



**SBC**

# The Small Boat Club Kingston upon Thames

Newsletter: 17<sup>th</sup> April 2019

Hello All,

Well I've got to open with a thank you to Andrew for organising a fantastic day on Sunday. What a great idea to have an inclusive day with those without boats joining as crew and having a pub lunch. A great success that we'll be sure to repeat!



*Skippers and Crew before departure*

It was lovely to welcome another new member, Simon Price. We look forward to his lovely wooden boat arriving on the island.

Andrew also organised for us to visit MTYC (Mid Thames Yacht Club). Their commodore Mo was very welcoming and it was lovely to see a similar Thames Island boat club. We share common challenges but enjoy an island aspect so all worthwhile!

We've had a couple of great working days and our island is looking fantastic. There are still a few jobs

needing doing, but generally we are in good shape. Our new hedge is starting to show signs of promise! The geese have taken up residence and we hope the swans are also going to make a return.

One project that needs support is 'project *Shrimp*'. After lifting her out of the water and sanding away some repaired patches, it seems there is some work to do. I would ask all those who would like to use a club boat to put their hands up to join this project. This will include patching, sanding, painting, standing around and advising, so all can get involved. If you want to pitch up please drop a note to Andy Juric, our bosun.

Vincent Hoar, from the Environment Agency joined the first hour of our latest Committee Meeting. It was a great session, discussing island security and escalation processes if we find ourselves with 'less than ideal' 24-hour moorers. We'll be able to communicate these shortly, after a further meeting with the EA who are showing willing to support the club.

Our next diary date is 28<sup>th</sup> April. Our first Club Social day. Nothing grand planned other than putting the kettle on and lighting the bbq for a bring your own affair. Hoping we get people who want to pop over and enjoy a relaxed day on the island or a quick bite before heading out on the water.

I'm genuinely excited about the year ahead: I think we have a fantastic core membership that has already shown great involvement. Just shy of 30 people for an April cruise was wonderful to see.

That's enough from me except to say, thanks to Ian for taking over the Newsletter and keeping to the timetable!

All the best and see you soon,  
James.

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#### Future dates for your diary:

Sun 28<sup>th</sup> April: **1<sup>st</sup> "Social Sunday"**

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> to Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May: **Flying Visit** and possibly **Billie** will be heading to **Rochester** with possibly scope for day crew to join them. Contact Linda or Dominic for details.

Sat 18<sup>th</sup> May: **Moonlight Cruise**

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> June: **Afternoon & Evening Fun Event** with evening music around the fire pit! Note the change of date – previously listed as 29<sup>th</sup> June.

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> July: **SBC Summer Party** (BBQ & Disco)

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> to Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Aug: **ATYC Rally** in West India Dock

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#### *From the Committee:*

Committee members were pleased to welcome Vince Hoar, Waterways Technical Officer with the Environment Agency, to the meeting. We discussed the issues we had had with overstaying moorers last summer and what we could practically do to improve the situation with Vince's help. We will be taking forward the question of notices with more "do's and don'ts" to help. The current notices on other EA 24-hour moorings are being removed whilst new arrangements for management are being made. Incidents: report to 24-hour Incident Hotline on 0800 807060 or [ics@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:ics@environment-agency.gov.uk). All are logged and passed to a Duty Officer to decide on follow up action. Any threat of violence should be reported to the police on 999

Affiliations: RYA, ATYC, RTS, RTA  
SBC is affiliated to –

- Royal Yachting Association (RYA): is the primary organisation for representation of boaters generally. They are the recognised standard setter for training in boat handling and associated knowledge. RYA can also provide legal advice to members and member clubs.
- Association of Thames Yacht Clubs (ATYC): represents the Thames based clubs' views at meetings with the Environment Agency and Port of London Authority. Main events to draw member clubs together – annual rally (this year in West India Dock) with a boating competition and a dinner/dance.
- River Thames Society: promotes use and preservation of the Thames. We receive a quarterly magazine which you'll find in the clubhouse; there are groups based on stretches of the river (Teddington to Old Windsor) which meet for occasional talks, lunch and walks.
- River Thames Alliance: is an organisation linking interests on the Thames to promote the objectives of a five-year plan including development of commerce, education and leisure. It has facilitated a meeting for all 'Thames MPs' at the end of April.

#### **Does your boat require a Boat Safety Certificate?**

We currently have 3 members' boats requiring BSS certificates and arrangements will be made for an examiner to visit the island during May. Please contact Sue Harmer - 07522336287 / [susan@slharmer.plus.com](mailto:susan@slharmer.plus.com) by the end of April if you would like your boat to be included.



### Duty Officers for the next few weeks:

Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Penny & Steve D'Souza
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bazil & Zoe Arden
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Matt and Carola Harrison
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Rob Baldwin
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Jackie & Ron Verlander
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Stephen Gilmour

If you're unable to do your duty day, please arrange with someone else to cover the day.  
Try your Buddy Group first.

If you notice the fuel on Gofer is running low, please tell Andy Juric. The same goes for the generator. Please don't let it run dry: it's not an easy job to bleed it and get going again.



Andrew instructing on the training day

### Club Clothing.

We have a range of club clothing available to members ranging from warm jackets and body warmers to comfortable sweatshirts.

> Fleece Jacket: (320gsm thickness) navy blue with embroidered club badge, zipped front and

pockets. Sizes: XS 34/36; S 36/38; M 38/40; L 40/42. Price £27.00

> Body warmer: (210gsm thickness) Navy Blue with embroidered club badge, zipper front and pockets. Sizes: Ladies 8/10; 12/14; 16/18. Men: S (37/38); M (39/40); L (41/42); XL (43/44); XXL (46/48). Price £18.00

> Sweatshirts: Navy Blue with embroidered club badge. Both Men and Women Sizes: XS (34/36); S (36/38); M (38/40); L (40/42); XL (44/46); XXL (46/48); XXXL (48/50). Price £18.00

> Club Burgee: £25.00

Members should place orders through Sue Harmer and make cheques payable to S.L.HARMER



James and Sharon in discussion with Mo Roberts (Commodore of MTYC)

Six boats enjoyed an excellent season opening "Crews to" cruise to Sunbury on 14<sup>th</sup> April, with 21 members and guests. We visited the Mid Thames Yacht Club HQ on



Sunbury lock island, and met their commodore Mo Roberts who made us tea and showed us round – very impressive!



### **Moaning Myrtle:**

The state of BBQs!! The gas bbqs were not cleaned by the last users at the end of the 2018 season so were in a pretty disgusting state when opened last month. Please clean the bbqs and tools after you have used them so they are ready for the next users. Please leave the bbqs as you would wish to find them!

When you are Duty Officer, please keep your ears open for the jetty bell. If anyone else is on the island and hears the bell, please alert the Duty Officer. The 2019 EA licence is displayed on the ferry. Is your boat licence displayed? If not, why not? It's a requirement in our lease and in the Club rules.