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# NEWSLETTER

## The Commodore

*Sends you all a message after the Commodores Cruise Past.*

Hi All,

Wow - last newsletter for 2019, where did that year go?

It was great to see so many of you at the AGM and Laying Up Supper. I'm really pleased to be able to represent the club again in 2019 as Commodore. I'm excited about the year ahead!

Thanks again to all those on the committee for helping in making last year another successful year for the club. Thanks for those who are standing again to support this year. To Beverley, thanks for everything over the year, the Vice Commodore role is so important to the club and you've done a fantastic job and been a major factor in the success of the 2018 club year - so thanks from the whole club. A huge thank you to Simon and Ray who are having a break this year after major efforts over the years - so much behind the scene graft - you'll note I've said having a break not stepping down! Linda, the work you do for the club is so important and for that we all thank you - you really pull everything together and keep us on an even keel. Stephen, thanks for keeping the number in check for another year. Dom, as president you are invaluable to the club - getting involved in pretty much everything - thanks. Sharon for the newsletters, that show in the survey as being really popular! The Trustees - thanks for your continued support and guidance. For all the duty days, working parties, support at events and for generally being good folk - thanks to all the club members.

The next event is the New Year Lunch on Sunday 20 January at the Wych Elm, Kingston. I look forward to seeing lots of you there.

I've attached a summary of the survey results. It's really interesting to see this. This will help us form our plan for next year so thanks for all that completed. If you didn't get a chance for whatever reason, please email directly if you feel you have a comment you would like to make. We will communicate the new agenda for the year after our next committee meeting in a fortnight.

For those who missed the AGM, we are short this year of two flag officers. The Rear Commodore and Bosun. Both are important roles and are a great introduction to supporting the club. If anyone feels they can support at all please give me a call and I can explain what's involved. We can look at a proving a buddy to support anyone who's unsure about getting involved.

Finally, thanks AJ for stepping up and joining the committee this year. Even as an 'observer' in the odd committee meeting last year you made a great impact - especially around communication - so I look forward to you being fully involved. Jackie, it's great to see you back in the Vice role. Based upon your last stint we all know we are in for a good year in 2019.

Over and out,  
James



## FIREWORKS

It was a shame that we didn't have an Official SBC firework get together due to reduced numbers but usual the Lensbury fierwork display was wonderful and all who went had a wonderful evening. A calm trip up the river in the dark and the rain held off mostly. As you can see from the photographs we were lucky that it didn't rain and i for one had a few friends on board and we ate soup and had a great cheese and wine selection !



## Comittee Members

*Domanic Evans: President*

*James Manthel: Commodore*

*Jackie Verlander : Vice Commodore*

**Vacant:** *Rear Commodore*

*Stephen Gilmour: Treasurer*

**Vacant:** *Bosun*

*Linda Varney : Secretary*

*Committee: Sue Harmer, Ian Holiday, A7 Jones and Andrew Barwick Sharon White*

*Independant accounts Manager: John Croom*



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“Waiter waiter  
theres a Rollock in my soup...” Don't tell anyone they'll all



Over 40 members including 6 of our younger crew met at the Leander Sea Scouts HQ on Saturday 17 November. We had apologies from another 20+ members who were otherwise engaged. The HQ has had some improvements since our last visit and proved a friendly venue. Beverley had organised an amazing three course meal which we consumed around the formal business of the night. The formal meeting included a review of the year from James; our financial position from Stephen (copy on request); the usual election and a discussion about what members would like to see in 2019 and how we tell everyone about it.

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This event is when we present the SBC awards to members who have made a significant contributions to the Club over the past year. The awards went to -

Commodore's Cup: Ian Holiday who unfortunately wasn't present as he is still recovering from ill health; we wish him a speedy recovery.

'Evans Above:	AJ Jones
Cortina Trophy:	Lucilla Phelps
Enterprise Cup:	Roger Higham
Good Fellowship Cup:	Hilary Hanslip
Attendance Cup:	Gerry Taylor
Ladies Cup:	Mette Barwick
Inland Waterways Log:	Louise Sibley
Gwen Norris Cup:	Andrew Juric
and Jennifer Zeman	

Commodore's Cadet Cup: Ruby Simpson  
The evening also included a raffle.

Warspite Sea Scouts at Thames Ditton had written asking if SBC could help support their campaign to purchase a Wheelyboat, a boat that is assessible to wheelchair users so they can participate in activities with able bodied friends. The Committee agreed SBC should help and the raffle proceeds will go to the appeal. The raffle and subsequent sale of surplus drinks means we will be able to give a donation of £250.00. They are also looking for volunteer skippers if anyone has time and skills to help.







## Calendar

Next event:

Post-Christmas Lunch on  
Sunday 20 January 2019 at the  
Wych Elm, Kingston  
Details to follow.

## AJ's Poem

## FERRY

Ferry: Gofer is at Chertsey Meads to have a major overhaul including inspection of the integrity of the tubes. Ray and Dominic took it up by river just before Molesey Lock closed for the current work on the gates. Ray had managed to solve one of the problems we had had ie the ferry being reluctant to start and cutting out on occasions. He discovered the inside of the fuel line was breaking up, This has been replaced so hopefully it will be working fine on return. Well done Ray. Ray and Dom have also been building a new console for the ferry which is on the mainland awaiting a call for delivery from Chertsey. Thanks guys.

Communications: AJ and Dom have set up a texting system to alert members to events coming up. This appears to be working fine. BUT please, please, please keep our record of your details up to date. Any system is only as good as the accuracy of the information it holds. Thanks.

### "So, just what does the committee do?"

Booking venues such as this, and New Year's,  
Sourcing the food, the wines and the beers,  
The commodore's cruise, the fireworks and  
barbies,  
Managing the seasonal maintenance parties,  
Checking the gas, the fuel for the ferry,  
Not forgetting the fuel for the genny,  
Sourcing the fencing and sourcing the  
hedging,  
Sorting it out when the creek needs  
dredging,  
Maintaining the ferry, its hull, deck and  
motor,  
Putting together the duty days' rota,  
Sourcing club clothing and paraphernalia,  
Maintaining your details to ensure they can  
mail ya,  
Paying the bills, collecting the subs,  
Talking to agencies, councils and clubs,  
Sorting out moorings, shackles and lighting,  
Testing your lines in case they need  
tightening,  
Checking full moons, high tides and lock  
closures,  
To keep you informed and limit exposures,  
Updating facebook, the web and  
newsletter,  
Trying to make comms a teeny bit better,

So,  
If you're looking for promises for the New  
Year,  
Let me suggest one for you right now, right  
here,  
Attend a committee meeting in 2019,  
And see for yourself, just what I've seen

