

Pilkington Sailing Club Development Plan July 2014 Review

The Development Plan provides a framework for the development of Club activities over the next 5 years to increase participation in sailing by:

- Providing enjoyable sailing opportunities for people of all ages and abilities
- Providing enhanced facilities in a wildlife friendly environment
- Encouraging young sailors into the sport
- Providing further opportunities for sailors to sail competitively
- Providing a wider range of training opportunities for adults and juniors
- Ensuring that safety and training provision is of a high standard
- To ensure that the club remains financially viable
- To continue to contribute to the community

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(Chairman)

TRAINING ACTIVITIES (Also see Supporting Youth Sailing)

Objectives

1. To provide a full programme of training
2. To provide a greater range of training and support to increase participation in sailing and racing
3. To improve the attendance at and standard of club racing
4. To enhance members general knowledge of sailing and related activities

Current Position	How the club plans to achieve the objective
<p>Instructors: 5 Senior Instructors (1 female) 12 Dinghy instructors (all male) 10 Assistant Instructors (2 female; 8 male) 3 powerboat instructors (all male) 2 safety boat instructor (male) 1 first aid instructor (male)</p> <p>For a listing of current training please see Training Programmes.</p> <p>Club racing is reasonably supported.</p> <p>The standard of club racing could be improved</p> <p>Monthly winter talk nights</p>	<p>Completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To maintain status as an RYA Recognised Training Centre. 2. To increase the number of dinghy instructors by encouraging and by subsidising suitable members to attend courses run by the RYA NW Region. (P Pilkington and R Clift) 3. To improve the standard of club racing by improving rules awareness by such activities such as the introduction (and training in) an arbitration scheme 4. Level 2 Club race coaches trained 5. Sailability status awarded 6. Training equipment obtained via grants e.g. GP14, widescreen TV, topper sails etc <p>In 2014 to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consolidate progress and activities from 2013 2. Run sailing with Spinnakers opportunity 3. To develop progression plan for DIs to SI. <p>By 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To have developed a training library 2. To have applied for grants for training equipment such as projector screen, training room blinds and digital video camera. 3. To improve the shore based training facilities 4. To have identified group leaders to train as instructors. 5. To have considered a “club Pro” to support club racing and training. 6. To have a more balanced age and gender distribution of sailing instructors

SUPPORTING YOUTH SAILING

Objective

1. To provide further opportunities for young sailors to sail competitively

Current Position	How the club plans to achieve the objective
<p>Club members have achieved National squad status in dinghies, and have been winners of U18 national Dinghy events.</p> <p>Established links with a number of local schools running taster days and dedicated training weekends following the RYA Youth Sailing scheme.</p> <p>RYA Onboard Status</p> <p>Onboard evenings weekly from April to September.</p> <p>Excellent parental support.</p> <p>Child Protection procedure is well established and maintained.</p> <p>More experienced youth sailors race in the open series and at Bass Regatta Week</p> <p>Range of modern club craft provided.</p> <p>Monthly winter talk/activity nights</p>	<p>Completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain and improve the quality of club owned youth craft (see under club craft) to encourage young sailors to sail a range of boats – ongoing 2. To upgrade the awareness of the child protection procedure process and provide training to all instructors. 3. To continue to introduce young sailors to the RYA Scheme – ongoing 4. To continue to run with the RYA On Board scheme. 5. To forge links with other youth groups. 6. To develop better links with RYA Coaching and the RYA Development Officer 7.. Host Onboard Regattas – July 2011 8. Attend Onboard Regattas 2012, 2013 <p>In 2014 to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To raise awareness of the NWJTT and NW topper circuits and provide support for participation in 2014. <p>By 2015</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue and expand junior and youth training in a wider range of dinghies 2. Encourage more club members to become involved in supporting youth training. 3. Make links with other community groups interested in sailing and using the club facilities. e.g. Scouts, schools 4. Offer to host class training days particularly for junior craft such as Topper 5. Consider a club pro to be involved in supporting youth sailing

SUPPORTING RACING AND LINKS WITH OTHER CLUBS

Objective:

To widen participation in racing by supporting activities which improve the standard of club racing and provide a range of opportunities for sailing with groups from outside the club

Current Position	How the club plans to achieve the objective
<p>Host NW Enterprise meeting annually</p> <p>Take part in a number of endurance sailing events – 12 Hour Junior Race (Southport); 12 Hour Laser Race (Southport); 24 Hour Race West Lancs YC – entering both experienced and novice teams</p> <p>Duty Officer training provided.</p> <p>Some links via individuals, with other clubs and fleets.</p> <p>Some good quality club craft that can be loaned to members to enable them to race competitively</p>	<p>Completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve the quality of club racing by encouraging the use of the arbitration scheme. 2. Improve the quality of club racing by training duty officers 3. Increasing the participation of other classes by ensuring racing software is regularly updated with relevant PY information 4. Encourage more club involvement in the hosting of open events 5. Evening racing changed from Monday to Wednesday to increase participation 6. Silver sailing on a Wednesday afternoon 7. Level 2 Race training coaches identified and trained, leading to deliver of start racing courses <p>In 2014 to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To develop and implement a plan to integrate the Sailing Committee and PSC racing events including open meetings to rejuvenate club racing <p>By 2015:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To have established a clear and effective link between the beginners course and Sunday/Monday racing 2. To develop and implement a more inclusive racing strategy eg: Gold/silver fleets¹; easy acceptability for different classes of boats etc 3. To have a thriving programme of activities for adults and juniors 4. To provide a greater range of support and training for all kinds of sailing

¹ Divisional racing for trophies

CLUB FACILITIES

Objectives:

1. To provide appropriate training and support facilities.
2. To provide sound and appropriate facilities to support the social programme.
3. To provide environmentally friendly facilities to be enjoyed as a social recreation.
4. To provide a welcoming aspect.
5. To provide adequate facilities to support the membership.

Current Position	How the club plans to achieve the objectives
<p>Kitchen with adequate cooking facilities</p> <p>One floating jetty</p> <p>Concrete slipway in need of some repairs</p> <p>Standing boat area in need of some repairs</p> <p>Boat storage compound which is overcrowded</p>	<p>Completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Replaced the jetty decking 2. Waterfront from slipway to Jetty replaced 3. OD box roof and electrical repairs carried out 4. Shower upgrade options reviewed and temporary measures implemented. 5. Worked with ALPS to reduce general foliage and trees to improve wind 6. Electrical system professionally checked and any necessary rewiring to meet current standards was carried out 7. Drainage improvements to compound <p>In 2014 to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Repair concrete slipway and standing boat area <p>By 2015 to have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To establish working relationship with ALPS to ensure foliage and trees are maintained at an appropriate level to maintain wind 2. Upgrade kitchen facilities 3. Have fully functional and safe launching facilities – expanded if necessary 4. Have appropriately managed and right sized boat compound facilities to reflect increase in boat numbers relating to proposed increased membership numbers 5. Replace kitchen hot water heater with energy efficient boiler

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND MEMBERSHIP

Objective:

1. To build on the successes of club social events and provide an active social programme to compliment the sailing programme and increase participation in the club and supports attracting and maintaining memberships.
2. To increase the number of memberships and to retain members
3. To increase the number actively sailing and racing retained members
4. To ensure that the club facilities are compatible with club membership

Current Position	How the club plans to achieve the objective
<p>Current membership approximately 200</p> <p>Open club membership²</p> <p>Support local Cancer charity (Lilac Centre) arranging event days to raise funds</p> <p>Host Local Round Table Groups annual Charity BBQ³</p> <p>BBQs for youth sailors to celebrate their achievements</p> <p>Christmas Party – children’s and Adults</p> <p>Annual Trophy Presentation Dinner</p> <p>Evening Dancing Classes</p> <p>12 hour junior race at Southport SC</p> <p>24 hour race weekend at West Lancashire YC</p>	<p>Completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintained links and support to the Lilac Centre and the local Round Table 2. completed club survey <p>In 2014 to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide regular Youth Social events at the club 2. To identify at least one key person to attend a training in food hygiene course. 3. To maintain the membership <p>By 2015</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To have established an increased programme of social events for both youth and adults 2. Have an established social secretary responsible for co-ordinating social events 3. To have increased retention of members from the beginners courses to at least 10%

² No nomination/seconding required to join PSC

³ The BBQ supports the Round Tables charities and makes a donation to the Lilac centre through PSC

FINANCE AND CLUB MANAGEMENT

Objective:

1. To have clear policies to justify spending
2. To have clear financial goals
3. To have transparent and effective club management in all key areas

Current Position	How the club plans to achieve the objective
<p>The club has a healthy bank balance including contingency funds</p> <p>Club Accounts audited annually and published at AGM</p> <p>The RTC aspect of the club provides a steady income on an annual basis</p> <p>The club maximises grant opportunities to provide additional income</p>	<p>Completed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To have a clear and visible written policy for the spending of club funds – via constitution 2. Club survey completed <p>In 2014</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify and agree capital projects for 2014 2. To review the structure and remit of existing club management and to propose an appropriate structure to enable delivery of this Development Plan if required. <p>By 2015</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To have clear financial goals established on a year-on-year basis 2. For club members to have financial transparency of club funds 3. To have a well established an appropriate club management structure 4. To have a clear pathway on the future of PSC at Eccleston Mere

Summary in 2014, the club currently owns:

20 Enterprises
2 Mirrors
15 Toppers
1 Wayfarer
3 Lasers - Standard rig
2 RS Fevas
1 GP14
4 safety boats – one can be converted to committee boat for racing
Buoys for racing and training

TRAINING ACTIVITIES

RTE (Recognised Teaching Establishment) status for dinghy sailing.
RTE status for powerboats.
RTE status for Safety boats
RTE status for Start racing

SUPPORTING YOUTH SAILING

Established PSC team for Junior 12 hour race at Southport with regular training.
Purchased 6 new Topper trailers and 2 rudders in increase and improve fleet equipment
Established RYA Youth Sailing Scheme for teaching juniors
Achieved Onboard status and awarded Merseyside and Cheshire Onboard club of the year in 2009 and 2011
Junior member awarded Young Sports Person of the year in 2008 by local district council
Junior member awarded RYA award for contribution to Sailing (2013)
Club awarded Sports Cub of the year in 2008 by local district council

LINKS WITH OTHER RECOGNISED TRAINING CENTRES

Pilkington Sailing Club achieved RTE status for the following levels:
Dinghy Levels 1 and 2
Youth sailing Scheme – Stages 1, 2, 3 & 4
Powerboats Levels 1, 2 and Safety boat
Links to Liverpool Sailing Club through members involved in their activities.
Represented on the St Helens District Council Sports Council

CLUB FACILITIES

Original Clubhouse building, Clubhouse extended to provide:
Changing facilities with limited hot showers, Galley, Pool room, Bosons' locker, Veranda and First Aid Kit.
Jetty (built by club members) – upgraded in 2011
Slipway
Boat House
Radios for safety purposes.
Car Park

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES & MEMBERSHIP

Established social programme.