



New Year Sailing News

Happy New Year Everyone.

Let us hope that 2119 can bring as much glorious sailing weather as we had in 2018. The warmth, sunshine and gentle breezes of last summer are difficult to remember at this time of year.

The sailing committee have a few events arranged to help you through the depth of winter.

Prize Giving

Our postponed 2018 prize giving is on **Saturday 12th January** at 6-30pm.

Before the prize giving Penny Wheatley will be opening our refurbished facilities.

Although not yet fully furnished we now have much improved facilities downstairs. If you have not already done so come and see what has been done to the club room, try the new loo and give our successful sailors a cheer as they collect their trophies.



Sailing Talk

The next winter sailing talk is on **Wednesday 16th Jan**

Some of you may remember Ian Howe's fascinating talk last year about the Lighthouse design as influenced by the Eddystone. This time he will be talking about the Tay Bridge Disaster. It just about fits into the sailing talk classification because it had maritime end.



Ian will relate the 1879 story of the fatal collapse of the World's longest and newest river crossing when the forces of nature tore down Victorian engineering's greatest structure.

Confessional Dinner

On Saturday 26th Jan we will be holding a confessional dinner. This will follow the same format as last year. Members of all levels of experience are invited to make short presentation of the blunders, cock ups, or near disasters that they have had on the water. Confessions will be heard during the course of a set dinner.

Timing and cost of dinner to follow soon.

Anyone wishing to confess and possibly obtain absolution should contact Duncan duncanmac2@gmail.com.



2019 Sailing programme

This is now now on the website and the club noticeboard www.yealmyachtclub.co.uk. It is in PDF format and printer friendly for those who want a paper copy.

Much of it will be familiar to our regular sailors. Our long distance yacht programme is slightly less ambitious than in previous years, reflecting the lack of enthusiasm for bashing to windward in all conditions. Our longer distance races are now billed as coastal passage races and the destination will be chosen when we have an idea of the prevailing weather conditions.

We hope to see more youngsters having instruction on the water in the Optimist Dinghies this year and are currently discussing with the community sailing representatives about how to achieve this.

If you want to know more about particular aspects of the programme you should contact the relevant member of the sailing committee

Yachts. Ian Kennedy.

Day Boats Jon Pegg/ Rodney Carter

Dinghies Julian Webb

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