

Sailing and Coaching Report 2016 AGM

Dinghy Racing – Winners so far!

Results for the season's series and events completed so far are published at www.chanonry.org.uk/2016.html and first place seems to be distributed among a reasonable number of sailors. Prizes will be awarded at the AGM.

The final Sunday series of the season is the Drysuit Diehards with races every weekend during November and until the 4th December. The very last event in 2016 is the Cold Turkey on Tuesday 27th December starting at 12 noon. There will be the usual soup and rolls on coming ashore.

We've run successful Open and Annual events again this year

- July – Scottish Laser Grand Prix Event; fewer competitors than 2015 but no less competitive!
- August – Dinghy Regatta and Musto Skiff Scottish Championship which due to a very strong wind forecast for the Sunday was restricted to a one day event. We managed to run 5 races.
- Ness Cup for a mixed fleet of dinghies and cruisers. Well done to overall winners Kyle and Hanako in a Topaz and to first cruiser winners Helen Rowson and Ian Cameron sailing WISP.

Over 100 races were programmed in 2016 and by the end of the year, due to poor weather and very occasionally lack of participants; around 80 will have been run. That's a huge effort and thanks are due to all those who supported these dinghy and cruisers events in capacities of Race Officers, Safety Officers and Assistant Safety Officers, catering and prize giving, without whom the racing could not take place. Not forgetting those who were able to compete from this club and beyond – well done and thank you all.

Programme 2017

We are starting to look at the programme for next year. If you have any suggestions for improvement then we'd like to hear from you via the info@chanonry.org.uk address or by contacting a committee member directly.

New Racing Rules

As is usual at this time of year after the Olympics the Racing Rules are updated with an effective date of 1 January 2017. The latest draft can be found at www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/ and the RYA has published them with their prescriptions for the UK – see www.rya.org.uk/projects/publications/Pages/racing-rules-of-sailing-2017-2020.aspx.

Through the Club we can achieve a discount on the RYA document. If you want to join the Club order then please contact Helen Jenner (training@chanonry.org.uk) or Richard Evans (sailing@chanonry.org.uk) by the end of December.

All racers need to know the Rules and the younger sailors tend to be most up to date. If there is enough interest (via training and/or sailing addresses) we could run a Rules evening or two over the winter.

Post Training Opportunities and Coaching

The Dolphins/Champs/Race Team programme (www.chanonry.org.uk/training.html) provided support to 21 youngsters. 88 person sessions were delivered as follows:

- Dolphins 48 lead by Richard Jenner
- Champs 32 lead by Richard Evans
- Race Team 8 lead by Thomas Hardie assisted by Magnus Henry

Oliver Bull and Fin Davidson attended the most number of sessions with Peter O'Leary-Collins and Innes MacLeod not far behind.

As sailors progress they become more involved in club and national racing and coaching; for example HMS Regional, Scottish and UK.

An exemplar of this is Kyle Cameron who has made the big jump this year into the RYA Scottish Optimist Squad (lots of trips to Largs ahead) and has participated in national events sailing his Optimist. Some of those were;

- Eric Twiname Championships held on Rutland Water
- Optimist UK National Championships in Largs
- RYA Zone Championships in Largs

The support of the club's Instructors and Race Coaches is as always gratefully acknowledged and the input from Thomas Hardie and Magnus Henry is very much appreciated this year.

Richard Evans

Co-opted Sailing Secretary