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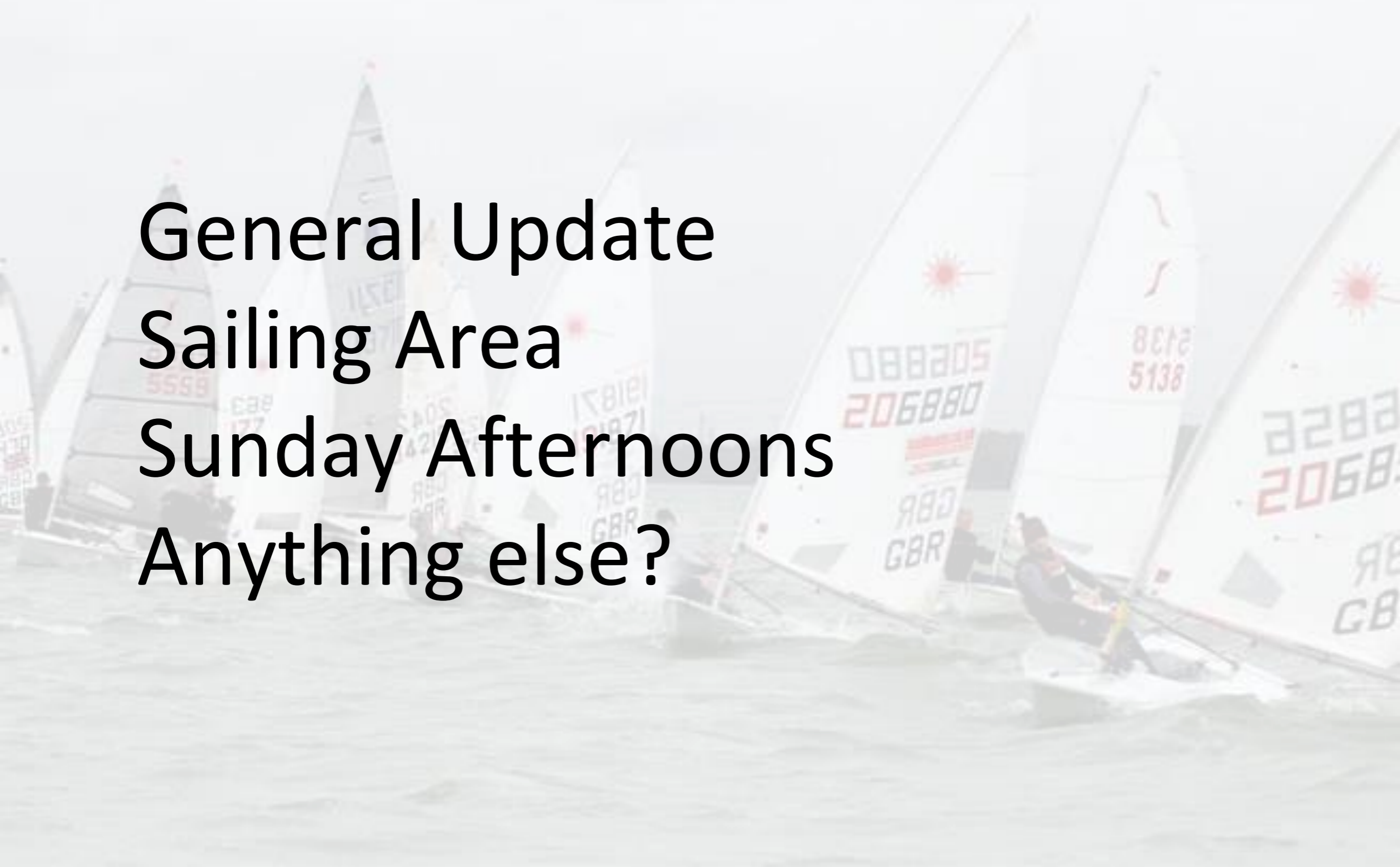
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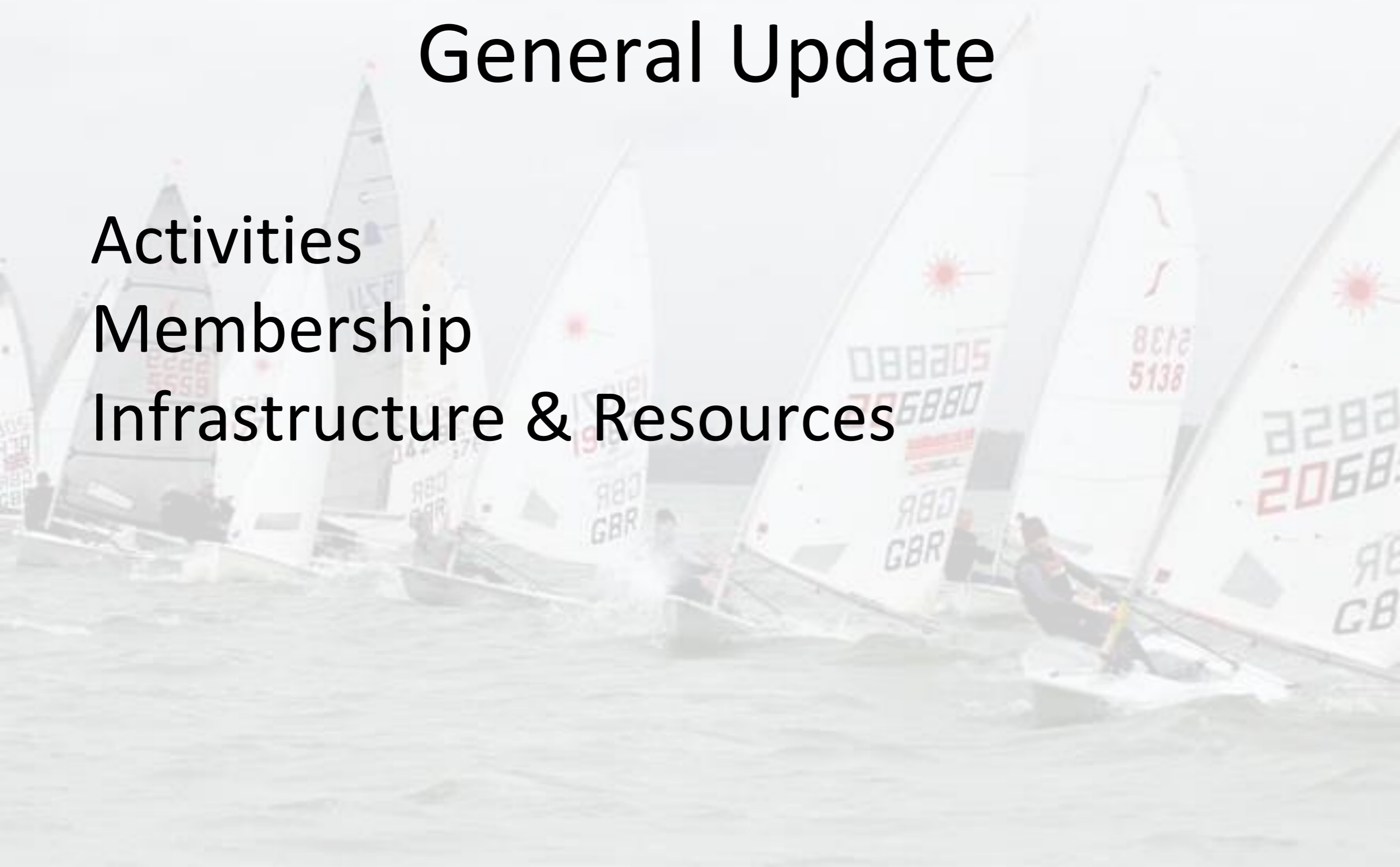
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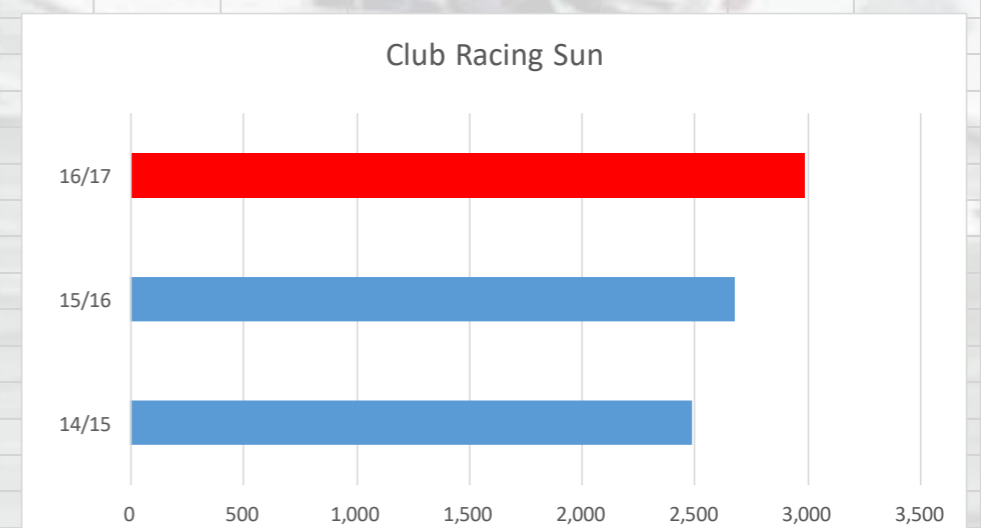
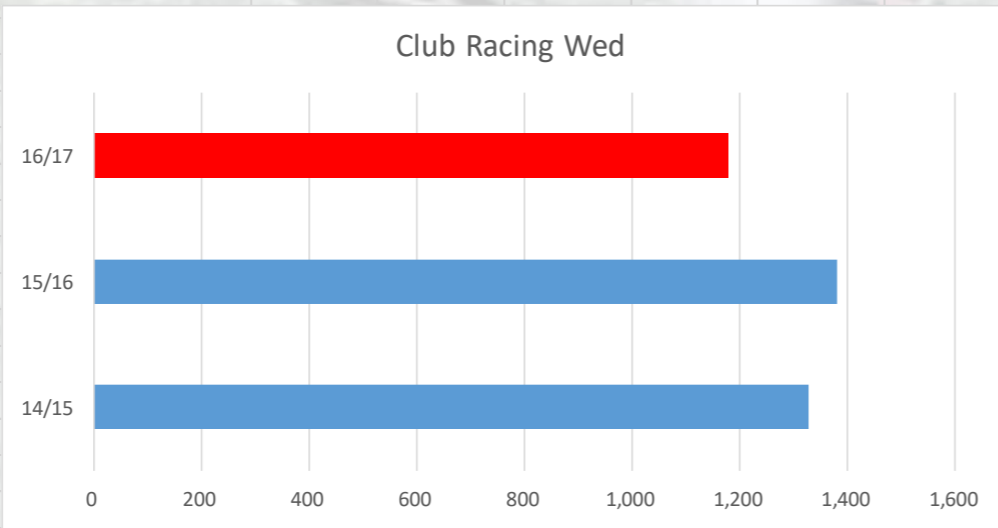
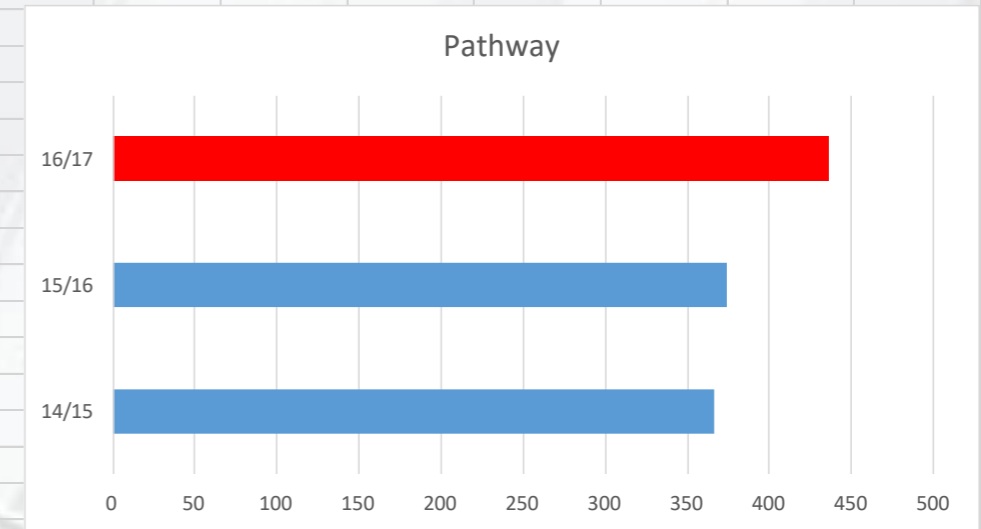
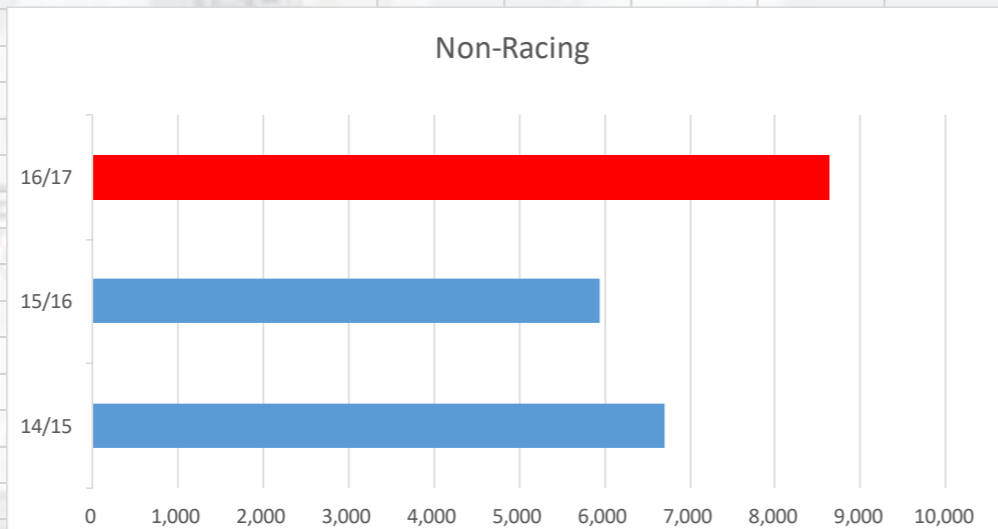
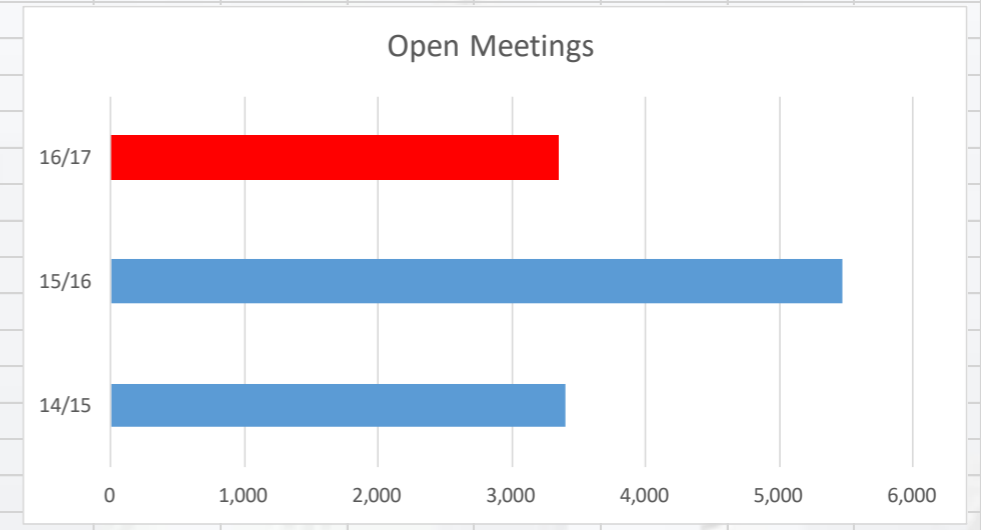
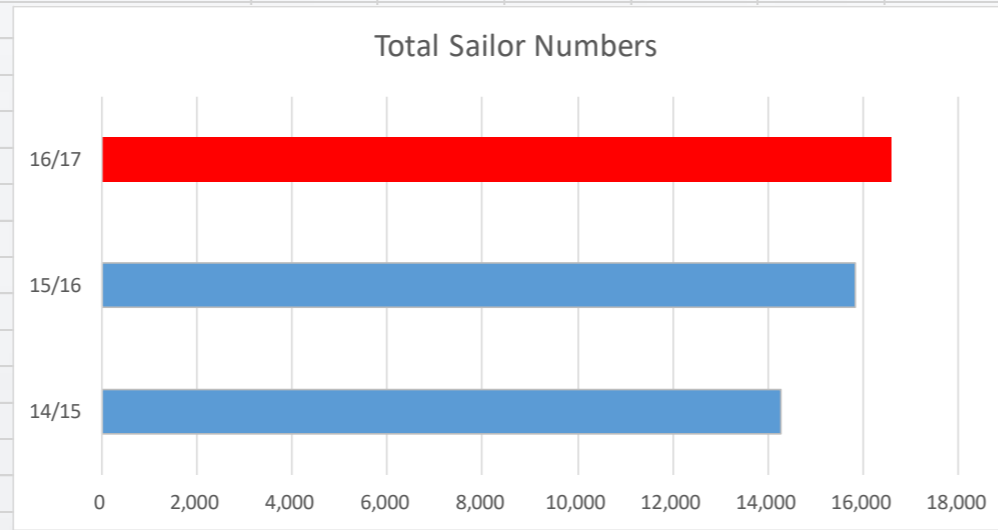
Infrastructure & Resources





Activity Data

Activity data for the twelve months April to March with comparison against the two previous years





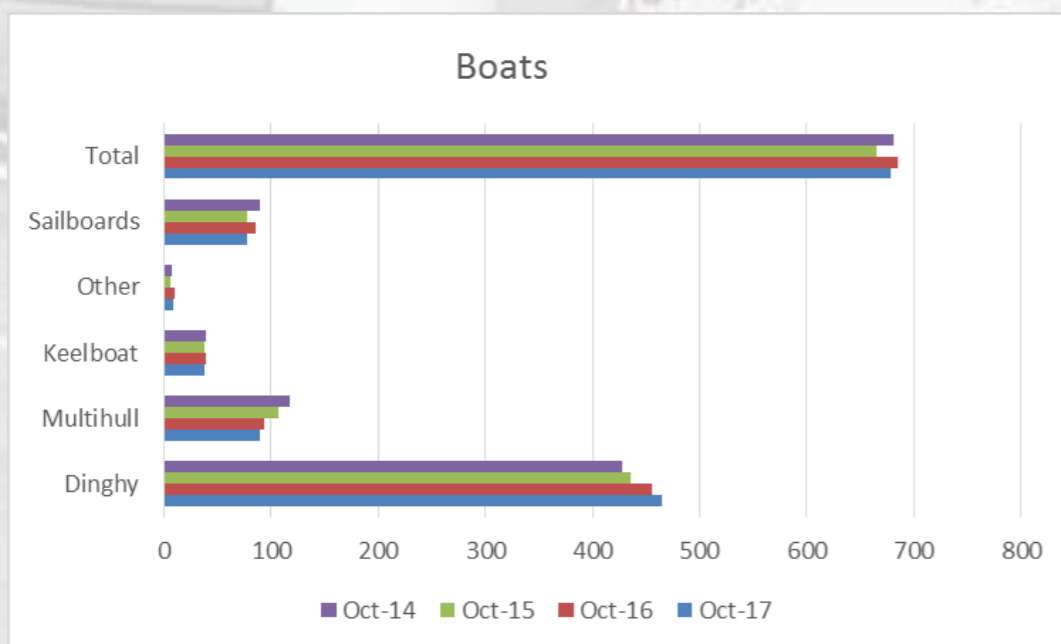
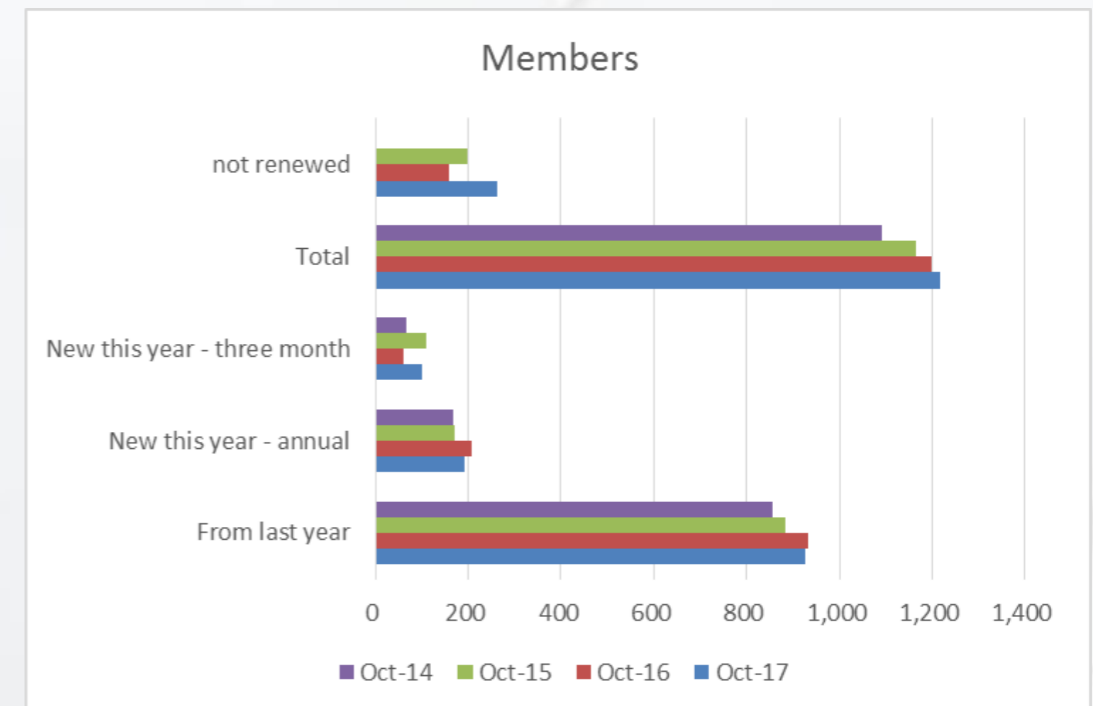
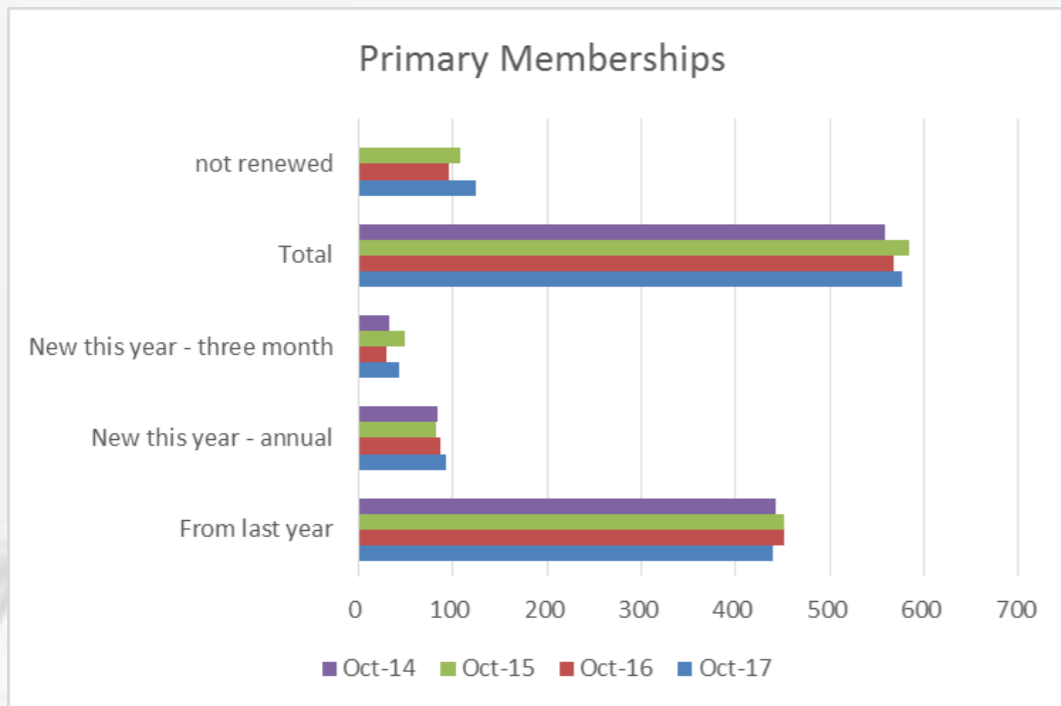
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Activities

Friendly Friday
#thisgirlcan
Wednesday Racing
Sunday Racing
Open Meetings
Visitor Training

Saturdays:
Team Grafham
Club Coaching
Sociable Saturday
Training School

Membership



Analysis of leavers

Over 3 years	67
2 to 3 years	28
1 to 2 years	36
7 mths to 1 yr	49
up to 7 mths	70

Infrastructure & Resources

Onshore

Gents Heating

Race Hut

George's Hut

Gents Showers

Café decoration

Water & Space Heating

Accessible toilet

Equipment Barn

On Water

Fixed Marks

Club Boats

Jetties

AWA replacement



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Sailing Area

Discussed at Safety Committee
Existing arrangements complex
Can we simplify



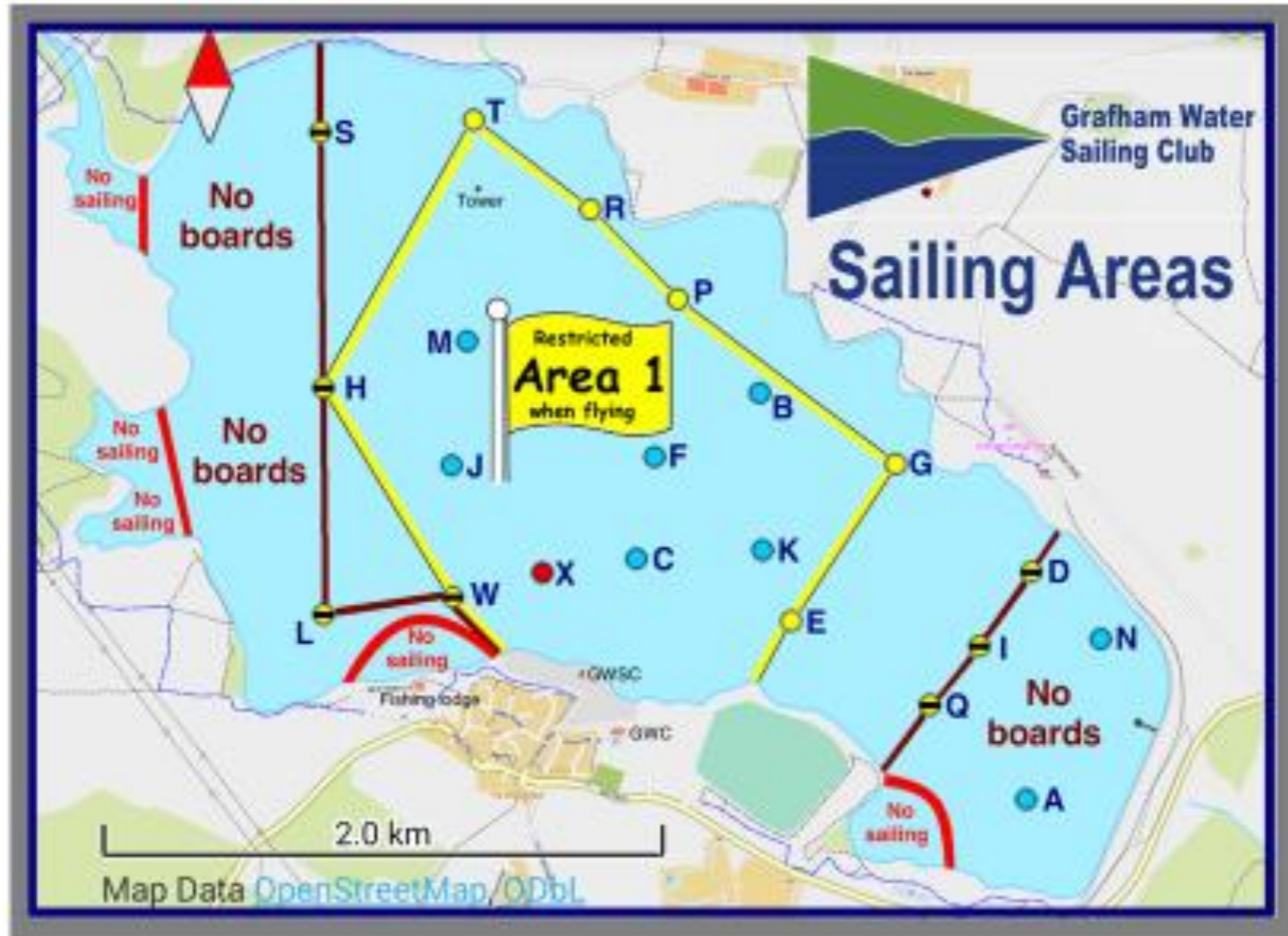
Sailing Area

Green		Normal sailing areas
Yellow		Restricted sailing – Area 1 only
Red/White		Experienced sailors only – restricted to Area 1. <i>For guidance, you are considered "experienced" if, in the prevailing conditions, you can (unaided) right your boat and return to the club's shore.</i>
Red		Water closed – no sailing allowed
Blue / Green		Blue-green algae present: wear suitable protection and wash after sailing
Blue / White		Experienced windsurfers only – water closed to dinghies, catamarans and keelboats. <i>For guidance, you are considered "experienced" if, in the prevailing conditions, you can waterstart your rig and return to the club's shore.</i>
Black		Compulsory wearing of wet / dry suits

- d) **Safety: The attention of sailors is drawn to the safety recommendations posted around the club.** Craft may be launched, subject to restrictions indicated by the display from the waterfront flag poles of one or more of the following flags:
- When a **yellow flag** is flying, sailing is restricted to Area 1 as defined on maps situated around the Club.
 - When a **red flag** alone is flying, **all sailing is prohibited.**
 - When a **red flag is hoisted** during normal opening hours and **repeated sound signals** are made from the shore, all craft afloat **must** return to the shore **immediately.** (Normal use of the red flag to signify a port hand course, or movement of a racing mark to port, shall not signify emergency closure).
 - A **white and red IC flag 'U'** will be flown in strong wind conditions. This signifies that only experienced sailors who can cope with these conditions should launch and are restricted to Area 1. For guidance, you are considered "experienced" if, in the prevailing conditions, you can (unaided) right your boat and return to the club's shore.
 - A **blue and white flag** indicates that conditions are such that dinghy sailing is not allowed but experienced windsurfers are permitted to sail – water closed to dinghies, catamarans and keelboats. For guidance, you are considered "experienced" if, in the prevailing conditions, you can waterstart your rig and return to the club's shore.
 - Wet or dry suits **must** be worn whilst sailing during the period **1st November to 31st March** and outside this period when the water temperature is **less than 5 degrees C.** The latter will be signified by flying a **black flag** from the jetty in front of the Clubhouse.



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http://www.grafham.org/wp-content/uploads/_pdfs/Club%20Racing/GWSC-Sailing-Areas.pdf

Reasons for change

All buoys (except X) are now blue barrels so we need new maps of the water

Our flag system and Area 1 is complex: can we simplify it?

Area 1 is often ignored

Area 1 is hard to police and there are no sanctions for ignoring the rule

When the green flag is flying, sailing areas are currently different for dinghies and boards; and what about cruisers?



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Possible simplification

Do away with Area 1

Do away with windsurfer exclusion zones

Sailing area is whole lake within site of coxswain shed unless special restrictions apply

Special restrictions bespoke, indicated by distinctive flag (yellow with cross), described in clubhouse

Sunday afternoons

Currently an underutilised “slot” –
represents an opportunity

How best to use to increase participation

Holistic approach – not just about
“racing”

Questionnaire about to go out to all
members

Sunday afternoons

Sunday afternoon sailing, over the last few years, has been a mixture of organised racing and non-racing activities without any particular structure. We would like to know

1. if you do not race is there anything which would improve and encourage your enjoyment of the water, or Club facilities
2. if you do race, whether or not the existing format should continue, and
3. if you do not race but would like to, what changes (if any) are required to support you.



Sunday afternoons

How might the following changes alter your participation

Shorter Sunday afternoon races

Longer Sunday afternoon races

A monthly Sunday afternoon special event

A Sunday afternoon pursuit race

Are there any other sailing, not necessarily racing activities you would like to see on Sunday afternoons?

Other suggestions



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