

REAR COMMODORE HOUSE UPDATE JUNE 2020

Hi all,

What strange times we are all living in with this pandemic! First of all, I would like to say that I sincerely hope you have all been well and safe over the past few months, I know many of you have been cocooning and are looking forward to some more freedom going forward. Kinsale has really been a haven of peace and tranquillity during lockdown and is getting noticeably busier in recent times!

Kinsale Yacht Club looks forward to welcoming you back! The club will reopen on June 29th in accordance with guidelines and protocols and it will be a strange and different experience for you, the shower and toilet facilities are now open with a one-way system in place, this is all very well marked out for you, we are currently working to organise the bar/dining area but as guidelines are still fluid, we currently don't know if the two metre rule will apply on reopening, we respectfully request our members to adhere to whatever rules are in place on an ongoing basis. We have all become accustomed to social distancing by now and this needs to continue to ensure the health and safety of our members and staff and while we get used to the new "normal" and things may be slower than before, I would hope that our members will be patient and treat our staff with respect as should be the case at all times!

BORING STUFF:

A gentle reminder to anyone who has not paid their membership/berth holder fees to do so now, as I have stated before, membership fees must be paid before a berth on the marina is guaranteed. To all of you who have paid up during the lock down, THANK YOU.

HOSEPIPE BAN:

As I'm sure you are all aware by now, there is currently a hosepipe ban in place, we kindly ask our berth holders to respect this temporary ban and abstain from washing their boats.

SAILING STUFF:

Fifteen boats took part in last Friday nights family cruise around the harbour! The Friday night cruises will continue until we can expand our sailing program, cruising kicks off at 19.00hrs from the marina. As soon as we can expand the sailing program, we will do so.

FUN FISHING COMPETITION:

Sunday 21st June fishing begins at 2pm and finishes at 4.30pm. Because it is easy to fish and social distance, this competition is open to members and friends, families can fish onboard and mixed groups from the marina, shore, pier etc.

RULES:

The only rules in place this year are from a safety point of view, LIFEJACKETS as always and maintain social distance where appropriate!

Myself and Jack Hegarty will be on the marina from 1.30pm to take a register of participants (safety!) We will photograph the catches after the fishing session and it will be on this basis that the winner of the Ross Oil Perpetual Trophy will be decided! Because the club will not be open,

participants will keep their catch this year and we will organise a proper prizegiving when the club reopens, we will let you know in advance when this will take place.

COURSE:

The course, Blackhead to Bulman Buoy and the inner harbour.

JUNIOR SAILING: From John Stallard:

Junior sailing has commenced with the three fleets returning over the next two weeks. Lasers began sailing on Saturday 13th @ 1pm and will sail on Wednesdays and Saturdays until the sailing course commences. James Matthews is coordinating this group.

Optimists: The more experienced are starting on the 14th at 11am and continue each Sunday, a review of the less experienced will continue until a decision on them starting has been made. Ray Hanley is coordinating this group.

Toppers: It is hoped that we will get this fleet on the water next week. Dave Akerlind is coordinating this group.

On Friday 12th, we completed the COVID induction training for the first four coaches, thanks to Brian Hunt. As we have limited access to the changing rooms, I suggest that sailors come dressed and ready to sail. The coaches will give advice on social distancing and the use of the dinghy park and slipway.

All rib use is limited to those who have had COVID induction training, as there are additional restrictions in place for their use.

Last week we were given authorisation to go ahead with a reorganised Junior Sailing Course. All those participants originally registered for the course were offered a place on the reorganised course.

As the course was fully subscribed, we are operating a waiting list for any places that may become available through cancellations.

We will be contacting all instructors and assistant instructors this coming week to confirm their job.

Please address any queries on the Junior Sailing Course to John Stallard, email johnstallard@gmail.com or tel 086 8209042.

CLUB DINING:

We are currently in discussion with our chef Rob Kenny to get club dining up and running as soon as possible after the 29th, when we have a plan in place, I will update you separately.

I think that about does it for now!

Stay safe people and looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Sue Horgan