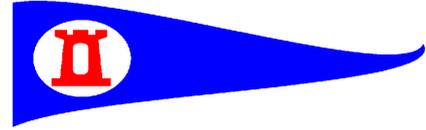


SAUNDERSFOOT SAILING CLUB



Coppet Week Newsletter February 2019

We hope that you are looking forward to another Coppet week, or if this is your first visit then we hope that you will enjoy the week which has now been running for over 40 years and has always been a popular and successful week.

We have attached the Notice of Race and Entry Form for this year's event together. The Sailing Instructions will be published nearer to the event.

As you probably know the ownership of the beach has changed over the last year or so and the new beach owners are less involved than Adrian previously was. There are now various franchises who operate on or near to the main slipway and this did cause some problems last year with regard to access with road trailers.

We have for this year arranged with the Harbour Authorities for Road Trailers to be stored in the Club's own Dinghy Park on the harbour with this being our preferred option, we are in the process of finalising these arrangements and further details will be provided nearer to the event.

We are aware that some competitors may still want to bring their road trailers onto the main beach from one of the existing access points but this will NOT be supervised or arranged by the Sailing Club and competitors will have to make their own arrangements for access to and from the main beach.

We understand that there are some options for the storage of road trailers at Coppet Hall , the weekly charge for this in 2018 was £15.00 per week , again competitors would have to make their own arrangements with Coppet Hall to take up this option.

The format for racing will stay the same for this year with a separate Pursuit Race on the Friday which on balance seemed to be the preferred option and it is our intention to try to offer a variety of courses and starts during the week subject to the conditions.

We have previously been trialling a revised handicap system but, as in 2018 we shall be using the Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap scheme, the only amendment to this following previous consultations with the Class concerned is that the "new rules" International Canoes will be run off the same number as the Assymetric Canoes (in 2018 this would have been 866)

As in previous years we have set a limit of 75 boats which we feel is the amount that we can safely manage both on and off the water so please enter in good time to avoid being disappointed.

A social programme for the week is also being arranged and again further details will be provided prior to the event. There is no raffle this year, but all entrants will be entered into a free Prize Draw and will therefore have an increased chance of winning one of the accommodation or meal prizes sponsored by St Brides Spa Hotel.

We look forward to another successful week both renewing old acquaintances and friendly rivalries, and hopefully making new ones as well. Any further information will be published closer to the event.

Paul Griffiths

Keith Jones

John Mammatt

Dinghy Captain

Sailing Secretary

Membership Secretary (and Entries)