

## Half-term sailing Autumn 2021

We plan to run racing on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>, but may adjust the days if the weather is unhelpful. The tides suggest starting at 11:00 on Tuesday (11:30 if we postpone to Wednesday) and 15:00 on Saturday – which means that the bar will be open when we finish 😊. Probably two or three short races each day. Races are open to all sailors who are able to sail down the river, get round a triangular course, and back up the river. There will be safety cover **for this activity**. The changing rooms will be open **for participating sailors only** (sorry - Covid rules). If you are leaving boats here for the week, please put them to the right of the path.

We have had responses from a number of families asking about taster sessions and sailing lessons. Unfortunately we are not geared up to providing either of these next week. I suggest that you consider one or more of the following:

- See what is on offer at one of the commercial schools. Cardigan Bay Watersports are less than an hour north of Newport and are running a range of activities that week which you can book on-line. Other providers are available.
- Find out what is on at your nearest sailing club (if it is not in the Newport area). Most clubs run come-and-try days in the spring, and many, particularly those inland, offer lessons too. Newport is not an easy place to learn to sail, so probably better to learn somewhere else, and then have a better experience when you sail here.
- If you are at a local secondary school, ask them what sailing opportunities they could provide under the new curriculum. Certainly there is a conversation going on between Ysgol Bro Gwaun and Fishguard Bay YC, and we are working on getting Ysgol y Preseli to talk to Teifi Boat Club.

For any other questions about next week, please email Jay Williamson at [sailing@newportboatclub.co.uk](mailto:sailing@newportboatclub.co.uk)