



# Small Boat Club

## End Of Season ISSUE

### Oct & Nov 14

#### From the Commodore

Well I think it's been a great season and certainly one of the best Septembers we've had. I realised how lucky we were as I cruised this Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct in brilliant sunshine accompanied by a friend who has never been on the river! She was enthralled and said it was the highlight of her year so far!

Looking back, we had a great BBQ and raised a record £1,800. Numerous thanks to the usual crew and a specific mention to Kamal who, on his own initiative, created an Ice cream stall which raised over £60! It was good to see so many members & guests (over 150 in all) enjoying the evening, band and food & the Shots!

Overleaf you'll see notes on our **AGM** Please hold **Sat 15<sup>th</sup> November** in your diaries. Venue: **Olde Swan** Thames Ditton where we have organised exclusive use of the main restaurant between 7pm-8pm for our meeting, we will then eat after this. So it's turn up at 6:30 for a prompt 7pm start.

You'll be getting the minutes from the last AGM soon and if anyone wishes to stand for Commodore please let me know as it would be nice to see a fresh face!! Also we traditionally give out our trophies on the evening, so those who have been recipients, may I please ask you to polish said award, wrap it in cling film & deliver it back to the island this Sunday at the WP or as soon as possible after!

As a club we have been invited to attend the Thames Scout Cruising Club Annual Dinner & Dance Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at Glenmore House in Surbiton. If anyone is interested I have details.

Finally a couple of camp notices; I'd like to offer a warm welcome to new members: Falcon Crompton & family (that many of you will know from his time helping our children at the Albany)

You'll see over some pics of progress we have made on both the gardens, club house and storage facility all of which are designed to provide better facilities for members, my personal thanks to Steve, Simon, Russ & Hillary who have lead this significant progress and I'm sure they will want me, on their behalf, to thank those who have helped them!

**Thank You!**

*Dom*

#### Club Events & Duty Roster

##### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct

##### **Moonlight Cruise**

This is more of an informal get together with 3 boats planning to run so far, a probable trip to Hampton Court, fish & chips on board & return. call Simon on 07810 350 608 if you want to gang along. he'll give you details.

##### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct 1<sup>st</sup> island closing Working Party

(Duty Roster Steven Perugi)

We have 2 dates so that we can maximise attendance and work achieved. Please ensure you make this orō

##### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> island closing Working Party

(Duty Roster John Longman)

Which is arguably the most important, as we get everything ready for the winter months.

##### Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov **Firework Cruise**

There is often no better way to enjoy the fireworks than to see them from the river!

##### Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov Club AGM

Yes it's a social event but actually it's more important than that as it's your opportunity to influence how the club goes forward.

#### Moaning Myrtle's Cornerō



#### An occasional item reminding members that this is a club run by member for members.

We have nearly 20 member groups who have, as yet, not paid their memberships for the new club year. These were due 1<sup>st</sup> Sept. Single members £55, Couples £85 and families £100. In addition we have 9 boats who have not made mooring payments or who have forgotten that the rate increased £2 per ft per year to £34 (NB post our EA negotiations this rate by far the best value available locally.) Please ensure that you review your account and organise payment ASAP.

By cheque payable to SBC sent to Treasurer:

C/o 21 Brunswick Court, The Albany, Kingston-upon-Thames KT2 5SR

Or By bank Transfer (or better standing order) TO:

Bank: Barclays. Acct Name SBC. Acct No 00247995 Sort Code: 20-84-17

And please make sure there is a reference to your boat name on either cheque or transfer detail, many thanks.



## News From The Committee

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The committee would like to thank:

**Simon & Steve** for all their hard efforts creating the new storage capability. This will mean we have somewhere other than the club house to store all our kit and thus this will mean that we can develop our club house as a real asset for all members to enjoy. Which brings us on the thanking **Hillary & Russell** for their hard work, corralling and cajoling so many members to give the exterior a much needed coat of preserver, the committee thanks all who contributed so much.

### Committee Members:

Dom Evans (Com)  
James Manthel (Vice)  
Simon Pinnock (Rear)  
Liz Taylor (Sec)  
Linda Varney  
(Responsible Adult)  
Garry Gilmore (Treasurer)  
Greg Waugh (Bosun)  
John Croom, Russell Hanslip  
Steve Lasenby  
Sue Harmer (President)



Almost a before & after!



Work in progress shot

**Past events: The Regatta and Fun Day 3<sup>rd</sup> August** was well attended & enjoyed as was the follow-up Sept 20<sup>th</sup> on an RYA Paddle Power Passport course. We obviously wish to thank John & his Albany team for their help over these two days. I also wish to thanks those who attended the **Commodores Cruise Sun 7<sup>th</sup> Sept** and I have numerous pictures, which I hope to have on the web site soon. Whilst on web it has been suggested we run some form of blog, I think we need someone who can take maintenance of this medium on 1<sup>st</sup>! Any volunteers?



Work in progress shot



Almost gone great barrier!

### The SBC AGM

Held at the Olde Swan at Thames Ditton  
6:30 for a prompt 7pm start.

This is a club run by members for members and the AGM is your opportunity to have your say, check the progress or input into fresh ideas.

Each year the Commodore (and committee team) steps down and the membership elects new appointees for the following season. Right now no one has offered themselves up for the position of Commodore and we do need someone in this position! Have a think otherwise we might just appoint you!

As current commodore I have reluctantly accepted the resignation of committee members; Russell Hanslip and John Croom. Each has given the club dedicated service over numerous years and I have thanked them personally for their time and efforts on your behalf. You'll get the chance to buy them a glass on the night! Moving on, all current committee members have volunteered to maintain their current roles, save James who will be stepping down from Vice Commodore, he will however maintain a position on the Committee once back from his World tour. Without the efforts of this team, we would not be in the strong position we hold, again on your behalf I thank them all.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Working Party This Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct (and then last one 26<sup>th</sup> Oct)

There are a variety of tasks from taking down the marquees to finishing off the club house preserver, tables & benches stacked and best of all, rolling back a sheet of astro turf, to set a decent wood bonfire, on which we can dump all our garden & other waste!! And yes scrap anything not tied down

Sue has kindly volunteered to provide some bread & soup for those who are in need. so feel free to bring anything else you feel appropriate. I'll be missing this one in favour of 26<sup>th</sup> however I'll leave you in Simon's capable hands.

All the best. see you all at the AGM if note before!

Dom

Stop Press: The commemorative Sopwith jetty celebration was as I here perhaps not As well attended as organisers may have hoped, however there is now a large board In Canbury gardens detailing its history & Kingston factory home!

