

# PRYC Newsletter September 2024



## Weed, weed and more weed!

Weed has dominated racing in recent months. The club has been liaising with the council, but they have said there is nothing they can do, but they are monitoring the situation.

Hopefully things will improve as we go into the winter.

## Club Racing

Despite the weed the turnout has generally remained high, with good breeze on most occasions throughout the summer.

The DF65 class held the inaugural Dragon Force Trophy event, which was very well attended with the pursuit style of racing proving popular. We will look at doing similar events in other fleets, if there is interest.

## National/open events

We hosted the IOM Nationals this year which was 3 days of excellent racing. The A class PRACC is next in October (26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup>) so there will be no club racing on those dates. We will be looking for people to help during this event please.

We are talking to various organisations re hosting open/national events next year as we put together our club calendar. Hopefully we will have a full programme in 2025 to keep everyone's interest!

## Coaching evenings

We held a couple of coaching evenings for the 65 fleet, as this fleet gets most new members with little or no experience of sailing/racing. So, we felt we needed to do something to help new sailors with their progression, as everyone quickly learns it's not as easy as it looks!

These were well attended, and the feedback was very positive. Again, if there is interest, we will gladly look to arrange more evenings across the club.

## Longham

The reeds have been cut, but now there is a weed issue, and the water is currently low too.

We are considering putting more regular visits to Longham in our race program next year, so the water company has more impetus to keep the lake maintained better for us. We will see!

## 75 years of PRYC!

Yes, next year is 75 years of PRYC, so we will be making the 2025 regatta a day to remember.

We will put a date in the racing calendar when published at the end of this year and book a nice sunny day too with pleasant breeze!

## AGM and prize giving

We can't use the usual hall any longer, so Jim Macgregor has kindly found another hall nearby that we can use. It will be a Wednesday evening this year though, as we can't use the hall on a Sunday, which might work better for people that previously couldn't give up a valuable Sunday afternoon to attend.

The date for your diaries is Wednesday evening, 11<sup>th</sup> December. I will email details once everything is firmed up.

## Club Meal

You will all have received an email recently asking for your opinion on a club meal. There was a positive response to this, so we are looking to sort something for the end of Jan/Feb 2025. Again, details will be circulated once we have more information.

## Canteen

Patsy is unfortunately not very well at the moment, so can classes please use the canteen on a self-service basis to keep supporting the club.

*That's it for now, happy sailing everyone.*

*Paul Robson (Club Secretary)*