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Training Report

Safety Briefing

Alistair organised a pre-season briefing with a talk on various aspects of safety, including safety boats, risk assessments and general health & safety. A very useful and popular session with eighteen members attending.

Youth Sessions

The taster sessions in April and May were well received, resulting in all the young people joining the Club. When the taster sessions (up to three) were spent, Roger continued with youth level training for our new members. In all, we held seven sessions over the season. Charlie M and Olivia managed to attend the majority of these and gained their GBC Stage 1 Dinghy Sailing certificates. End of year trophies were awarded to Charlie M (Junior Training), Olivia (Endeavor Shield) and Ashleigh (Best Effort).

Adult Sailing Courses

The weather was favourable for both the Level 1 and the level 2 adult sailing courses with five people on each course. Fiona M was awarded the Senior Training Trophy.

Safety and Sailing Skills Sessions

Ric organised two safety skills sessions for safety boat drivers and crew, and two sailing skill sessions with fun activities for dinghy sailors. These sessions are always popular, and were well attended and much appreciated.

Radio Procedures

Alistair held a training session that also covered topics including legislation, care and maintenance, and radio controls.

Fundraising for new club boats

The majority of club Toppers are now approaching the end of their life. The training sub-committee looked at possible replacements and after some investigation recommend that we fundraise to buy four RS Zest dinghies.

The RS Zest can be sailed single- or double-handed by adults or can accommodate up to three youths. It can be easily rigged by youth or adult learners.

If you would like to help raise the necessary funds to buy the dinghies, please let us know. Any and all ideas on fund-raising are very welcome.

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Sharing your knowledge

Do you have a skill that you would be willing to share with other members? What training sessions would you like the Club to organise? Are you happy to take out prospective new adult members for a taster session?

Please get in touch with your ideas for future sessions, or if you feel you can run either a formal or informal session for members.

Thank you to...

Roger, Fiona, Duncan, Phil, Jean, Joan, Lachlann and Morven who all helped in various ways to run the youth sessions, and also the parents for encouraging their children to take part.

Ric, who once again shared his vast knowledge and experience with us; Ori, for running the adult courses; and Alistair, for organising the health and safety sessions.

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