Poole Yacht Club

Sailing Secretary’s Report September- October 2017

1. The Topper Nationals series event on 16/17 September was a successful event with 164 Topper sailors from around the UK taking part in racing in the top triangle.
2. In a smaller event 12 Cherubs and RS400’s held a weekend of sailing at PYC on 23rd September. The visitors joined in with Saturday club racing, in a format which we could offer to other smaller classes. Seeing a foiling Cherub whizz past me was a sight I will not forget in a hurry!
3. The R19s have enjoyed a sunset series of four evenings racing, making maximum use of the available daylight at this time of year.
4. There is a Volunteering Review ongoing. The overall aim is to simplify and clarify the Volunteering process, leading it is hoped, to an increase in the number of volunteers.

One early decision taken by the team, is to move to electronic-only volunteering forms. A step by step “Dutyman Guide” has also been written.

1. It has been decided that Poole sailing clubs will “face westwards” and accept that we will be part of the South West region. The intransigence of the RYA in this matter has led to some frustration. However those involved felt it was time to move on, and get on with building our links with the south west, while retaining good working relationships with sailors and clubs in the south.
2. The Youth section wishes to re-introduce the Youth Development Scheme, which aims to support our younger sailors who take part in competitions around the UK, Europe and internationally. One of the intended outcomes is to maintain the involvement of these skilled young sailors with Poole YC.
3. We passed our RYA training centre inspection with flying colours. The inspector noted our growing fleet of club boats, and suggested we need to consider a rolling programme of maintenance for all of them.
4. Three further weekends of adult beginner dinghy training are taking place on 14/15th October, 28/29th October and 4th/5th November. This will bring the number of people who have been introduced to dinghy sailing as total novices, to 27 this year; many of them new members.
5. Upcoming Dates: Volunteers Thank You evening Tuesday 10th October, New Members Evening Wednesday 11th..

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