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Introduction

2017 has been an excellent year, it has been a very active and successful year across all Inshore disciplines. The Dinghy team has grown from strength to strength and are now the proud holders of the prestigious Lagos Trophy. Recruiting is still on the up, training opportunities are on the up including overseas tours for the Kitesurfing team and Windsurfing team. Competitive results are also on the up.

Sapper Windsurfing

The team has had a challenging year with a number of its star sailors unable to compete due to operational commitments which meant the team were unable to retain the Army Championship title back in July. A number of training camps were held throughout the year at Weymouth and Hayling Island. EX Extreme Surf in Sep 17 saw Cpl George Main travel to Jerricoacoara in Brazil for an ASA wave training camp to further hone and develop their personal skills and abilities. The team are now in receipt of its new slalom racing equipment which should help provide the team with a competitive edge. Lt Col Andy Gladen is currently the interim team manager due to Cpl George Main leaving the Army.

Looking ahead to Sapper Windsurfing in 2018

- Spr Ben Flowerdew 35ER will take over the reigns of the windsurfing team.
- With further funding due in 2018 there will be additional new Gaastra and Tabou slalom racing equipment available giving the team a wider selection of equipment to compete in various conditions from light winds through to storm force.
- In Apr the team will attend an Inshore training development camp at 1 RSME Regt prior to the REYC AGM.
- In May, selected team members will travel to La Gruissan in France to compete in the world renowned Defi wind which is a 100km endurance event attended by some 1000+ windsurfers.
- 8-10 Jun National Watersports Festival (NWF) at Rutland Water.
- In July, the RESTW will take place with a number of windsurfing activities also planned.
- In July the Army Windsurfing Championships will be taking place.

Sapper Kitesurfing

Kitesurfing continues to build momentum especially with Sappers making up a significant proportion of the Army Kitesurfing team. As governance, accessibility and membership develops Kitesurfing is likely to expand further with lots of great opportunities ahead.

Looking ahead to Sapper Kitesurfing in 2018

- In Mar, the Sapper team will travel to Thailand for a training camp.
- In Mar, Army team selections will take place.
- In Apr, Exercise Hebridean Kite will take place in Benbecula for both Army and Navy riders.
- In June, proposed Kitesurfing Camp in Cyprus.
- In Aug, the Army and Corps Kitesurfing Championships will take place at Hayling Island.
- In Oct the Army Festival of Kiting will take place at Hayling Island.

Sapper Dinghies

The Sapper Dinghy team came in to their own in 2017 with some worthwhile training at Rutland Water in Apr. In July they were able to field three boats in the prestigious Lagos Trophy and despite some formidable competition from the other Corps teams the Sappers were able to win the title unanimously. LCpl 'Joshua' Crisp 32ER and Spr 'Stuart' Williams 21ER were both selected for the Army dinghy team and also competed on the RS 400 national circuit. A further 120 x Sappers from 1 RSME Regt have been sailing on the River Medway in partnership with Medway Yacht Club and this has been approved to run again through 2018.

Looking ahead to Sapper Dinghies in 2018

- Inter-services team selection in March
- Inter-services team racing in April
- Corps Sail Training Week in July
- Lagos Trophy in July
- Nationals in August
- Sailing on the River Medway
- Sailing at Hawley Lake
- Sailing at Rutland Water
- RS 400 campaign

Equipment Usage

1. This has been a busy year with all disciplines spending considerably more time on the water than in previous years including the Corps Laser 2000 which was moved to Rutland Water and has seen its usage increase tenfold.

2. In terms of the number of days that inshore equipment was out on the water it has risen from previous years which is based on 44 x pax conducting at least RYA level 1 in their relevant discipline and also 4 x major competitions run throughout the year with full teams. Overall usage is balanced with the numbers of Sprs, JNCO and SNCOs continuing to grow. Junior officer usage still remains low, and well below that that we would like in terms of growing new talent to sustain the club.

	Offr	WO	SNCO	JNCO	Spr	Retd RE	Retd Non RE	Civ	Total Days
Windsurfing	1	1	2	4	8	0	0	0	55
Kitesurfing	4	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	65
Dinghies	3	0	2	3	124	0	0	0	55

Total	8	1	5	9	134	0	0	0	175
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Competitions

3. **Sapper Windsurfing Team.** Has struggled to field its full team this year due to operational commitments and therefore were not able to contend for the top spots at any events.
4. **Sapper Kitesurfing Team.** Grows from strength to strength, however it remains behind all other Corps teams and currently unable to compete for the top spots.
5. **Sapper Dingy.** The Sapper Dinghy team has progressed exponentially fielding three boats and winning the prestigious Lagos Trophy.

Resources Management

6. **Windsurfing.** An annual audit was carried out in Apr 17 with a 100% check carried out with no major findings reported. Quarterly checks are also carried out and again prior to during and after racing. The insurance policy was also renewed to cover the boards total of £8,000.00 and rigs totalling £12,300.00. Depreciation values have been calculated and also include the new equipment that the windsurfing team has also received.
7. **Dinghies.** The single Corps Laser 2000 has been moved to Rutland Water and has had considerable maintenance work carried out. With the increase in Corps Dinghy activities a funding request has been put forward through the Townsend Trust to purchase a new one.
8. **Kitesurfing.** The REYC currently holds no Kitesurfing equipment this is either personal equipment or ASA equipment managed and accounted for through AISTC(S).

Finance

9. **General.** Inshore finances are currently in order, however the increase in up take across three disciplines is likely to require additional funding over the next 5 years.
10. **Governance.** Inshore will require further support and advice in order to remain compliant.

Forecast of Events

11. There is a comprehensive FOE for each of the disciplines and the teams will continue promoting and recruiting at every opportunity. The ASA website remains the focal point for all inshore disciplines and events. <http://www.sailarmy.co.uk/index.html>
12. **Racing.** Inshore will continue to provide racing opportunities and will be developing more race training and coaching as well.
13. **RE Sail Training Week.** The RE Sail Training Week will follow a similar format to last year, with 22 Engineer Regiment leading on the planning and execution. All Inshore disciplines will be fielded.
14. **RYA Training.** AISTC(S) will continue to deliver RYA Scheme training to all disciplines.

Communications

15. 'Sapper Sailing' should remain our current tag line. Facebook pages and Whats App are the main method of communicating. They are all run and administered by each discipline OIC. The inshore database continues to grow.

REYC (Inshore) Committee

16. The Inshore committee continues to improve and is laid out in the table below.

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Summary

17. REYC (Inshore) is in excellent health. The committee is fully manned with appropriately trained and has suitable individuals in all roles. More importantly there are no gaps and numbers participating in all disciplines are continuing to increase. A period of steady state running will now ensue allowing for the inshore teams to spend more time out on the water enjoying all the activities on offer.

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