



Newsletter

December 2014

Merry Christmas!

Wasn't 2014 a good year?!

Thank you to everyone who helped us—we can't wait for 2015 and have lots of exciting news to share with you...

1. Dates for your Diary—*booking needed!*
2. Annual Awards and Celebration Evening—*booking needed!*
3. Dates for Volunteer Training
4. Exciting news about our progress

We hope this newsletter keeps you up to date, but don't forget to find us on Facebook and Twitter and visit our website (www.chesilsailability.org.uk) to keep in touch!

Wishing you a wonderful Christmas, and a great new year from the Chesil Sailability Team



Dates for Your Diary

20th January Next Social

Harbour Lights Bar, Portland

Food from 6pm, drinks from 7pm

Email info@chesilsailability.org.uk by 16th Jan if you are coming and/or eating

27th February Annual Awards & Celebration Evening

See below.... Booking needed!

19th April Volunteer Open Day and Season Start

More information to follow

VOLUNTEER TRAINING
DATES ARE ON THE
FOLLOWING PAGES!

20th April First Race Team Sailing Session

21st April First Open Sailing Session

14th—16th August Hansa National Championships

Following the success of the GP last year, we are hosting the nationals this year!

Keep an eye on www.chesilsailability.org.uk/events for the latest dates!

Annual Awards & Celebration Evening

Date: Friday 27th February 2015

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm

Venue: Spinnakers Restaurant, WPNSA

Price: £10 per person

This is a chance for us celebrate together all of our achievements, and have a fun evening with an entertaining Guest Speaker (TBC)!

We need to confirm numbers by 6th January, so please reply to info@chesilsailability.org.uk with the number of places you would like to book.



Winter Volunteer Training



It is really important that we support you to volunteer with Chesil Sailability—so we have a full programme of training over the next few months.

The table on the next page shows the range of different training sessions planned, and a description of the type of people who would find it most useful to attend.

The winter training programme will start on January 10th with an RYA First Aid course and progress through the winter with a range of sessions covering powerboat skills, hoisting etc. depending on what role you volunteer to do. **For all volunteers who haven't done it yet, the Disability Awareness training is essential.**

If you would like to attend one or more of the sessions please visit www.chesilsailability.org.uk/training and download the training form and return it to info@chesilsailability.org.uk



Sailability

Disability Awareness
training Courses
Saturday March 7th
OR
Saturday May 9th



NEXT COURSE
First Aid Training
Course
Saturday January
10th 2015



Winter Training 2015

Course description	Focus	Duration	Time	Date	Places	Location
RYA First Aid	New and renewals and holders of PB2 and CSBO	1 day	9am –5pm	January 10th	12	Portacabin
RYA First Aid	New and renewals and holders of PB2 and CSBO	1 day	9am –5pm	March TBC	12	Portacabin
De-Fib	All volunteers	2 hours	10am –12 noon	January 11th	12	Portacabin
De-Fib	All volunteers	1 day	9am –5pm	March TBC	12	Portacabin
F Aid scenario	First Aid qualified volunteers	1/2 Day	9am –12 noon	April TBC	12	Portacabin
Power boat introduction	New inexperienced	1/2 Day	9am –12 noon	January 18th	6	Portacabin
Power boat introduction	New inexperienced	1/2 Day	1pm –4pm	January 18th	6	Portacabin
Power boat skills 1	Unqualified but some experience	1 day	10 am –4pm	February 8th	6	Portacabin
Power boat skills 1	Unqualified but some experience	1 day	10 am –4pm	March 15th	6	Portacabin
Power boat skills 2	PB1/2 or experienced	1 day	10 am –4pm	February 15th	6	Portacabin
Power boat skills 2	PB1/2 or experienced	1 day	10 am –4pm	March 22nd	6	Portacabin
Safety boat skills	Pb2 qualified and Chesil PBS2	1 day	10 am –4pm	April 12th	6	Portacabin
Safety boat skills	Pb2 qualified and Chesil PBS2	1 day	10 am –4pm	May 2nd	6	Portacabin
RYA disability awareness	All volunteers	1 day	9am –5pm	March 7th	12	Portacabin
RYA disability awareness	All volunteers	1 day	9am –5pm	May 9th	12	Portacabin
Hoisting and Pontoon training	All volunteers	1/2 Day	9am –12 noon	March 28th	12	Portacabin
Hoisting and Pontoon training	All volunteers	1/2 Day	1pm –4pm	March 28th	12	Portacabin
Skipper training	Aspiring and experienced sailors	As agreed	-	As agreed in March and April	-	Portacabin
Reception training	All volunteers	1/2 Day	9am –12 noon	April 12th	12	Portacabin
Reception training	All volunteers	1/2 Day	1pm –4pm	April 12th	12	Portacabin
Rigging Training	All volunteers	1/2 Day	9am –12 noon	April 12th	12	Portacabin
Rigging Training	All volunteers	1/2 Day	1pm –4pm	April 12th	12	Portacabin
Season opening training day	All volunteers	1 day	10am –3pm	April 19th	all	Portacabin
New Volunteer day	New volunteers	1 day	10am –3pm	April 19th		Portacabin
Keel Boat training	Experienced sailors	TBA	TBA	March and April	6	Portacabin

Please download a training application form from the website (www.chesilsailability.org.uk/training) and send it to info@chesilsailability.org.uk

If you have not already completed the skills survey please visit www.chesilsailability.org.uk/training and click on the link.

Looking forward to 2015

We had a great year of growth in 2014, and we are now planning for the sailing season in 2015. There are two big developments, the timing of our sailing sessions, and additions to our sailing fleet.



We will continue to sail on a Tuesday evening, but will also start sailing on a Tuesday afternoon as well, which gives us a great opportunity to go sailing with groups from day care centres and other organisations. For Tuesdays we will work on afternoon & evening volunteer sessions.

We will have the race training on a Monday evening rather than at the weekend. This means that some boats can go in on Monday evening, stay moored on the pontoons and come out at the end of the Tuesday evenings session, so saving some time!

We have two very exciting additions to our fleet as well, with two small keelboats, which will significantly extend the sailing opportunities we can offer. Mrs Shipley is very generously providing funding for a Hawk 20 in memory of her husband Rod Shipley; the Hawk is a flexible stable keelboat that can take around 6 people, be used for fun, for trips into the bay, for racing and for training.



We have also been donated a Squib by Lionel Thorne from Weymouth Sailing Club, which he has raced for many years. Simon & Jill Vines helped with their Squib this year, and developed a really good seat adaptation enabling a sailor to steer and control the main, so we can use this in our new Squib.

We are really grateful for these boats, and their generous donors.