

- **Overview**

- In 2026 we have designed the Dinghy programme to make the most of weekend and evening tides throughout the sailing season, hopefully encouraging new and old sailors to sail on a regular basis. We have a number of sailing series across the year and have built in social and training sessions. As a reminder we have an excellent fleet of club boats for club members to use and are looking at buying some additional Laser singlehanded dinghies to boost the racing series and make the most of some weekends where due to the tide times we will be sailing off the beach. Club boats are free to use for members in their first year of membership thereafter we do ask for a nominal (£5) fee to help towards maintenance costs.

- **Pre-Season**

- Few key events. First we aim to have a short get together to talk about the seasons plans. Great chance to feedback to the team and allow us to adapt the programme to reflect what everyone wants to do this year.
- **Powerboat refresher sessions** – these will be a great chance for everyone who has trained with us over the last few years to get back into a powerboat and practice. During these sessions, we will cover launching and recovery of the powerboats, basic sea skills, recovering capsized boats and hopefully a session on laying buoys.
- **Dinghy Park Cleanup** will take place on the 11th April – please come along with a brush and shovel and help clear away the winter grime. We usually follow this with some coffee and bacon rolls in the clubhouse.

- **Sailing Season**

- **Spring Series** – 9 races in total, these will be general handicap races open to everyone, We have tried to schedule in 3 races on each race day, aiming for 20–25-minute races. Great opportunity to fine tune boat handling and race start skills.
- **Try-Sail** – a key event where we show off the club to potential new members hopefully getting lots of people out on the water to have a try at sailing see if they like it and want to learn some more.
- **Coppet Week** – our week-long race week. One general handicap race a day open to club members and visitor's, attracting up to 75 boats of all sizes and speeds. A great family week and one which needs lots of help in making it a success.
- **Sail Training and Social Sessions** – these sessions making use of some nice evening tides on Thursdays are aimed at having some fun, learning new skills and for those who want to achieving a formal RYA Sailing certificate. Everyone is welcome regardless of ability. We will have rescue boats on the water and experienced sailors who will help as required. Hopefully we can open the club bar afterwards and enjoy a drink as the sun sets.
- **Off the beach Sailing** – we have a number of Sundays where the tide is out nearly all day – to ensure we keep sailing on these days a new set of sessions have been built into the sailing program making the most of Sunday afternoons. Starting at 13:00 we will sail from the beach, hopefully with some racing using our new Laser dinghies and other single and double handers. A bit of an experiment, let's hope it works.
- **Summer Series** – a series of 9 handicap races sailed in three sets of three races at the height of the summer making the most of the warm summer days.
- **Late Summer Series**. An extended series this year stretching into early November. Again general handicap racing, all are welcome regardless of ability. The best way to fine tune dinghy handling is to take part in racing, follow others lead and sharpen up your skills.

- **In Summary**

- Lots of sailing for everyone. Come and join in and enjoy sailing in what can only be the best sailing water in Pembrokeshire.