



BABBACOMBE CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB COMMODORES NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2019



Well, my black tie and dinner suit has gone away for another few months (or even a year!) after the Dinner & Dance and we have the Christmas decorations up in the top Clubhouse, and very good they look too, my thanks to the usual suspects for their hard work.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from myself and the Club Officers. We've had a great year, which is down to you as the members for supporting us both on the water and at the Top Club House with all the events.

We have the Christmas Draw and Party (Bring a Plate) on Saturday (21st) and of course the Torbay Brass Band, Carols and mince pies on Christmas Eve. Don't forget we will be open lunchtime (12-2) on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

In addition, we have a special live music night on Sat 28th December with a free raffle for all those attending and, of course, New Years Eve with Jools Holland on the big screen. Please bring a plate.

Membership

I hope you'll be pleased to hear that at the December General Committee meeting it was agreed to keep the annual membership fees at the same rate as the last couple of years i.e.
£25 Adult,
£20 Senior (over 65) and
£10 for Junior.

We are looking to introduce a Family membership as well as Student and Holiday rates. These new membership types were agreed at the October AGM, and further details on these will be available in due course.

Following the introduction of automating the Membership through MemberMoJo (MMJ) earlier this year the 2020 renewal cycle will be our first

under the new system. Early February please look out for our email asking you to login and renew (check your spam). All renewals can now be done online making it easier for our members.

As this is the first time, we've been through the MMJ renewal cycle please bear with us if there are any unexpected glitches.

Sailing Matters

Some of our gallant volunteers spent two Saturdays cleaning up the Beach Club House and Boat park. For the eagle eyed amongst you, you will have noticed we have removed the old and decaying viewing platform and scaffolding. My grateful thanks to everyone involved – you know who you are!

We also had our annual RYA inspection recently which was greatly helped by all the boats and kit being checked over.

We now have the 2020 Sailing Calendar agreed and available on the website if you haven't already received it. Can I remind you that the 2020 BCSC Regatta is 13th and 14th June 2020.

Could I also ask that if any of you are not receiving Sailing matter emails, and you would like to be involved, please let me know at babbacombe.corinthians@gmail.com.

Beach Club House Regeneration

The draft plans which we sent you all last month have now been discussed with the Architect, following a number of comments, and we await the updated plans. Once we have these revised plans, and we are happy with them, we will be starting on the planning permission application.

One other big step for us is to start identifying and raising the additional funding we believe we need. Whilst the exact figure is not known at present, we estimate we will need about £100,000 in extra funding like grants, donations or possibly loans to be able to complete the refurbishment.

We will be going to a number of identified bodies and organisations for help over the next year e.g. Sport England but if anyone has ideas, suggestions or any experience in this please let me know. It is easier to get lots of smaller grants and donations than one single large one so please do let us have your comments etc.

Top Club House

We have had several well attended events over the last few weeks and I hope to see you all over the Christmas and New Year period.

We got into the swing of Christmas with some roast turkey rolls/batches/baps/cobs (delete as necessary, depending on which part of the country you come from!) complete with stuffing and cranberry sauce on Sunday December 8th courtesy of Neil (and Anne!) and we will be looking to make a regular event of Sunday roast rolls in the New Year (any volunteers to be chef on the day please let Ted know).

For those of you who haven't been into the top clubhouse lately this Christmas we are trialing a Winter Ale from Dartmoor Brewery - Dragon's Breath – I think it's really nice so you may see it on for a while even if no one else is drinking it!

Calling all handy men and women, painters and decorators. We want to refresh / repaint the inside of the top club house and whilst we could call in someone we would like to see if there are a few of us who could do the painting. It's really just the main room, ceiling, walls and woodwork. We are planning it for the Springtime so if you fancy wielding a roller or paint brush, please let Ted or I know.

I would like to thank all the new bar volunteers. It has made such a difference and I hope you have enjoyed it too. Please continue your help in 2020.

Facebook

As many of you will know we do use Facebook to publicise our events so if you are on Facebook and you've not asked to be our 'Friend', please do so as it is another way we can keep you up to date with news etc.

Thanks again and see you all over the Christmas and New Year.

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1. Head to [Easy Fundraising](#) and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to BCSC

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