



Wianno Yacht Club

Vanguard 15 Fleet E-Newsletter

Early June 2010

2010 Vanguard 15 season opens with a Rigging/Tuning Session and fun race June 19th 2010.

Saturday morning racing begins in just a few weeks on June 26th. Come down and join us a week prior (6/19) at 10:00 a.m. as we help each other rig and then shake them down on the water. This is a great opportunity to work out the kinks before we start counting finishes.

Attention! Cronin Trophy changes.

The date of the Cronin Trophy (the V15 Club Championship) has been moved up to **Sunday, July 18th**. The print Calendar reflects the old date, but the new date is posted at the website.

The Cronin will be raced outside the cut for the first time this year (if the breeze cooperates). We plan to set courses right off the beach. We had a great turnout last year and expect even better this year. It should be a lot of fun!

There will be a skippers meeting this year and actual SI's (the regatta is growing up!). There also may be on-the-water judges. There was some discussion after last years regatta that rules weren't followed as closely as we would expect in a club championship. We are hoping to tighten that up. It's just more fun & safer for everyone if everyone plays fair.

Then afterwards, just like last year, we'll have a **cookout and awards ceremony** with trophies being presented by M/C Paddy Cronin.

New to Racing?

Once again, we'll be offering a beginner's racing whiteboard session for all those interested. This informal session will be an overview of rules, courses and some basic strategies and tactics that will help beginner's feel okay about getting out there and mixing it up with us. Even some older salts might find this useful, as we'll be going over significant changes with the 2009 – 2012 racing Rules of Sailing.

Contact fleet captain Steve Neidhardt (617-686-0954, blooztune@aol.com) and a date and time will be arranged.

New to V15's?

There several avenues available to you if you've just gotten into this boat and are looking to come up to speed as quickly as possible:

1. The National Class Website www.V15.org has a great article archive where you can find tuning and rigging guides and tips from the best V15 sailors. Luther Carpenter, an avid v15 sailor and Olympic coach has many articles on rigging and racing these boats (check out his tips on rigging with some excellent photos at http://homepage.mac.com/luth2008/V15_Stuff/Menu42.html). Also, check out the forums section and use the search function if you have a specific question in mind.
2. Ask questions. Find the more experienced sailors in the fleet and ask how they were setup for a specific set of conditions. How do you find them? They're usually the ones who's rudders you've been seeing all day. And don't be shy, everyone's happy to help and looking to make you a better V15 sailor....really.
3. Come down to rigging/tuning day. We'll be discussing, hands on, how to best set up the boat.
4. Crew for someone. The best way to learn any new boat is to get out on one. And better yet? Sail with someone who's experienced with the boat.

Now two Club Boats are available

Many thanks to Brent Jansen for donating his V15 "Cookie Monster" to the club. It is available, with the other club boat, first come first served. (Please reserve boats with a steward in advance!)

