

## Sailing News May 2019

1. After a couple of false starts including a fog-bound evening, Wednesday Youth training evenings are underway, with an expanded number of dinghy instructors and a new Fusion group for older novice sailors. Some additional 1:1 coaching on RIB and Jaffa driving is being provided to make sure everyone is confident in close-manoevering and recovery situations.
2. The question of whether to put prop-guards on to our Rigiflex (jaffa) safety boats is still under consideration. In brief there are two aspects to be investigated further. The prop guards cover the propeller but significantly decrease the speed of the boat, and there is evidence that they can increase corrosion rates. Further work is on-going to establish the implications on boat speed, and whether plastic guards offer a solution.
3. The Osprey/Contender Open meeting is taking place 18/19<sup>th</sup> May. The Midsummer Madness ,all-ages- welcome party , is back by popular demand as part of this event on Saturday evening.
4. The Hobie nationals are taking place the weekend of 25 – 27<sup>th</sup> May, also with an open everyone-welcome social event on evening of Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May.
5. Friendly Fridays have started again, with 16 boats on the water followed by burgers on the patio.
6. The Poole YC RIB challenge has also started with 17 of our junior members taking their first steps in learning how to drive a powerboat. Thanks to Simon Robinson and his team of power boat instructors for organizing what is proving to be a very popular activity.
7. Novice racers will be invited to tie a ribbon on to their dinghy. The intention is the ribbon signals to other racers and safety boat crew that the novice racers will welcome patience, encouragement and possibly some friendly advice in the bar after sailing, as they develop their experience in club racing.
8. Our J24 helms and crew have been honing their racing skill for the world championships taking place in Poole in 2020.



Pooler YC RIB Challenge training



R19 single-handed series, Friday evenings