



C. A. Y. F. Newsletter

This is an occasional newsletter from the Crouch Area Yachting Federation for affiliated Clubs, issued only when there is something of interest to tell your members. Designed to be pinned on noticeboards

April 2020

- **CHA Harbour dues: Early Payment rate extended**

The Crouch Harbour Authority are pleased to announce that at a special "virtual meeting" of the CHA Early Payment Rate due to finish on 31st March, will now be extended until end of the present emergency 'lockdown' restrictions.

We extend our good wishes to all boat owners and hope you all keep safe and well.

Doug MacEwen
Chair CHA

Captain Susan Harrison
Harbour Master

- **Emergency fund for local sports clubs and organisations**

Sport England today announced a £20 million emergency fund for local sports clubs and community sports organisations who are experiencing short term financial hardship due to the impact of Covid-19. Clubs, leagues and community organisations can apply for a grant up to £10,000 who are not currently in receipt of Sport England funding.

This will be a lifeline for a number of Essex sports clubs, leagues, and community sport organisations who need emergency money to cover costs such as rent, utility costs, insurance, staffing, and facility/equipment hire. The grant can cover the period from **1st March to 31st July**.

Priority will be given to clubs, leagues and organisations that serve disadvantaged areas and Sport England priority target groups. Grants will only be provided as a last option after other government sources and funding programmes have been ruled out. Applications must only be made if there is a funding emergency. Applications must be made online, and Sport England will respond within 7 to 10 working days.

You can access information and the application form [here](#).

If you have any queries, please get in touch with us at administration@activeessex.org.

Further advice and support may be available from National Governing Bodies of Sport.

Other key sources of grants in Essex are:

- Essex Community Foundation; The Essex Coronavirus Response and Recovery Programme is to get help quickly to voluntary and community organisations that are in crisis as a result of the pandemic and need emergency funding to keep their vital services running. Initially grants of up to £15,000 will be available. See more information [here](#).

- The CAF (Charity's Aid Foundation) has launched this rapid national response Fund to help smaller charitable organisations affected by the impact of Covid-19. See more information for the CAF Coronavirus Emergency Fund [here](#).
- Together with Postcode Community Trust, a grant giving charity funded by players of People's Postcode Lottery, Localgiving is delighted to offer charitable organisations the opportunity to apply for grants of £500. See the national Magic Little Grants Scheme [here](#).

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● **MOD Shoeburyness – Unusual Activity Alert: Illuminating Rounds**

On 7, 8, 9 & 15 April 2020, from approximately 08:30hrs, QinetiQ will be carrying out activities at the Shoeburyness Range on behalf of the MOD, which may be visible in the vicinity of the Thames Estuary.

The activity involves the use of airborne munitions which are designed to illuminate large areas and therefore, members of the public may observe objects similar to distress signals/flares in the sky up to 3km out to sea.

All activity on the Range is conducted in a strictly controlled environment and presents no danger to the public. This work, as with the vast majority of work undertaken on the site, is subject to suitable acoustic forecasts and tide times, which are governed by weather conditions on the day. Consequently, the date of the activity may be subject to change. If members of the public are concerned by Range activity, they can call the freephone Careline on 0800 0560108.

Nicki Uden – Community Liaison Officer, SHOEBURYNESS RANGE

Careline: 0800 0560108

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● **Potton Bridge: Closed to marine traffic**

This is to inform you that Potton Bridge will be closed to marine traffic until further notice. This is due to staff shortages resulting from the COVID-19 outbreak. We will notify you when the service has been restored.

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● **CAYF website**

A new CAYF website has been launched, www.cayf.org.uk this replaced the old website which was provided by essexinfo.net using Cambridge Open Systems technology which is closed on 31 March 2020.

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