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New Year's Newsletter 2011

Happy New Year to you all. What a wonderful year we had in 2010 with more people on the water than ever before, and with your help 2011 will be even better.

The sailing season ended with some beautiful October days when we had the luxury of uncrowded waters and some perfect winds. The arrival of our new boat cradles in November saw a working party of members feverishly assembling them so that our 3 Hawks could be safely stored ashore. The cold weather soon after meant that all maintenance work has had to be curtailed but as soon as we get some fine weekends Bosun Bill will be summoning you all to help again.

End of Season Supper. Our traditional curry night at Lake Yard was a great success with some amazing fancy dress Halloween costumes. Sailor of the year was Brian Hall, who only joined us last year. His determination to learn to sail and to be a valued helper has been outstanding. Our Volunteer Sailor of the Year was Lynn Cherrett. She gained the award for her ability in dinghy sailing and her new found skill in handling the Safety Boat. Well done to both of them!



Our special guest was the amazing Caroline Beckett, who despite her severe disabilities climbed Ben Nevis and raised over £3000 for Poole Sailability.



Right: Brian Hall receives Sailor of the Year Award from Pat Dodd of RYA Sailability

Left: Fancy dress winner Suzanne Crew



Great News

Following the Club's success at Poole Week racing, two of our members have been inspired to go on to even greater things.

Chris "Frosty" Ford attended a selection weekend held by the Blind Sailing association at the end of November on the Isle of Wight. Despite the gruelling conditions sailing in temperatures of minus 3 and even snow, Frosty really impressed the organisers. He was invited to more intensive training, and has just been chosen to helm in the Great Britain team for World Blind Sailing. He will be taking part in the Nationals in May and looking forward to International events including Tokyo in 2012.

Martin "Hurricane" Hadley has also had great success competing in the National Access 303 single handed Traveller Trophy at events all over UK and ending up 4th overall out of 21 very competitive entrants.

Our aim for this coming year will be for more racing and for Poole Sailability to field a team made entirely of sailors with disabilities at some of the outside events we will be entering. We are hoping to get some race training for all interested members from some visiting RYA coaches at the start of the season, so watch this space!

Sponsored Sail

Stuart Hollingworth is organising a sponsored sail around the harbour this summer and would like as many members as possible to take part. If you are interested please contact us and we will pass your names on to "Stewie" who can't wait to hear from you and get planning

AGM.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Saturday 12 February at 11 am, at the Hamworthy Club, Canford Magna . Please try to attend. It is a great way to meet up with each other again, and is also a chance for you to have a say about how your Club is run. Full details of the agenda will follow soon.

Other Events

Skittles, a Quiz, and Dance Night, are all in the pipeline, and we will be sending details out to you all ASAP.

Facebook

Following your suggestions we now have a page on Facebook. It will be a great way to share photos and notify you of events, and maybe encourage some new members to join when they see how much fun we have. Check it out!