

Handicap class AGM points for the PYC sail/race forum on 26 Jan 2016.

As requested please find the following proposals, comments and ideas in support of the successful forum held last night.

- The class are enthusiastic about more joint dinghy racing with Parkstone etc and agree to the proposal for a 'joint Barts bash.

Membership drives and encouraging 18-40 age group members.

The class thank the Club for introducing reduced fees for younger members – so improving the relative value for money and affordability of dinghy racing. Recommend that we Now consider improving non-financial conditions of membership which could improve membership, membership demographics and sail/race participation. For example

- Improve club facilities for younger families without disturbing other members.
- Improve the nappy changing facilities downstairs and introduce upstairs.
- Introduce safe play equipment so that members can enjoy bringing their youngsters to the club, 'contain them' in a temporary stockade and allow one of the partners to get afloat.
- Hamworthy Park is relatively close and has some good play facilities. Consider some outdoor safe play capability within the club site.
- Introduce social events that are specifically targeted for the tastes of younger (18 – 30) members. For example a free entry music night with a contemporary band.

We also supported the longer term plan to review race fees but for now thought that owners of more than one dinghy should not pay 2 lots of race fees if the boats **never** race at the same time.

The class has agreed to the following

- Continue to support the New members sail experience day
- Have been invited to sail and demo boats on Wednesday night to try to pull through youngster to club racing.
- Recommend more targeted flyers and social media adverts for the club combined with hand picked sailors to sponsor their process to get afloat quickly and join the club.

We want to help the 'Tracey plan'

- Demo boats as required
- Offer crewing opportunities in co-operation with other classes DBs, GPs etc
- Mentor and help inexperienced sailors and racers
- Minimise race fees for under 25s who regularly join in
- Should a club training boat be required for sail to race and then advanced race development, we would act as the boat support bosun. (The Topper 16 may not be the best boat for this task)

Proposed changes to the 2017 programme

It is not understood why we had a low dinghy turn out for the summer Saturday trophy races in 2015. Recommend we note the turn out this year and should the turn out continue to be low consider the way ahead for 2017. The class were also keen to have more committee boat starts.

Hope these help

Regards

David 27 Jan 2016