

Sailing News October 2019

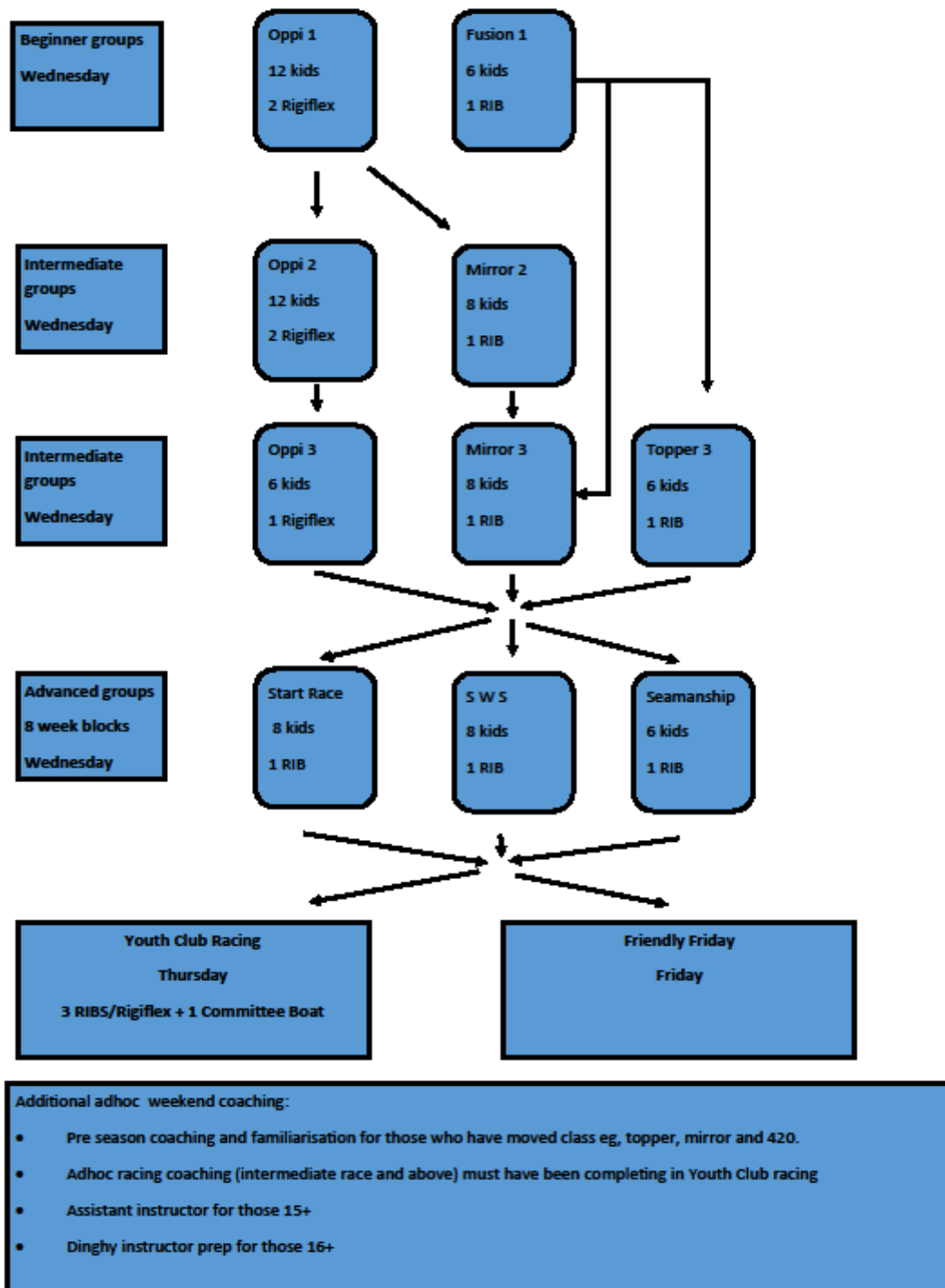
1. We held a great Club Regatta at the end of September with just about 100 entries and sailors of all ages enjoying two windy days of racing. A particular well done to our junior racers on the White course in Ham Bay, taking part in some challenging conditions for novice sailors. Next year the Regatta will be back in its usual slot in our busy programme, in mid-July.
2. The J24 World's qualifier event also took place in strong winds, with our Poole YC sailors Dave Hale and Joe Cross now ranked at number 1 and number 2 in the UK. The high quality of race management was noted by visiting competitors.
3. Next year, we are introducing Youth Racing on a Thursday evening, with the RYA junior sailing training continuing on a Wednesday night. The finer details are being sorted out, however we expect the youth racing to take the form of two short races, laid and run separately from the dinghy racing which is race-managed by the Race Hut team.
4. Dinghy owners who have already paid race fees and have already taken part in club racing can leave their boats in the Dinghy Yard until December 31st without having to comply with the 50% attendance rule. This has been agreed specifically in order to encourage more participation in the Saturday racing, and In January we will be reviewing what difference it has made.
5. Katie Hooper has secured Poole YC as a location for an RYA film that is being made to promote environmental matters. The slip way and the Harbour, rather than any of our members, will be stars of the show, but this is another contribution to keeping Poole YC on the map. It is also a signal of the growing awareness of the need to reduce our environmental impact as sailors on the Harbour and surrounding waters.
6. The end of season Youth Prize giving has taken place, with certificates and silver-ware being awarded to over 100 junior sailors. Sarah Agnew, Chair of Youth Section, presented the structure for next season and beyond (see attached).
7. Power-boat training sessions are being arranged for the winter, including a one day "Recovering Dinghies" training session.
8. In his latest Newsletter, Commodore Nye Davies mentioned the trial of a marina entrance monitoring system for the boats berthed in the Haven. The trial will include dinghies as well, as we are equally keen to make sure that dinghies kept in our valuable dinghy yard storage are being used, whether for training, social and solo sailing, and/or in our racing programme.
9. On that note, the 2020 sailing programme is currently being drafted and there will be many opportunities for sailors of all abilities to take part in a varied programme of on-the-water activity.



Ollie Freemantle taking part in the PYC Regatta 2019



J24s Poole Harbour October 2019



Proposed Youth Structure 2020