

Sailing Secretary's Report March 2019

1. The first dinghy racing series of 2019 starts on Saturday March 30th so dinghies can be brought into the yard from Friday 29th March. Cruiser racing for 2019 has officially started, if not actually in practice at the time of writing due to high winds.
2. The first 7 week cohort of the Adult Improver training group is fully booked; this group will be using the new Fusion dinghies. The new Laser Social Sailing group, also taking place on a Monday evening, has only a few places remaining. There are a series of adult beginner training weekend courses available for members, all of which can be booked through the Club website.
3. The Youth section has 86 children signed up for the popular Wednesday evening training. The capacity for Wednesday evenings has been increased with the addition of two new Jaffa safety craft, the new Fusion dinghies, three newly qualified Dinghy Instructors, and the introduction of an additional Senior Instructor.
4. RIB refresher training has been taking place on Saturday mornings and will continue through to May and June; see the website for more details and booking. Thank you to Simon Robinson and his team of Powerboat Instructors, and to Andrew Tate for going out in a dinghy and capsizing over and over again in order to give people recovery practice.
5. Also in preparation for the 2019 sailing season: 12 people took part in a Mark Laying course in February, there is an Introduction to Race Officer course taking place on March 16th, and a RIB assistant course taking place on March 23rd. The Race Hut assistant course due to have taken place on March 9th will be re-scheduled.
6. Steve Thompson is taking on the role of Events Lead, meaning he will be pulling together Race Management, Mark Laying and Safety teams for open meetings and other external racing events.
7. With the start of the sailing season nearly upon us, dinghy sailors who sail independently (i.e. not part of organized racing or social sailing activity) are reminded to sign in when they go out for a sail at either the club office, the sailing office or the Haven office. We are proud of the tradition at Poole YC of promoting a broad range of sailing activity: this measure is to help us monitor usage of the dinghies which are kept in the yard over the main sailing season.
8. A small sub-group is working on a detailed specification of the improvements needed to the Race Hut, so that quotes for the work can be obtained.