



SMALL BOAT CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

## THE COMMODORE

*We are excited to be able to launch our new website. Thanks to Dom for driving this. We now have a great looking website that we can easily keep up dated with recent and upcoming event details. Please take a look and familiarise yourselves with all the dates of events this year. We have some great events again this year, with the addition of a few – like the overnight fishing trip!*

*Please also ensure you have your duty day in your diary. If you have a challenge with the allocated date please reach out to your buddy group to arrange a swap!*

*We have a few important working parties coming up in March so we ask all members to get to at least one. The first are to open the island, working on tidying the club house and gardens. So, plenty of lifting, cleaning, moving around and tinkering to be done. Really something that everyone can get involved with. The second weekend is for the green fingered among us – as we prepare and plant the 105 the hedge saplings the length of the upper island – this will form a great natural barrier from the club ground and the 24 hour mooring. This won't be hard work but very rewarding!*

*All the events throughout the year take lots of organising and require helpers on the day. Thanks to everyone who has chipped in to make previous events a great success and please continue to offer that important support. For any new members who haven't been involved before please pick an event or two and offer to help out.*

*We have the fitting out supper as our next event so it would be fabulous to have another bumper turn out for that. See details later in the newsletter*

*All the best for a great season of sunny and safe boating,  
James.*

**Item/s of interest  
For the New Year  
2018**

**Welcome!!**

**Please Check your  
ferry duty**

**Come along to the  
fitting out supper  
on the 17th March**

**And Last but not  
least**

**A Very  
Happy 2018**

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## The New Year Ahead

At the moment the conditions are extreme so do be careful on the river wear a life jacket just in case. Make sure your antifreeze is all good, in this cold week ahead.

After the successful turn out the the first event of the year to at the Wych Elm we are looking forward to the New Season of events.

Firstly it is really important as a member to come along and participate on one, if not more of the spring working days, preparing the Island for the benefit of all. On March 3rd and 4th weather permitting and March 17th and 18th We will be cleaning the club house, preparing the Island furniture and tidying up everything after the winter, On the 24th 25th March there will be a working party as James said for planting some 150 small hedge plants to separate off the Island from the visitors side, so we need all hands on deck to make this happen. Many hands make light work! James has managed to go to a lot of trouble to get these.

We are paying for some new astro turf to be put down and a small paved area for the fire pit, so that this year the Island will look really smart. In the evening of the Sat 17th we will be holding the fitting out supper off the Island due to it being cold and easier to organise this year.

We are holding a new night time fishing trip for those night owls of the river. So lots to look forward to this year under the new Commodore James  
The Ferry is being checked and prepared for the year and in time we may get a new one in time but

## Comittee Members

*Domanic Evans: President*

*James Manthal: Commodore*

*Beverly Vice: Commodore*

*Simon Pinnock: Rear Commodore*

*Stephen Gilmore: Treasurer*

*Ray Timms: Bosun*

*Linda Varney and Sharon White: joint Secretary*

*Comittee: Sue Hammer, Ian Holiday, Jackie Verlander and Andrew Barwick*



as yet she is working well and we are looking to service the engine, spruced her up and be ready for 2018.

Any suggestions of a live band you know for the summer BBQ are welcome.

Just a heads up that BSS fees for examinations were due to increase from 1st April.

And Finally "Welcome to the new members this year!"

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*Make sure Cheques are to SBC*

*EA Licenses "You must have one!"*

*Mooring fees Reviewed Please pay*

## Moaning Myrtle's Corner

Again a reminder all members run this is a club no one is being paid it is run by member for members. Please all try to contribute by making sure that you are aware of your ferry duty. Hopefully I will remember to text you all as an added reminder. If you cannot do this make sure that you swap with someone in your buddy group which you have been emailed, so that it is covered.

And, again, when we have an informal evening on the Island and there is one named to run the ferry, please don't assume that one person will take on the role for the whole evening. It isn't fair on them or you, as they won't have time to enjoy the evening. Please take a turn and collect your own guests.

Please settle any money you owe to club.. Please pay **outstanding money** via bank transfer, thank you. If possible set up a **standing order** for ease of payment. Please include **a ref note** so that we know who you are. Bank: Barclays.

Account Name SBC.

Account No 00247995

Sort Code: 20-84-17

### **EA Licenses!**

It is a condition of mooring on the Island that:

**ALL BOATS WITHOUT FAIL** have to have a valid 2018 ticket. Many of us tend to do this come the Spring, however the EA year starts 1<sup>st</sup> Jan and to satisfy the lease we need all mooring member to have paid & displayed by end March!

Mertyl Moans, please send to Sharon for the distribution of your thoughts in a warm and friendly way and also any positive News that you think everyone might be interested in for the next news letter to

[sharonmyfanwy@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sharonmyfanwy@yahoo.co.uk)



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## Duty Roster



## WE NEED YOU

### Working parties!

Please be part of the Island and do your bit. Thanks.

## Safety

- club protocol
- All children and adults who cannot swim 50 yards must wear a buoyancy aid whilst on the ferry (we have a program to create a locker in the ferry to accommodate BA's however not yet...volunteers step forward)
- The ferry is not to be operated by anyone under 16 unless accompanied by an adult member unless
- they hold an TRY level 2 powerboat or above
- Or authorised by the Commodore



• We have fencing on the downstream end of the Island apart from the creek safety fencing around it please wear BA where appropriate.

We recommend that all young children wear Buoyancy aids at all times on the Island

## Fun corner any suggestions welcome!

Anyone with photos or contributions to the News letter please contact Sharon on 0794 1144782 or at the email below

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## Caption Competition Pictures required!

Please send you submissions to Sharon on [sooomyo@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:sooomyo@yahoo.co.uk)