

Sailing News September 2019

1. Poole YC welcomed 30 Mirror sailors to the **Mirror Nationals** in mid-August, including a large contingent who made the journey from Restronguet Sailing Club in Cornwall. It was great to see our own Mirror sailors take part in the competition especially as they are junior sailors who were venturing into Event racing for the first time. It was also great to welcome Martin Egan (of EGAN race-mark fame) to Poole YC again. The visiting sailors were very complimentary about all aspects of their time with us, both on and off the water.
2. There has been a push to advertise the details of the **Trophy races** this year and we have seen more sailors taking part as a result. There have been some new faces having a go at club racing either in these races or in the regular evening series, and the supply of Red Ribbons outside of the changing rooms has been replenished.
3. There has been a **50% increase** this year in the amount of **sailing training courses** on offer, with adult beginner training and Junior Summer Camps being especially popular. The Fusion club boats have been used in both adult and junior sailing training, including the Adult Improver groups, where members build sailing confidence after doing the RYA level 1 and 2 beginner training with Katie. Thanks to the small group of volunteers who have given their time on Monday evenings to support the Improver group.
4. In other events this summer, the **GP14s and YWDB** enjoyed a weekend of racing in their annual Poole YC Open meeting and the R19 "Worlds" took place on 1st September.
5. The **Youth sailors** have had a chance to try out different boats, having a go at helming Hobies, GP14s and keelboats and taking part in an R19 racing evening. In competitions at other clubs, **Ocean Hughes** took 8 race wins in his Optimist at Parkstone Youth Week and **Amber Hale, Devon and Mason Green** all brought prizes home from the Topper Nationals.
6. **Paddleboard Yoga** and Paddleboard training has started and are proving very popular - all current spaces are filled so watch out via the website for more dates.
7. Check out the **new Facebook page "Poole Yacht Club Find a Boat/Crew"** which has been launched this summer. The clue is in the name as they say, and there is already a lot of activity with people looking for/finding either a more regular spot on a boat or a one-off.
8. Thanks to **John and Gillian Milner** who retire from Race Hut duties this season after many years of Tuesday night Cruiser Racing Volunteering.
9. **Club Regatta 21st and 22 September**: enjoy a weekend of racing at your club, and live music on Saturday evening!



Youth sailors try out Hobie sailing



Congratulations to Lucy and Kate McGregor and Amy Sparks, Women's World Match Racing Champions 2019