

Poole Yacht Club

Sailing Secretary's Report April 2018

1. The GP14 Youth and Masters open event was a success, with about 35 boats on the water, enjoying good racing weather on the Saturday. Congratulations in particular to Poole YC Youth sailors Ollie Hale and Carlo Consolos for their impressive race results in strong winds.
2. Sailing Pro Katie Hooper ran a junior sailing training course over the Easter holidays which has had very good feedback, with the sailors requesting to book already for a further training course in May half term.
3. Katie and I have carried out a review of the charges we make for all our various sailing training activities. The aim is to make sure the charges are consistent with each other, and to enable clear communication of them to our members, and potential new members. The review has highlighted the exceptional value offered to our members from our training activities, and the need to resolve a couple of areas of inconsistency. So this work is partly complete, with the agreed charges available for publication, and partly work in progress as Sailing Committee agrees charges for new activities, also because we will review training charges again at the end of this 2018 season.
4. Discussions are on-going with the Harbour Commissioners regarding firstly the possibility of dredging the Small Shipping Channel, to relieve congestion for both cruising and racing yachts around channel marker 28, and secondly, earlier warning being given of controlled vessel movements.
5. Planning is underway for the Poole YC contribution to the Poole Boat Show, taking place weekend of 9th and 10th June. The Membership Committee proposes having three "Open" sessions after the Boat Show, and before the Taster Day on Saturday July 21st. Aimed at potential new members, the plan is for these sessions to cover a Wednesday evening for those interested in Youth, Thursday evening for those interested in Dinghy sailing and Sunday morning for those interested in cruisers.
6. All dinghy spaces in the yard have been allocated and there is already a waiting list from members who wish to bring a boat to the club and take part in our racing and sailing programme. Discussion is on-going with our colleagues in Yard and Haven about possible options to offer more space.
7. All members with a dinghy space in the yard have had a note reminding them that there will be a review of dinghy usage mid-season. There are very simple forms in the office, the Haven office and the Sailing Pro office, for those sailors who do occasional cruising to record their sailing activity. This is a gentle introduction to the idea that we need to promote dinghy usage, given the pressure on dinghy yard storage.
8. Finally, many thanks to Tom Coombes for his work on setting up our Dutyman rosters.