



BABBACOMBE CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB COMMODORES NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2020



Welcome to our latest Newsletter and indeed our last before the AGM and a new BCSC year, it also follows shortly after our final sailing session last Saturday (see more below).

Firstly, can I again welcome all new members as you are still joining us and with the help of a large family (you know who you are!) we now have 329 members. So, whether you've joined for the sailing, the kayaking or the social side – thank you for choosing BCSC. We are looking at holding a New Members evening, as we do each year, but I hope you'll appreciate this will be different to our usual new members evening given the current situation, so we do need to think about it first.

COVID

I'm afraid I cannot avoid mentioning this to remind you that we are all operating under additional restrictions and we need you to follow our processes when you now use the Top Club House (and indeed for Kayakers, the Beach Club House and Boat Park as well). Our thanks go to you all for obeying the rules so far and please do adhere to the new approach, not only does it allow the Club to comply with the law but importantly it makes everyone feel as safe as possible when they come into the Club. I realise it was difficult enough to work within the previous guidelines, but this is the new "new normal" which everyone is having to follow. The officers and the bar volunteers have a job to do so please help make it easy for them by following our guidelines.

Attached to the Newsletter is a crib sheet of what we need you to do – so please there's no excuse!

Sailing and Beach

Since we restarted sailing at the end of July Steve and the team have held a number of sessions on the water and I'm told they were all very enjoyable. As ever down at Oddicombe we had some cancelled sessions, including the last Junior one on Saturday. Our apologies for the late

notification for that particular session, we really wanted it to go ahead but it became a bit too dangerous around lunchtime so much so that we called the adult session in early.

Speaking of which we completed the friendly racing on Saturday, in, what may have been for some, fairly challenging conditions but most of you managed to sail round the course I set at least once with only a few capsizes. There are a few photos on our Facebook page.

I'll leave Steve to recap the season in more detail elsewhere but I would like to say thank you to Steve, Guy and everyone who has either sailed (as that's what were here for) or helped on the beach or the safety boats during this truncated season. Similarly, its congratulations (again) to all the newly qualified sailors and powerboaters. So, whilst our plans for this season went rapidly out of the window back in March, I hope that those of you who have got down to Oddicombe enjoyed yourselves.

Training

I mentioned Guy and Steve's efforts above in training 9 new adults sailors and a few powerboaters this season and we do have the option (if we ask Guy nicely!) to run some RYA theory courses for Essential Navigation, Day Skipper and Yacht Master. To make it worthwhile for Guy and ourselves we do need the numbers to make the course viable. So, if you'd like to take one of these please let us know and we can see what we can do. If you'd like more information, please look on the RYAs website or ask Guy (but only when he is back from sailing round the Greek Islands towards the end of October.

Top Club

Well we've been open for a couple of months now and just as we were all getting used to the new way of meeting they've made it a deal more restricted but we would still like to see as

many of you as possible over the coming months. Clearly your patronage at the Top Club is more vital than ever.

We were just about to look at extending our hours and opening on Saturdays but will now have to pause those plans whilst we get used to the additional restrictions and review how things work. We do plan to lay on some additional sessions on Saturday nights from films (with Fish & Chips), a Prize Giving evening, the final Six Nations Day, a New Members evening and then it'll be Christmas!

On that point we will be running our usual Christmas draw with the added option of buying your lines on-line via our website using MemberMoJo (MMJ) as well as in person in the Club. For those of you with experience of the Draw the numbering may be slightly different, but the result is the same – plenty of spirits, wine, chocolates, and goodies to be won.

Annual General Meeting

You should have received your formal AGM notification last week advising this will be held on Sunday 11th October at 2 pm. We are making provision for this to be by Zoom as well as in person (if that's possible) plus potentially some on-line voting options. I realise this is not the usual format for our AGM but please bear with us so we can ensure the Club and its Officers conduct the formalities of the AGM as best we can. As per our Constitution the Club Officers and four of the Committee members have to be (re) elected at the AGM. We do know there are definitely two GC Member vacancies as two of the current members are standing down and not seeking re-election. If anyone would like to consider standing and wants to know more, please don't hesitate to contact me. Similarly, we know a number of you have expressed an interest in either the Sailing or House Committees and Steve or Ted will be in touch before or after the AGM.

In time for the AGM we have now been able to finalise the accounts for the year ending 30th June 2020 and are now on display in the Top Club House. These have been held up as we realised we needed to consider Corporation Tax and you may have seen Lyn's request for help. Many thanks to those of you who did respond, and we are now waiting for an initial reply from H M Revenue & Customs. Suffice to say this is new territory for the Club and a revisit of old territory

for some of us! For those of you unable to get to the Club we will be posting these and other documents on a Members Only part of the website so look out for news of these in the near future.

Beach Club House Regen

We now have a set of plans which are suitable to start the planning permission process and I'm attaching these for your information. We will be working on that over the next few months and can now start to look at external funding and grant sources. I've asked for ideas / suggestions for funding before but if any of the new members would like to comment please don't hesitate to contact me. One of the matters we are considering now is the question of sewerage and waste water. To remind you it's problematic to join up with the existing old Council system on the beach so we're planning on installing a stand alone system of our own. We seem to have to consider two options either a septic tank and drain field or a (small) sewerage treatment plant. If anyone out there understands these matters it would be great if you could let me know to help us out.

Well that's it for this issue so its just a reminder from me to please use your Club as much as possible so we can continue to meet our bills etc. and get to the start of next season in as good a shape as possible. As ever don't forget Easy Fundraising and the Torbay Lottery.
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/babba-combecsc/>
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Thanks and see you all soon

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