

Training report for Chanonry Sailing Club AGM 2016

Chanonry Sailing Club has had a successful training season, thanks to the efforts of all the volunteers involved and to Rob Bashford. Junior and adult dinghy courses and powerboat courses were well subscribed and much enjoyed by the students. Dinghy coaching at Dolphins, Champs and Race Team also continued, although with reduced numbers at Race Team compared with recent years.

Due to reduced qualified volunteer availability this year the Club engaged the services of Rob Bashford to run most of the junior dinghy training with volunteer support. This enabled us to run a full dinghy training programme. However, the need to pay Rob for his professional services together with the requirement for spending on the maintenance of our fleet of training dinghies meant that training in 2016 has run at a small loss.

We have had a couple of changes to personnel during the year, Richard Jenner is again our Chief Instructor (Dinghy) and Helen Jenner was co-opted as Training Principal on the resignation of Amanda Tickle at the end of the dinghy training season. Rob has also intimated that he is changing his focus and will no longer be available for dinghy instruction. The loss of Rob means that training in 2017 will probably again be run on an entirely volunteer basis. This has the advantage of reduced cost to the Club but is likely to mean that we cannot offer such an extensive programme as in 2016.

In common with many clubs we have a shortage of active volunteer instructors, in particular at Senior Dinghy Instructor level. This jeopardises our ability to maintain our status as an RYA Recognised Training Centre into the future. Meanwhile in 2017 we hope to make a start on maintaining our capacity by offering Assistant Dinghy Instructor training for competent Club dinghy sailors who feel that with training they would be willing to take charge of a group of novice sailors under the supervision of a Senior Instructor. Chanonry Sailing Club is well respected in the region as a provider of well-run courses whether afloat or ashore, in dinghies or RIBs. We will aim to maintain this status but can only do so with the active help of Club members and to this end I ask members to consider whether they may be able to help if so and to contact me at training@chanonry.org.uk.

Once again my thanks to all who have made 2016 a successful season for Training and Coaching at Chanonry.

Helen Jenner

Co-opted Training Principal