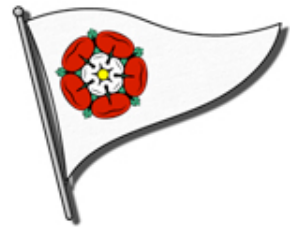


Information for New Members - Club Sailing Activities



Dinghy Section

- Extensive dinghy programme
- We cater for all needs - racing, cruising etc.
- We cater for all abilities in a family oriented club, beginners welcome
- Open to all dinghies (not catamarans); races use handicap system
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- Club racing 12 months of year (unlike many other local clubs)
- In summer - race up to three times a week; in mid winter twice-monthly
- Racing mainly at high water, on Saturdays and Sundays, with some Friday evenings
- Our main race series are held in Langstone Harbour
- Some longer races explore the Solent
- All organised club races have patrol boat cover.

- We sometimes compete against other clubs in the harbour
- May bank holiday event - Langstone Harbour Race Weekend
- Club Regatta – June / July

- Many sailors enjoy just cruising their dinghies.
- Harbour is renowned for its wildlife – great when cruising (seals, birdlife etc.)
- Sailing allows you to get really close to the wildlife without disturbing it
- Organised cruises in the summer – with patrol boat cover
 - High Water
 - Low Water
 - Around Hayling
 - Ship Inn Cruise
- Groups of members sometimes agree to cruise in company although no patrol boat cover

- Opportunity to complete your 15 hours of duties by helping run and manage sailing events
 - Race Officers – we provide preliminary training and mentoring
 - Patrol Boat Drivers & Crew – you train, gain experience alongside experienced member and then do further training

Cruiser Section

- Cruiser calendar runs from early April until mid October.
- Cruiser Racing – summer evening series and one off trophy events
- Some in harbour, some around the Solent
- Club Regatta – June / July, alongside dinghies
- Many club organised cruises
- From local day trips, weekends away, or across to France or the Channel Islands

Cadet Section

- Cadet section is for children aged 8 to 18
- Really strong element of the club – 20-30 cadets most nights.
- Meet every Wednesday night in summer, a parent must be onsite
- We provide supervised sailing, run by parents, volunteers. Note this is not structured tuition, but friendly advice is always available
- We promote a safe environment for kids to learn in.
- The club borrows the scout association Optimist dinghies which are suitable for smaller children whilst older children use their own boats (or those belonging to their parents).
- Cadet Racing Series, coincides with Wednesday evening high water sessions.
- Older cadets may participate in main club racing with parental agreement (and parent onsite although not necessarily on the water)
- Junior Regatta is held in early September

Sailing Committee

- The SC look after all sailing activities in the club,
- The committee plans the sailing programme, manages races and events and provides RO / PBC training.
- We have three fleet captains: dinghies (Phil Bryant), cruisers (Roger Smith) and cadets (Rob Nicholson)
- We are here to help members

Janice Bell, Sailing Secretary, 2014 membership year