

Sailing News July 2019

1. The **Topper National Series event** at Poole YC was a great success, with 180 junior sailors enjoying two days of racing over 6th and 7th July. The visitors were complimentary about the high standard of organisation on and off the water and the friendliness of the Poole YC welcome. **Thank you to all the volunteers** who supported this event with car park duties, pulling RIBS up and down the slipway, Committee boat assistance, burger-cooking, Top Triangle racing advice, and thanks also to our bar staff for dealing with a high volume of bar activity while we waited for the wind to come in on both days!
2. There has been a push on better promotion of our **summer Trophy races** and on 13th July, and 23 dinghies took part in the Bournemouth Pier race with sunny conditions and light winds. The **Swanage Trophy race** is on Saturday 27th July, first warning 10:55, and the **Wareham Race** is on Saturday 3rd August first warning 13:55.
3. **Save the Date!! Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September , Poole YC Regatta!**
4. The second **adult beginner training** took place on 13th and 14th July, with 6 beginner sailors making the best use of ideal “beginner sailing weather” with sun and light winds. They used the two Club Hartley 15’s and also the new Fusion dinghies, sailing these single handed on the second day, giving more “tiller time” for practising tacking and gybing.
5. The **Youth section** has done some extra training sessions for RIB and Rigiflex drivers to make sure that everyone volunteering on a Wednesday evening is confident in the close-boat manoeuvring that is required when instructing small groups of youth sailors.
6. More **RIB refresher courses** have been run by our team of Powerboat Instructors over the weekends, with specific practice in recovering capsized dinghies. All dates and booking for these sessions are available to be booked on the website.
7. The **Try a Boat day** was well attended by prospective new members, thanks to everyone who came along and supported this. Feedback from all our visitors was really good and additional Welcome Chats for prospective new members have been scheduled as a result.
8. The **GP14 and YWDB Open** meeting is taking place weekend of 20th and 21st July.
9. The **paddleboards are here!** Watch this space for details of Paddleboard lessons and groups.



Katie Hooper Sailing Pro teaching the RYA level 1&2 Adult Beginner course – they went on the water shortly after this was taken



Topper National Series

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