

POOLE SAILABILITY NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2008

Here we are in the middle of August , and we are still awaiting summer !! With gales, rain, and cold frequently challenging us, it has meant that the turn-out for our sailing events so far has been well below average. All is not lost however, as with forecasters talking of a late Indian summer and the sailing programme extending into October we still have time for some cracking sails. Please make every effort to come along to use your club facilities to the full. We currently have vacancies for more disabled members, and are always seeking suitably experienced helpers.

RESCUE BOAT

The talking point at every event so far has been our wonderful distinctive bright yellow new rescue boat. With its drop front, large deck with plenty of room for crew including someone in a wheelchair, and its powerful engine it causes a stir wherever we take it. The sailing captain is now training helpers to handle the boat with confidence and expertise. Combined with the use of our two way radios this has enabled us to make sailing sessions far safer and more enjoyable for all.

SAILING WITH DORSET BLIND

Two weekends in July saw 15 visitors from the Dorset Blind Association join us for some superb sailing. Luckily we were blessed with warm sunshine and a fair breeze Perfect conditions for novices to learn to helm, gybe and tack. With everyone taking an active part, it was agreed by all to be one of the best events we have ever held, and we are looking forward to them returning to us next year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

Morning sailing session will followed by the commissioning ceremony of our new rescue boat at 1pm and our traditional BBQ on the beach. This is always a great fun event at which all family and friends are very welcome.

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER

We have been allocated a prime space inside the Dolphin Centre in Poole just by Marks and Spencer. This will be a great opportunity for publicising ourselves, attracting new members, and a lot of fund raising. Volunteers are needed to man the stand for half day periods. Please, please come along even if you can only spare a few hours. Contact Mike Bartlett on 01202 885160 if you are able to help.

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER

Our friends from South Bank Sailing Club will be sailing with us all day, and will join us in the evening for our end of season supper with special entertainment and prize giving. This will be at Lake Yard Club. Again friends and family are very welcome to join what is a really fun night. Details of cost and how to reserve your place will be sent to you nearer the time.

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