

# RYA Sport Development Plan 2010

## Stoke Gabriel Boating Association

### **Current Sailing Activities**

SGBA currently has 212 memberships, totalling 520 people, of whom 193 are children.

It caters for boating of all types: small cruising yachts, motor boats, sailing dinghies, rowing, canoeing, kayaking and windsurfing. The majority activity is dinghy sailing.

There are 29 boats available for members' use: 6 Laser Picos, 7 Toppers, 6 Laser Bugs, 2 Wanderers, a Laser, 3 canoes, 2 kayaks, a windsurfer and 3 motor boats, 2 of which are suitable for rescue boat work. More than half of these boats have been acquired in the past two years, largely from members' donations and a small grant.

The club has run a very successful Junior Sailing Course for many years. Three years ago this became RYA registered to provide dinghy instruction to Level 2 (Level 4 youth). The course is run largely by volunteers, mostly parents, and is always oversubscribed.

The success and expansion of the Junior Sailing Course has generated a need for more qualified Dinghy Instructors and qualified Rescue Boat skippers. It has also increased interest among non-sailing parents in learning to sail.

## The future

The club is keen to build on its success with Junior Sailing by enlarging its pool of qualified instructors and increasing adult involvement. This would encourage a greater interest in racing, which at present is under-developed.

Key aims for the current year and beyond include:

1. Organise (and financially assist) Dinghy Instructor/Assistant Instructor courses for 6 adults to increase the pool of qualified volunteer instructors available for the Junior Sailing course. The club did this 5 years ago with good results, three of that six continue as volunteer Instructors for the club's junior sailing, the other 3 at DRYSA.
2. Organise, in-house for the first time, powerboat (1&2) and safety boat instruction for volunteers who will be operating safety boats both as part of the junior sailing programme and at regular club sailing days. This has been recognised as a need for some time but it has proved difficult to organise courses through other training centres. The club now has a member who has the necessary qualifications and is willing to take the lead on providing these courses.
3. Arrange adult sailing training courses. In this year's membership renewals questionnaire 25 adults expressed a keen desire for dinghy training to levels 1&2 as well as informal training. Most of these are parents of children who have begun sailing recently at the club. The club has 3 members at various stages of qualification as instructors who are interested in meeting this need. The task should be one of organisation.
4. Introduce racing into the club's regular programme. Although a number of adult members have expressed an interest in beginning regular racing meetings in addition to the Sunday 'fun sailing' sessions the key need is to retain the involvement of teenage graduates of our junior sailing programme. Currently most of the interested young members progress their sailing through RDYC and DRYSA as there is no continuing activity for them to participate in at our club. A regular race meet, on a weekday evening, where experienced individuals both young and old can race the club boats would encourage the continued participation of teenage members as well as allowing members with young children to enjoy some sailing!

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	What do you want to do?	By when?	Tasks/ Action required?	Resources?	Who responsible?
1	Train more dinghy instructors	Early 2010	Pre-assess and DI/AI course	External (Grenville House) Pre-assessment funding RYA Club 50% funding for course costs	Sailing sec.
2	PB1/2 & safety boat training courses	Early & through season	PB2 assessment for experienced DI candidates, PB2 course safety boat course	Trevor Black + club safety boat	Trevor Black
3	Adult training	Through season and next	Identify qualified instructors available e-mail interested members, finalise dates, cost etc	SI+DI & 2 boats 12 students?	Sailing sec. & Trevor Black
4	Dinghy racing	All season and next	Organise & encourage		Sailing sec & Charles Gillmore