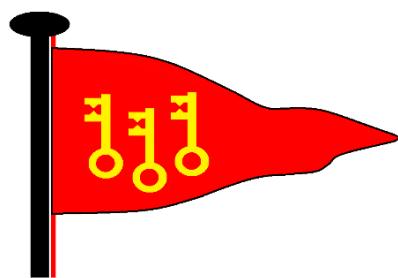


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10th September 2020

Dear members

I hope you are all well and have had a good couple of months since my last catch up.

At this week's committee meeting we discussed various items, including return to racing, as a possible way to get more members back on the water. We decided that starting this Sunday 13th September the club will run 2 pursuit races. The first start is at 1:30pm. The races will be run back to back, with the second race starting soon after the finish of the first.

A pursuit race is quite easy to run. The slowest boat starting on the start gun, then followed by the next fastest, and the next till the last starter being the fastest. The start times are worked out on the boats handicap over a 45 minute race. We will adjust the start times to make the races more attractive to the less experienced sailors.

There will be a briefing before the race when questions can be asked about the race. Also the more experienced will offer help during the race.

We want you to join in and start to race and expand your skills which you would do as you have to sail a simple course.

Please give it a go as we are sure you will enjoy the sailing and discussions that will follow.

If you have hired a club boat, then sail both days!

We intend making this a race series held every Sunday until 25 October when the sailing season ends. We have come up with an original name for this series: **The Covid Cup!**

For those renting club boats we have decided to hire boats out in September and October with a half price, buy one get one free offer. So, you'll get to use the boat through the weekend for the price of one day's rental.

Other items discussed was to free up more space for berths by the slipway by moving the trailers currently in place there.

Could members who sail please ensure that the last person out must ensure that the are locked behind them. If anyone requires access to the slipway could they please email me or other committee members for the access code

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Please continue to sail safely and we are trying to have safety boat cover Saturday afternoon 1 till 5 when possible

Take care and stay safe.

Regards and see you on the water.

Simon Leeks

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