

# **Volunteering Guide**

There are many areas of club life where volunteers are needed to ensure events run smoothly. These range from the regular Race Hut and RIB team volunteers for the Racing Series, Trophy and Open events to additional on-shore volunteers at big events like National Championships and the annual Club Regatta and the Night Security Patrol and Youth Training.

#### **Race Duties**

You can choose when and how often you volunteer but typically most people volunteer for one day once every 4 weeks over the season, i.e. about 6 times. This enables Team Leaders to set up regular teams on a specific day.

There are several Racing series which need volunteers:

- Saturday afternoon dinghy racing from early April to the end of December

-Sunday morning for Cruiser racing spring and autumn

- Monday and Thursday evening dinghy racing from April to early October

- Adult sailing training on a Monday and Friendly Friday evening dinghy sailing

- All the duties are rostered in Dutyman - see the Dutyman Guide

There are also special events such as the annual Club Regatta, Special Races and Open Events when we seek volunteers. Volunteers for these events will be requested separately by email, usually with a single named person as the contact point.

The duties that require volunteers are:

#### a. In the Race Hut or Committee Boat

RO – Race Officer (also known as Officer Of the Day) who is responsible for management of the racing on the day;

ARO – Assistant Race Officer helps the RO in the Race Hut, usually keeping track of times and making the race signals using the electronic box;

RO Assist – Race Hut Assistant helps the RO by monitoring the sail number of competing boats, completing lap records and recording finishers;



**Training** is provided, and an Introductory course is usually run in March, prior to the start of the main race season in April. Please contact the club office for dates. The Club also run a 2 day RYA Club Race Officer course which provides the starting point for further Race Officer training which can lead to National Race Officer.

### b. On the water

- RIB Driver One of the RIB team, qualified to PB2 or (preferably) Safety Boat level and responsible for assisting boats in difficulty. One of the RIB Drivers will be designated as Safety Lead and organise the locations on the water of the other RIBs;
- RIB Assist The second person in each RIB, who may also be a qualified RIB or Safety Boat Driver, helps with assisting boats in difficulty. RIB Assist may be asked to use the radio to communicate with the RO.

The titles are nominal and used to allocate roles in Dutyman. The individuals may elect to share the responsibilities; although one person must be prepared to enter the water if required

**Training is offered for RIB Driving** and there is a charge. The initial charge is  $\pounds 117.50$ . This is made up of  $\pounds 100$  for the course and  $\pounds 17.50$  for the documentation.  $\pounds 100$  is refunded when you have completed 8 duties. These are RYA approved Courses and you will be awarded an RYA PB2 or Safety Boat Certificates. You need to be a full member, youth member over the age of 14, or partner to do the RIB training at the club.

**Training is provided for RIB Assist** as a club run "Introduction to RIB duties" half day course but this is not a requirement before carrying out RIB Assist duties. Please contact the club office for dates.

Further information on Training is available on the Club website under the Sailing tab.

### Night Watch and Security Patrol

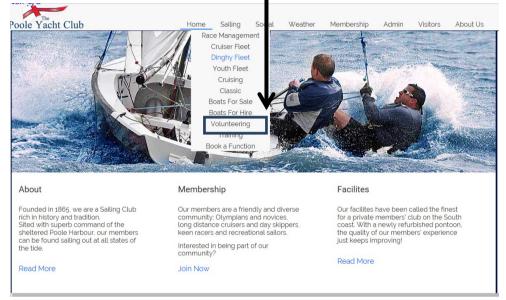
Keeping the Club and our boats secure from intruders is important to all of us. Two person night patrols are organised to watch over the Yard and Haven for a few hours sometime between dusk and 8am. Night launch



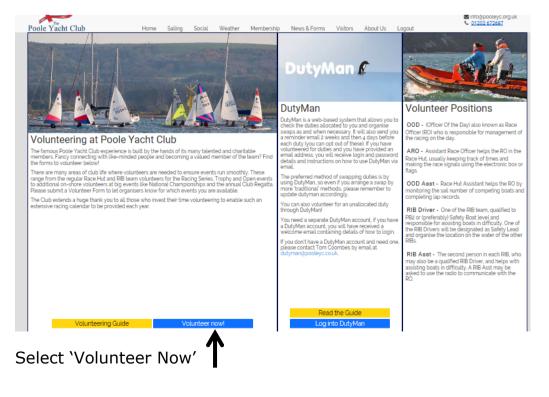
patrols covering the whole harbour are also organised in liaison with other clubs. The purpose of our security patrols is not to confront suspicious activity but so we are seen to be vigilant. You can volunteer for Night Watch at any time of year. Training for launch drivers will be organised. Night Watches are coordinated by Keith Askew, who can be contacted on pycsec@hotmail.co.uk

## **How to Volunteer**

Go to our website and select 'Volunteering' under the 'Sailing' tab



#### It will take you to the 'Volunteer page'





If you have not logged in you will be taken here

Login		
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If you have lost or forgotten your email or have not yet logged on, add your email address and select 'Forgotten your password?' You will be sent a reset email

The Volunteer form will use the email address and password registered in the club database to populate your name and contact details. If you share the same email address as another member, e.g. a partner, both names will appear and you should select the correct name.

Once logged in, you will be taken to

Volunteer Form
Member O Partner Member's Name
Email: Member's email address mobile: Member's mobile no home: Member's landline no
If these details are incorrect or incomplete, please contact the office to update them

Select you or your partner and select your volunteering preferences. Please add special requests or notes at the bottom of the form under 'Other duties you can offer, other qualifications, Notes etc'

Monday Evening (Apr - Sep) RO RIB Assist	Dinghy Series RO Assist Reserve	ARO	RIB Driver
Monday Evening Adult Train	ing RIB Assist	RIB Driver/Instructor	Reserve
Tuesday Evening (Apr - Sep)	Cruiser Series RO Assist	ARO	Reserve
Wednesday Evenings Youth RIB Driver Shore Team	Training RIB Assist Reserve	Asst Instructor	RIB Driver/Instructor
Thursday Evening (Apr - Seg RO RIB Assist	<ul> <li>Dinghy Series</li> <li>RO Assist</li> <li>Reserve</li> </ul>	aro	RIB Driver

You will be contacted with your duties from January onwards. Please contact <u>volunteerteam@pooleyc.co.uk</u> with any queries.