



## TRAINING REPORT FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

It's been a busy summer and despite the 'all or nothing' weather, we've lost remarkably few days off the programme. I've listed what we have done below for the record but before that **I'd like to highlight 4 areas where we could have done better.**

**First**, it's proven impossible to meet all the **demands for adult dinghy training**. This is partly because the various adults enquiring couldn't make the programmed dates nor extra dates that were offered in August and partly because I wasn't available for the 2 weekends in June that were suitable for some adults and could only find a SI to cover one weekend. As a result we offered Level 1 only. Since the course we've offered extra time on a Saturday and a couple of evenings which advanced the adults to almost Level 2 and we finally completed the syllabus on 7 November.

**Secondly**, the club **uptake for powerboat training has been poor**. We've only issued 3 CSC members with PBL2 and we only had 2 members on each of the safety boat skills refreshers and no requests for more of these.

**Thirdly**, the **uptake for the 2 evenings of RO training** (the evenings were stand alone and both or either could be taken – each covered different aspects) **was disappointing** with only 5 attending each evening.

**Fourthly**, Richard Evans could not manage Thursday evenings this season for coaching (normally Champs) and by popular demand, Champs displaced Race Team on Sunday mornings.

The **delivered training programme this year has been** (NB I think one of the Champs sessions was cancelled and we lost one Dolphins to the weather):

| Date         | Activity           |
|--------------|--------------------|
| <b>March</b> |                    |
| 7/8          | HMS coaching       |
| <b>April</b> |                    |
| 4/5          | Power boat Level 2 |
| 12           | Safety boat skills |
| 19           | Safety boat skills |

| Date             | Activity   |
|------------------|--|
| 24/25/26         | HMS Open Race Training with Adam Bowers  |
| 28               | Dolphins #1  |
| <b>May</b>       |  |
| 3                | Champs #1  |
| 12               | Dolphins #2  |
| 17               | Champs #2  |
| 19               | Race Officer Course Module #1  |
| 21               | Race Officer Course Module #2  |
| 26               | Dolphins#3   |
| 29               | Taster session for 11 <sup>th</sup> Ross-shire (1 <sup>st</sup> Chanonry) Scouts |
| 30/31            | Robin Paris coach the coaches  |
| 31               | Champs #3  |
| <b>June</b>      |  |
| 9                | Dolphins#4   |
| 13/14            | Adult Dinghy L1  |
| 14               | Champs #4  |
| 23               | Dolphins#5   |
| 27               | Topaz conversion for Adult L1  |
| 28               | Champs #5  |
| <b>July</b>      |  |
| 7                | Dolphins#6   |
| 9                | Evening Topaz instruction for adults   |
| 11/12            | Safety Boat Course   |
| 13 – 16          | Junior Stage 1   |
| 21               | Dolphins#7   |
| 26               | Champs #6  |
| 27 – 31          | Junior Stages 1/2/3  |
| <b>August</b>    |  |
| 9                | Champs #7  |
| 11               | Dolphins#8   |
| 11/12            | RCL2   |
| 23               | Champs # 8   |
| 25               | Dolphins# 9- last  |
| <b>September</b> |  |
| 6                | Champs #9  |

| Date            | Activity  |
|-----------------|---|
| 13              | Champs # 10   |
| 20              | Champs # 11   |
| 27              | Champs # 12 - last  |
| <b>October</b>  |   |
| 29              | Adult dinghy level 2 theory                                 |
| <b>November</b> |   |
| 7               | Adult dinghy level 2 practical                              |
| 21/22           | HMS coaching – <i>cancelled because of weather forecast</i> |

We have issued the following **certificates** this year:

## Dinghy

| Number | Name               | Date    | Certificate |
|--------|--------------------|---------|-------------|
| 1      | Joe Hince          | 14 June | Stage 1     |
| 2      | Andrew Hince       | 14 June | Level 1     |
| 3      | Michael Blackburn  | 14 June | Level 1     |
| 4      | Marvin Fullerton   | 14 June | Level 1     |
| 5      | Katherine Waters   | 14 June | Level 1     |
| 6      | Evie Rowlands      | 15 July | Stage 1     |
| 7      | Emily Rowlands     | 15 July | Stage 1     |
| 8      | Lucy Rowlands      | 15 July | Stage 1     |
| 9      | Jamie Martin       | 15 July | Stage 1     |
| 10     | Rosie Martin       | 15 July | Stage 1     |
| 11     | Ben Martin         | 15 July | Stage 1     |
| 12     | Astrid Fraser      | 28 July | Stage 1     |
| 13     | Gabby Fraser       | 28 July | Stage 1     |
| 14     | Anna Campbell      | 28 July | Stage 1     |
| 15     | Alex Campbell      | 28 July | Stage 1     |
| 16     | Alexander MacLeman | 28 July | Stage 1     |
| 17     | Jamie Martin       | 29 July | Stage 2     |
| 18     | Rosie Martin       | 29 July | Stage 2     |
| 19     | Ben Martin         | 29 July | Stage 2     |
| 20     | Fin Davidson       | 29 July | Stage 2     |

|    |                   |         |         |
|----|-------------------|---------|---------|
| 21 | Finlay Jack       | 30 July | Stage 2 |
| 22 | Finn Mantle       | 30 July | Stage 2 |
| 23 | Jamie Martin      | 31 July | Stage 3 |
| 24 | Rosie Martin      | 31 July | Stage 3 |
| 25 | Fin Davidson      | 31 July | Stage 3 |
| 26 | Oliver Bull       | 31 July | Stage 3 |
| 27 | Finn Mantle       | 25 Aug  | Stage 3 |
| 28 | Andrew Hince      | 7 Nov   | Level 2 |
| 29 | Michael Blackburn | 7 Nov   | Level 2 |
| 30 | Marvin Fullerton  | 7 Nov   | Level 2 |

Plus 31 taster certificates issued to Chanonry Scouts 29 May

## Powerboat

### PBL2

| Number | Name                            |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| 1      | Cathy Higginson (Loch Broom SC) |
| 2      | David Maxwell (Loch Broom SC)   |
| 3      | Michael Connor (Loch Broom SC)  |
| 4      | Michael Blackburn (Chanonry SC) |
| 5      | Oliver Lloyd (Chanonry SC)      |
| 6      | Phil Dagnan (Chanonry SC)       |
| 7      | Anika Watkins (Nairn SC)        |
| 8      | Matthew Scott (Nairn SC)        |

### Safety Boat

| Number | Name           |
|--------|----------------|
| 1      | Thomas Hardie  |
| 2      | Natalie Dunton |
| 3      | Magnus Henry   |

**The RYA Inspection** took place on 19 November; the only issue was the need for some instructors to update their First Aid which had been anticipated and a course is being organized for early 2016.

Five club members undertook their **Race Coach Level 2** training in August; we are **grateful for grants** towards their costs from **Ross & Cromarty Sports Council** and **High Life Highland**.

**The training fleet** has held-up fairly well with just some minor breakages apart from damage to a Tera Pro sail that occurred during club racing. The junior involved became separated from his boat in windy conditions with significant waves and the boat inverted. The junior was recovered promptly to the safety boat which then recovered the inverted dinghy and prop damage to the sail was evident; the crew believe this occurred when the boat was inverted and the boom was moving under water. I've issued revised guidance that except when directed by a SI or coach, it's a condition of use that mast head buoyancy is fitted to the club Teras or club/sea scout Topaz. We bought 4 new Topaz sails this season (while the boats belong to the Sea Scouts we are major beneficiary) plus 5 Topaz covers.

**Lastly**, this will be my final report to an AGM as Training Principal as I am standing down having been in post, apart from 2 short breaks, since 2004. It is pleasing to see the progress we have made in training over the last 11 years. We now offer separate adult and junior dinghy courses and have acquired the equipment to support Stage 4 and all the National Sailing Scheme advanced modules. We have a comprehensive coaching programme and some evening activities for the juniors. Our powerboat training is well regarded and we have supported other clubs by training their safety crews. We are the main location for HMS coaching. We have hosted and been the main beneficiaries of several DI courses, a SI course and a RCL2 course. While more mundane but nevertheless important, we have also put in place all the supporting procedures required these days. We've been acknowledged through a number of awards to the club or individual instructors and coaches. I'm grateful for all the support from the volunteer instructors and coaches. The offer of training and coaching has been a significant factor in attracting and retaining members and I hope that the club continues to support it.

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Training Principal

