



## BABBACOMBE CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB COMMODORES NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2019



Well we've had the AGM last month and for some reason you've still got me as your Commodore!

We do however, have a new Vice Commodore in Steve Norman and some new faces on the General Committee - a full list of Officers and GC members is below. Both Steve and Ted have new committees as well, also with some new faces. My thanks to everyone who has volunteered to help us run BCSC

I'd also like to thank Jan Hester for the great job she did as VC last year, along with all the other committee members who have stood down.

As I have said before please let us have your views on anything the Club is doing or indeed you think we should be doing, whether that's sailing or social.

### **General Committee**

Commodore – Adrian Mark  
President – Roger Southcombe  
Vice Commodore – Steve Norman  
Rear Commodore – Ted Hardy  
Treasurer – Lyn Mark  
Immed. Past Commodore – Dave Homer  
Sheila Brewer  
Rowena Doble  
Mike Ives  
Andy Probert  
Rob Robinson  
Stuart Saunders  
Nicki Spalding; and  
Karin Sundholm

If anyone wants to come along to a future GC as an observer to see your Committee in action, please let me know.

We held our first GC meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov and one of our first topics was to start looking at our membership etc. fees for the coming year. We will aim to agree the rates by January in good time for the new membership and sailing year from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

Both Steve and Ted have also held their first new Sailing and House Committees and there are some great sailing and social events planned. Watch out for the weekly updates highlighting the events as well as the posters in the Club and announcements on the Website and Facebook.

Our most recent affiliates are the Disabled Sailing Association (see Sailing Matters below). We add them to Rotary, Cary Park Tennis Club, Cary Park Bowls Club, Friends around the Bay and Over 60s Young at

Heart. Members of all those groups are more than welcome to come to our events or just come into the Top Club House for a drink.

### **Dinner & Dance**

Can I make this a last call for Dinner & Dance on 30<sup>th</sup> November, tickets are only £25.00 for members and £30 for non-members and guests. We have about 70 booked so far so there's a few spaces available and its sure to be a great night of wine, food, music and dancing. See the website for more details and menu choices.

### **Sailing Matters**

Since the last Newsletter we've officially finished our sailing for the year and we held the Prize Giving about a month ago so my belated congratulations to all the award recipients and indeed to everyone who has been on the water this year, sailing, helping in any way including on the beach and all you kayakers. It's also a big thank you to Guy and the other Instructors for all their hard work.

As part of the close-down for this year we are planning a couple of Saturday morning Beach work parties on 30<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December, both from 10.00 a.m. If you can spare a couple of hours to lend a hand it will make the jobs that much easier and quicker, so look out for the announcements or please contact Steve.

Part of our plan this year is to acquire some new training boats. Whilst we will be looking for grants to help with this, we would also like to sell some of our dinghies to club members, there's our Kestral and three of our "original" Laser 2000s (the yellow hulled ones) up for grabs. Please contact Steve in the first instance if you are interested.

We will shortly be publishing our sailing schedule for 2020 to enable sailors to plan their diaries to take full advantage of the junior, racing, social and training sessions. The year will kick off with a series of briefings held on Tuesday evenings from March at the top clubhouse and are designed to be of interest to all our members and affiliates. We have scheduled our BCSC Regatta for 13/14 June so get the date in your diaries and hope the weather and conditions are good! Next year is also most likely (!) to be Dave Homer's last as Club Race Officer. If anyone is interested in training to be a qualified Race Officer please let Steve or I know.

Many of you will know we have recently affiliated with the Disabled Sailing Association and there are now a few individuals with membership of both organisations. By way of introduction we held a "Welcome to BCSC" evening at the beginning of November. The evening demonstrated just how much in common we have between our two organisations where we were able to swap our various sailing experiences. We look forward to seeing DSA members on the water and to sailing with them over the next 12 months.

### Beach Club House and Boat Park Regeneration

At long last we have got some progress on the Beach Clubhouse plans and I am attaching a copy of the latest draft sketches we've had drawn up. These are also on show in the Top Clubhouse (by the dart board) and are being refined before we start to engage with the Council on planning. So, with these plans and our informal cost estimates we are also able to start to explore grants and other potential funding sources.

### Top Club House

Events have been organised up to Christmas (sorry mentioned the dreaded word!) and beyond including our usual favourites with Torbay Brass Band back on Christmas Eve but before then we have films, parties and the Christmas Draw. On which note, we plough back 80% of all lines purchased into prizes so the more you buy the more prizes and chances of winning you have. So, every time you are in the Club buy a line or two!

We also have a Christmas Craft Fayre on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December. There will be a great range of hand-made items on sale, many, by our club members, as well as refreshments and hopefully a Tombola. So, come along and buy some unique Christmas presents.

We have almost completed repainting the Gents and will then be moving on to the Ladies toilets over the next couple of months. Apologies, but it does take a few weeks to do as we've only really got Mondays to carry out any work as the Top Club is in use on other days.

Following the success of Rowena's mural a couple of years ago down at the beach she is going to produce some artwork for the pool table cover. Whilst the work is in progress it will not be completely scratch or waterproof so if you are in the Club can I please ask you to take care whilst the work is underway.

### Fundraising

With Christmas approaching (said it yet again!) it's a time I know many of you will be shopping on-line. So, it would be great for BCSC if you all went through Easy Fundraising as every purchase you make with hundreds of "shops" will make a donation to BCSC club funds. It's not just Christmas presents either you'll get donations when you book holidays and sign on with new Utility and phone suppliers. Once you're registered with Easy Fundraising and chosen BCSC as your organisation to support every time you make a purchase that company will make a donation to us.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/babbacombebcsc/>

Another way to help us raise funds is to join Torbay Lottery, BCSC get 50% of all tickets sales and you get the chance to help Torbay raise funds for good causes and win their £25,000 jackpot.

<https://www.torbaylottery.co.uk/>

We raised over £1300 in the last financial year from these two sources but we could raise so much more if you all did it (we've only got 53 people registered with Easy Fundraising at the moment).

If anyone wants further information of help setting themselves up with these please email us at BCSC or see us when you are in the club.

### And Finally

Not a plea for bar volunteers this time rather to say you have done us proud this month as November's list was virtually full up within a few days, so mine and Ted's thanks.

Thanks again, and see you all soon

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Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing Club

# Christmas Craft Fayre

FREE ENTRY

**SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**  
**10am - 3pm**

Top Clubhouse, Fore Street, St Marychurch  
(Next to Co-op)

Quality Homemade Crafts  
Refreshments - Tombola

Plenty of stalls, Much choice, Something for everyone!  
Perfect time for a bit of Christmas Shopping

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