



# Chichester Harbour Federation

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## News from Chris Savage - Chairman of The Federation ChiFed News - Club Secretaries please circulate to your members

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Following our well attended AGM, there are some points to bring to your attention.

Our website has recovered from hacking which delayed updating, but now shows our new officers and we are starting to compile our 2019 Year Book. We expect this to be the last time it will be published on paper, to be replaced by a rolling updated version on our website and ask for your prompt responses when our new Hon. Secretary, Chris Blevins, requests details of your clubs new officers.



We have GDPR to comply with this year, so please ensure permission is held for publication even in the limited circulation of this select publication! A key date already is the Chichester Harbour Race Week August 19th - 23rd 2019 with details to be posted early in the new year at the Race Week website [click here](#).

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### RYA Club of the Year

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DQSC, has commendably managed to reach the finals of the RYA Club of the Year Competition and Commodore Sue Nash would love to see some voting support from our harbour clubs.

CYC was a finalist a couple of years back, but let's see if we can get DQSC into a winning position this time.

*Message from Sue:* Please will you help us to succeed in becoming Club of the Year by getting your friends and family to vote and of course voting yourself. You can vote by visiting the RYA website [by clicking here](#)

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### Langstone Pilot Gigs

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A presentation to the AGM by Mike Gilbert of Langstone Pilot Gigs on the rapidly expanding popularity of rowing in the harbour attracted considerable interest.

Two of our clubs, BSC and ISC, already have gigs their members are enjoying rowing. The emphasis is very much on recreational rowing and of the countrywide take up, 60% is by the ladies.



A high level of usage with no need for personal ownership and thus reduced boat park space all help and members initially attracted to rowing facilities are finding their way into sailing.

Good news for club membership! Chris Blevins runs gig rowing at ISC and has kindly agreed to steer Fed development in the harbour. Contact him by email by [clicking here](#) for more details or to arrange a presentation to your club by Mike Gilbert. We will assess club reaction and report back to you on how we see the Fed being able to help with this in the next year.

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## RYA and Youth Forum News

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Marcus Lawson has taken over from me as the Federation representative member on the RYA South Committee and liaises closely with our Regional development Officer, Susie Moore, who most of you know.

There are a number of RYA events to put in the diary for next year, including a Race Officer's Training day to be held at HISC on the 19th February. We always need more properly trained RO's and courses are now infrequent, so please think about candidates from your club. Minimum age 16 (??)

Our initiative to train Sailing Instructors in conjunction with Cobnor Activities Centre Trust has met with an encouraging response with six SI's trained already and six more in the new year.

The new Fed Youth Coordinator Simon Radford, brings a wealth of experience from BSC as a very successful Rear Cdr Cadets, before he became Cdr there, which he is hoping to share with all our clubs.

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*100 Years and still going strong*

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Keeping it in the family, DQSC member Liz Sagues has written a book 'Emsworth Sailing Club - A Centenary History' to mark that very considerable event for ESC and we send them our warmest congratulations.

May they still be there in another hundred years still happily sailing in our wonderful harbour!

In our 94th year, your Federation is not so far behind. There were only four clubs when we were formed, but already a need to regulate racing in the harbour was called for!

We've been doing it ever since and now with fifteen clubs, we are the busiest racing harbour in the UK and very possibly in the world.

By the agreement with our Harbourmaster and by strict observance of our Federation Racing Regulations our clubs are able to enjoy a minimal level of formality in racing that is the envy of most other harbours in the country.

That's not all we do as, under the 1971 Chichester Harbour Act, we provide four members to sit on the Conservancy Advisory Committee and two members on the Conservancy Itself. So we have a very powerful voice in Conservancy management, uniquely the only harbour board to manage an AONB.

A survey earlier this year found the Fed to be the least well known of all the harbour wide organisations. We'd like to change this and so I am very glad to welcome Alison Wakelin as the first lady VC of the Fed. Alison is MD and owner of Emsworth Yacht Harbour and is a member of the Section of the Fed for harbour businesses. She is already experienced from serving on both the Fed Chairman's Committee and the Conservancy Advisory Committee, representing the British Marine Company.

With your support and suggestions our new team look to reinvigorate the Fed for the benefit of all our members as we head towards our own centenary.

The Fed Officers join me in sending you seasonal greetings and our best wishes for some great sailing for all our members in 2019!

Chris Savage  
Chairman Chichester Harbour Federation

