



Small Boat Club Season Starter ISSUE March 2017



From the Commodore

I'd like to thank all those members at the AGM who gave me such kind & generous comments and support – so here I am after 5 years of Com Dom!

I'm looking forward to the season and am hoping we'll all have some great time together, alongside our friends & families.

For the Club I'd like to ensure we consolidate from where we are and build on the initiatives inspired by Jackie's efforts – so we'll be running our shorter list of events and doing them as well as we can. This will include the BBQ where we have chosen to run the event, like last year, more orientated to Club & members – rather than a hard push towards fund raising.

In regard to events I'm pleased to say I've had a few people offering contributions – and I'm sure it was a famous electrician# who once said; "many hands make light work!" (#note from Ed; I'm sure that was not Simon!)

One benefit of me taking the reins is that Dom is now free (or at least has agreed to) run regular newsletters, something that various members have mentioned to me as important and valuable, particularly in terms of general communication.

Hence this 1st in a while newsletter that includes some notes and we hope some interesting reads! Next one is coming fast down the hill & it will include a review of our AGM, the trophy awards and other highlights. I hope to see you all soon.

Steve

Item /s of interest

As a club we have been....

Trying to encourage more trips on the water, where small groups of members can travel & enjoy some mutual support & company.

Ray & Simon are preparing an "Up River" literary – this will be published on the website in due course – however if you have any thoughts, ideas or indeed are interested in forming or joining with other like minded members (we may even call it by a silly name EG) the 2nd Great Venture's club Let me know!

A couple of camp notices; I'd like to offer a warm welcome to new members:

Susan & Roger Higham
Isobel & Alistair Morgan
Rob Baldwin
AJ & Gay Jones
Welcome!!

And finally...

We have needed to change the padlock on both the **Club house Front Door** and the Code is the same as the shed:

Combo Lock turn to 2016

(in due course we will also change the Boson's Locker & Loo code so as they are all the same!)

Club Events & Duty Roster



Sunday 19th March island Working Party

(Duty Roster : Dom Evans)
This was pinged out a couple of weeks ago – however we will need to run another – so if you've not been able to make these 2 don't worry you won't miss out!

Saturday 8th April SBC Fitting Out Supper 6:30pm – 11pm

The emails have gone out and those who have replied will have a great evening – with Club once again funding the buffet & welcoming drink. For balance of drinks needs it's a BYO!

Duty Roster will be pinged out soon!

And we will again be running our "new member" introduction to the ferry, the wonders of the generator – and all Club facilities & duties. Dates TBC.

"Moaning Myrtle's Corner"

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

We will be reviewing Mooring fee payment next week hence a timely reminder to ensure you don't get the embarrassing email! Any payments due to club please pay via bank transfer including a ref note so that Stephen gets a clue as to where it came from!

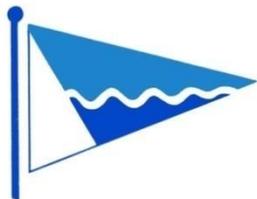
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Or if really necessary by cheque payable to SBC sent to Treasurer:

C/o 4 Marina Way Teddington TW11 9PN

Finally EA Licenses! It is a condition of mooring on the Island that ALL BOATS WITHOUT FAIL have a valid 2017 ticket. Many of us tend to do this come the Spring, however the EA year starts 1st Jan and to satisfy the lease we need all mooring member to have Paid & Displayed by end March!





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News From The Committee



The committee would like to thank:
All those who responded to the late 1st Working party call and the committee also apologises for this poor communication – unfortunately we will, in all probability, need to organise another in a few weeks after this newsletter hits.

Committee Members:

Steve Lasenby (Com)
Jackie Verlander (Vice)
Simon Pinnock (Rear)
Stephen Gilmore (Treasurer)
??? (Bosun)
Sharon White (acting Sec)
Linda Varney
(Responsible Adult)
Sue Harmer
James Manthel
Dom Evans (President)

The committee is also working towards publishing a Members Handbook, Contact list and a variety of other initiatives that we hope will improve communication – We're On-It ! Many thanks for your patience☺

We'll also be updating the website and our FaceBook page – where Gerry has loaded quite a few photo's that we sincerely thank him and BTW Russell too! As they are our SBC "official" recorders.

This newsletter however contains one VERY big & special Thank You: To Greg Waugh – who as some will be aware – is building his & Julie's very Own Grand Design!! For this reason he feels he needs to step back from being Bosun, a role he has performed to heroic standard for some many years. The Bosun is responsible for maintaining income levels for the Club, generated from Mooring fees. – His spread sheets are legend! In addition Bosun's are traditionally the "fixers" and few can doubt his efforts on behalf of Club – The Committee & Membership Thank You!

As indeed thanks are also going out to Sharron, who volunteered at the AGM to help out on the Committee – launching full on into it, Sharon has brought a new lease of life to proceedings.

AND at the recent Committee meeting, the team had their gast well & truly flabbered – above the Galley (as us boat people call Kitchen areas) there was a new, shiny Velux Window, apparently water tight and positioned perfectly above the kitchen area – Step forward team Steve & Simon – again thanks to the pair of you for this tremendous improvement to the club house - a real asset for all members to enjoy.

We are again calling on Members to give some time – for those who many have retired the committee accepts that you now have so much to do – you are still wondering how you ever managed the paid day job – however please have a think about some of the potential tasks we need fulfilled, such as secretarial duties - anything you could manage – give it some thought & let us know.

In Memory: The Committee has decided to create a what we hope will prove a fond, appropriate yet discrete and fitting memorial area. Just in the last season we lost Gus (Wylde) then Babe (Lavington) and most recently Janet (Jones). All longstanding members who brought joy to those they met. Ideas such as plaques around a fixed flower bed have been considered – if you have any thoughts or contributions please have a word with Linda & Sue. By the way – those members present at our New Years Lunch raised a glass to their memories.

Let's Enjoy it – But let's be SAFE!

A timely reminder for everyone of the established club protocol:
1/ all children and adults unable to swim 50 mtrs confidently wear buoyancy aids whist on the ferry

(we have a programme to create a locker in the ferry to accommodate BA's however this has not been achieved yet, volunteers to sort please step forward.)

and
2/ That the ferry is not operated by anyone under 16 unless accompanied by an adult member

OR
unless they hold RYA level 2 powerboat and above

OR
unless authorised to do so by the Commodore.

In regard to safety on the Island, we do have fencing around much of the downstream end of the island,

However the river is not fenced in the area we call the Creek. As the upstream end is open to 24hour public we cannot do the same there. We recommend that all young children wear a BA at all times when on the island.

Club House All dressed & ready





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Small Boat Club river news! March 2017

Some good news in regard to the over stayers and Non-Licensed boats that have been plaguing our reach, the EA has now cleared Teddington Lock and the nearby banks. They paid particular attention to permanent live aboard boats. The accommodation barges owned by Mr Trotman were towed up river a couple of weeks ago and the sunken boat has also been removed. The not-so-good news is that apparently once off EA land they have to hand the barges back (to people like Mr Trotman! And apparently one is on Queen's Promenade and one just below Molesey Lock. Here we go again!! Not only is Mr T making money from illegally moored boats but as was recently seen via "Trip Advisor" they look & smell awful and are a death trap!

The developers who built the flats on the old power station site are now planning to build a restaurant and 9 flats over the old barge dock where the Thames Venturer is currently moored. We wait to see whether they will get planning permission. RBK also has plans for improving Canbury Gardens. A new cafe will be opening in Canbury Gardens by the Bandstand at Easter.

If you fancy seeing 'Gloriana' again she will be part of the procession of boats taking part in the 'Tudor Pull' rowing from Hampton Court to the Tower of London on Sunday 23 April, passing the island somewhere between 12.30-13.30 Spectacular Venue.

SBC strongly recommends the website : <http://www.riverthamesnews.com>

There are many stories, items of interest and suggestions that may make your river use more fun.

Small Boat Club Event Diary 2017

There will be more notes & detail coming through soon, however these are red pencil diary dates!

DATE	TIME	EVENT
SUN 12 TH MARCH	10.00am	1 st Working Party
SUN 19 TH MARCH	10.00am	2 nd Working Party
SAT 8 TH APRIL	6.30pm – 11.00pm	Fitting Out Clubhouse Buffet & Social Get Together
SUN 16 TH APRIL	T.B.A.	Easter Egg Hunt
SAT 6 TH /SUN 7 TH MAY	2.00pm	Fun Day & Sleeping Under The Stars
SAT 10 TH JUNE	T.B.A.	Beer Festival
SAT 15 TH JULY	T.B.A.	Annual BBQ
SAT 5 th or SUN 6 th AUG	T.B.A.	Commodores Cruise
FRI 3 RD NOV (TBC)	T.B.A.	FIREWORK CRUISE & BBQ
SAT 18 TH NOV	T.B.A.	SBC AGM & LAYING UP SUPPER

In the next Issue of the SBC "right riveting read" we'll be featuring A review of last season – including our AGM and Awards evening – BBQ, some new features like " a walk around my boat" and plenty more to keep you entertained – if you have any news, items to cover, requests, photos please send them to editor Dom.