



BABBACOMBE CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB COMMODORES NEWSLETTER LATE MAY 2020



News

Despite the last Newsletter being less than two weeks ago a lot has been going on since then to be able to issue another one.

In February 2020 we applied to **Torbay Lottery** for a small grant to help with the clubs plans for the purchase of some additional boats. Well on 18th May, just after the last Newsletter we received notification that we were successful and have now received £2000 towards a new boat. As a reminder if you join Torbay Lottery and nominate BCSC we get 50% of your ticket money each time you play so we can win two ways!

We are continuing with our grant applications and will be submitting a small grant request to **Sport England** next week to assist us in our quest to buy more suitable boats for our range of sailors and taking into account social distancing etc. at this time.

The government announced that schools will open from 1st June and many shops will open on 15th plus there are some other changes. Unfortunately, none of these announcements change the position for the club for the immediate future. The situation obviously changes each week with further announcements and relaxations, so we are constantly keeping the matter under review.

To keep moving forward we have a draft COVID-19 Plan with Risk Assessments covering the Top Club and the Beach (including kayaking). This will be completed by next week and revisited as matters develop. We've also been contacting people who use the club to see what they will expect from the club if and when they can return and what we need to have in place for when we are advised we can open.

Unfortunately, one of members kayaks has gone missing.



If anyone can help us locate this, please let me know.

Whilst dealing with this incident we took the opportunity to look at the kayaks stored on the premises and identify the owners. Can I please reiterate to both kayak and dinghy owners that whilst you store your property at BCSC, the club, cannot accept responsibility for any damage or theft. This is stated on the Parking Form which you should have all duly completed and returned. Our advice is that you should check on your property on a regular basis.

You must also insure your kayak/dinghy to ensure you hold cover for third party claims including public liability of a minimum £2M and you will continue to maintain such cover whilst your kayak/dinghy is in the BCSC compound. If you have still not returned your completed form as requested then please do so.

If kayak/dinghy owners are currently planning to go on the water (at their own risk) or you are planning to visit their craft to give them a spring clean, then you will note that caution signs have been put up on the compound gates



The signs are there to remind you to take every precaution when opening the combination locks and entering the compound.

This is obviously not just for your own personal safety but for the safety of other members as well.

We would suggest you bring with you both protective gloves and/or gel and wipe the lock with sanitising wet wipes after use, only touching your own boat and observing the current social distancing guidelines.

The club is not in a position to provide any of these hygiene products at present as the clubhouse is currently closed so please bring your own.

One other point to reiterate is that if you go down to get your kayak/boat out of the compound to go sailing, you **must** lock the compound whilst you are on the water.

The current closure of the club and undertaking the risk assessments is highlighting various items for us to take forward and we will keep you up to date through these Newsletters.

I apologise for raising this, however I have been asked to remind you please that if anyone has any problems, issues or complaints regarding the Club premises that they should be raised with myself as Commodore in the first instance in accordance with our Constitution and not shared on social media. Ultimately, using this platform could bring the club, as a whole, into disrepute, resulting in further complaints and disciplinary action being required. I know the use of social media is easy however, please remember our pages are open to the public to see as a way of publicising ourselves.

The impact of COVID-19 on activity everywhere, unfortunately, has seriously impacted the timetable for the Beach Club House Regen work. Planning and site visits have come to a halt as has a great deal of construction work with the inevitable backlogs and delays. As such we have recognised that we will have to delay the start of the work on site for a year until late Autumn 2021. So, with Stuart Moon, ably supported at times by Steve, undertaking a deal of work on the beach clubhouse it has been smartened up for when we can get back and open for sailing.

We will also be looking at whether the roof needs any temporary repairs as well as checking the electrics.

This work has made a difference and follows on from Stuart's work on the dinghy fleet. As well as the Picos, mentioned last time, the single and double handed Lasers have had a "spruce up" with 4.7 and radial rigs and trapezes making them more versatile for all the sailors to use.



At the time of writing the cliff railway is still not open and there are no toilets down on the beach. It looks like the cliff railway may open in line with shops etc and I have been corresponding with the "owner" of the toilets and hopefully, at least, the disabled toilet will be operational soon.

The barrier padlock has now been replaced and locked therefore there is no vehicular access to the promenade for the public.

In everything you do on and around the beach and possibly the water please can I remind you to respect and follow all guidelines from the Government, RNLI and RYA and above all stay safe.



Finally, we would ask that whilst we are all still in this slightly reduced state of lockdown and shopping on-line that you could do so through Easy Fundraising. This helps to raise some much-needed funds at no cost to yourselves. If you are already doing this, thank you

Easy Fundraising

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

Thank you and stay safe

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