

SPRING NEWSLETTER

2013 Sailing, Cruising and Training Programmes

The sailing, cruising and training programmes for this season have been finalised and each were emailed to all members and published on the website in the newsletter section. The first informal dinghy sailing event is 7 April after which the race series begin.

As a late addition to the training programme, on 14th, 21st and 28th April, and 5th May Helen Jenner will be running safety skills sessions for members, free of charge, starting at 10am. Contact Helen Jenner (r.h.jenner@btinternet.com) if you are interested.

Membership Renewals

All memberships should have been renewed by now. Any still outstanding will be liable for the renewal fee in addition to the annual fee.

Cruiser Crane-in

The cruiser crane-in dates are 28 March and 13 April. As previously, Peter Illingworth is co-ordinating this activity. Cruiser owners wishing to be craned-in are asked to advise Peter (freebird60@fsmail.net) of their preferred date by 13 March. There will be a water taxi service available on both dates and the usual bacon rolls will be provided.

Club Duties

Adrian Hodges is managing the duty rosters this season. He is currently filling, with volunteers and by allocation, all slots until the end of May. The roster is also now open for members to volunteer for duties in June and July; at the beginning of April Adrian will roster members to fill any June and July duties for which there have been no volunteers. The duty roster for August onwards will be opened up for volunteers in June. Volunteers for 'race and safety officer' duties need to be at least 18 years of age.

Anyone with a duty (volunteered or rostered) will receive an automated reminder from dutyman to their registered e-mail address but all duties can also be seen on the dutyman website. Please note that members are expected to carry out five duties each year. Any questions or problems to Adrian (dutyman@chanonry.org.uk).

Social and Galley

As part of the committee's agenda of making the club more "sociable", tea and cakes will be available in the clubroom after sailing on 7 April. Our social secretary (Helen Jenner: social@chanonry.org.uk) has offered to provide hot food following sailing on the first Sunday of each month if there is sufficient demand; please let Helen know if you are interested. Also, Helen is always keen to hear from members prepared to assist with the galley at club or training events.

Race results will be published in the clubroom following racing and also, over a cup of tea, there will be a very informal debrief along with the race officer and the safety crews to discuss the day's events.

Dinghy Park

As previously notified, the dinghy park will be reorganised with relocated tie-down lines to make more spaces available. Mike (the younger) and Malcolm Wilson have kindly volunteered to be the dinghy monitors for this season and all members are requested only to park their boats where indicated on the plan which will be published on the club noticeboard. Members are also advised that all boats in the dinghy park must be marked with the owner's name.

“Working Day”

There will be a club working day starting at 10am on 23 March to prepare the club and its environs for the sailing season. One major task will be removing the turf that is growing on edge of the harbour wall next to the car park so please bring shovels and, if possible, a wheelbarrow. We are also looking for volunteers with powerwashers to clear the weed and algae off the slipway before the start of the sailing season (tides make 23 March unsuitable).

Fancy a cruiser but can't afford it?? Read on

If you have ever fancied the idea of having a cruiser, but cannot justify the costs, why not form a group to buy and share a boat? That is what the Wisp group did. There are six of them, and they share all the expenses.

As individuals the cost of ownership, and upkeep, of a boat can be daunting. However share it four, or six, ways and it becomes more affordable. A simple agreement sets out the group's aims. In Wisp's case, the group owns the boat and everyone is liable for maintenance. The boat is not a part of any member's estate, and is not inheritable. If anyone leaves the group, they do not get a refund. That is the gist of it, but so long as the group agrees, you can have whatever you want.

An example might help. A boat costing £1200. One individual = £1200. A group of six = £200 each. So how about it? Let's go cruising!!

Ian Cameron (ic.34@tiscali.co.uk) will gladly try and help with any questions on how the Wisp group was set up.

Feedback

As always, your committee is keen to have feedback and suggestions on any club matter. Contact details for all office holders and committee members are on the website.