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Welcome to our latest Newsletter and, as always, I hope everyone continues to keep safe and well.

I am very pleased to advise you all that the news I suspect you have all been waiting for is now here – yes we are about to restart sailing and reopen the Top Club House – hooray!

There has been a lot of work going on behind the scenes to reach this point so thank you to all those who have assisted us, including the Risk Assessments for both Club Houses and their activities which are being reviewed each time the Government updates the lockdown rules and advice.

So, as befits BCSC as a Sailing Club we will start with the beach news first

Sailing and the Beach Club House

RESTARTING TUESDAY 21st JULY 5.30pm

Steve and the team are restarting this Tuesday evening 21st July with an on-shore rigging refresher with a similar junior session being held on Friday 24th July. You should have received emails from Steve and his team advising how this is being taken forward, if not please contact Steve or Jan, including anyone who wishes to assist on the beach as well as sail.

For all those who are involved on the Beach, be it sailing or all the other support duties, we have introduced the "Twelve Commandments". Please make sure you read these, sign the declaration, and return them as advised, so we can keep you and everyone safe.

Please also see our previous Newsletter along with all Steve's recent updates to make sure you are up to date with how we will be operating as we restart.

All sailing, during July is free of charge, but please remember that when we do reintroduce boat hire fees no cash can be taken on the day on the Beach and you will need to have both registered on DutyMan and prepaid via our website through your own membership page.

I would, please, like to remind everyone involved on the Beach to remember to have fun and enjoy

yourself, because that is what sailing is meant to be

And lastly, Steve has continued to expand our fleet of Lasers and bought another one last week. We now have a great fleet of Lasers, Picos and Teras and are set up for some, hopefully, really good sailing sessions for the rest of the season.

Top Club opening

REOPENING FRIDAY 31st JULY 7.30pm

We can also advise you that we are planning to re-open the Top Club House on Friday 31st July at 7.30pm

To welcome you all back we have repainted the main room to freshen the place up a bit. It is the same colour scheme but different shades (subtle, lighter, brighter?) so if it is not to your taste blame the Commodore.

Just to remind you too, as in earlier Newsletters there will be a number of restrictions that we need to put in place to manage the COVID-19 guidance, so our first open sessions will be

- Friday evenings (7.30 to 10.00 pm) and
- Sunday lunchtimes (12.30 to 3.00 pm).

I am hoping we will be able to add our Thursday evening shortly, with a quiz of some description for all you budding Masterminds and University Challengers

As the guidance advises, at present, we can have no more than 30 people in the Clubhouse which probably means 28 members plus 2 volunteers. So, to ensure we manage that number we will need you to email us in advance to tell us you are coming, otherwise we may have to turn you away if you arrive on spec and we have found that we have reached our limit. Similarly, if you change your mind about attending please let us know.

In order to try and minimise the risk of the above happening the club will only be open to current renewed members. No guests or affiliates will be allowed for the foreseeable future. If you know of anyone who has not renewed due to the current situation, please

advise them to renew via the website so they are not disappointed by being turned away.

We

- will be noting your attendance when you visit.
- have installed a new contactless card payment system as no cash or cheques will be accepted for payment of drinks etc. Please make sure you bring your current contactless Debit Card with you.
- are spacing out and reducing the number of tables and in line with the revised guidance limiting the numbers at each table. Our understanding, at present, is that it should only be you, your immediate family, support bubble and one other family at your table, the latter at the 1 metre plus (or ideally 2 metres) rule.
- Need you to advise us if you wish to sit with another family at the time of advising your attendance so the tables are allocated correctly

And

- Entry will be via the usual main front door and leaving will be by the rear fire exit, so we can operate a one-way system. You will need to keep all your belongings with you
- hand sanitiser will be at both entry and exit for you to use. If you wish to bring your own sanitiser and face masks for use whilst you are in the club, that's absolutely fine.

So, to start with orders, payments and collection of drinks will be at the bar. One person will be served at a time in an orderly socially distanced queue. Orders & payment at one end, collection of drinks at the other

For all you draught drinkers, apologies but in the early weeks we will only be selling bottled or canned beer and lager, as we do now for cider and Guinness. The reason for this is as we may only have a limited number of draught customers and we cannot keep an opened cask for any significant time without the contents going off. So, we need to understand how much we might dispense before reintroducing draught beers and even then, we may have to limit the range.

We will be using our glasses as usual rather than disposable plastic ones.

When you leave, we will need to clean the table so for later arrivals please bear with us if you have to wait whilst we do this. We plan to have a red / green card system in operation to indicate whether the table is clean.

And, in order to keep the club clean and safe for your use all cushions have been removed, as they would need washing and sanitising after each

“sitting”. I appreciate therefore that for some of you the seating options will be on the wooden chairs.

We will also need to manage access to the toilets, and this will be on a one in one out basis. Access to the Gents will be via the accessible toilet so there will be some changes to the usual arrangements and there will be times when you may have to wait.

There will be lots of signage in the Club to help you to help us. And all members will be expected to follow the guidance. If there are instances of members not following this, then I'm afraid you will be asked to leave (a yellow card). Any further instances on later visits may result in you being asked NOT to return for a period (a red card).

My apologies to any of you who feel we are being over cautious and bureaucratic but I'm afraid we cannot afford to take any risks even at this point and I'm not prepared to allow anything that may jeopardise both your health or that of our volunteers.

To assist the above I am planning to walk through and test these proposals early next week so please bear with us if the process I've outlined needs to be refined.

Lastly, in tidying up the entrance area we have removed all the lost property so if anyone knows they have lost a coat, gloves, scarf, bobble hat (although I think I know who that belongs too), one shoe (?), glass case and a picnic chair please let us know before we dispose of them.

Other News

For those of you with a desire to know who the intrepid sailor was from the last Newsletter it was Adrian Pote from last years Regatta. Congratulations to John Lawton who was the first to recognise Adrian (I now owe him a drink).

As ever if you want to ask any questions please just call me (07906 505999) or one of the other Officers, write to me at my email below or to the Club email.

We will continue to keep you updated on all our progress and in the meantime can I please ask you to respect and follow all guidelines from the Government, RNLI and RYA but above all stay safe.

Thank you

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