

Training Report for 2017 AGM

1. Training this season:

RYA Powerboat level 2 and Safety Boat Courses each with 4 students.

RYA Adult Dinghy Level 2 Course - 4 students.

RYA Day Sailing Course - 4 students.

RYA Junior Stage 2 Course - 2 students (after postponement due to weather).

RYA Junior Week – 3 Stage 2 students and 3 Stage 3 students.

RYA Essential Navigation and Seamanship - 9 students.

RYA Start Racing – 6 students – refer to the Coaching Report.

Many thanks to Richard Jenner, John Crossley, David Bell, Colin Chandler, Magnus Henry, Richard Evans, Natalie Dunton and Georgina Lloyd who all helped on the Club RYA courses this year and to Richard Evans who runs race coaching.

Numbers of juniors taking part this year have been lower than in previous years; however ongoing participation, in particular from the adult students, has noticeably improved.

2. Chanonry Dolphins

Nine sessions were scheduled this year, running from May to the end of August. A couple of sailing sessions were “lost” to either too much or too little wind but these sessions were used to consolidate theory so were not completely “lost”. There were up to 7 juniors on each session and we are happy to report that three of our Dolphins have now progressed to Sunday morning Race Coaching while still taking advantage of the opportunity to sail on Dolphins evenings.

3. New Tera and available rowing boat

Sadly one of the older Tera dinghies expired after good service. We have been fortunate in being able to access a replacement at much reduced cost through the Eric Twiname Trust. Thanks to Lizzie and Willie Campbell (parents of Anna and Alex) who kindly took delivery (by articulated lorry!) at their farm and stored the boat until we were able to deliver it to the Club.

The old hull is no longer usable for sailing but would make a good one-person rowing tender, the rowing kit is available from RS sailing. It would also need a trolley. The Committee is content for the boat to go free of charge to any Club member who could make use of it – if interested please contact training@chanonry.org.uk.

4. RYA Recognised Training Centre (RTC)

Our RYA inspection took place in August and was successful, with only a couple of very minor “actions” which have been completed.

As ever our continued ability to function relies on a small group of “not-so-young-and-agile any more” volunteers. In particular the requirement for a Senior Dinghy Instructor willing to be Chief Instructor (Dinghy) is an issue. The route to Senior Instructor is quite a long one so either we need a new, willing, already-qualified member to join (a very long shot!) or we need Club members to come forward who are willing to at least start down the road to becoming Instructors. The first step to this could be Assistant Dinghy Instructor training which can be delivered “in-house”. We have a course scheduled for early March. If you would be willing, or know anyone who you think may be willing to at least start down this road, please let me know and I can explain what is involved.

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