Poole Yacht Club

Sailing Secretary’s Report August – September 2017

1. There was a serious incident between two Poole YC keelboats on 15.8.2017, with one boat losing a mast as a result. A panel established the facts of the incident and as both boats decided not to protest, so no further action was required.
2. The Osprey Nationals were held on 10 – 13th August with 30 boats enjoying excellent racing in the top triangle. About 20 youth sailors took part in the racing and shore activities of Parkstone Youth Week. There were 7 Poole YC sailors taking part in Poole Week – an increase of 100% on last year – and it is hoped there will be more next year, given the ease of access we have to the top triangle sailing area.
3. The R19s have set up a sunset series of four evenings racing, to start September 18th and resourced within the fleet.
4. The Topper Nationals are being held on 16th/17th September, with 140 boats due to take part; a prestigious event for our club to run. No club racing on Saturday 16th as a result.
5. Poole sailing clubs were moved, in terms of their RYA ‘region’ from the South to South West region about 18 months ago. Lobbying is on- going with the RYA in order to change this back due to the implications for travel to RYA sailing events and the geographical reality of where Poole is in the UK.
6. There is pressure on dinghy yard space – a welcome problem as it is evidence of increasing membership and increasing dinghy sailing activity. Sailing Committee is considering the re-introduction of class captains checking which boats have been sailed, when decisions are taken about allocating and retaining a dinghy yard space.
7. In the youth section, Freddie Howarth was 1st UK junior sailor in the Optimist Nationals in Weymouth, James Foster achieved 3rd in the Optimist National rankings and Angus Kemp was 6th in the Topper Worlds in Brittany. 5 Poole youth drivers took part in the Honda Youth RIB challenge with Carlo Consolos going on to the finals at the Southampton Boat Show. As members of our revitalized Mirror fleet, Grace Bland and Isabella took part in the Mirror Nationals in Restronguet, Cornwall.
8. There is a “Try an RS200” day being run on October 14th, with demos/rigging sessions in the morning and a chance to try out sailing and racing an RS200 in the afternoon.
9. From May 2017, we have had 19 new members in the category 8 – 23 years, and 41 new adult members. About 10 new members have joined from other Poole sailing clubs, however many are new to sailing and want to learn to sail with us.

Tracey Lee, Sailing Secretary