

OnBoard Grafham Flyers – NEWS for 2016



Well folks, there are just two more winter training dates left weather permitting Saturday 27 February and Saturday 12 March for those who are keen to get some sailing/training in before another fantastic jam packed season gets underway.

The season starts with a club trip to the RYA Dinghy Show at Alexandra Palace in London on Saturday 5 March to check out the latest kit! We are planning on providing minibus transport again but spaces for this will be limited, if you are planning on making your own way there, please do let us know so we can include you in the group booking for a cheaper ticket. The show over the last couple of years has been a fantastic way to start the season and bring the crew back together as well as promoting the OnBoard Grafham Flyers to the rest of the sailing community, so we'll be doing the same again this year!

Tuesday Club evenings start on the 5 April and run every week until the 6 September, these sessions are 6pm until 8pm. Alternate Saturday mornings start on Saturday 19 March 2016 and will run until Saturday 29 October, these sessions are 10am - 12.30pm for beginners and 2pm - 4.30pm for the more advanced.

Cambridgeshire Schools Youth Sailing Association (CSYSA) Youth League

We will yet again be attending the various local CSYSA Youth League events around the region along with the rest of the sailing club teams. Last year was our best year to date coming 2nd overall in the league, it would be great if we could improve on 2015's results. Dates for your diary are: 23 April Cam Sailing Club, 4 June Grafham Water Sailing Club, 6 July Ely Sailing Club, 10 September Hunts Sailing Club, 1 October Paxton Lakes Sailing Club.

Progressing OnBoard: New for 2016

As most of you are aware Ali and I are extremely happy and proud of all of the OnBoard youth sailors and their achievements during 2015, we hope to help them develop their sailing skills and techniques even further during 2016. During the course of the season we will be joining forces with Grafham Water Sailing Club next door. There are 4 sessions planned throughout the season to get together and build a stronger link between the Sailing Club and GWC to allow a smoother transition/pathway for our youth sailors.

There will also be the opportunity to learn to windsurf during the OnBoard Tuesday evening session 6pm until 8pm and the Saturday morning session 10.00am until 12.00pm. Please contact the Centre to book onto any of our sessions.

The Grafham Training Weekend in May 2015 was fantastic, a huge turn out from both the OnBoard youth sailors and the CSYSA with over 50 attendees. Hopefully, you all learnt a lot from this weekend and have taken on the advice from the expertise of all the helpers/instructors. With this in mind we are running it again this year. Date for your diary is 25 and 26 June 2016, the program for the residential weekend will be put together shortly and will follow the same format as last year with training on the Saturday and a regatta on the Sunday, with evening activities of climbing and archery. This is a fantastic opportunity for you and the rest of the CSYSA team to bond and get to know each other and further your skills before the NSSA regatta.

NSSA Regatta

The NSSA Regatta at Rutland last summer was a brilliant week for all who attended, with the OnBoard & GCA Youth crew spread right across the fleet Dave and little Max in the Rooky fleet, Abi and Max mixing it up with the laser and Feva fleet, a great week was had by all with some respectable results! This year's NSSA regatta is 24 until 30 July 2016 and will be held at Gorleston Sailing Club in Norfolk with the sailing/racing taking place on the sea, camping will be available at a local school for competitors. Keep your eye on the CSYSA website for more details and entry dates.

I would like to wish everyone another successful sailing season and look forward to seeing you all on the water during 2016.

Best wishes

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