



Training Report 2022

Recognised Training Centre Report 2022

Chanonry Sailing Club is an RYA Recognised Training Centre (RTC). This allows us to deliver widely respected RYA courses and recognises that we provide the highest standards of safety, management, tuition, and equipment.

Overview

- It has been a very busy season for formal training and despite scheduling extra courses, demand has exceeded supply.
- It has also been a difficult season as we have had prolonged spells of very windy weather in the summer (the 2nd day of one Stage 1 course was rescheduled 4 times).
- We have issued 51 RYA certificates (35 in 2021). This exceeds pre-Covid levels and reflects the greater number of active instructors.
- Most of our formal courses (2 x PBL2, 1 x L1, 2 x L2, 2 x S1) have run at capacity, and we had 18 sailors for Junior Week where further stages were completed.

RYA First Aid

- A request for interest in a first aid course had an unprecedented response leading to 4 courses to provide 32 places.
- In the end, 2 students had to drop out and 30 members achieved a certificate, including 9 instructors who need to renew to maintain their currency. The club subsidized everyone who attended.

Dinghy Instructor

- A DI course went ahead in April, and we gained 3 active instructors: Graham Bull, Ollie Bull and Chris Taylor. We also gained Ali Taylor as an Assistant DI.
- Simon Sims left the club and we have run with just one SI. However, Willie McLeod and Jen Babb (both SIs) have joined the club and will hopefully lead on some courses in 2023

Powerboat Instructor

- A course was completed in late September and James Dargie, Simon Hammock and Mike Wilson all gained their PBI and Willie McLeod requalified.

RYA Inspection

- We had a clean bill of health for the inspection on 5 April.



RYA Support

- Two dinghy instructors attend the Continuous Professional Development day at Loch Insh on 27 March.
- We received a full weekend of practical dinghy instructor and coach skills update from David Frame On 9/10 July.
- We had 2 sessions supporting juniors delivered by Kian Sterritt.
- We were visited by the new Regional Development Officer, North (Brian Pahlmann)
- Some of us attended an RYA Scotland presentation in Inverness on 13 June introducing the new volunteer framework.

Equipment

- We used every Tera, Topaz & Wanderer for Junior Week and most of the Dolphin sessions that were not blown off the water.
- The 'new' Topaz has been well used and is an excellent boat.
- We have had to replace one Topaz mast – 3 other masts are likely to fail next year.
- We have rebuilt a failed Topaz boom on to an old Laser mast section (donated by David Finlayson). This has resulted in a good as new boom and saved the club over £400. There are 4 more booms close to failing and we have one more Laser mast section – more would be useful if any members have old mast sections.
- We had to replace a Tera rudder assembly (lost on inversion) at a cost of £264. Rudder R clips have been fitted to all the Teras as a result.
- We replaced 2 Tera covers.
- There have been numerous other breakages generally repaired 'FOC'.

Richard Jenner
RTC Principal

Informal coaching and training

As well as delivering RYA courses and training the club also provides many opportunities for members to learn more about their chosen water sports activity and about keeping safe on the water. This year we provided:

Stand Up Paddle Boarding

Early in the year we outsourced to external trainers events for beginners and intermediate paddlers and SUP safety, moving on to club delivered sessions later in the year. Part way through the summer Graham Bull began SUP lessons for both beginners and intermediate paddlers. Shortly after this Claire Scott qualified as a Sheltered Water SUP coach and ran a 4 week block of beginner SUP lessons. Graham Bull passed his British Canoeing Stand Up Paddle Boarding Coastal Leader assessment and has begun to lead trips for more experienced members at the club.

The club held 19 different SUP events starting with Club visit and facilities in May.

Dinghy Sailing

Improvers offers progression for members who: have come through RYA Levels 1 & 2; are looking to progress beyond using club boats; want to build confidence in sailing their own boat. It also provides the chance for newer members to meet each other and get more involved in the club in a fun way. Through the season 18 different club members participated in Improvers, with a core of regulars who just kept coming back for more. We hope to include something similar next year, perhaps also to include the opportunity for folks to learn the basics around racing.

Dolphins, the instructor led youth sailing opportunity fortnightly on Thursday evenings from late April to September, has again proven to be very popular. The capacity is 18 sailors which was reached on 2 occasions and there were 4 more with 17 sailors signed-up; the total sign-up for the season was 165. Two of the sessions were supported by Kian Sterritt tasked by RYA Scotland to encourage more youth sailors in to racing and these also provided useful professional development for the club instructors. Many thanks to the instructors and parents who made this popular activity possible despite some trying conditions.

Power Boating

We provided two safety boat skills courses to help improve the skills of safety boat crews and carried out one Meikle conversion training course to familiarise power boat drivers with driving the smaller SIB.

Coastal Rowing

Members provided several race coaching sessions, and we ran a two-day cox training course with 8 participants.

Sea safety

Club member Graham Bull ran two Introduction to (local) Tides, Wind and Waves courses to 16 participants from across the range of our water sports provision, including sea swimmers, rowers and paddle boarders as well as sailors. It was very well received and by all participants wanting to improve their knowledge of local conditions and sea safety.