

# Hykeham Sailing Club

## What have we got planned for 2021?

This year is very much about what we would like to do, rather than what we cannot do. Our focus will be on enabling our existing members to get back on the water. Many of you will have had Covid Vaccines, so as soon as restrictions allow, we will welcome you back and we will be making every effort to make sure you are able to use the Club facilities and give you value for money on your membership.

We anticipate that Track & Trace and Social Distancing will continue to apply this season.

**Sailing Membership Renewals** Alex will be sending out membership renewals in the next few weeks. These will reflect any credit as a result of discount options you may have taken advantage of last year. If there is a delay in our ability to return to sailing due to national or local restrictions, we will look to offer further discounts for all members who have renewed.

**Refurbished Male Showers** We hope that work will be complete before the start of the season in the Male Shower area. We are installing improved extraction, privacy panels and duck boarding in order to make them Covid Secure.

**Full Race Programme** We have planned a full programme for this coming season, starting (maybe optimistically) with the Commodores Cup on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021, complete with a free lunch. If we are still in national or local lockdown, we will roll the Commodores Cup forward to the first available Sunday as soon as we are able to Sail. Duties are already filled, so please download the calendar and your duties to your diaries.

**Prizegiving** At the end of lunch on Commodores Cup day, we will be awarding the prizes for those who managed to race last season.

**Rediscover Sailing Event for Members 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021** We are dedicating our first open day of the season exclusively for members to come and get back on the water, with support from experienced members if needed. This is your chance to dust down your boat, rig up a club boat and dip your toes in the water. Followed (we hope) by a (socially distanced) BBQ. Refreshments will be available all day. Please do come and join us.

Depending on Covid restrictions, booking may be required – watch for updates.

A second Discover Sailing day is planned for 5<sup>th</sup> June, when depending on Covid restrictions, we hope to be able to invite members of the public to visit us.

**Training** The usual RYA Level 1 & 2 courses are in the calendar, but depending on Covid restrictions we may use these dates to provide refresher training for Members. Club powerboat refreshers will also be arranged for any member who provides safety boat cover for club racing and other activities. Further information to follow.

**Juniors** We are planning for Juniors to return on the last Saturday of May. Numbers will be restricted – further information on how to book to follow.

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**Kayaks & SUPs** last year we relaxed the club rule on Kayaks / Canoes for non-dinghy-owning members to enable you to enjoy the water with your family whilst Club boats were not available. We will extend this for the coming season for all members and to include the use of Stand Up Paddle Boards (SUPs). Club rules relating to the wearing of buoyancy aids and supervision of children still apply. We also hope to be able to provide sessions for SUP beginners.

**Visitors/Guests** Last year we asked you not to bring invited guests to the club, but this year we will allow members to bring invited guests in line with the Club Constitution. Members shall enter the names of all guests in the Visitor's Book. The same guest may not be introduced more than six times in any calendar year. Track & Trace requirements will also apply and Members are responsible for their guests at all times.

**Communication** We are trialing Sailing Club Manager which is a cloud based software used by numerous sailing clubs across the UK for managing club data, communication, member information, duties, boat park, event booking, invoicing etc. Initially we are trialing this with our Angling Members and if this is successful we then plan to roll this out to Sailing Members. Full information will be emailed as usual.

**Work Parties** For those keen to get involved, there will be some work required around the site. Usually these would take place in the run up to the start of the season, but obviously we cannot do this during lockdown. So this year we plan to run these alongside sailing activity in order to get back on the water as soon as possible.

**Call for Help** We would love you to get involved and help develop the club. If you have a talent you think we are missing, then please get in touch and discuss how you might be able to help us.

I am always open to suggestions for the running of the club, so please get in touch with me if you have a good idea.

I look forward to seeing you all this coming season.

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