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Flotsam and Jetsam

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RYA Level 1 course

There are still some places available on the upcoming Level One sail training course starting this week. The dates are as follows:

Thursday 2nd September 7pm - 9pm

Saturday 4th September 9am - 5pm

Thursday 9th September 7pm - 9pm

Saturday 11th September 9am - 5pm

If you are interested in joining this course and are available on the dates listed above, please send an email to training@havershamsc.org as soon as possible.

Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Protecting Members Cars

The club has advised on a number of occasions that members should not drive their cars through the dinghy park at busy times, but the same cars have been going backwards and forwards these last few weekends. If you need to leave the site on a regular basis then your car should be left in the car park. This advice is based on the fact the wind is never constant which can cause the boom (metal beam at the bottom of the sail) to swing out sideways without any notice, or to even tip the boat over. This is likely to be considered force majeure by a dinghy insurance company, particularly after the warnings that have been issued, leaving the car owner to make their own claim for any repairs.

Protecting Members Heads

There is a no swimming rule within the club rules for a very good reason, swimmers in the water are not easily visible to boat helms and the result of a collision between

in the water are not easily visible to boat helm and the result of a collision between the two is likely to cause very little damage to the boat but could result in a fractured skull for the swimmer. Clearly we have to be pragmatic about this, if you fall out of a boat or capsize a kayak or paddleboard we are not telling you not to swim, but you should remain with the craft pending recovery. Sailing craft coming into the bank will normally have their centreboards and rudders retracted due to the shallow water so they will have little directional stability. A sudden gust or change of wind direction can cause a boat to move in a completely unexpected direction so swimming is forbidden and kayaks and paddleboards should keep well away from approaching dinghies and the slipways. Perhaps some of the paddle board and kayak owners would like to come forwards to assist us with constructing a dedicated slipway for these craft?

Last Race of the Wednesday Evening Series Barbeque

Wednesday 8th at end of race BBQ will be lit for communal eating to celebrate or commiserate end of series. Bring own food.

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BBQ and Party Saturday 18th September

After social and junior sailing

All welcome.

Come join the fun.

DJ Pakes in the house.

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