



## BABBACOMBE CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB COMMODORES NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2022



### STOP PRESS

Sadly, I have to report that Jaffa, one of our Safety Boats has come to the end of its useful life in its present condition. So, the club is now looking at finding the funds to purchase a new or relatively new second hand one. We need to look at this urgently as without a third safety boat we may not be able to undertake our full sailing calendar and we are, after all, a sailing club first. So, with this in mind we are looking to set up a Crowdfunder page and would like to ask if any of our members has the time and experience to help please with the set up. One of our sailing members has offered to help with the publicity words but it's the set up we need help with.

### SITUATION VACANT

#### Rear Commodore required

We are managing to keep the top clubhouse ticking over with the assistance of those already heavily involved so I am sending out a plea to anyone who would like to help oversee the various activities involved in the running of the top clubhouse. Ted is still looking after the bar with both the ordering and line cleaning, and we have others helping on the bar and events whilst Lyn is overseeing the calendar but with her Treasurer hat and assisting Marguerite with the membership at this busy time of year it is time consuming.

Per our Constitution "the Rear Commodore(s) is responsible for the daily management of the Fore Street Clubhouse, its bar and its staff and who shall be accountable to the General Committee for such matters. They also

- Are the holder of the Club Premises Certificate (CPC) and their decision relating to the supply of alcohol within the Club premises shall be final.
- Chair the House Committee meetings
- Represent the Club at official functions when neither the Commodore nor Vice Commodore are available

- Attend the General Committee meetings providing a report on House issues
- Provide a report to the AGM
- Has overall responsibility for the Fore Street clubhouse premises, including cleaning and decoration
- Arranges and oversees the social activities of the Club
- Oversees the running of the bar
- Acts as the point of contact for use of the club facilities

The Rear-Commodore may be assisted in such of his duties as may be deemed appropriate by such persons as the General Committee may approve but shall remain accountable to the General Committee for such matters."

If anyone is interested in shadowing Lyn and myself whilst they find their feet please let us know.

#### Sailing and kayaking

Neil Mander has been busy during the closed season checking that all the boats and safety equipment is fit for purpose (some not as above) and Sarah has been doing the same for the kayaks.

The Sailing Calendar has almost been finalised and agreed, and will be published shortly. Don't forget we now have two additional Feva's (courtesy of last year's Co-op grant) so look out for them when we're back on the water.

Sarah has been continuing with her Kayak social evenings with the February one looking at the training on offer with Kieran from SeaKayakTorbay, Including:

- Kayak training sessions starting in Spring
- Kayak Training Warm Up session – Oddicombe Beach – Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February
- Kayak Weather Talk March/April.

## GRANT SUCCESS

We were lucky enough to obtain a Grant from Trinity House to deliver essential marine related training and education via outsourced training in order to maintain and develop the skills of our volunteers who perform the essential safety, instruction and support roles. This includes instructors, safety boat helms and crew, race officers and beach masters. We have therefore been able to offer the courses at a reduced rate and Guy has been organising various First Aid courses (4 so far), training many of you in First Aid and will also be looking at VHF SRC Radio and RYA Safety Boat in due course.

## COMPOUND LOCK

We've mentioned it in a couple of the weekly updates but if you do use the beach club house, please remember to spin the numbers on all the padlocks when you close up.

### Top Club and Social

The Top clubhouse continues with its social activities both inhouse and with outside caterers. In addition, the monthly film nights with a Fish & Chip supper are proving popular. Whilst the (sold out) food events are for our Members only, our Film Nights, Talks, Quiz and Friday Nights are open to your guests and our affiliates too. Can I remind you that guests are allowed into the club as long as they are accompanied by a member at all times. However, under our Constitution they can only be your guest for 3 visits before having to join.

We are short on House Committee representatives so if you don't fancy the Rear Commodore role but would like to offer your input please consider attending the once a month House Committee to add your views.

Similarly, if you have any ideas for events or would like to organise one, please let us know

And finally, if you would like to help out as a bar volunteer again, please let us know

### Beach Club House Redevelopment

I did advise you that we have now received Planning permission for the Regen of the Beach Club House and I am pleased to report we have now made an application for Building Control. We've already had a reply asking for more detail, which I expected. We have also engaged someone to complete a structural

engineering report. Whilst doing this I have also been talking to various contractors to obtain a range of estimates, so we have an idea of how much money we need to raise in addition to our reserves. Work will not start until the end of this year's sailing season.

### Finance and Fund Raising

Our thanks must go to one of our newer member John Gilbert who has been working tirelessly getting local businesses up to speed with the Regen and getting them to agree to support some of this work. More details will follow as and when we have finalised it.

In addition, John has been holding a Top Hat raffle every Friday to ensure that someone goes home with a prize so if you would like to donate a bottle of wine, spirits, prosecco, chocolates to Johns' gallant efforts please either let us know or drop into the top clubhouse when we are open.

And let's not forget our usual KYCA fundraising of

- EasyFundraising – to date this has raised over £3000 since we started way back in 2015 from our 66 supporters. At the moment if you register and choose us we will get a £5 donation so anyone who shops online please consider this [EasyFundraising](#)
- Torbay Lottery where 50% goes to us and you could win £25000 [Torbay Lottery](#) (our 14 supporters have raised over £1000 so far). Torbay also use this to make grants and we've been lucky enough in the past to be able to buy a laser with their grant.
- Co-Op, just register your card and choose us and then with each shop, at any Co-Op store 2p in the £ will go to us. Please choose to support us at the Co-Op using this link [BCSC](#)
- And finally, if you need any sailing clothing just visit Ravenspring who will donate 5% to us on completion of your order please click here [Ravenspring](#)

If any of you have any other ideas to help us raise much needed funds please let us know.

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