



NEWSLETTER: AUGUST 2024



WELCOME FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

Welcome to our relaunched newsletter. We will be publishing a newsletter every 3 months and fill it with lots of information and news stories which you will hopefully find useful and informative. 2024 has been a very busy year so far, we joined our new district - 'North District', attended our first rowing competition, held our annual awards night, the band cadets have taken part in several band events, we have run climbing courses and our [Duke of Edinburgh for 2024 program is well under way.](#)

We are now also over halfway through our boating season. Perhaps our most notable achievement so far in 2024 [is completing our annual unit review process](#) from which I am hopeful of a good result. The level of dedication and effort the cadets and staff put in to making it an enjoyable and successful evening which really showcased what our unit is about - a relaxed and fun unit to be a part of but also a unit who works hard and achieves!

As ever, I am so grateful to the cadets and volunteers - both the instructional staff and unit management team - for the part they have all played in a busy first half to 2024. There are no signs of slowing down in the second half of the year, we have a lot of events and competitions coming up, and we are now full steam ahead with our fundraising campaign for the unit renovations.

Here's to a successful rest of 2024!

Lt (SCC) Dan Wilding RNR

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th - 11th August - Duke of Edinburgh Silver assessed expedition 1

23rd - 25th August - DofE Silver assessed expedition 1 & Bronze training/assessed

12th October - ****Sponsored Row-athon**** (Unit)

17th - 20th October - National Trafalgar Parade (Band only)

2nd November – SpeedQuiz (Unit)

9th November - Harrogate Festival of Remembrance

10th November - Harrogate Remembrance parade (Mandatory attendance)

Courses:

3rd August - Indoor Climbing course (Unit)

24th - 25th August - RYA Sailing Stage 4 (Midlands)

24th - 25th August - RYA Sailing with Spinnakers (Midlands)

25th - 27th August - RYA Performance Sailing (Weymouth)

31st Aug - 1st September - RYA Sailing Stage 3 (Midlands)

20th - 22nd September - Rowing instructor (Weymouth) (Must be 16+)

20th - 22nd September - RYA Sailing Stage 4 (Midlands)

4th - 6th October - RYA Powerboat Level 2 (Weymouth)

1st - 3rd November - Area MACT (Basic Physical Training, Intermediate Drill, First Aid at Work)

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HELP US TRANSFORM TS CLEOPATRA: FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

We have recently [launched our ambitious fundraising campaign](#) aimed at transforming our home Unit – TS Cleopatra. Our target is £175,000 and the transformation will include:

- Converting the existing boat shed into robust building and partitioning into three sections: store, specialist marine engineering workshop and new galley.
- Moving galley from existing location into new conversion and converting old area into two separate classrooms
- Converting existing Heads (toilet) area to include provision for gender neutral toilets and a new, spacious accessible wet room.

To make it easy for people to donate,

[we are now on JustGiving](#). Please do share the link on your social media.

We will also be running an ongoing programme of fundraising events and activities, including a sponsored Rowathon in October, our popular SpeedQuiz in November and a Grand Christmas Prize Draw.

Many thanks to Janet Haigh who secured £250 in matched funding from Britvic (UK) for our last SpeedQuiz. We would be grateful if people can check if their employer offers any similar schemes and let us know.

Keep an eye out on our website and social media to stay up to date with all fundraising news and events.

GET READY FOR THE ROW-ATHON: SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER



In October we will be asking our cadets, volunteers and parents to show us their rowing machine stamina for a sponsored Rowathon as part of our fundraising activities. We will choose an ambitious distance to row based on the number of participants signed up.. Full details will be shared soon.

CADET SUCCESS AT SAILING REGATTA

We were thrilled with the remarkable success of one of our cadets at the area sailing regatta in Thrapston in June. Cadets from a wide range of locations across our area, from Scarborough in North Yorkshire to St Albans in Hertfordshire, competed in this exciting event.

Oscar sailed solo in the Open Zest category and impressively won three out of four races. His outstanding performance has earned him a spot at the national sailing regatta in Southport this September, where he will compete against the top sailors from across the country.



GRAND CHRISTMAS PRIZE DRAW: PRIZES NEEDED



Do you know a local business that would be willing to donate a fantastic prize for a great cause?

As part of our fundraising campaign, we are organizing a major Christmas Prize Draw and need your help to secure amazing prizes.

The draw will be conducted online, ensuring maximum reach and participation.

If you have sourced a prize, please inform us by September 30th by emailing harrogateseacadets@gm ail.com or by dropping off prizes at the Unit on parade nights.

Thank you for your support!

NEWS ROUND UP

Click links for full stories:

- [Unit RNP inspection](#)
- [D-Day Commemoration at Knaresborough Castle](#)
- [SpeedQuiz night raises £598](#)
- [Band join forces with Scarborough Unit](#)

A SEA CADET PARENT'S PERSPECTIVE: BY ALEC KENDRICK

I didn't know much about the Sea Cadets when our youngest expressed a desire to join. The request came as a surprise and to be honest my first thoughts were "what an earth is a Sea Cadet Unit doing in Harrogate so far from the Sea!" At the end of the first Junior drill night I turned up and asked in an embarrassed manner if I could watch the parade and see what it was all about. Of course the volunteers (after checking I genuinely had a child at the Unit) were only too pleased for me to stand at the back and see the Unit end of night parade. The notice boards outlining the Volunteer structure and who was responsible for what and the various seamanship courses the Cadets could undertake gave a me a sense of the opportunities on offer, as well as an insight into the Naval ethos of team work, structure, and respect.

So our youngest continued to attend and progress from Junior once a week attendance to twice weekly and then three times a week with Band on Wednesdays. It is a testament to the Sea Cadets and volunteers that despite all the pressures on children's lives with School and after school activities our Cadet would look forward to the parade nights. Even during Covid the activities continued albeit on Zoom with Volunteers conducting Catering Courses and Seamanship Training. The comradeship amongst the Cadets continued even during those hard times.

Naively I still wasn't fully aware of the scope of the activities and community events that the Unit was involved in. I just knew our youngest was enjoying it and I could see the structure and parade

discipline bring out their confidence whilst making some great pals outside of school. It wasn't until I saw the Remembrance Service Parade at the Harrogate Cenotaph that I got an inkling of what they do in the community and the great contribution all the Cadets and Volunteers played in that moving service. This naivety was almost my undoing as one day a few years ago the conversation at home turned to attendance in London at "Traff". Busy with work and dealing with our other children I assumed it would simply be a "Band Camp" and "Traff" was the nickname of a parade/concert. However come the Saturday morning, it dawned on me that "Traff" was a big deal. I didn't know why it was a big deal but I jumped on the train nevertheless to London and found myself at Trafalgar Square stunned at the size and scale of the Battle of Trafalgar memorial service. I was in awe of the Sea Cadets from around the country coming together in one overall Sea Cadet Band with hundreds of other Cadets marching down the Mall towards Buckingham Palace after the memorial service at Trafalgar Square, delighting thousands of tourists with the spectacle and history.

So, if you are like me, just grateful that your child has discovered the Sea Cadets but you're not too sure what goes on, please do get in touch with one of the great volunteers and ask plenty of questions. I wish I had! There is plenty of fund raising events for much needed development work for TS Cleopatra. A Unit that might be a long way from the Sea but carries on the great traditions and ethos of the Navy!

