



BABBACOMBE CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB

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Good morning

Welcome to this month's Newsletter. The good news is that our Membership continues to grow and we have seen many new members, so thank you, and welcome to BCSC.

Whilst I realise we weren't able to do a great deal last year, both on the beach and at the Top Club where we were closed for 9 of the last 12 months we are hoping to be able to get back on to the water very soon and yes it will be following the Government's Covid guidelines which will restrict our numbers but we are doing our best in offering you training courses from 1st April, sailing from May and back to a little more normality in June. For the top clubhouse we are hoping to be able to open very soon after 17th May.

If any of your family and friends have not renewed please let them know the news as whilst they will receive one more reminder at the end of the month without being a member, access to our current news, top clubhouse and sailing activities will not be possible, sorry.

I would also ask please that with the above news that our sailors now consider buying the annual sailing ticket on offer at £65 adults and £55 juniors which allows unlimited sailing for the whole season [store_url]. As we are no longer accepting cash on the beach this makes it easier for you as you will not have to pay each time you sail and it will certainly help us. For the adults this includes an improver session, dates shown in the sailing calendar. Can I also suggest that once purchased you then log into Dutyman and include your name against the sessions you wish to be available for.

And finally could I also ask you to check your details in MMJ to ensure we have up to date contact details for you

Sailing

As Steve wrote in his recent updates, we are set up to start on the beach at the beginning of April and with the RYA confirming we can restart formal training, it's back on the water for some of us on 1st April! Before then there are two scheduled talks which we will hold by Zoom. Presented by our in-house weather experts Steve and Neil Mander first up, tomorrow (23rd March) is Weather (all you Need to Know), followed a week later by a Race Course setting talk led by Dave Homer. If you wish to join tomorrow here's the Zoom link.

Topic: Weather workshop

Time: Mar 23, 2021 07:15 PM London

To join Zoom Meeting click in this link or cut and paste into your web browser

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81434198251>

Meeting ID: 814 3419 8251

Some members will have already been sent these details along with some slides including some on weather cocktails so if you do plan to "Zoom in" please let us know and we'll send the slides to you.

Top Club House

In line with the Governments planned timetable for relaxing the Covid restrictions we are planning to officially open the Top Club on Thursday 20th May, so Ted's now on the search for a Quiz Master! For at least the first 4 or 5 weeks we expect to have to operate in the same way we did last summer i.e.

- A maximum number in the Club (circa 30);
- Members only – no guests, visitors or (lapsed members!);
- Table service only – i.e. no standing at the bar;
- No cash, card payments only;
- Bottled beers only to start with;
- Masks at all times unless seated;
- Maximum of six per table and social distance measures in place;
- One way system for entry and exit.

Beach Club House Regen

We're still in the throes of getting everything in place to go forwards with planning permission and now concentrating on the flood risk assessment and drainage requirements. We've also been in contact with Sport England to understand their plans for grants etc. this year as well as one of our regional RYA representative. Perhaps understandably Sport England are concentrating their efforts on supporting a return to sport in a Covid safe way in the first instance so I believe we will have to cast our net further for some funding sources. In round figures I think we need to find £100,000 to add to our own funds. So, thinking caps on everyone and all help and suggestions gratefully received.

Fundraising

And on that topic please don't forget, where you can, to support us by Easy Fundraising, Torbay Lottery and shopping at the Co Op.

As I mentioned last time we are looking for people to help us in our fundraising activities so if anyone has any expertise and / or time to help please get in contact "Your Club Needs You!".

Oddicombe Beach Sports

We have a new neighbour this year on the beach as Torbay Sea Kayaks take over the operation of the beach sports. The new owner joined BCSC last year and we're already in discussion with him and his plans are being publicised.

Cliff Railway

We understand the Cliff Railway will re open and start running as from 12th April, they will obviously be operating under Covid restrictions and don't forget on presentation of your valid membership card you get a reduced fare of £1 each way. Please remember you must show your card and its only for the card holder.

Lastly, we sent out a quiz a few weeks ago from Dave Stafford and at long last here's the answers you've all been waiting for!

Thank you and continue to stay safe

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