

## Junior Programme

We started the year with good intent - with plans for a full summer of junior racing, training and open meetings, plus social activities from May half term through to October half term for our bronze, silver, gold and elite fleets. Then covid struck, and we were grateful for the fleeting opportunity to run a four week Sunday morning race series in July/ August, and then our much-reduced covid-secure regatta race week at the end of August, before we went into a progressively more restrictive lockdown as the pandemic unfolded. The Topper and Laser opens were cancelled, as was the Wanderer Nationals, which was to be held at CSC for the first time in September 2020. The planned joint laser training with South Cerney was also cancelled, as was all of the usually hotly-contested 'Top Junior' Autumn series.

Nevertheless there were some notable sailing performances in our Junior fleet. Rowan in the RS Tera did splendidly at his first open meetings (even eating porridge with a spoon!) and Kyle continued to represent the club magnificently in his Topper - both names to watch! On home turf, our Elite sailors (16 years +) took advantage of being able to get out on the water, with Matt, Lottie and Olly competing for top three spots in the Junior warriors; Kyle, Orlando and Rohan in the Gold fleet and a first for Henry in a topper, followed by Theo and Tegan in the silver fleet. Race week was no less competitive, despite the appalling weather. In the Elite fleet Beatrice bagged first place, followed by Stella and Theo. In Gold fleet Kyle topped the leader board, with Rohan and Imy hot on his heels, and for the youngest sailors in silver fleet, there was a joint first for Etienne and Henry, two up in a topper (mostly) with brilliant performances by Theo and Aggie.

Although I am stepping down as Junior Commodore/ Vice-Commodore after six fantastic years supporting the Junior fleet, I will still be watching and cheering on all of our talented sailors from my Wanderer/ Laser and bellowing 'sheet-in' and 'sit forward/ out' so that you can all be the best possible sailors you can be! It's been a privilege to help, taking over from Robin and Kate, and seeing the Junior fleet flourish and grow, introducing the bronze fleet for our younger members, Sunday morning race coaching and hosting a growing-number of open meetings, enabling our youth fleet to experience the thrill of an open, without the need to travel. Now my children are almost grown-up, with Bea having left school and Evelyn approaching that all-important suit of iGCSE exams this summer (which haven't been cancelled like other GCSEs), and given the distance and covid travel restrictions (I live in Islington, a good 2.5hr drive away) it's time for someone more local, with younger children and fresh ideas to take over, while I concentrate on some of the more strategic challenges facing the club, as outlined below.....

## CSC Constitution

Although not strictly related to my duties as Junior Commodore, as a member of the committee we all need to pitch in when something needs to get done. After a review by Gavin, it became clear that our CSC constitution required updating, and more importantly, control measures between CSC (our club) and CSC Ltd (the company which owns the lake) needed to be put in place to limit risk. We took expert legal advice, and as a result we've done the following:

- 'retired' the old directors of CSC Ltd in accordance with the M&AoA of CSC Ltd (some of whom weren't even members of CSC any more!)
- appointed the directors of CSC Ltd in accordance with the M&AoA of CSC Ltd (CSC 'flag-bearers')
- allocated the three shares in CSC Ltd in accordance with the M&AoA of CSC Ltd
- put in place a signed, witnessed deed of trust between each CSC Ltd shareholder and CSC (the club)
- taken advice from a solicitor on the options for legal incorporation for CSC (the club) and the framework for a proposed new constitution for CSC as an unincorporated association
- drafted a proposed new constitution for CSC (the club) as an unincorporated association
- following a presentation of options at AGM 2020, developed final draft version and held 2x consultative seminars for members, plus 1:1 meetings with keen members to seek detailed feedback on proposals
- we are aiming for an approval decision via a postal/ electronic vote later in 2021.

Next, after we've got the new constitution in place, we'll look again at options for legal incorporation for CSC (the club) and its relationship with CSC Ltd to best safeguard our assets and limit risk. We need to refresh CSC Ltd's governing document, and then look to how we can use our new operating model to advance the family-friendly aims of our beautiful club - perhaps though enlargement of the lake, purchase of surrounding land, improving the sailing area and reviewing our built facilities.

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