



BABBACOMBE CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB COMMODORES NEWSLETTER JULY 2020



For those who have not looked on our website or Facebook page recently you will not have seen that we had a mention in the **Torbay Weekly** last week. I'm attaching a copy of the article which followed on from those about some of the other Sailing Clubs around the Bay also having the "spotlight" on them. There's a prize (exactly what I've yet to decide) for the first person to tell me who the sailor is. Unfortunately, "employees" of this publication, their families, the individual in question and their family are not eligible to enter.

Top Club

A few of you will know that we have had a leak from the roof for quite a while and despite some temporary repairs they have continued, so as I write the leaky roof has been fixed. We uncovered a couple of problems which have now been rectified. However, it does seem to be one of those instances where if you find one thing then another crops up! I thought you might find some pictures interesting to show that having removed some of the roof tiles we found a previous repair and the hole it had been covering. Because of the state of the repair it has allowed the water into the joists rotting the timbers. So, as I say, all the repairs have now been rectified so this should, hopefully, now be the end of the leak over the bar.



We are now getting the Top Clubhouse main room re painted over the next week which will make it look fresher when we re-open. I'm told it is well over five years since the last time the Club was redecorated so it does probably need it. We will then have the carpet cleaned again to complete this freshen up.

Can I say thank you to all those of you who responded to the last Newsletter and poll. We had over 90 replies (probably our biggest response from you all) with a sizable majority welcoming and supporting our proposals to re-open.

So to move this forward some of us have now walked through what we will need to do to get ready to re-open under the current COVID-19 rules and we have started to get the stocks in of sanitiser, cleaning spray, gloves, and paper towels



together with completing the installation of the contactless card machine. Just waiting for this to get connected to the till and then we should be operational.

Once the decorating is finished and we are cleaned up we will start to lay out the room for re-opening e.g. table spacing, a one-way system, WC access, signage and getting everything ready.

Further information on this will be out very soon

Sailing

We believe we also have an opportunity to re start on the beach in a limited way and this is to be discussed at Sailing Committee later today. If, in the light of all the information we have, including advice from the RYA, Sailing Committee agree it is both feasible and practical to restart some activity on the beach Steve will be issuing his update shortly explaining all the "restrictions" we will **all** have to operate under and asking you, like we did with the Top Club, whether you would be ready to come down to Oddicombe and sail and/or volunteer with the club sailing.

Cliff Railway

If you are not aware the Cliff Railway has now started running again. I'm copying part of their message to us for your information. They have confirmed on presentation of your BCSC card all members will still be entitled to the reduced fare of £1 each way.

Initially we will be open daily 10am til 5.30pm and customers are to expect queues of up to 2 hours to get back up from the beach on busy days.

We will not be accepting cash, it will be card payments only please.

We are classed as public transport, so anyone sharing a carriage with anyone outside or their family/social bubble must wear a face covering. It would be great if you are able to encourage your members to bring one with them please. I would expect shared carriages would largely be made up of say 2 groups of 2 at each end. In any event, it will comply with social distancing. Lots of other measures are being implemented that we're all familiar with, enhanced cleaning of touch points, handrails etc, sanitiser in stations.

Annual General Meeting

I know it's a while yet (well actually only three months) but someone from the General Committee meeting earlier this week has asked how we might hold the AGM. Under the current advice we cannot hold an indoor meeting with anything over 6 at the moment given its obviously not just a Club bar opening session.

So we are looking at the options – do we try and hold it on-line e.g. Zoom but that doesn't help those of you without internet access etc. So further thought to be given and if anyone has any ideas and suggestions please let me know.

That's all for now folks, so until the next time please continue to stay safe and well and if you are out and about please remember to respect and follow all guidelines from the Government, RNLI and RYA

And as a final request please don't forget Easy Fundraising and the Torbay Lottery both of which give the club much needed funds at no additional cost to yourselves. I see we have had a few small winners on the Lottery so please consider these fund raising options when you are next shopping online.

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