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Royal Engineer Yacht Club Annual Report – Rear Commodore (Inshore)

Introduction

1. 2018 was a good year, it has provided another action-packed season with lots of opportunities across all Inshore disciplines. A consecutive Lagos Trophy win by the Dinghy team, a windsurfing training camp held for novices at Gundolph pond at Upnor and an overseas exped by the Kitesurfing team to Cyprus. The partnership with Medway Yacht Club has been successful with another generation of Sappers having experienced sailing for the very first time.
2. The Inshore balance within each discipline is now there, the management structure for each strand is better aligned and now much more representative of our junior soldiers which has had a positive impact while also increasing recruitment at the same time. Windsurfing and Kitesurfing remain strong and continue to grow year on year. The future of Inshore continues to grow while the challenge is continuing the momentum while juggling operational commitments and all our sailors being available for training and racing.

Sapper Windsurfing

3. The team struggled during 2018 with the release of many of its top flight sailors and has not been able to compete with the other Corps as in previous years. Despite this individuals from the team have still raced so there has been representation at all events and a Novice team of four did compete at the Army Championships in July with a commendable effort only after five days of instruction.
4. **Looking ahead.** Planned activity for Sapper Windsurfing in 2019 includes:
 - a. Training and racing on the new Gaastra and Tabou slalom racing equipment.
 - b. Foiling.
 - c. In March 19 members of the team will go to Safaga in Egypt for Army training.
 - d. In Apr 19 the Inter-Services will commence.
 - e. In May 19, team members will return to La Gruissan in France to compete in the world renowned Defi wind which is a 100km endurance event attended by some 1000+ windsurfers.
 - f. In Jun 19 the National Watersports Festival (NWF) will be held at Rutland Water.
 - g. In July 19, the RESTW will take place with a number of windsurfing activities also planned.

- h. In July 19 the Army Windsurfing Championships will take place.
- i. In Oct 19 the Inter-services will conclude.
- j. In Oct 19 Speed week will take place in Weymouth

Sapper Kitesurfing

5. Kitesurfing has continued to grow steadily; especially within the Army Kitesurfing Association (AKA) which runs the UK's only non-commercial school and boasts a membership of around 500 members. The AKA regularly organizes the annual Inter-services competition, which focuses on both elite and grass roots level competition, the biggest competitive meet in the UK with Sappers making up a significant proportion of the Army Kitesurfing team. The team had a successful exped to Cyprus in June for a training camp.

6. **Looking ahead.** Planned activity for Sapper Kitesurfing in 2019 includes:
- a. Army and Corps Kitesurfing Championships will take place in April.
 - b. 2-4 Jun National Watersports Festival (NWF) at Rutland Water.
 - c. In July the RESTW will take place with a number of kitesurfing activities also planned.
 - d. Exercise Lanzarote Surf Kite in August 19.
 - e. Plus lots of other training opportunities throughout the year.

Sapper Dinghies

7. The Corps Dinghy team had another excellent year retaining the Lagos Trophy for a 2nd consecutive year including both Cpl Joshua Crisp and Spr Stu Williams having been selected for the elite Army Sports programme which has to be a highlight for the whole REYC.

8. **Looking ahead.** Planned activity for Sapper Dinghies in 2019 includes:
- a. Inter-services team selection in March 19.
 - b. Inter-services team racing in April 19.
 - c. 2-4 Jun National Watersports Festival (NWF) at Rutland Water.
 - d. Corps Sail Training Week in July 19.
 - e. Lagos Trophy in July 19.
 - f. Nationals in August 19.
 - g. Gold Cup and Ilex in September 19.
 - h. Sailing on the River Medway.
 - i. Sailing at Hawley Lake.
 - j. Sailing at Rutland Water.

Equipment Usage

9. This has been a busy year with all disciplines spending considerably more time on the water than in previous years.

10. In terms of the number of man training days that inshore equipment was out on the 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 remains low, and well below that that we would like in terms of growing new talent to sustain the club.

	Snr Offr	Junior Offr	WO	SNCO	JNCO	Spr	Retd RE	Civ	Total Trg Days
Windsurfing	15	10	5	10	20	40	0	0	100
Kitesurfing	0	21	7	14	28	14	0	0	84
Dinghies	0	2	0	2	12	96	0	0	112
Total	15	33	12	26	60	150	0	0	296

Competitions

11. **The Army Windsurfing Championships.** Due to the lack of availability of our top-flight sailors it was left to the Novice team to fight it out with the other Corps and after only 5 days training and difficult conditions they unfortunately lost out on any silverware this time round.

12. **The Army Kitesurfing Championships.** Again due to operational commitments the top flight team were largely unavailable throughout the season and unfortunately absent at the majority of events so no silverware for this team either this year.

13. **The Lagos Trophy.** The Corps Dinghy team are now the clear Inter-Service leaders and retained the Lagos trophy for a 2nd consecutive year.

Resources Management

14. **Windsurfing.** An annual audit has been carried out in Oct 18 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 and depreciation values have been calculated and also include the new equipment that the windsurfing team have received.

15. **Dinghies.** The single Corps Laser 2000 is now located at Rutland Water. A Townsend Trust funding request has being put forward to purchase 2 x new one's in 2019 for delivery in 2020.

16. **Kitesurfing.** The Corps currently holds no Kitesurfing equipment this is either personal equipment or ASA equipment managed and accounted for through AISTC(S).

Finance

17. **General.** Inshore finances are currently in order, however the increase in up take across three disciplines is likely to require additional funding.

18. **Governance.** Inshore will require further support and advice from ASA in order to remain compliant.

Forecast of Events

19. There is a comprehensive FOE for each of the disciplines on the www.sailarmy.co.uk and the teams will continue promoting and recruiting at every opportunity.
20. **Racing.** Inshore will continue to provide racing opportunities and will be developing more race training and coaching as well.
21. **RE Sail Training Week.** The RE Sail Training Week will follow a similar format to last year. All Inshore disciplines will be fielded.
22. **RYA Training.** AISTC(S) will continue to deliver RYA Scheme training to all disciplines.
23. **Ilex Trophy.** The next Ilex Trophy will be contested in late Sep 19.

Communications

24. 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(I) Committee

25. The Committee, has had a major overhaul with individuals moving up or sideways and is now much better aligned and more representative across the three disciplines. 2019 and the next few years should be steady state. The current committee is laid out in the table below.

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Summary

26. REYC (Inshore) is in good health. The committee is fully manned with appropriately trained and suitable individuals in all roles and more importantly there are no gaps and numbers participating in all disciplines is continuing to increase including membership. 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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