



BABBACOMBE CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB COMMODORES NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2020



Welcome to our latest Newsletter and can I extend a warm BCSC welcome to all our new members. To continue to attract new members, especially at such a strange and difficult time, I think shows we are continuing to do the right things and have the right reputation and presence. All this is down to all the members and volunteers who have continued to support us. So, we have again reached the 300 member threshold for another year, thank you.

A lot of the work to keep the club going through this period, on all the Committees and elsewhere, is being done behind the scenes by some who remain invisible to you - unlike for example Ted, Steve and I who stick our heads above the parapets. I know who they all are, and so my thanks to them especially.

As mentioned last month we are finally getting back onto the water and into the bar at the Top Club. This will hopefully build over the coming weeks as confidence in our processes grows.



Sailing and Beach

With the "12 Commandments" now in place we are organised to ensure everyone stays safe as we restart sailing. Please follow our guidelines when you are on the beach. If you have not registered on Dutyman you should not be anywhere near the sailing or compound during the sailing session. Please help us to help you.

The wind conditions haven't always been the best for Steve and everyone but both

the adult Tuesday "fun" racing and junior Fridays are underway.

Having started slowly to ensure we can do everything safely the sailing team are starting to add to the programme, and next week for the Tuesday evening we are introducing the option of double handers into the sessions.

Similarly, Guy and Steve ran a trial PB2 course with two members, who already had powerboat experience and expertise but needed to do the course officially to get the RYA "ticks in the box". Following this we are now planning both PB2 and RYA L1/2 courses.

Steve and Guy are also looking at further training for the juniors with these sessions needing a bit more planning to ensure we get the right levels of junior experience for each group so please bear with us.

Unfortunately, with the absence of one of our main Instructors, the training is falling to Guy and Steve, so whilst I know Steve has already asked our other Instructors to lend a hand this time it's a plea from me too. If you are an Instructor and can help with the juniors on a Friday evening please let us know.

You may have lost track of all the dinghy comings and goings but at long last we have been able to replace all of the old "yellow" Laser 2000s, albeit one that stayed in the Club with one of our members and should make a reappearance in due course. That, with the two new single hander lasers we acquired (with grants and boats sales), mean we have a refreshed fleet ready for our sailors.

Lastly and related to the beach side for those of you who follow us on Facebook you'll have seen that I actually managed at long last to get into a safety boat last

Saturday (at the crazy hour of 5.30 a.m.) to help a local sports company film Exeter and England winger, Jack Nowell, go paddle boarding. He seemed equally as good at that as his "day job"!



Top Club

It has been a very pleasant change to be able to meet up face to face with a few of our members within the C-19 guidelines and for all those who have been into the Club no one has made any adverse comment (at least to my face!) on the slightly different colour scheme.

Having dispensed with cash, at the moment, the new card payment system is working well, however a plea from our Treasurer is to use a Debit Card if possible, please as the charges are x3 on Credit Cards. We are now in the process of looking at how Bar and Quiz vouchers can be recorded using this new method which will then allow us to consider Thursday quizzes, in some format so we can continue to maintain social distancing.

Annual General Meeting

At the General Committee last Monday – held through Zoom - we agreed to plan for our AGM and have therefore scheduled this for **Sunday 11th October at 2 pm.**

We are making provision for the AGM to be by Zoom, if as seems likely, this proves necessary. As per our Constitution the Club Officers and four of the Committee members have to be (re)elected at the AGM. If anyone would like to consider standing and wants to know more please don't hesitate to contact me, especially if you fancy the Club Secretary role. This has unfortunately been vacant for at least a couple of years now and much of the work has been undertaken by Lyn, alongside her Treasurer role, which is not ideal.

And can I please remind you to ensure your details are up to date on our Website (MMJ) to assist us in Test & Trace.

Finance

Our annual accounts have been completed by Marguerite and Lyn and are now with our Auditor for ratification. Whilst we have been lucky enough to obtain some financial support in terms of a COVID19 business rate relief grant from Torbay Council it is clear our income has been severely impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Whilst we have restarted some activity, we have lost a significant amount of income from training, sailing and the bar and social events. This income is critical to us to ensure we are able to maintain and improve both club houses and all our assets such as the dinghy fleet.

Which is why General Committee took the decision that we should continue to follow this approach through the lockdown period even if it meant utilising some of our reserves. In doing so when we returned it was to refreshed and repaired buildings and an updated dinghy fleet.

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

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

Thanks, and hope to see more of you soon

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