



Paignton Junior Sailing Club

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Junior Newsletter June 2010



I hope you're enjoying the lovely June weather? Some grumbles have been heard about lack of wind on Friday evenings. It's impossible to satisfy sailors! I'm sure there will be other sailing club sessions when the sailing will be more exciting. You just need to keep coming down on Fridays over the summer! There are 2 main reasons for this short newsletter. Firstly to say thank you to all those who have helped run the junior sailing and secondly to remind you of what activities are on offer for the rest of the season. Also – we hope you have enjoyed the training course. If you have any comments or requests for future courses or activities later in the summer, please do speak to us and come along to the AGM in the autumn.

Thankyou!

We have a club barbecue and presentation on Friday 9 July after club sailing to round off the course. Come and enjoy a drink and a sausage with friends and collect the certificate for your course. You will need to buy tickets for the barbecue in advance (on Friday 2 July if you haven't got a ticket already!).

We have had more junior sailing sessions than ever before this spring. The single-hander racing squad have been out every Saturday morning. This new venture seems to be bearing fruit already as more juniors than ever before are joining in with the senior racing on Wednesday evening and Sunday mornings. Thanks to Paul Procter and Ian Mills who have been running the coaching (and thanks to the RYA for helping to fund the coaching). The sessions have also needed lots of support from parents and club members to man safety boats organised by Eddie Wright. I think it's been a real success!

The Friday evening course has been as popular as ever and we're really pleased that we've been able to give places to lots of youngsters who haven't sailed before or who are new to the club. Once again Paul Procter has been the coordinator of the training and he has had great support from Andy White, Trish Walker, Mike Barnard and Alan Brown and assistant instructors and other club members. We've also had 4 safety boats and 'Jubilee' out on the water and it's been great to see new parents out watching the sailing and enjoying the nice evenings. The course couldn't operate without the help of club members and parents manning the safety boats, looking after launching (and checking that all the kids come back!) and rigging and de-rigging boats. I think we've had more adults involved than ever before. Last but not least, thanks to the younger members who have organised the food every week. The get-together in the bar is always a really popular part of the course.



Junior Sailing over the summer

There should be loads of great sailing over the summer.

- Saturday morning Single Hander training squad continues until further notice. Full day on 3 July.
- Friday evening Club sailing 6pm every Friday from 9 July until the light runs out in September. The session will then switch to Saturday morning.

Your course fee this year includes 4 free sessions. After that the sessions will cost £5 per boat (£2.50 each if you share a boat) if using a club boat or £2 if you use your own boat. This is really to cover the costs of running the safety boats for the sessions.

This session is open to adults as well as juniors. Boats go to those who are there first – you need to sign on and pay in the training room at the top of the club.

We hope that the majority of juniors will be able to take part in these sessions. You do need to be able to sail round a triangular course and handle the boat mostly on your own. There will be instructors around but it is not a training course with a high ratio of instructors to pupils that you've had in the course itself. If you are not sure whether you will be able to take part, ask your instructor on Friday 2 July. Even if you are a beginner and don't think you could take a boat out on your own, it may be possible for you to join in if you sail with a more experienced youngster or an adult member. We suggest you exchange mobile numbers/face book contact details etc, so you can arrange to meet up with your friends on a Friday night for a sail at the club.

- Senior club racing. Juniors are welcome to join in senior racing and there is a 'novice' course for those new to racing. Racing takes place on Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings. Club Toppers can be used for racing without charge. Ask your instructor if you're ready for senior racing.
- Regattas. We hope that we will be able to arrange some competitions against other local clubs. Let us know if you would like to take part. We will contact you when we have more details.
- Fun sail to Goodrington 16th July. Come along to join in a family fun sail to Goodrington where we hope to enjoy a barbecue/picnic and some games. More details available on 2nd and 9th July.
- PICO Olympics – On Friday 6th August there will be a fun event focussing on the PICO. All welcome to take part. More details to follow.

Volunteers still needed!

It is a long summer season and to keep sailing going every week we need help from adults. If your parents are able to help with manning a safety boat, helping rigging boats, taking money and checking all the kids get back on shore at the end of the evening, please contact me. Don't worry if you haven't been involved before – we'll put you with someone who can show you the ropes.

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