

BM Report - Dec 2020

A quieter few weeks but we're still pushing to keep the Scout Troops afloat and engaged in a practical programme with whatever opportunities we can offer and help keep their weekly 'test-work' relevant and interesting.

There have been a couple of keelboat activities over the last few weeks, which is great and sections have supported this with chartwork and passage planning at their meetings which is an ideal rounded activity to develop our sea scouting and boating skills.

This has been complimented with the launch of our Lighthouse Challenge which has been well received by the Scouts as they push hard to upskill their abilities to create safe and exciting local coastal day trips. No bets on yet as to which Troop will be on the lighthouse alumni board first or indeed who will be our first Scout to reach 100 nautical miles afloat!

By this stage we would have already completed a review of the year and have a draft plan for next year.

It's obviously very difficult and very different this year but nevertheless we are currently looking at the calendar for 2021.

Some of our goals for next year will be to finish the various instructor schemes currently on the books, conduct some formal leader sail training to fill the skills gap and to continue working closely with the Sections to push their seamanship skills and boating programme. Specifically getting the junior Sections wet and pushing the skill levels of the senior Sections.

If any Section has specific aspirations for activity or training next year just let us know. We hope to have a provisional calendar shortly which is subject to the ongoing Covid restrictions.