

Poole Yacht Club

Sailing Secretary's Report June 2018

1. The International Paints Regatta took place 26-28 May, with racing on five courses, one in harbour and four in Poole Bay. There were 8 classes of yachts taking part in the Handicap classes including the high performance Fast 40+, and 8 one design boats, including the R19, 2.4m, and J24. This Regatta is a major event in the UK and European sailing calendar and Poole Yacht Club play an integral role in this, with many PYC sailors competing and also in PYC volunteers' contribution to the high standard of race management.
2. The R19s held their championships on Sunday 3rd June and enjoyed three races in fair wind and sunshine.
3. The Poole Boat Show took place on Poole quay 8 -10 June. The R19 fleet provided 'try a boat' sailing sessions on both days, and Katie Hooper and a team of volunteers were on the stand to talk about Poole Yacht Club's sailing and training activities. The Mirror fleet did a sailing demonstration and Commodore Nye Davies did a quay-wide commentary as the sailors showed impressive boat handling skills in a small sailing area.
4. Our efforts at the Boat Show were significantly enhanced compared to previous years by the provision of an RYA "Go Sailing" stand, and we also had the support on the stand Saturday and Sunday from RYA regional development officer Tony Wood.
5. There are Open Evenings for potential new members taking place on Monday 11th (dinghies), Tuesday 12th (cruisers) and Wednesday 13th June (Youth).
6. Katie ran Laser Race Training on Monday 4th June. Wind conditions were tough, however there were 24 lasers on the start line and the plan is to run another session as it was well received by the racers. Thanks go to Ken Morgan's race hut team for coping with the number of boats on the water.
7. A proposal has been made to Sailing and Youth Committee regarding the formation of a Training Committee which would bring together the planning, organization and budgeting for both junior and adult sailing.
8. 75 Toppers took part in a training day on 9th June and a day of racing in very light winds on Sunday 10th June. It was good to some of our junior sailors join the racing for the first time.
9. Half term sailing training for junior sailors was again very well received, and bookings are now being taken for a week-long 'Summer Camp' on 13 – 17 August and a week of RYA training from 20 – 24 August.
10. Friendly Fridays continue to be popular, with between 10 to 18 dinghies of all shapes and sizes coming out for a relaxing sail followed by a burger.



A junior sailor showing the benefit of the high boom on the Hartley 15



Laser race training



Miriam at Poole Boat Show



Mirrors at the quay - taken from our very own Banana Boat