



ANNANDALE SAILING CLUB

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THERE'S NOT QUITE ENOUGH FOR A REGULAR NEWSLETTER SO HERE'S A CUT DOWN MINI-SIZE E-NEWSLETTER JUST FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS. HOWEVER, SO THAT WE DON'T MAKE THE NON-COMPUTER USERS FEEL UNWANTED, PLEASE PASS A COPY ON TO ANY MEMBER YOU KNOW THAT HASN'T GOT THIS.



GP14 Scottish Championships – this coming weekend!

There's always strength in numbers and we need to see as many Annandale sailors on the water as possible for this two day event.

It's quantity that we're after, quality doesn't matter – promise!

If you don't normally sail a GP14, try it...use one of the **club's own GPs** or borrow from someone unable to use theirs.

On that note, any non participating GP14 owners, would you be willing to **lend your boat?** Anyone willing to **crew** or who needs a crew?

If you can help with any of the above, please speak to Duncan or Andrew Greenhalgh (01461 40581).

And PLEASE, whether you get out on the water or not, come along and enjoy Saturday evening's informal **Pasta and Quiz night**. Starts at about 6.30pm. Bring your own bottle.

Look forward to seeing you then,

Carol

SCHOOLS REGATTA

22nd June

We now host one of the most successful schools regattas in Scotland with entries from as far away as Stranraer. Racing is fast and furious with a race starting every five minutes, boats being hot-swapped between teams on the water and huge fun being had by all.

As you can imagine, this calls for one of the biggest volunteer efforts of the season with race officers, rescue crew, shuttle crews, administrators, catering etc. etc..

The schools provide a number of "staff" but the main effort comes from club members and we need your help. Some jobs require specialised skills (ask the race officer!) but most are much what we do week in, week out; only more so. Everyone will find something useful to do.

This day is one that really gets the club noticed in national circles so we need to maintain our hard-earned reputation for showing the youngsters a hugely exciting day while giving the impression of total command and absolute serenity (bit like the proverbial swan).

Willie Paterson is the main man so please, if you can spare a day, get in touch with him on 01387 264426.

All hands on deck!



CARE OF BOATS

At our last committee meeting, there was discussion of the effort required to maintain club boats, particularly the Toppers. The hulls are particularly vulnerable to damage caused by impact with the new jetty. We are therefore asking all members to be particularly attentive to the importance of a controlled approach to the jetty.

It was also noted that, in recent weeks, boats are not always being properly de-rigged and covered up after sailing sessions, and buoyancy aids are being left lying in the changing rooms.

We are therefore requesting of all of our club members, that more care and attention is made to de-rigging and tidying up at the end of sessions

RYA First Aid Courses

There's not one arranged at the moment but, if there's demand, one can be put on.

If you're interested, please contact Duncan Greenhalgh (01461 40581).

Schools Activity Days Schools Open Day

Help is needed for activity/open days for the region's schools.

RYA Schools Open Day
08 June

Activity Days
04 June and 07 June

If you can help, please contact Duncan or Carol

RYA Powerboat and Safety Boat Courses

Powerboat Training or 'Assessment only' to RYA Level 2, and Safety Boat Endorsement.

(The club Safety Policy requires powerboat drivers to be qualified to a minimum of RYA PB Level 2)

Powerboat Level 2 Training:

Time - Minimum 2 days + 1 class room session required (2 days can be split into several short sessions)

Pre-requisite - None

Powerboat Level 2 'Assessment only' for Experienced Drivers:

Time - Minimum 1/2 day + 1 classroom session required

Pre-requisite - At least 1 season driving experience to a standard expected by the RYA

Safety Boat Endorsement:

Time - Minimum 2 days (can be split into several short sessions)

Note - This is a physical course in which participants can expect to get wet

Pre-requisite - At least 1 season logged driving experience after completing PB level 2

(Candidates must be a safe competent PB driver, confident manoeuvring in close proximity to other boats and people in the water)

Times of courses are flexible arranged around the instructor and candidate availability and places are limited per course.

Suggested times: Sunday morning (pre sailing)
Monday and Wednesday evenings
Tuesday and Thursday late afternoon (pre sailing)
Monday to Friday day hours

A nominal charge of £25 will be made to cover costs

To arrange a course or for further information/advise on course selection contact duncan.greenhalgh@ukgateway.net

There is also opportunity for people who have already started a powerboat course to finish it off; please let me know what you think is required.

Please indicate your preferred time of course and previous power boating experience if applicable.