

Dear Member,

Pottering and Ad hoc sailing

Our aim is to get as many people on the water as want to come. Many sailors are competent and will go out on their own without the need for company, many would rather that there were other boats about - but how to know when others will be out? You may have your own group of sailors who you go out with on a regular basis, or you may be looking for ways of linking up with other sailors so that you get out more often. The key is to know when others will be going, who would be there to help/support in whatever ways needed. In addition, if there are more people out at the same sort of time there would be the opportunity for a cup of tea or coffee and bit of a chat with other sailors.

There are the formal potters, with the support boat[s] out, that go into the club events programme, these include the 'special' potters - orienteering, fish and chips potter, barbecue potters etc. However, these potters don't fit with some people's diary and then the weather gets in the way on occasion, so they don't always happen as planned.

An Ad Hoc Sailing WhatsApp group was set up in March 2017 to allow members to exchange plans at short notice, - once people are in the group it looks after itself, it is very quick and easy to use.

If you wish to join this group, please contact one of the group's administrators.

Ian Day, Andrew Allan or Mike Hamilton. Ian and Mike's contact details are on the back of the club's programme booklet.

The Day Sail entries in the club's programme have been cancelled for 2021 sailing season, when we plan to have some sessions to consolidate techniques which could be applicable e.g. recovery from capsized, towing, anchoring etc. Please look out for details in the club newsletters and on WhatsApp.

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