



March 2008 Newsletter

FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 26 March. Race Team Training (1930hrs)

This is short session to introduce and explain how to organise and run races at PSC. For anyone who is not too sure about Race Officer duties this will explain all, and give a few tips to help things go smoothly. All members invited.

28/29 March. RYA Safety Boat course. Contact Mike Goodall to sign up.

4 & 18 April. Assistant Coach training. Ditto.

5 April. First Race- Easter Egg race.

Thurs 16 April. New Racing Rules talk. (1930 hrs)

Dear member,

The 2009 season is fast approaching, and I am pleased to enclose your Club Yearbook.

This year, the club racing programme will again offer a good mix of series and one off race days, plus class coaching days for RS300s and for Lasers. There will be three open meetings;

- May 3/ 4 Tartan Trophy
- August 16. RS300 Scottish Championship & UK Traveller
- September 13/14 Youth Regatta for Optimists, Toppers and Lasers.

The race calendar in the centre pages shows all the race fixtures, including both the open meetings and the club races, and show the duty rota. Please note your duty dates, which may include a single duty on a Saturday to provide safety cover.

Following members' meetings over the winter, we are planning a major ramping up of our training and cadets' operation. Rather than RYA courses being taught in discrete five week blocks, instead we will have RYA training activity provided every Saturday afternoon from 9th May to the end of September. We are training up more instructors and coaches accordingly. David Donaldson has joined the Committee as Cadet Captain, and he and a team of assistant coaches will provide coaching/ tuition to young improvers on Saturday afternoons, helping them progress through varied on water activities.

We also plan to have more Tuesday night casual sailing/ practice sessions, and many of these will offer coaching on specific topics, see race calendar.



The club has a modest fleet of training boats, ranging from kids' boats like Toppers and Taz's to adult boats like GP14s. Some youngsters would prefer to learn in company, in two person boats, with friends or brothers or sisters. The committee therefore plans a grant application to secure funds for a pair of two person training boats, plus another two singlehanders for younger children. To apply successfully for these funds, we need to update the club constitution, see enclosed notice of EGM.

So in summary this year we plan a major gearing up of our training and coaching effort, and thereby hope to bring many more newcomers into sailing and into club membership and activities. If you would like more info on training or cadet activities, contact Mike Goodall or David Donaldson, tel numbers in Yearbook. Book early, as courses are very popular.

As a voluntary club, we depend very much on the willingness of members to give their time to help the club, whether acting as instructors, serving as committee members, doing race duties, helping decorate and refurbish the clubhouse, or assisting at regattas.

In preparing the club for the season, we thank Tom Carey and his helpers who have been working hard in March. If you have been unable to find time so far to help work parties, please contact Tom who will find you a job to do.

The first regatta is the Tartan Trophy on May 3/4. We want to see club members all involved, either as competitors, or as helpers. If you can help during the weekend, please contact Chris Clow, who is especially looking for galley volunteers. There is always a good busy friendly atmosphere at regattas, and watching the competition from the balcony is always enjoyable.

For anyone who has not yet sent in their subs for the year, a renewal form is enclosed, please send to David McClay as soon as possible. Subs must be paid before bringing your boat to the compound. Berth allocation is on the basis of members occupying the same berths as last year.

I hope to see you soon on the water, or at lectures such as that on Race Team Training, or New Rules.

Yours,

Alan Henderson
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