



BABBACOMBE CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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GENERAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

General Committee have approved the purchase of some new and much needed kitchen equipment, including a plate/food warmer and bain-maries. This will greatly help us to offer you more events with food, see below for more information on these.

The General Committee would also like to invite you to renew your membership and take advantage of all that the club has to offer both sailing and social _ see the website for more details. Forms are available on the website and at the top clubhouse.

- Full £20
- Senior (in receipt of OAP) £15
- Junior £5

Sadly if you have not renewed by 31st March 2017 you will be deemed to no longer be a member of the club which is a shame in these times of increased participation and planning for a new beach clubhouse. Please renew and join us in an exciting time going forward.

We still need an Hon Sec, please let us know if you can help.

Tickets are on sale at the top clubhouse for our very popular Curry Night £8 on Saturday 1st April

MEMBERSHIP

We continue to be up on our membership renewals against last year with 23 new members this year to date. We are, therefore, incorporating a new members night with the Vice Commodores Reception on Friday March 24th to allow these members to meet existing members, ask questions and see what is on offer. Invitations will be issued in the next few days.

Last chance to get your name down for the Pool competition, please email Lyn on lpm52@hotmail.co.uk by Friday 10th March if you wish to participate

HOUSE COMMITTEE

The tidying up continues and we have, this month, repaired and repainted both the cellar and the back office.

Our March events are as follows:

- 8th March - Music: Rolling Stones at Glastonbury
- 11th March - Blue Cross Quiz
- 15th March - Film: The Commitments
- 18th March - Film: The Fifth Element
- 24th March - VC Reception/New Members Night
- 29th March - Film: Brassed Off with a Fish & Chip supper

We will be showing all the Six Nations matches over the next 2 weekends, Rolls will be on offer for £1

April Saturday Dates for your Diary

- 1st April - Curry Night £8
- 8th April - Bingo Night
- 15th April - Easter Draw
- 22nd April - St Georges Supper £10
- 29th April - Film: Full Monty

More information on these will be issued nearer the time

SAILING AND TRAINING

So we're back on the water, kicking off the training this season with a powerboat course for three new members. Congrats to Stephen, Simon and John on gaining their Level 2 certificates.

This was followed by an RYA First Aid course attended by a dozen members.



The Tuesday talks are going down well and this month we will cover racing, club boats for hire, safety boating and beach volunteer training.

For Power boaters - and all are encouraged to attend - we are running two practical refresher sessions on safety boat techniques. These are on Saturday 18th March pm and Sunday 19th am. Places are available on either date - please contact Guy or pop your name on DutyMan.



For our recently qualified sailors, or perhaps those old sea dogs who feel a little rusty, we'll be running refresher / improver sessions **EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON** (1.30pm-4.30pm) from 1st April through to early May. These sessions will be part shore-based, mostly afloat and instructor led.



We're very pleased to report that the club will be strengthening its team of RYA dinghy instructors by providing instructor training for FIVE of our very own sailors at Oddicombe next month.

And looking forward to the start of the club racing season, we'll be kicking off sailing on Sunday April 2nd with a social fun race sailing session just to ease us all back on the water. Club racing will follow on Sundays thereafter.

Novices - We will be running beginners courses and taster sessions for new sailors in April & May - please contact Guy, guy.hester1@gmail.com or 07769 726666 if you interested in learning to sail with us

SAILING/PARKING FEES

Sailors are reminded to please ensure that their boat parking and sailing fees are paid before the end of the month (March), and to ensure they have submitted their signed declaration forms, as this is a condition of sailing,

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We have agreed the amendments to ensure access from the boat park to the slipway. However, the final draft has been delayed whilst the Club considered the implications for an enlarged boat park area, should the Council agree to the rock catch fence being moved. We now have a full appreciation of any changes to the boat park and the final draft for signature from the Council is due.

BOTTOM CLUB HOUSE IMPROVEMNTS

We installed the hot water heater in the Galley area earlier this month. At the same time we discovered a leaking roof (more of the old tiles have been broken) which had soaked the galley worktops so some urgent repairs are underway.

We are starting to paint the new window boards for the Beach Clubhouse this month and whilst we have had some donations for suitable primer and undercoat we still need some exterior top coat / gloss especially white, blue and green.

PAINT urgently required please - Exterior top coat/gloss especially white, blue and green. Do you have any lying around in the shed or garage, even half a tin can help please - if so contact Lyn lpm52@hotmail.co.uk

Our plans for redeveloping the Beach Clubhouse are still underway and for the last few weeks we have been exploring what we can do to support accessibility and disabled users. We are expecting to have discussions with the Council and are talking to the RYA Regional Disability Development Officer. Once we have a clearer idea of these requirements we will start to finalise our draft plans.

If you have any questions on the lease or the Clubhouse improvements please talk to Adrian Mark or email him on adrianhmark@yahoo.co.uk

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