

ESSA NEWS

AUGUST 2011



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 3rd July

At the AGM it was agreed that the Enfield Scout Sailing Association or 'ESSA' would in future be known as 'ESSA Water Activities Centre'.

This is to reflect our more extensive programme of water activities now on offer.

GENERAL MEETING - SUNDAY 11th September at 5pm

Following the well attended General meeting & AGM on 3rd July, those present agreed that a General Meeting be called to update our members on the progress on a draft Constitution.

The DRAFT Constitution will be emailed to those who attended on 3rd July, sent apologies or those who request a draft. Any comments are to be sent to Liz Faulkner by 31st August for presentation to the General Meeting.

The General Meeting will take place in the ESSA Clubroom. All ESSA Instructors, crew, helpers and regular users are invited to attend. Those over 16 can vote.

Please email Liz Faulkner liz@color-board.co.uk to advise if you will be attending on 11th September or forward any amendments for discussion regarding the draft constitution.

A date for a Special General Meeting will be arranged at the General Meeting to agree the final constitution and the Annual Accounts for y/e 31.12.10.

EAST HERTS COUNCIL SUMMER ACTIVITIES

We have been successful in our bid to East Herts Council Summer Activities fund. Those eligible are Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and youth groups of **children from 9-18 years old & resident in the East Herts Council area.**

There are a few places left for sailing sessions during the day throughout the summer holiday and also Tuesday evening sessions for kayaking or canoeing.

GLN SAILING & RACING DAYS

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th September

Saturday will be a practice day. Sunday will be a chance to practice your skills with an introduction to racing. These days are suitable for the beginner or the more experienced. You do not need any qualifications as the ESSA crew will be providing coaching. See attached form.

DRAGON BOAT DASH

This competition is open to all ages & groups. You will need between 8-10 paddlers, a drummer and we can provide a person to steer. A course has been set up from the round buoy in the centre of the Lagoon to the end of the concrete pontoon to enable teams to race against the clock.

Teams can enter their times over the distance on a board in the clubroom and at the end of October the winners will be announced. Team names & times will also be entered on our new website.

DRAGON BOAT HELM COURSE Saturday 24th September

Learn how to control a Dragon Boat and complete the BDA course. Age 16+ 09.30-17.00.
Only a few places left.

TUESDAY EVENING

CASUAL KAYAKING/SAILING 6.15-8.30pm

These sessions are open to individuals who have taken part in ESSA activities and want to develop their skills or just come along & have fun !

These sessions MUST be prebooked and a registration form and payment made before the session to ensure that we have sufficient Instructors and safety crew in place.

Booking forms are on the ESSA website. Last session 30th August.

POWERBOAT COURSES Levels 1 & 2

Wed/Thurs 17th & 18th August OR Sat/Sun 17th & 18th September

Powerboat handling skills for beginners. Adults & Youth age 14+. 09.00 -17.00 Includes logbook, handbook and certificate on completion. You will need to provide a passport size photograph for your certificate.

SAFETY BOAT COURSE 3rd & 4th September

Safety boat - Age 16+. Suitable if you have completed 40 hours of powerboat driving, hold the Powerboat Level 1 & 2 and have good driving skills. Learn how to rescue dinghies, kayaks, canoes, windsurfers, dragon boats etc. Safety boat handbook included.

DINGHY SAILING

COURSES FOR YOUTH age 9+

Youth Stage 1 (Beginners) Sat/Sun 8th & 9th October

Youth Stage 2 Wed/Thurs 31st August & 1st September

Youth Stage 3 or 4

Sat/Sun Dates on demand

When you have completed a stage you should practice between courses to ensure that you are ready for the next course. Practice sessions on Tuesday evenings will run throughout the Summer.

Courses can be run on demand for your group. Minimum number is 4. Leaders do not have to attend.

DINGHY SAILING COURSES FOR ADULTS Dates on demand

2 day courses are run from March to October at weekends or on weekdays on demand.

Level 1 Start Sailing

Courses for beginners age 15+

Level 2 Basic Sailing

Improve your skills

Adults sail with an Instructor in the dinghy until confident to sail without assistance.

Advanced Modules

Seamanship, Start Racing or Spinnakers

BRIGHTLINGSEA WEEKEND
26th – 29th August

Friday evening-Monday afternoon.

The Wayfarer dinghies that we use are a stable platform to make use of the symmetric spinnakers and trapeze.

Several people have put their names on the board at the base but have not yet confirmed their booking with an application form & payment. If you are interested, please email courses@essa.org.uk a.s.a.p as there will be a theory session before the weekend.

OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

GUIDE SAILING DAYS & REGATTA 3rd & 4th September

GLN SAILING DAYS & REGATTA 24th & 25th September

DRAGON BOAT HELM COURSE 24th September

NEW ESSA WEBSITE

This is due to go live very soon.

If you have any suggestions for additional items to go on the website please contact Rich Papworth <richp92@gmail.com> for the techie bits & Fiona Caslake <fi_the_floating_fish@hotmail.com> for the gallery or news items. Find us on Facebook 'ESSA Water Activities Centre'

BOOKINGS

A group booking form or an individual application form is on the website, www.essa.org.uk or from the base. Booking forms and 20% deposit must be paid within 14 days to confirm the booking. Full payment must be paid 14 days prior to the booking. Groups will be charged for numbers booked unless we are given 14 days notice of a reduction in numbers. For further information, email marion@essa.org.uk

Please email for availability & book for 2011 or 2012. A few weekend bookings for October onwards are still available.

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