



## BABBACOMBE CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB COMMODORES NEWSLETTER FEB 2021



Welcome to our latest Newsletter and I hope it finds you all well and keeping warm in this rather cold period. I know it's keeping me indoors and I suspect like many of you you've been brushing up (excuse the pun) on your decorating skills.

### Membership

A big thank you to all those of you who have renewed already, we have over 150 fully fledged 2021 members and the numbers are steadily increasing all the time. If you can't pay via the website using MMJ and/or BACS transfer, please just send a cheque to the Top Club House and we will collect it. We appreciate that last year was not everything any of us were anticipating but we are raring to go this year, as I expect you are too, so please do renew now to make sure you continue to get all our news and we would love to see you all back again for this coming year.

### Sailing

Hopefully, you've all seen the proposed sailing calendar which is now on the website at <https://babbacombe-sc.com/wp/sailing/sailing-calender/>

First up will be some pre-season talks and if we're not back in the Top Club, as seems most likely, these will be Zoom sessions where practical. The first one is planned for the 23 March on Weather – a joint session hosted by Steve and Neil Mander followed by Race Course Setting on 30<sup>th</sup> and then, currently, three more in April.

Whilst we are still restricted in our operations, due to both Covid and the close season, don't forget the RYA post fun, educational videos, especially for the juniors, on their YouTube site, this week its on the Circulatory system and how our body helps in sailing. Steve highlighted the link a couple of weeks ago and the latest ones are here.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1E8wvMRCq7w>

### Training

The sailing calendar also has our planned training programme outlined and we are creating a waiting list etc, so if you haven't made your interest known to Guy and Steve please drop them a line. This goes for RYA L1/2, Junior OnBoard and PB2.

Also, on the topic of training Guy ran his first RYA Day Skipper Theory course for some of us in January. From my perspective as one of the candidates he did an excellent job, and the course was first rate. Whilst Guy

is still happy to take the course, I'd hope we can run one each year, if we have sufficient demand.

### Kayak Racking

We are arranging for some new, additional kayak racking and following work by Sarah Davey and Chris Stephens we hope to see this in place soon. We are also looking at the existing racking but that's stage 2! Sarah will be sending out communications to all the kayakers so please look out for updates.

### Top Club

Ted has been busy agreeing a new broadband contract and some repairs to the incoming telephone line. He is also replacing the internal wiring so he promises me it will be faster and better when we can get back into the Top Club. We've also had to replace the smaller of the two bar coolers, it broke down on us whilst we've been shut! I'm told it predates some of our well established members so I don't think we can complain too much given its age.

Similarly, and rather more seriously the gas boiler is in need of a major repair so much so that General Committee looked at the cost and option of a new boiler and thermostat. We concluded that in the long run we should take the opportunity now to replace the existing boiler. Again it's at least 15 years old and whilst its given us sterling service we have been having regular issues with it over the last two or three years. Replacing it will mean we should then be able to regulate and manage the room temperature in the Club House far better. Lastly, unfortunately, due to lockdown we have again ended up with some stock where the Best Before date has expired. We have a quantity of soft drinks, like Coke (Diet and Ordinary), Ginger Beer, water, J2Os, Tonics, Bitter Lemon etc. If any one would like to purchase some of the stock at a very reduced rate please contact Lyn or Ted via the Club email.



**KYCA and Fundraising** I mentioned above that we have purchased some new kayak racking and a bar cooler both these were purchased from Keep Your Club Afloat and will come to just over £2000.00. This money has come from your efforts and contributions from things like Easy Fundraising and the Torbay Lottery. Whilst each contribution doesn't necessarily amount to a great deal as you might gather it all mounts up the more of us who participate. Just to remind you in the past KYCA has helped us replaced the Projector and Audio system as well as meeting the cost of some of the galley/kitchen equipment and supporting the cost of the new dinghy's and sailing equipment. We have 3 ways of helping us raise additional funds, 2 of which are at no cost to yourself.

### **FUND RAISING CHAMPION NEEDED**

With major items such as the Beach Club House Regen and looking towards replacing Jaffa in the future we need to consider some serious fund raising and General Committee would like to appoint a Fund Raising Champion who we would co-opt onto GC and help the Club give a focus to this. If this is your skill and/or you want to help out please write to me or give me a call.

### **EASY FUNDRAISING** *feel good shopping*

Please remember to use easyfundraising every time you shop online. Over 4,400 shops and sites will donate to Babbacombe Corinthian Sailing Club, including all the big names like eBay, Amazon, John Lewis & Partners, Argos, ASOS, M&S and Just Eat!

Plus, you could raise up to £215 when you use easyfundraising to save money on your household bills including car and home insurance, energy, phone contract or broadband. Uswitch, GoCompare, Confused.com and many more will all donate to us for FREE!

If you haven't signed up to support us yet, it's easy and completely FREE. You can find our easyfundraising page here:

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/babbacombebcsc/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=rm-rbd21-e1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/babbacombebcsc/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-rbd21-e1)

### **CO-OP**

By selecting BCSC as your local community cause via their website and presenting your membership card you can save money and we get a similar contribution.

### **TORBAY LOTTERY**

Whilst Torbay Lottery costs you £1 per week you are supporting both BCSC and the local community. Whilst

BCSC gets 50p for every ticket bought, you could win the main weekly prize of £25,000. <https://www.torbaylottery.co.uk/support/babbacombe-corninthian-sailing-club>



This year, from all 3 of the above, we have raised £761 to date but with your help we could raise so much more.

We also have a new way coming soon. This will be by buying club branded clothing through a local company who will donate 5% of all sales to BCSC. More information coming soon.

### **Regen**

We now have Council agreement to our regen plans, in their guise as our Landlord, as they have granted formal approval by way of the licence to proceed with the alterations. We are also working with an engineering company to undertake a Flood Risk Assessment and Drainage survey so we can then apply for planning permission. Both the licence and Flood Risk Assessment are essential pre-requisites for planning permission.

Well, that's it for this time, I'm off back to the painting!

Please keep safe and well and I hope we can meet up before too long

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