

Overall Winner - Gurnard Sailing Club



Gurnard Sailing Club had a fantastic diary of events ranging from Sunday morning racing to Swallows and Amazons weekends. Forty per cent of the club's membership is cadets giving it a really vibrant feel.

Since the opening of the new clubhouse ten years ago no application for membership has been refused and with fantastic facilities for less able bodied people, the club has several active members with disabilities.

The club also has a Development Fund supported financially by the club and local businesses. This provides grants for cadets wishing to compete nationally or internationally and also links with four local primary schools and local charity, The Island Youth Water Activity Centre in Cowes, to offer sailing to all year four pupils.

Rutland Sailing Club

Rutland Sailing Club has a fantastic scheme for encouraging members and non members to further their skills on the water. They provide a range of practical and shore based courses at their in house training school Rutland Sailing School open to members and non members. This pioneering scheme has since been replicated at other large clubs around the UK.



Rutland Sailing Club also set up their own scheme with local sponsor, Marshalls Volvo, which provides group sailing taster days to primary schools for minimal cost. Since its inception around 2500 children who would not normally have access to sailing, have passed through this scheme.

South Staffordshire Sailing Club



The activities at SSSC centre around the development of sailing across all ages and abilities. With a well developed reputation as a training facility in the local area it has a current membership of some 350-400, aged from 6 to 95.

Registered as a Community Amateur Sports Club, the club has a membership policy that is totally non discriminatory, regardless of age, gender, disability, means or background.

SSSC attracts some 100 new sailors to their annual 'Try Sailing' open day each year with many going on to take up training courses and continue with the sport long after coaching has ended.

Swanage Sailing Club

Swanage Sailing Club makes sailing highly accessible for people wanting to learn. Through offering free weekly training sessions run by members and free use of the clubs extensive pool of boats, members can learn to sail for as little as £25 a head per year in a family membership.



Being an oversubscribed club and having limited berth space for members boats, Swanage Sailing Club operate a very efficient system of getting as many people on the water as possible. New members are discouraged from purchasing a boat in their first year as there is ample opportunity for crewing and hire of the clubs boats, in turn this helps alleviate space constraints and ensures an informed first purchase is made.

Weir Wood Sailing Club



Weir Wood Sailing Club has a highly successful youth member recruitment stream. They offer introductory taster courses through active links with Schools and associations in the area feeding into beginner youth training courses which are currently all oversubscribed. The courses account

for over 35% of all new memberships.

The Club also host and run a number of co-ordinated sailing days with Friends of the Deaf and the British Association of the Hard of Hearing. Its facilities for less able bodied sailors are fantastic, testament to this is producing notable Paralympics sailing star Megan Pasco.