

June Newsletter (Sailing Supplement and Update)

Dear Member,

In the recent June Newsletter, we told you about some of the changes to events which your various committees have had to implement to align with the Government's updated Covid-19 restrictions and the postponement of the final 'release from lock-down' stage 4.

In line with the postponement of the 'Grand Reopening' of the clubhouse and the barbeque at the dock to the weekend of the 24/25th July the Sailing Committee can now confirm that the planned sailing Regatta is also postponed to that weekend.

Following the grand Clubhouse reopening party on the Friday evening it will be possible, to help clear any muzzy heads, to visit the clubhouse for the pre-racing brunch on the Saturday morning.

There will be dinghy and cruiser races on both days. [See poster for times] It would be great if as many cruisers as possible could take to the water and even if not racing, maybe (tide and wind permitting) parade in front of the clubhouse at their due starting time, and then, if not racing, drift off up-river on the tide. We want to make a big spectacle of the sailing.

A poster for the Ribble Cruising Club Regatta and Barbeque. The background is a photograph of a sailboat on the water. The text is overlaid on the image. The title 'Ribble Cruising Club' is in dark blue, 'Regatta' is in large red letters with a yellow outline, 'and' is in smaller red letters, and 'Barbeque' is in large red letters with a yellow outline. Below this, 'Cruiser and Dinghy races' is in blue, 'on' is in smaller blue letters, and 'Saturday and Sunday' and '24th and 25th July 2021' are in large blue letters. At the bottom, there is a dark blue box with white text containing start times for dinghy and cruiser races on Saturday and Sunday, information about a Saturday brunch, and details about the barbeque and race entry fee.

Ribble Cruising Club
Regatta
and
Barbeque
Cruiser and Dinghy races
on
Saturday and Sunday
24th and 25th July 2021

Saturday	Sunday
Dinghy start time -10.30	Dinghy start time - 11.15
Cruiser start time -10.45	Cruiser start time - 11.30
Saturday brunch available in the clubhouse from 9.00am	

Barbeque at the dock following sailing on Saturday the 24th
£5 Race entry fee per day per boat

Dinghy sailing on Saturday the 26th of June will then revert to normal club sailing and there will be a safety boat on the water. There could also be club sailing on Sunday 27th June if there is enough interest, or even possibly club racing [please let us know] although the race management will need to be from a boat on the water because the race box light signalling triangle is undergoing refurbishment, thanks to Stewart Healy at Lytham Timber.

Future Dinghy Sail Training

You will have read in the June newsletter about the refurbishment at Fairhaven Lake, unfortunately we had hoped that we would hear some encouraging news about completions from Fylde Borough Council, but we have no news, which in some respects could, optimistically, mean that the delays have got no worse. We are now targeting the 'Boat Shift' to Fairhaven Lake for Sunday 18th July and would be glad of any assistance from members. The first member's Wednesday evening sailing session on the lake could then be the 21st of July.

The planned Dinghy Tidal Sail Training session on the 10th of July will, because of the extended Covid-19 precautions, specifically the social distancing requirement, need to take a slightly different format. The clubhouse will not be open and therefore the format of classroom (clubhouse) briefing and theory before and after the practical sailing session is not possible. We therefore propose that members either sail in their own boats or pair up with somebody that they are comfortable sailing with, if in a club (or their own) double hander, arriving ready changed.

Please let us know if you are coming to this session, preferably by replying to this mail, turning up on the day is not going to work for us because we will need to allocate boats and instructors, and keep the event Covid-secure.

There will then be a briefing in the dinghy tank area beforehand and instruction on the water, clearly this session will require a level of tidal sailing competence and is therefore not really suited to beginners.

Cruising in Company

We are aware of several new members who are keen to explore broader horizons around the area. We would appreciate feedback and expressions of interest on weekend Cruising in company to places such as Piel Island, Liverpool, North Wales - Conway Y-Felinheli, Beaumaris etc. as well as possibly longer trips to the Isle of Man, Largs and the Kyles of Bute. It would be great to hear from anyone prepared to take on a role as Cruising Lead / Lead Boat to share their experiences and guide members through passage planning, weather, tides, safe anchorages etc.

Hopefully see you all on the water!

Ribble Cruising Club