



Paignton Junior Sailing Club

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Junior Newsletter October 2010



It's been a great summer of sailing. The weather has been relatively kind and as a result we've seen more juniors out sailing regularly than ever before. Altogether we've had 53 youngsters taking part in training activities of one sort or another and we hope that will mean many more going on to sail competitively.

Our Annual General Meeting is taking place on Monday 15th November at 7pm in the clubhouse. There is some 'business' that we will deal with as quickly as possible, leaving plenty of time for an open discussion of club activities. We really want to know what you thought of this year's training and other sailing activities and particularly what new ideas you have for next year. Please come along. If you can't come to the meeting, let me have your feedback and ideas by email before the meeting if possible. Present members of the committee are Rob Dyer (Chair), Julian Brierley (Vice Chair), Cathy Wright (Secretary) and Nigel Williams (Treasurer), John Maynard (Main Club Commodore), Paul Procter (Junior Training Coordinator), Jamie Roberts and Eddie Wright (Parents), Carys Roberts and Ollie Wright (Junior reps). There is room for at least one more parent and one more junior member of the committee. If you have ideas and would like to help plan club activities let me know.

Junior Racing

This year we started a new venture with a 'Single-hander racing squad' on Saturday mornings. This has been a great success with lots of support from parents, without which we couldn't have managed. We've had a regular squad of keen racers who have taken part in senior club racing on Wednesdays and Sundays, a number of regattas, and in particular Torbay week.

We have decided that we should continue with the single-hander squad for next year and we expect that some juniors who started sailing this year or who took part in improver courses will be ready for the next challenge and will join in next spring. The main focus will be on Toppers. We will do some maintenance work on the club Toppers over the winter but hope that some of you (or your parents!) will consider investing in a Topper of your own. There is some space in the club Topper rack at a very reasonable rate compared with the charge for a regular space in the boat park.

There are 2 Toppers advertised for sale in the clubhouse. Both were new in 2008 and in very good condition. For further details ring Neil Harris (01803 813734 – evenings or 07814 726082) or Jed Kay (details on noticeboard).

Racing reports

Torbay Week report from Jamie Roberts.

For the Paignton Sailing Club juniors Torbay Week started with a sail to Torquay to leave the boats on Haldon pier – a sail that was made more enjoyable with a fast trip back to Paignton in a rib and consuming a great quantity of chocolate!

Racing started on Saturday 21st August with a training and assessment race. All the competitors arrived to find strong blustery conditions, with the sail out of Torquay harbour being very challenging, especially for the sailors who had never sailed there before.

The race officer set a triangular course, with the whole fleet completing three rounds. The wind strength meant that there were a lot of capsizes, with one or two boats failing to start, but most of the boats who made the start line completed the race.

Sunday saw the fleet split into Gold and Silver, with Ollie Wright in his RS Feva in the Gold fleet, and the six Toppers of Jack and Tom Stephenson, Carys Roberts, James Ripley, Liam Manning and Paris Thomas all competing in the Silver fleet.

Unfortunately, Sunday turned out to be the complete opposite of Saturday with very little wind! Most of the morning was spent with competitors swapping boats, with various hulls spending much of the time upside down in the water! However, the race officer did manage to get one race in, then abandoning for the day and planning to get an extra race in the following day.

Monday was another windy day, again a day for many capsizes and the Silver fleet being reduced to just three boats for the third race of the day. Monday also saw the juniors racing at Torquay whilst the adult's pursuit race at Paignton was abandoned! What wimps!

Tuesday continued much like Monday; very windy with many boats having several capsizes, but all competitors taking the blustery conditions in their stride.

The final day on racing dawned with gale force winds and heavy rain forecast – a forecast that did not look good for the Red Arrows never mind sailing! The wind had swung around to an easterly direction, which always makes sailing in the bay challenging. However, the race officer managed to get the fleets out on the water and get the races completed before the wind got too strong and the junior race series was completed. The presentation of prizes took place on Wednesday evening. All the competitors received a Torbay Week 2010 medal, with James Ripley being given a special award for endurance, having sailed every day but finding the conditions a little overpowering.

In the Gold fleet Ollie Wright took 3rd place, whilst in the Silver fleet the Paignton Toppers took the top 5 places with Carys Roberts coming 1st.

All the competitors had a great week, and hopefully have improved their sailing at the same time.

The Paignton juniors would like to thank all the parents who helped ferrying back and fore to Torquay as they would not have been able to compete without their help. A big thank you to all who helped taking the boats to Torquay and back, especially Eddie Wright for the use of his rib as a rescue boat.



The Single hander training squad



Who's this practising his dry capsize?

Ollie's Sailing Season

After a couple of years in his topper entering a few competitions Ollie Wright, a Paignton Sailing Club Junior Member with the help of John Maynard, moved into a RS Feva and sailed with a few different crews in many events around the country. With the help of Greg Wright, another Paignton Sailing Club member, as his crew, they went with a number of other Feva's from the bay and entered the World Feva Championships which were held in Carnac, Brittany. A total of 140 boats entered for a week long sailing event where everyone had a fantastic time sailing and partying. On their return, Ollie has sailed a Laser Radial on a number of occasions, the final one being the autumn regatta in which he came third place overall in the medium handicap fleet. Ollie and Greg have also borrowed an RS 200 and have entered a few events, one being at Exe Sailing Club, which was very windy and caused a two metre swell on the water. They also did one of the South West Ugly events at St Mawes, Cornwall, and over two days in good winds and very heavy rain on the Sunday, they came tenth out of the fifteen boats that entered, not bad for their second outing! A few more events are planned over the winter.



Junior Club Gear

In the pictures above you will see our brave sailors showing off their medals after Torbay Week. Two of them are also showing off the club hoodies. This was the idea of Carys, one of our junior committee reps. If you would like to get yourself a club hoodie (the main club gear is a different colour!), contact the supplier Ravenspring direct on 01803 867092. The standard hoodie is £23.70. The Street Hoodie (with MP3 pocket!) is £31.80. The club does not make any profit from these.

2011 Season

I hope you have a good winter. As club members you will get priority for booking in to the sailing course for 2011. I hope to do most of the communication by email, so please keep your eyes open and let me know if you change address, phone number or email address over the winter.

Dates for your diary

Prize Giving Saturday 20th November, 2-course meal £8 adults £5 juniors. Contact Cathy for tickets 01803 402355 or at the Club.

Christmas mince pies and mulled wine 11th December

Spring Regatta will be 30th April 2011, PSC "at home" 19th March 2011

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