

Dinghy Forum - Sunday 27th October 2019, 2:30pm

Chair: Vice Commodore Sailing- Simon Clifton (SiC)

Apologies: Julian Lord, Tina and Gary Brosnan-Wren, Bruce Woodcock, Andrew & Gill Stebbing.

1) Volunteers for Sailing Committee

SiC explained that the current composition of the Sailing Committee is weakened by the lack of a Sailing Secretary and Dinghy Captain. SiC confirmed that he will not be continuing on the committee. Only three members continuing, Tony Hawkes (Bosun), Pat Hill (Saturday Social Sailing Fleet Leader) and Rachael Humphreys (PowerBoat School Principal).

The Club infrastructure is in jeopardy, with minimal cross communication between fleets on different days and the fewer people taking responsibility for running and management of the club assets.

SiC called for a 'Fleet Lieutenant/ Assistant Fleet Leader' to be on the Sailing Committee to represent the different sailing activities throughout the week.

Volunteers profered:

Vice Commodore: *position vacant*

Sailing Secretary: *position vacant*

Dinghy Captain: Tony Brown

Sunday: *position vacant*

Monday ; Bruce Woodcock

Tuesday: Jacob Hambridge

Wednesday: position vacant

Thursday: Rosie Brown

Friday: *position vacant*

Saturday: Pat Hill

2) General Discussion

01. Sunday Sessions: Praise from the Sunday Racers that the races continued, regardless of the wind forecasts and even healthy Risk Management strategies applied in challenging wind conditions .e.g. Sail in creeks with sight of the Race Officer and good Support Boat coverage.

02. Race Start Times / High Tides: Points to review when setting 2020 Sunday Race The possibility of changing race start times to coincide better with the top of the tide/ and hour before the tide.

03. Saturday Evening Racing: Consider Saturday series

04. Ensure Social Media keeps all informed of dates/times, especially if not a regular pattern to series.

- 05. Encourage more Optimist/ Slow Boat** participation at weekend. Review/Change Slow boats PY when 'All In' race starts.
- 06. MFOB-** consider coordinating with Brig fleet, for numbers on the start line, support boats & social benefits.
- 07. Posters for each series** in club to advertise dates of races/social sails.
- 08. Wednesday Night Issues:**
- a. Cadets launching and returning much later in 2019 season
 - b. Extra strain of coping with high numbers
 - c. Cadets need more encouragement to join in sailing opportunities after Cadet Week.
- 09. Boat Trial Day:** suggested after Cadet Week to help people decide whether/which boats to move to.
- a. RYA have Toppers and Teras to hire
 - b. Utilise RYA Push the Boat Out Day (May)
- 10. Repeat Coxswains Course coordination with sailing** event for 'real life' practical experience.
- 11. Sailing Instructions:**
- a. Suggested review time limits for Sunday Racing to better accommodate 7 encourage participation of Slow Fleet & Optimists
 - b. Suggested extend Monday Night time limit beyond 1 hour.
 - c. Consider Average Lap races.
- 12. Add in some Saturday Sailing in Autumn for Cadets.** Chris Burr has spoken with parents willing to support.
- 13. Ladies Sailing:** Encourage participation on other evenings.
- 14. New Families:** Provide more & use natural opportunities to develop knowledge for Parents who do not sail themselves, yet. e.g. Coaching for Parents when the Cadets are out on the water.

SiC closed the meeting acknowledging that with the new volunteers it will provide a strong basis for Sailing Committee and great potential to 'join up more for 2020'.

Meeting closed 3:30pm

Followed by Dinghy Prize Giving.