

Dinghy Week List:

We are all looking forward to great week for dinghy week this year, and just wanted to send out a few bits of key information to ensure everyone is fully prepared.

- COVID - We are remaining cautious with regards to COVID precautions and recommend wearing of masks when indoors and keeping appropriate distances.
- Food –
 - lunch will NOT be available, so please bring lunch, drinks and snacks with you.
 - We are hoping to be able to run a “tuck shop” outside. This will be on a tab system to be settled in full by the end of the week by card only.
 - It would be nice to be able to provide a cake or something tasty at the end of each day for the sailors and helpers, so if you are able to, please could you bring in a cake, or biscuits, on at least one day to be shared. Please could you include a list of ingredients to be displayed next to your contribution.
- Changing rooms –
 - Although the changing rooms will be accessible, please can kit be kept in cars to avoid clogging up the changing rooms.
 - If showers are used, please clean with the provided disinfected sprays after each use.
- Parking – Please be aware that the car park charges are due to apply from 1st August, however, we will have access to the grass area for parking, which will be free. Please park considerately.
- Clothing –
 - please make sure all sailors are prepared for the weather. As this is a British summer, you will need sun cream, hat (sun hat and beanie), spray jacket, buoyancy aid, wet suit (short or long), boots/shoes (no barefoot sailing), gloves, underlayers. Also towel and warm dry clothing to get changed into after sailing.
 - Dry clothing only to be worn upstairs (no wet kit)
- Sailing –
 - you will be racing every day, so need to be at least RYA stage 2 and confident to be racing amongst 40 other boats. It is great fun, and there are plenty of safety boats on the water.
 - If you are noticed to be in trouble, such as multiple capsizes, a safety boat will ask you to come into shore and have another go later.
 - Please comply with ALL instructions given by the safety boats and race officers.
- Times –
 - Arrive by the time stated each day – see attached document.
 - A daily programme will be in the clubhouse and on the website.
 - When programme says “rigged and ready”, this means dressed in your sailing kit and your boat fully rigged. The sailors’ briefing is compulsory and will provide you with all the information as to what is happening that day and how to keep safe on and off the water.
 - Before you go onto the water, you will need to get a tally – this your unique number assigned to you for the week and is a yellow wrist band or a plastic disk – you must wear these visibly at all times when on the water. When you come off the water, you hand back your tally. This is quick way for us to check that everyone is safely off the water, and no-one is drifting around, heading towards Cowes!

- There will be a lot of boats launching at the same time, so please stick to the instructions given by the shore team. What works well is for the more experienced sailors to help launch the younger less experienced sailors before themselves. This avoids too much delay on the slipway and beach.
 - Make sure you are ready to launch by the time you reach the slipway – this means you are fully dressed and your boat is fully rigged including checking the bungs!
 - When coming back into the harbour or beach, the safety boat team will regulate who goes in when so that there is a controlled landing.
 - We will endeavour to have maximum time on the water, so will mean you need to be prompt at getting ready to launch.
 - In the event of weather prohibiting sailing, we will plan some shore-based activities, but the day is likely to be shorter. A day will only be cancelled in very unusual circumstances.
- Parent helpers/volunteers –
 - Thank you for helping at Dinghy Week – with out your support, it would not be possible to run this event.
 - Please ignore the allocation on the website duty roster and see the rota that will be sent separately.
 - If you are in a safety boat as cox or crew, the final allocation of teams into boats will be made by the Safety Officer, David Pearce on the day.
 - Shore support encompasses a range of roles and these may change daily according to the needs on the day.
 - If you have any role near the beach or slipway, it is likely that you will get wet, so please bring appropriate clothing and buoyancy aid.
 - If you find your name is not on the list, please contact Marina or Kirsty