

Ski News ~ September 2017

After a much appreciated sunny Bank Holiday things have now quietened down. However, stronger and changeable winds have not provided the favourable September skiing conditions which we have experienced the last couple of years -but maybe there's still time?

Thanks to all those who came along to the rearranged date for the Fly Navy ski competitions and apologies to those unable to make it. The Bank Holiday Sunday did however provide perfect conditions – calm water and sunshine which contrasted greatly with the rain, cold wind and rough water on the day originally chosen! We were pleased to welcome back competitors from last year including the Billington and Corben families who involved themselves fully with both the junior and adult competitions. Many thanks! The Juniors showed their increasingly confident ski and wakeboard skills and the Junior competition was a well fought with the adjusted times close . Hugo Billington was the eventual worthy winner.

However, we would still like to see more teams for the Fly Navy Cup – the 'adult' competition. Pedra Young Ones' name goes on the Cup once more after a couple of years gap. Why not get a team together to challenge and get your name on the cup instead. Next year we will try to put a reserve date on the calendar so if we do have to postpone, you have advance warning of the date. Trick skis are on the top shelf in the crew room to have a practice if no one has tried using them- they aren't difficult if you can ski on a pair, just a bit slippery! Come along as a team or just an individual. A full explanation of what is involved is given before the competition starts.

Regarding equipment, we have a good selection of 'skis' that are well used and as such there will always be wear and tear. All we ask is for any damage to be reported as soon as it happens rather than wait for the next person to take it out to discover that it is unusable when out on the water. Please don't take screws or fittings off other skis or boards however well intended as parts get lost or don't fit properly and could make the equipment unsafe. An adult and Junior wakeboard have both been out of use this month for that reason.

Unfortunately for the last part of this month the No.6 skis have not been available as one has been lost – possibly used as a drop ski and the other ski's binding was broken. No-one reported the loss or damage and the equipment doesn't appear to have been signed out. Again losing a drop ski can happen but please report it either to the office or Bar. Note -there is a weighted drop ski to use, kept on the top shelf.

It is also important to sign out equipment – the numbers make it quick to do - remember to put the date as well as the time so that we can track equipment if there is a problem. Thank you for your help with this.

Teams taking part in the power boat challenge which also took place in August, successfully showed their varying skills to complete the tasks set and was enjoyed by all who participated.

As the season comes to the end this will be the last newsletter for 2017 but look out for the Christmas edition with your membership pack. For those still on the water, with winter wetsuits/ dry suits ready we can always hope for some beautiful sunny days with flat calm ski conditions to take advantage of throughout the autumn and winter months.

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