de-rig, return the rigs (if appropriate) to the garage, put the boat back and secure the cover (if appropriate).

What do I do if a piece of equipment is missing or breaks on a Club boat?

Alongside the hire Boat Hire Book is a book for boat repairs. Enter the necessary details in the book and then taking a tag from the wall in front of you, attach this to the boat or equipment in need of repair. The boat maintenance crew will ensure it is repaired. If you do not record the repair no one knows and it cannot be repaired.

Do I need a buoyancy aid?

YES – Buoyancy aids are compulsory for all on paddle boards, windsurfers, canoes, kayaks, rowing boats or dinghies when on either lake.

May I swim?

YES – You can swim in the designated area in the large lake in front of the tables and swings. Children under 16 swimming must be supervised.

Can I swim in the main lake in front of the Clubhouse outside of the designated area?

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m NO}$ – You can only swim in the designated area.

Can I use a boat in the swimming area?

NO – Hard hulled craft, boards, canoes etc. are not allowed in the swimming area. Inflatable boats or inflatable canoes are allowed.

Can I swim on the Open Water Course?

YES – The small top lake is for the sole use of open water swimmers and human powered paddle craft. No engine powered, other than for weed cutting, or sailing vessels may use this lake. As with other water sports any member undertaking the activity of open water swimming must understand the risks inherent in this activity and be medically fit and competent to undertake it.

- No solo swimming, minimum of two people who must stay within 4 metres of each other.
- Bright coloured swim hat and swimming drag along (tow) float to be used by all swimmers.
- · Only enter the water at the signed slipway.
- Mobile phone and safety kayak to be ready and available at the entry point.
- No swimming when under the influence of alcohol.
- Swimmers only enter the water and swim if it is within their capabilities.

Can I bring visitors to the Club?

YES – A member may invite not more than five persons which includes adults and children ("Guests") at any time to the Club premises. For the purpose of this rule, Family memberships count as one member. Members must sign their guests in by entering the names and addresses

of their guests in the visitor's book and must pay the fee as stated in the visitor's book. The member is personally responsible for their guest(s) whilst they are on Club premises. A member may not invite any person who has been refused or expelled from membership without the prior consent of the General Committee

The maximum number of times that any one guest may visit the Club premises in any calendar year is three (3). A member wishing to invite more than five persons to the Club premises (Rule 64) or exceed the maximum numbers of visits per year (Rule 65) must request and receive the prior consent of the General Committee

Can I use a BBQ at the Club?

YES – You can use the Club provided fixed BBQ located under the canopy on the decking. Charcoal and lighters are not provided by the Club. You must clean up after use and dispose of the ash. Do not place hot ash in the bins. If you bring a disposable BBQ and use it on the grass area you must ensure it is raised clear of the grass to avoid a grass burn.

Can I bring dogs to the Club?

YES – However, no dogs (with the exception of assistance dogs) are allowed in the Clubhouse or on the patio area. All dogs around the Clubhouse, on the grassed area in front of the car park or within the boat parks must be on a lead. If your dog "unburdens" itself please ensure you pick up. You may walk your dog around the lake off the lead once clear of the Clubhouse, car and boat parks.

Safety and Security at the Club

It is important to be aware of safety at the club, this not only protects you and your family but other people and their families. It is important to comply with the safety rules of the club to ensure our insurance remains valid.

Buoyancy Aids

Buoyancy aids are compulsory for all activities on the water, and covers both lakes. Activities include sailing, canoes, kayaks, paddle board rowing boats and using inflatables. Please wear one.

Barbecues

There is a fixed BBQ located under the canopy by the club house. Members are encouraged to use this. Please clean the BBQ after you have used it. Do not place hot ash in the bins. If you use a BBQ on the grassed area you must ensure it is raised to avoid burning the grass. During the summer the club may ban BBQ on the grass area due to the fire risk. Please ensure you find out if this is in force.

Gate Security

To keep the club safe and secure, please close the gate behind you every time you use it. You should not let anyone in without checking if they are members.

At the end of the day, the goals are simple: Safety and security.

Medical Information

In the event of a medical emergency, knowledge of the casualty's relevant medical history and current medication might be of significant importance to those providing first responder care as well as to paramedics called to assist and to hospital staff should hospital transfer be necessary.

The club would encourage everyone to complete the outside of the medical information envelopes even if they write "no relevant information" on the form inside, so that the club knows "who to contact in case of emergency". This form is an

invitation to make more information available. It is not compulsory, and if you would rather not complete the form that is entirely up to you.

Completed forms will be held in individual sealed envelopes in a place designated for the secure keeping of confidential information and will be accessible at all times in the event of a medical emergency. Blanks are kept in the storage box (to be kept by the first aid box and defibrillator) in the clubbouse

At the time of annual renewal of membership, members will be reminded that those who have completed a medical information form should consider whether it needs to be updated. However, it is the responsibility of the member completing this form to keep their information up to date, promptly and without waiting for the annual reminder

There is no need to record medical events which can be of no significance in an emergency situation.

Examples:

- Atrial fibrillation (irregular heart beat) started on anticoagulants (blood thinners) – relevant
- Benign skin cancer removed irrelevant

Members are encouraged to provide a copy of a recent hospital discharge or clinic letter, if applicable, if this lists relevant medical problems and current medication. It will give the hospital personal identification number for the individual making it easier for hospital staff to find hospital notes on admission. Hospital letters may be placed in the sealed envelope with this form, and need not be copied onto the form. Medical terminology will be understood by paramedics and by some members of the club, such as those who have medical, nursing, paramedic or pharmaceutical training.



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