

Sailing News November 2019

1. The newly-established **Training Committee** has met for the first time, and will meet on a quarterly basis. The minutes will be attached to the Sailing Committee minutes. This first meeting covered: how to set up a central Training Tracker so all courses are listed in one place, the charges for training and boat hire in 2020, and potential ways to increase participation.
2. **PLEASE fill out Volunteer Forms!** They will be emailed to everyone soon, and are of fundamental importance to getting the duties covered for next year. There is a small group of Volunteer Team Leaders waiting to match your name to a duty.
3. We know that some people were disheartened last season, to fill out a form and not be allocated a regular duty. Bizarrely, there will still be **unfilled slots on dutyman**, even when the 4-weekly rotation teams are put together. So from end of February and throughout the main season, you can sign in to dutyman and put your name down for a vacant duty. The website has descriptions of what the main duties actually involve.
4. The **Commodores Training** is underway for our youth sailors, and it continues to be as popular as ever for younger sailors wanting to develop their keelboat and matching racing skills.
5. Watch out for “**This Girl Can**” posters: we are trying out a women-only powerboat training course in mid-March, and a women-only Improver Group in June/July. And there will be a Women on the Water evening Q&A session early March so we can find out more about what gets in the way of women participating in all kinds of on-the-water activity.
6. There is a **2020 Youth Briefing session** taking place on Wednesday 20th November at which the plans for 2020 season will be presented: a Youth Racing Group on Thursday evenings and RYA Sailing Training remaining on a Wednesday evening. The briefing is aimed at parents and grandparents.
7. Following concerns raised in September’s Sailing Committee about the **timeliness of fixes made to our RIBs & Rigiflexes**, there is now a Maintenance Tracker in place which looks at the status and priority of repair tasks. Thanks to Simon Lawson for taking this on.
8. The fortnightly Youth Club is a great success – the next session will do a **Green Blue** team game, from the RYA environmental awareness initiative.
9. **Dinghy racers:** you still need to fill out a form to let the office know you are taking part in the winter racing, although the 50% requirement has been lifted on a trial basis. Forms are outside the office.



Pooler YC was used as the venue for an RYA film about the dangers of Invasive Species



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