



Denholme Sailing Club

MEMBERS' NEWSLETTER July 2021

It's been a busy time down at the Club! Over the last few months we received around 50 enquiries about sailing at the Club, and we have set up around sailing 30 taster sessions for people to try sailing. Thanks to Club members who have taken people on the water - especially Andrew who never stops! This has resulted in 13 (and counting!) new individual and family members at the Club this year, mainly people new to sailing. Welcome all! It can be a bit hectic on Sunday sailing days, but we are managing to get everyone out on the water at some point, and gradually people are getting the hang of it and will soon be able to sail independently. The Club is a really vibrant place these days!



We have had a gap following the May and June bonanza of tasters, but demand is still there so there will be a few more in July. They will be spaced out, so for new members there will still be an opportunity of using club boats when you come down for a sail, and do ask if you need help with which boats to use, help in rigging and also if you need someone with you until you get more experience.

Training weekend 24/25th July

The Start Sailing course run for us by Halifax Sailing Club will be held over Saturday and Sunday 24/25th July (good luck everyone!), but the Club will be open as usual so do come down for a sail on the Sunday. There will be fewer club boats available for members without their own and maybe less help but as usual we will endeavor to get everyone sailing who wants to.

Youth and Learner Sailing - Saturday sessions

It hasn't really been practical to run these sessions one a month at Denholme as hoped for, so for July and August the youth sailing sessions will all be held at the Halifax Club.

Denholme members are welcome to join these sessions (12.00 noon to 4.00 pm) every Saturday. Activities ranging from basic tuition to 'fun' racing are organised by the Halifax Club instructors with both young people and beginners taking to the water, using club boats. Let us know if you are interested or would like to come along. Email denholmesailingclub@gmail.com or Contact Tony Lever 07854060650.

However, in September and October when the weather at the Halifax Club becomes wilder the weekly sessions will transfer to Denholme SC every week so you can join in on 'home turf.'



Youth session at Denholme 2019

Lightnings come to Denholme.



The club hosted the Lightning 368 Northern Championships on 12th June where a small but select band of sailors took to the water, including our very own Stephen Hodgson and Jason Gallagher. The shifting winds of Doe Park once again challenged everyone especially in 'Death Valley'. Jeremy

Cooper from Shotwick SC took the honours over the three races with Jason second.



What to wear

As a dinghy sailor, having an unintentional swim is always a possibility! Wetsuit or drysuits must be worn during winter months at the Club and are recommended at other times. Wetsuits use a layer of water (that is warmed by the wearer's body) to help keep the body insulated, while drysuits use a layer of air and are fully sealed to prevent water from entering and coming into contact with the skin. Drysuits may keep you totally dry and keep you as warm as toast, but they can feel bulky for dinghy sailing and don't come cheap. Most dinghy sailors at Denholme wear wetsuits rather than drysuits.

Wetsuits are now widely available both online and in stores and are much cheaper to buy than drysuits. Budget wetsuits are great for kids who grow out of them at a rate of knots. Many of the online wetsuit stores have guides about types and sizes of wetsuits to help you decide what to get.

Generally, the types include full body wetsuits ideal for winter, 'long john' wetsuits (legs but no arms), shorty wetsuits ideal for summer (no arms or legs). Thickness is important - the neoprene is measured in mm - maybe 1-2 mm for summer, minim of 2/3/4 mm for the rest of the year. You can also get front zipped or rear zipped models. Fit is also important - wetsuits should not be loose fitting; they need to fit close to the body to work properly.



For sale in the pen,
ready to sail 'solo' - a
steal!

Kayak for sale: [Perception Acadia Recreational Touring Kayak with Ainsworth K100 Paddle | eBay](#)

Well I never!

The club has donated an abandoned dinghy from the 'boat graveyard' in the pen to South Square Centre, Thornton for their current Titanic themed exhibition. And here it is.....!



Committee who's who:

Tony Lever:	Commodore
Jason Gallagher:	Rear Commodore; Social secretary
Stephen Hodgson:	Treasurer; Safeguarding Officer.
Sophie Makower:	Club Secretary

Tony Mitchell: Sailing Secretary
Andrew Goldsbrough: Penmaster; maintenance: training

We do have Committee vacancies - get in touch if you are interested!

Coming soon.....!

Denholme Sailing Club Regatta and not too serious dinghy racing.

Facebook

To keep up to date with what is happening at the Club on the members Facebook page:
[Denholme SC Sailors | Facebook](#)

Website

The Club Website www.denholmesc.co.uk - do have a look! There is now also a section on 'Members Information' which contains policies and other documents.

Covid update - access to the building

Please note that greater access to the building is now permitted as follows (maximum numbers per area shown in brackets):

Kitchen (1)

Main room (10) doors to be tied back.

Changing rooms (5 in each) Fans to be switched on.

Face coverings must be worn by everyone at all times when entering the building unless exempt.

Access to the building will now be open but the main room will be locked when we are sailing etc.

As we are obliged to complete extensive cleaning after use (and we don't have a cleaner!!) please do keep your use of the building to a minimum, also use the hand sanitizer as provided in the building). Thank you!

Happy sailing

