



York Railway Institute  
Sailing Club

# YRISC Newsletter

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## This Sunday (18th April) - Joint Event with YOSC

Normal Sunday racing but with a difference. We are playing host to our friends from Yorkshire Ouse Sailing Club, who are joining us for a day's sailing. It will be very informal—this isn't a regatta (that still happens in September). Food won't be provided so please do bring your packed lunch as usual.

No speeches, no prizes, no presentations, just some racing on the river in a slightly larger fleet. Please, we need as many members as possible – come along and outnumber the YOSC sailors. This is the first time for many years that we have held any joint event with YOSC, other than the annual regatta.

Start time will be as normal – briefing at 11am and then straight onto the water—so please be ready. It would help a lot if you could e-mail Pete ([ptcraggs@hotmail.com](mailto:ptcraggs@hotmail.com)) to let him know you're coming.

## This Saturday (17th April) - Working Party

So far this year the shed has been completely emptied, the walkway behind the clubhouse has been strengthened and the field gates have been re-hung. Even the rubbish has been removed. But there is more to do!

The club house needs to be tidied, and the shed needs to be demolished. We need to everything to be tidy ready for the visit from YOSC and the Open Day - so please come and help if you can!

## Sunday 25th April - Open Day

A copy of the poster is enclosed - please could you display it locally to you?

Also we hope you can come along on the day to welcome our visitors. This is an opportunity to show off the club to potential members and interested residents. We need people there to smile and chat, to show off their boats, and generally to be seen having fun on the river.



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## Flood Security

Boat owners, and those who use the club boats – please ensure that when your boat is in the boat park it is always secured to its trolley, either using the cover straps or with some additional ropes. As you know, the boat park is liable to flood, even in summer, at a moment's notice. A boat tied to its trolley floats securely and comes down again in one piece when the flood recedes. A boat that floats away from its trolley damages itself and other boats, while the trolley does even more damage.

When we know the compound is going to flood then someone goes down to the club and ties the boats in place to stop them moving around. But, just in case we don't make it in time, it's important to make sure that the front of the boat is tied to the eyelets in the ground. That way if the compound does flood your boat stays where it should!

## The Farmer's Field

If you've taken a boat in/out of the club recently you will know that the farmer has added a sign to the gate asking for care to be taken not to damage the track or the surface of the field. There have been some recent instances of the ground getting churned up. We think this has mostly been caused by motor-boat owners, but we must make sure we behave impeccably ourselves. So please can we:

1. Bring as few vehicles as possible into the field, as infrequently as possible;
2. Use the track to drive from the gate down to the river;
3. Leave the car at the end of the track and walk (towing the boat by hand) the rest of the way unless the ground is good and firm;
4. Even if it is firm, drive only on the high ground right alongside the fence;
5. To turn around, do not drive across the lower ground in a big circle, leaving big muddy tracks – if necessary, reverse back to the start of the track. Leave no trace!

## Club Boats

Your committee has decided to make a few changes to the way club boats are used. Firstly after a six month gap we are going to reintroduce fees for the use of the boats. This will be a straight forward 50p per half day, £1 per full day. This money will be used as a contribution to the running costs.

Secondly we are asking everyone who uses a club boat to complete a log of their usage. This will be in a book which will be located on the table near the race results.

The book will ask for confirmation that the boat has been returned in the same (or better!) condition that it went afloat, if not please record any defects and seek advice from a committee member to assist with repair/replacement.

We now have three fully working GP14s (though can anyone donate a slightly newer sail please?), an RS200 that has just had a new thwart, and two toppers. That's quite a big fleet for a club our size, so we'll really appreciate your continued help in looking after them.

## Competition!

Another thing we are going to do is label the various bits of equipment so we know which boat they go with. To do that we need names so that we can identify them! Can you suggest a set of names for all six boats. The prize, as per club tradition, is a pack of Jelly Babies!

Please e-mail your entry to [mail@jamesjeffrey.co.uk](mailto:mail@jamesjeffrey.co.uk) by the 2nd May. The committee's decision is final!