



# BABBACOMBE CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER

April 2017



## GENERAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Another good month for the club with the training sessions starting and many people being involved in these, both on and out of the water.

The Committee is looking at bar prices following the recent budget and other cost increases, but as yet they are unable to confirm what level this will be. The Commodore and others will be meeting soon to finalise this.

We have had some good social events with some members trying out their culinary skills and the first round of the Pool competition has been completed.

However, we still need an Hon Sec so please let us know if you can help.

Do you fancy helping out behind the bar, we need some more volunteers please. Training and support will be given

## SAILING AND TRAINING

Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> saw the first of our improver training sessions - a series of five Saturday afternoon sessions which recap on Level 2 and go on to explore the Level 3 "Better Sailing" skills. This will overlap with Youth Stage 3/4 skills for our juniors too. These sessions are open to all our members at a cost of £10 per session, including boat hire. We meet at the beach clubhouse at 1.30pm.



April 1<sup>st</sup> was also the start day of our first beginner's training course (RYA L1/2). Many congrats to Stuart, Lucy, Steve, Dave, Helen, Linda and Mike on gaining their certificates.



A further RYA Level 1 and 2 course is planned for the end of May at a cost to members of £130. We will also be looking to run a further PowerBoat course at the same time at a cost of £70. Please contact Guy Hester if you are interested

Tickets are on sale at the top clubhouse for our English Supper £10 on Saturday 22nd April

This month also sees FIVE of our own BCSC sailors being trained up to become RYA dinghy instructors. The club is grateful to Pete Muskett of the RYA for putting on this course for us at Oddicombe, and we hope the newly qualified instructors will find a rewarding outlet for their new skills with BCSC.

Alongside the training, the sailing season kicked off its programme on April 2<sup>nd</sup> with a social sail, and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April saw the first race of the Early Spring Series on a bright sunny day with a gentle breeze. Well done to James, Finlay and John for being the best helms of the day!

Tuesday evening club sailing moves off the dance floor and onto the water on 2<sup>nd</sup> May!



This year we are also putting on Friday evening social sailing from 19<sup>th</sup> May, including training

sessions for our juniors - see the Website for more details.

17<sup>th</sup> May - Music: Beatles 8 Days a week  
27<sup>th</sup> May - New Members Night with Babbacombe Bay Rollers  
31<sup>st</sup> May - Music: U2

More information on these will be issued nearer the time

Unfortunately we have to advise you that with the shortage of bar volunteers we may have to shut the club, at short notice, if no-one has offered to run the bar. Even if you only do 1 session a month it helps, please consider it and there is the reward of a £3 voucher

Do you have an idea for a social activity? Contact us to discuss it further

### LEASE

The saga of the new lease continues however, it appears the finishing line is in sight! The new lease places some additional insurance requirements on the Club and we are currently waiting to hear from the Clubs Brokers as to the costs and any conditions. If these prove acceptable then we are ready to sign.

### BOTTOM CLUB HOUSE IMPROVEMNTS

The RYA Regional Disability Development Officer (DDO) visited the Beach Clubhouse and we were able to discuss our plans etc. The discussion confirmed our understanding of the sort of aspects the Club must consider, and generally provide for, with any new development. We have also had an initial conversation with the Council Building Control section and will now be taking this aspect forward to discuss the possible options with them. We will then be able to develop our plans further with the Architects.

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](mailto:adrianhmark@yahoo.co.uk)

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Message from the Vice Commodores  
Safety boaters, beachmasters and volunteers - please now come forward to help on Saturdays and Sundays. Slots are listed on DutyMan. Please be proactive, we don't want to chase. Training and guidance will be provided where needed.



Just a reminder that we are running 'Push The Boat Out', our sailing open days, on Sat May 13<sup>th</sup> and Sat May 20<sup>th</sup>. Free tasters are on offer to tempt potential sailing members. We'll also need some help on the beach please for those weekends.



And don't forget the Westerlys' are coming to visit us on 1st July, more details will be issued nearer the time but keep the date free and come and join us on the beach for a BBQ. **All** members are welcome, whether you sail or not, cost £10

### MEMBERSHIP

Our renewal period is now completed and our current membership is looking very healthy with many new sailors coming on board. As always though we continue to look for new members so please think about joining your family, friends and workmates. Bring them along to a sailing or social activity so they can see what the club has to offer.

### HOUSE COMMITTEE

We now have some new kitchen equipment that is greatly assisting our social events.

### Dates for your Diary

April

15<sup>th</sup> April - Film: Hop with the Easter Draw

19<sup>th</sup> April - Film: Black Ball

22<sup>nd</sup> April - St Georges Supper £10

26<sup>th</sup> April - Music: Rory Gallagher

29<sup>th</sup> April - Film: Full Monty

May

3<sup>rd</sup> May - Music: Cream

6<sup>th</sup> May - Michael Flatley, Lord of the Dance

10<sup>th</sup> May - Music: ELO

13<sup>th</sup> May - Eurovision