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# Bosun's Newsletter

## Summer 2019

Spring is here, all club sailing events are up and running and the water is nice and busy. For the new season the club boats have had a bit of a refresh to make their use more enjoyable. We have six new Fusions, new main and jib sails for the three Visions and two of the Fevas; these are all ready for use together with four of our five lasers and all ten of our Picos. We shall be adding new toe straps to the Picos in the coming weeks as well as refreshing sheets and control lines.



I take huge personal satisfaction from seeing the club boats in full use throughout the week whether at Pirates, Pay & Play Novice and Casual sailing, or just when there is wind and others to sail with.

To help keep the boats in good order for all to use, I ask members to help by following a few steps that will make a big difference:

- Check the white board in the entrance hall to see which boats are safe to use.
- Always fill out a boat usage form and record which boat and number you use, this helps us see how and when they are being used to help us prioritise maintenance.
- Take care to rig the boats correctly, there are rigging guides on the OSC website if you have any questions. We intend to add rigging tip sheets to the boats later in the season and run a couple of rigging clinics before the Novice and Casual race days.
- When coming ashore, please use the correct trolley, especially when using a Pico. OSC Pico trollies have yellow paint at the front, OSTT ones have pink paint. (All OSC Picos, Fevas and Fusions have small red or blue numbers on each side of the bow.)
- Return and put boats away as you would like to find them with covers fully fastened, this will help avoid damage while not in use.
- If you spot anything wrong with a boat, please record this in the red and white Fault Log in the entrance hall cupboard, opposite the office door.

## Safety on the water

We have acquired a new smaller RIB to increase our safety cover for those busy days when multiple events are taking place. This is a useful addition and fits in between the larger RIBs and the Jaffas. Those who use the safety boats will see instructions for use in the Fault Log, as well as on the OSC website.

## Forward planning

The OSC committee is committed to developing a strategy for maintaining and refreshing club boats and boards for use by club members. In the near future we shall be selling the Laser 3000 and the Buzz dinghies, these will be well priced to club members - please contact me or David Oughton if you are interested in buying one of these or any of the other club boats.

## Thank you...

I must give thanks to Peter Doran and Bob Ashby for their contribution generally and specifically for repairs to the racing marks that prevented the loss of the anchor chains and to preserve the use of these marks for regular club racing. Further thanks to Geoff Worrall and Richard Hall and others who are preparing the new committee boat - *Lightning Sue* should be ready for launch in the coming weeks once a new flag system has been added.

## Saturday 1 June

On Saturday 1 June I shall be at the club from 09:00 to 10:00 and will be happy to walk through rigging any of the club boats that you might not be familiar with before Novice and Casual Racing starts. Sign in will be from 9.30, briefing at 10.30, and racing at 11.00 - 12.30. Afternoon racing is from 1.30 until you've stopped convincing Mike to run "Just one more race, please", usually 3.30ish.

Whether you are joining the Novice and Casual Racing, going for a cruise, learning some new skills, trying out an Aero or racing please, have fun on the water and remember all that we have is managed and maintained by member volunteers so, don't be shy, let the committee know if you have time to help in any way.

Paul