

TRAINING REPORT FOR 2020 AGM

As we are all too aware, the 2020 training programme was seriously curtailed by the pandemic. The main limitations were the travel ban followed by the 'two-metre' rule that applied for most of the active season and the lack of changing facilities. However, **we should be grateful for what we achieved in difficult circumstances**. We also note the **excellent guidance** we have had throughout the year **from RYA Scotland**.

2020 had a promising start when Calum Pearson and I attended the **RYA Scotland Instructors' Conference** at Stirling on 22 February. Kevin & Robbie Baird also attended. It was an inspirational day and allowed me to order a year's worth of training books at a 50% discount – most of this stock has not been used and has created an in-year dent in the training balance.

Shore-based training was run on 14 March for the St Ayles Skiffs but sadly, the second day was lost as lockdown bit.

Club sailing started again as restrictions eased slightly on **5 July** with a trial of socially distanced recreational sailing. This was successful and pointed the way to how some informal training sailing could be run. **Club dinghies were prepared on 14 July** (thanks to those who helped) and a **reduced Junior Week was run from 20 – 24 July**. We could not take complete beginners and a lack of changing facilities and shelter reduced the week to afternoons only with the group split into 2 bubbles (6/15 'rule') each with its own instructor and safety boat. Nevertheless, it was deemed a success with 11 sailors taking part and good parental support ashore. Many thanks to **Calum Pearson, Marisa Astill-Brown, Thomas Hardie and Helen Jenner** for instructing.

We started **Dolphins** after the Junior Week but here the weather did not cooperate leading to cancellation of 2 of the 3 sessions but a substitute **Saturday afternoon session** on 5 September was popular and could be repeated in 2021.

A highlight was the delayed running of the **Dinghy Instructor Course**. We got the green light from RYA Central in August but only for a course delivered in single-handers and with the successful students receiving a limited ticket that restricts them to instructing single-handers; at some point there will be a 2 day two-hander module offered to 'upgrade' to the full ticket. Congratulations to **Calum Pearson, Marisa Astill-Brown, Joe Hallwood** and **Morven Maclean** on their qualification. The Club topped-up the individual contributions to finance the course and RYA



Scotland provided the moderator free of charge, resulting in excellent value (the one external student was not subsidized). We also thank **Rodney Timson** who allowed us to use the Quay House open-sided garage as a makeshift Covid compliant classroom.

We have not issued any **Certificates** this year nor conducted adult training, powerboat training (apart from conversion training for those using Meikle, the Light Support Boat) or Race coaching.

RYA annual inspection was on 17 August and went very well with no follow-up actions.

Programme for 2021. The way ahead for 2021 is not clear yet but I hope we can return to some formal courses, perhaps still only in single-handers. We can also try some Zoom theory training (the club has an annual Zoom account). We have had a significant number of adult enquiries for training because of people looking for new activities close to home. Please keep an eye on the club calendar on the website and register interest at training@chanonry.org.uk

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