



****Poop Deck****

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Dear Members

Sonata News

The Club's Sonata keelboats not only operate in attracting new members through our CYC Sail Training scheme, but increasingly used by those who want to take a step into racing. The latest activity where new members and Sonata 'graduates' can join forces is the Tuesday Sonata League.

The first of the Tuesday Sonata League races was held on 8th May. All three Club Sonatas were promptly on the 18.00 start line off the Club and set off up river in a fair easterly breeze. Positions were hotly contested. The second race started in the river and the fleet re-entered the creek to ghost against the tide to the finish at the Club, and enjoy a beer in the bar. All enjoyed the experience and want to come back for more!

If you'd like to sail in the League please get in touch with Jane Long. You'll be very welcome!

Our Sonatas were again out in force on Sunday for the RYA Push the Boat Out event. All three boats were at full stretch all day with our volunteer skippers taking out 26 newcomers the majority of whom asked for information about becoming a member, and six have already signed up to CYC Sail Training. Thanks to all those who helped make the day run so productively.

Opening Times this week

- **Thursday 17th May** -Club Open 12noon-3:00pm for lunch
- **Friday 18th May** -Club Open 12noon –3:00pm and 7:00pm-11:00pm. Lunch and Private Function in the evening.
- **Saturday 19th May** - Club Open 9:00am -6:00pm. Cadets 9:00am-1:00pm, Breakfast and Lunch available, as well as Cream Tea's for those celebrating the Royal Wedding!

PLEASE NOTE BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE ON SATURDAY MORNINGS, FROM 9:00AM

- **Sunday 20th May**- Club Open 12noon -6:00pm.

Please book for any meal wherever you can, by using any of the contact details below:

Emma on 01206 302594 or waterside@colneyachtclub.org.uk

Jacqui on 07568757215

THIS WEEK...

MAINTENANCE

The planned maintenance on the front of the club started TODAY and throughout the week. 9:30 start. The bacon butties are on order for elevenses. So if you can spare a few hours to help spruce up the front of the clubhouse, we would be most grateful. Please call Emma or Rick Wick, with your availability.

LADIES WHO LAUNCH

Thursday 17th May at 10:00am.

BRADWELL RALLY

Saturday 19th May, 13:00 start if you plan to Race, those of us that just cruise; please remember to book in with Jackie. Posters are up in the club with full details, please contact Jackie Wick at jacquelinewick@outlook.com TODAY to reserve your place in the Marina and at the Green

BLESSING OF THE WATERS

Sunday 20th May- 13:30 Procession on the Hard. The Liberty have invited any of the club members to join in the water procession. Please feel free to dress your boats overall. . The club will be hosting the Liberty lunch after the procession.

DATES FOR THE DIARY IN JUNE

The BIG Push for the Brightlingsea Regatta has begun. 2nd-3rd June 2018

The annual regatta will be held on the 2nd & 3rd June 2018. This is a big event for the CYC, where we actively encourage new members to join and raise funds for the club. Please, a few hours of your time over that weekend will be very much appreciated. We have quite a few volunteers already, but it really is a case of the more the merrier. A lot of work goes on behind the scenes and the more of us there are, the lighter the load and the easier it is to make the event a success for the club.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far it is heart-warming that so many of you are willing to contribute in making the day a success. However we do need even more people to share the load, so please do come forward even if you can spare just a couple of hours.

We need marshals, jetty and land based volunteers. People to set up the area, erecting marquees, putting out cones, First Aiders. People to man various stands; Membership and Boat trip Bookings, Boat Bits, Tea and Coffee making. BBQ, Pimms tent. Cash Office duties, Radio operators, and of course to sail the Sonatas. The All Important Beer shed will be manned by staff this year. But people to help keep litter and clean down tables, would be more than welcome! Finally we would be most grateful for your unwanted boat bits and pieces. . This is a great fundraiser for the club, and you get to make a little more storage space in your shed or garage.

Please help if you can.

On the Saturday, we have Women In Harmony Choir singing and later in the day, Motley Crew and the Blackwater Jazz Band. On the water will be the rowing football, paddle boarding demonstration, Sonata taster trips, and various boats on the town jetty and the rowing Gigs.

The Regatta Website is now up and running (www.brightlingsearegatta.com). Please also follow the event on Facebook, to receive the news first!

There will be a team meeting in the clubhouse on Friday evening 1st June at 8pm. To run through the final arrangements so please come along to that briefing if you possibly can.

PIONEER TRUST MUTINY TALK BY CONRAD HUMPHREYS

Thursday 14th June at CYC- 7:00pm.

Tickets are £10 each. All money raised will go to funding multi activity days on the water for local primary school children. There will also be opportunities to sail the Bounty's End. For more information contact Felicity. info@pioneersailingtrust.org.uk or phone 01206 303373

Hope to see you in the clubhouse soon.

Jennie and The Comms. Team