

Poole Yacht Club

Sailing Secretary's Report May 2018

1. The Club Regatta is taking place Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th June, with dinghy racing both days and Cruiser racing in the evening, plus social events. Volunteers are needed for shore based and on-the-water activities: this is a great way to get involved, meet other members and have fun as well. If you want to find out more, or put your name forward for a Shore-based, RIB or Committee Boat volunteer role, please contact Katie Hooper at sailing@pooleyc.co.uk
2. Our office team will be contacting members who have not yet moved a boat into a booked dinghy yard space, to arrange a pro-rata refund so that the space can be allocated to members who are on the waiting list for a space in the yard. Work continues with Yard and Haven Committee to look at solutions for increasing the space we can provide for members who want to take part in our extensive sailing and racing programme.
3. If you are contacted by our office staff in connection with re-allocating your space, please remember that they are carrying out an approach set and agreed by Sailing Committee – that is, please do not Shoot the Messenger! If you want to discuss this policy further, you are welcome to contact the relevant class captain, myself or Joe Cross Assistant Sailing Secretary.
4. The International Paints Poole Sailing Regatta is taking place Saturday 26th to Monday 28th May, another great opportunity to take part in competitive racing. Volunteers are still needed for Committee Boat roles, for either a single day or more, please contact John Yonwin Rear Commodore Sailing if you can help out.
5. The RYA has done a major piece of research, titled “The Future of Dinghy Sailing”. This highlights the implications facing all clubs from wider changes in society, with thoughts and suggestions about how clubs can respond. A key issue facing all clubs is the difficulty in attracting new members in the 20-40 year age group.
6. Foggy conditions prevailed for certain races at the end of April: thank you to safety boat volunteers and race officers and assistants for their team work on these days.
7. Friendly Fridays continues to be popular, with a mix of dinghies going out for a leisurely sail on Friday evenings in rain and shine!
8. Katie Hooper is setting up and running more training days to meet the demand for adult and junior sailing training. She is planning more adult beginner training for late August – September in order that the anticipated increase in new members following the Taster Day and Open Evenings, can be accommodated.

Tracey Lee
Sailing Secretary