

BABBACOMBE CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB NEWSLETTER JULY 2022



Welcome to our latest Newsletter which is almost exclusively about the plans for the new Beach Club House. Firstly, though a warm welcome to all our new members who have joined over the last few months since the last Newsletter.

Secondly, congratulations to all our sailors who have gained their formal qualifications, both juniors and the adults, well done, it's has been great seeing you all on the water.

To remind you of the reasons behind our fundraising for the beach clubhouse, it was built in the 1930's as an old fisherman's hut, the walls of which still form the bottom half of the existing club.

- We have no toilets
- Our male sailors change in the same area where we store the safety boats
- Our female sailors have 2 antiquated showers
- Our juniors must change in cold and wet conditions
- We have no heating
- The roof leaks

If you would like to know more about our plans for the beach clubhouse please have a look on our website.

So, we have completed Phase 1 of our fundraising and thank you to all of you who have helped reach this. We raised altogether £11,313.30 from yourselves and our external sponsors. This enabled us to secure the Sport England funding they pledged of £10,000 and so the total held now for the ReGen is £170,000.

Whilst still fundraising and looking at grant opportunities we have to be realistic. Against our original estimate of £230,000 we now have enough to complete the actual build itself and having both Planning

Permission and recently receiving Building Regs approval in principle, we have been able to issue the initial tender document to 3 Contractors who have shown an interest in completing this work. We are expecting their bids back during August with the award of the work being issued by the end of August 2022.

We do, as noted above, still have a likely gap of up to £60,000; £15,000 of this is estimated to be the cost of the actual sanitaryware and the galley kitchen supplies and fittings. So, we are looking to find a way of securing the additional money to buy these items, including preparing smaller bids for smaller available Grants.

We plan to start the work in October 2022 and expect to complete the rebuild by the start of the sailing season in 2023 i.e. March/April.

A major step for us now is to plan to clear the current Club House and the boat park of as much equipment etc as possible. So, as well as the Club RIBs and dinghies we would like to ask all private dinghy and kayak owners to seriously consider removing your craft by the end of September 2022. Similarly, if anyone has any personal belongings/sailing gear held in the beach clubhouse they will need to remove these by 30th Sep 2022.

With the obvious demolition and structural building work going on I'm afraid BCSC can take no responsibility if your boat/kayak/paddleboard/canoe and/or belongings etc are damaged due to not being removed by this date.

So, what's next for our Fundraising?

 We want to hold more event evenings with the latest one – a Mexican Night – being a huge success.

Please donate through the link below **BCSC Crowdfunder** or via MMJ store

- We have put a donate button in the store on MMJ for members to use which many of you will find easier to use rather than going through the Crowdfunder site.
- We will continue to write to those companies & individuals who have not responded yet under the auspices of 'if you don't ask' for a donation
- We will look at other opportunities to raise funds including holding a Xmas/Craft Fayre, Cake & Book Sales etc etc so please look out for other opportunities.
- We will continue to look for external Sponsors to assist us in our aim. Some of you have identified sponsors and signed them up so thank you. We do have an interim Sponsors board both at the top and beach clubhouses and these Sponsors will be transferred onto an internal Board once the build is complete.

Whilst not specific to the ReGen fundraising don't forget you can help us by signing up to Easy Fundraising, The Torbay Lottery and the Co-Op where you can help raise money for the Club. Not forgetting buying BCSC merchandise from Ravenspring. Further info on these can be found on the website or contact us at babbacombe.corinthians@gmail.com

Lastly, a big thank you to all our volunteers we couldn't run the Club without you and to James Moore for our ReGen logo.

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Does anyone want to help with the top clubhouse and events? Please email me. I have received 5 contacts so far, 3 for the fish & chip evenings, 1 to hold a BBQ to fundraise and 1 to assist with the maintenance however if anyone else would like to help out please let me know



