

Sailing & Boating Report 2021

The aims and objectives of the Club shall be to promote and facilitate such on-water and social activities as shall be deemed likely to be of benefit and/or interest to the Membership, and to provide and maintain a clubhouse.

Rowers, sailors, and boaters are out and about this summer mingling with those on paddle boards, windsurfing, kite surfing, foiling, canoeing, kayaking, not forgetting the swimmers and young and old paddlers.

Many thanks to all who contribute their time in assisting with looking after our boating equipment, this includes our moorings, road trailers and the general annual servicing required to keep our boats and those using them safely on the water. Also, thanks to all those who acted as the Duty Race Officer, their assistants and those that helmed or crewed safety boats. Without all this support boating activities would not take place.

This spring we had a thorough review of all the safety bags and life jackets. The safety bags contain basis safety items for use in an emergency and are allocated to each rowing or safety boat when they venture out into the bay. All life jackets CO2 cylinders were replaced.

SAILING:

Despite restrictions and weather, we ran races in the week running up to the August Bank holiday 2020. This summer boats have been taking advantage of being on the water earlier. At the end of June upstream of 'Scott Free' and the club, of the forty boats on moorings over half had masts. The sailing fleet of Newport is in good heart. Club races will commence mid-August and run up to the August Bank holiday, all subject to weather and tidal conditions.

We look forward to seeing you all out on the water.

ROWING:

The club rowers have been enjoying their time since lockdown restrictions have eased and we have been allowed back out on the water. There were rows planned from the go as soon as we could go out!

As the league has been cancelled this year we have concentrated on rowing as a Club. We continued with plans for the Dinas Head race. Conditions this year were much more favourable than previous years, we had all 4 club rowing boats out on the water, supported by our 3 safety boats.

The race was a great success as the teams were mixed with ability and gender. The NOBS chose to take the surf boat out in the hope that they could better their time, they did incredibly well but were just under 2 minutes off their record! We had a great celebration back at the club (all within covid regulations obviously) and it was a lovely opportunity for the rowers to get together socially.

With the glorious weather we have been experiencing we have seen a surge in new members. People have been keen to have a go at rowing and experience the all body workout, coupled with a great social and friendly outing on the sea.

The current 40+ members have been generous in giving up their time to show the novices what to do. We have a strong pool of experience between the current members which is why Newport is such a fabulous club to learn to row with.

We are looking forward to continuing to row through the winter as long as conditions allow, keeping us all in shape ready for the league to start again in 2022!

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