

PPCA
Club Development
Plan For 2015
And Future Ideas
Towards 2019

December 2014 To Be Review Yearly

PPCA Current Position

Club Aims - The aim of the club is to promote the sport of Canoeing and Kayaking in a safe and organised manner. To provide coaching and activities under the direction of BCU qualified coaches.

Club Structure - The club is managed by a committee appointed annually at the AGM. The committee meets monthly with the AGM taking place in October/November. The club is run by volunteers.

Activities - The club runs a large amount of activities all year round. Which include Recreational Kayaking and Canoeing, White Water River Trips, Sea Kayaking and Coaching sessions.

Facilities and Assets - The club at present rents two in number storage sheds at the Mount Batten Centre. One shed is for the storage of member's boats and the second shed is for the club equipment which includes Kayaks, Canoes, Paddles, BA and Spray Decks

Membership - The club is open to all members of the public who have a BCU 1* Award or are at of an equivalent standard and the membership rates are as detailed in the PPCA website.

Financial Status -The club's main income is through membership subscriptions which are collected annually, other sources of income are generated by the provision of taster sessions and the delivery of BCU One star courses. Our main expenditure is to the Mountbatten Center for rental of two sheds. Other considerations for our budget include affiliation fees to the BCU, club insurance, renewal and maintenance of Club equipment and general administration cost. Members have the opportunity to become affiliated members of the Mountbatten Centre for an additional membership subscription.

Review Of Previous Development Plan

Aims:

- Finance Control
- Develop the youth section with the potential of a Youth Committee
- Expand the number of quality coaches at the higher levels
- Canoeing on white water

Finance Control

Our finances are on the up, with continued income coming from membership, Taster sessions, One Star Courses and Scout sessions. The club sought out additional funding from various external organisations. We were successful in obtaining 2 grants from, Devon Community Foundation and Devonport Royal Dockyard Employee Trust. This money was used to upgrade our youth boat fleet and to obtain cags and BA's, of mixed sizes.

The sale of some of our older boats, allowed us to carry out some continued maintenance and repairs on our fleet. Which included, upgrading fittings, on the open boats paying to make them safer for use on both sea and rivers.

Development Of Youth

Paddlepower was again successful, with filling all 12 places. This was a 6 week course for 9-12yrs for £50. The success could be down to the session moving from a Wednesday night to a Monday. The coaches sessions, included kayaking to a 1 Star standard, introduction of canoes, and various long distance picnic, paddles. It was agreed once the course ended, the coaches would arrange a once a monthly paddle, just as a continuation for the participants until the end of the kayaking season, and make it more value for money. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful, due to changes in the coaches' personal circumstances.

For a 2nd year running we got involved with Sportivate, funded by Sport England. (This was a 6 week course for 12-18yrs for £30 giving them a year's member to the club once completed). We managed to run 2 courses of 12 spaces. Of which most participants have continued with the club, and working towards higher Star awards, showing interest in Canoe and White Water paddling. This is an improvement from 2013, where only a few continued into

a 2nd year with the club. With these committed members, we now have a foundation to build on, and a few ideas floating around for a youth progression for 2015.

Expanding Coaching.

Unfortunately due to various personal circumstances, the club failed to gain either any new Level 1 or upgrade any Level 2 or above. However 2 club members gained a 4 Star Leadership Award in Sea Kayaking and 1 who gained 4 star Leader in Open Canoeing.

Looking back over 2014, the club has 3-5 L1 coaches, that are looking / in the processes of L2 training. Also the club has 2 budding youth members that have helped with Sportivate. So it would be good if the club would look about supporting these people in 2015.

Canoeing On White Water.

With canoeing interest growing, the aimed to introduce open boat white water trips. We trialed this in winter 2013 / 14 with monthly trips, which was a success. For 2014 / 15 running trips monthly, but also the WW coaches have encouraged open boats to join on regular kayaking trips as peer paddlers.

5 YEAR PLAN

YEAR 1 2015:

- Control and monitor the financial situation within the club – Continue to bring money into the club, via membership, courses and seeking funding.
- Continue to expand the youth membership, with the potential to introduce separate sessions into the program.
- Maintain, and support the growing interest in Canoeing both on White Water and 3 Star.
- Look at re- introducing funding for coaches – be more knowledgeable where coaches can seek own funding.
- Review Boat Storage – Ideas to make the members shed profitable to cover rent, by looking at re-arranging for maximum storage of all boats.
- Build stronger links with Mount Batten – work together for mutual benefit and to increase opportunities for Paddlesport in the southwest.
- Paddlebility – Use resources available to us, to gain knowledge / experience, to become a club, where we can offer paddling activities to the disabled.

Review / Pencil Notes

YEAR 2 2016:

- Put new boat storage solutions into practice, if possible.
- Form links with other clubs, with the visions of introducing added activities like, racing, water polo, and trips.
- Build on Paddleability with the vision of having / adapted regular sessions
- Continue to seek funding - especially for Paddleability equipment
- New equipment to replace old – ie boat fleet.
- Continue to work and develop the youth program – introducing a youth forum / Committee.
- Ideas for celebrating 45th Birthday in 2017

YEAR 3 2017:

- Continue to build stronger links with other clubs, expanding new activities
- Look to expand the program with trips away from Plymouth
- Continue to work on Youth and Paddleability programs
- Continued coach development via funding opportunities and support
- 45th Birthday Celebrations
- Look into forming links with local schools / youth clubs – to provide events – ie taster sessions / Outdoor Ed program / boat races

YEAR 4 2018:

- Continue the on-going review of replacement / increase equipment
- Continue coach development
- Review how open boating has developed.
- Review youth Development
- Investigate the possibilities of our own club house / facilities.

YEAR 5 2019:

Review ongoing stability etc