

Sailing News June 2019

1. 85 junior sailors took part in the Topper Super Traveller on 1st and 2nd June. Parents and sailors were complimentary about the high standard of race management led by Race Officer Matt Hitt and the warm welcome and efficient organisation of the car park which was provided by the Poole YC Topper class.
2. The Hobie Nationals took place over the May Bank Holiday weekend, making full use of the Top Triangle sailing area with the long race legs that Hobie sailors favour. It is great to hear that the Hobie class plan to return to Poole YC for their 2020 Nationals. Congratulations to Tom Coombes who was Race Officer for the event and for whom this was his first National event as Race Officer.
3. Our new safety boat Safety 8 is here, and was in use for the Topper event. It is also in use for the junior Rib Challenge training which takes place on a Friday evening. This is so popular that the group has been divided into 2 age groups, who now do alternate Fridays.
4. Red Ribbons have been seen on the water as part of the plans to encourage more people into Club racing. The Red Ribbons poster has been spotted as a post on the UK Dinghy Sailing web page, seen by 5000 sailors across the UK with comments that indicate how other sailing clubs are also keen to grow their racing fleets.
5. The Osprey and Contender Open took place on 18th and 19th May, with light winds across the weekend, and the club house was full again for the Midsummer Madness social event on the Saturday.
6. The first cohort of the 7 week Monday Improver group have finished their training, which aims to build on-the-water confidence for members who have recently done their beginner training or who want to brush-up on their helming skills. Some of this group have moved into the Friendly Friday sailing, while others want to sign up for a further 7 week session.
7. The Poole Boat Show was on 7th – 9th June, with a strong presence by Poole YC in the show and on the shared Yachts Clubs of Poole stand. Adult and junior sailors took part in a sailing demo, watched by many spectators lined up on the Quayside and the orange “learn to sail at Poole YC” t-shirts were an eye-catching feature on the stand and on Poole YC boats on the water.
8. The R19 fleet once again provided fantastic support for the boat show, taking people out for a Try Sailing experience, and two of our newly qualified dinghy instructors took people out in a dinghy as part of the RYA “Try Sailing” experience. Taking entirely novice members of the public out in a sailing boat and keeping it calm and enjoyable can be a challenge, so thanks go to the Poole YC sailors who provided a great “first time sailing” experience for so many people of all ages.



Our newest Poole YC sailors.....

Photo by Mike Millard



..... And some of our most experienced, at the J24 European Championships in Patras, Greece