Sailing Report - 2018 AGM

Dinghy Racing - Winners!

Results for the season's series and events are published at www.chanonry.org.uk/2018.html and at the time of writing final checks are under way. Winners are distributed among a good number of sailors. Other achievements over the season have been reported in newsletters.

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

- Ness Cup for a mixed fleet of dinghies and cruisers. Well done to overall winner Kevin Holiday in his Musto Skiff and to first cruiser winners (again) Robert Taylor and crew sailing Joker.
- Dinghy Regatta incorporating the Musto Skiffs and several visiting boats was very successful. The catering takings were boosted when the Race Officer decided to send everyone ashore after the first race on Saturday due to strong gusty conditions and a few boats finding it difficult. After a break ashore, the programme was completed with a total of three starts per class each day.

Not so successful were the 8 class racing events intended to encourage competition within the various classes and especially for the Musto Skiffs. 2019 will see another incarnation of these hoping to get the recipe right at the third attempt!

Some Members, especially the Musto Skiffs, have represented the Club in competition across Scotland and the UK with generally good results. Well done.

The very last event in 2018 is the Cold Turkey on Thursday 27th December starting at noon. There will be the usual soup and rolls on coming ashore.

Volunteers

Over 100 races in regattas, series and one-day events were programmed with the usual 20% or so cancelled due to either too much or not enough wind or very occasionally lack of participants. That's a huge volunteer effort and thanks are due to all those who supported these dinghy and cruisers events in capacities of Race Officers, Safety Officers and Catering.

Programme 2019

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 sailing@chanonry.org.uk address or by contacting a committee member directly.

Sailing by its very nature is social even if you use a single handed boat. This years' programme of Friday evening Social Sailing has seen bigger turnouts along with a few dinghy day cruises. Of course, the weather wasn't always on our side. We think we've improved communications about social sailing with emails directed to those that have signed up for them and by using the Friends of Chanonry Sailing Club Facebook group. Calum Pearson and Helen Young have been driving these events and made a very good job of it. Thank you both.

Finally, thanks to the Sailing Sub-Committee for their help in planning and delivering the 2018 programme. They are Ben Yeats, Calum Pearson, Chrissie Lane, James Dargie, Paul Davidson and Peter Smith.

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