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The Small Boat Club Kingston upon Thames

Newsletter: 23rd May 2019

Hello All,

Gosh, it seems we are racing through the year again! End of May has come about quickly, 'though the weather hasn't quite caught up. As a positive I haven't had to water the allotment for a few weeks!

Last weekend two boats made the moonlight cruise to Hampton Court for fish and chips from the "Carp & Trout". Roger and Suzie took their new boat, joined by Matt & Carola and Andrew & Mette. Peter & Fiona joined in *Snow Goose*. It sounded a lovely cruise, threading through a large school rowing event at Thames Ditton and including excellent fish & chips.



Linda mentions the illegal moorers in her note from the committee below, plus the plan to meet with the EA to discuss further. We have a commitment from Nick McKie-Smith, the Thames Waterways Operations Manager, to visit the Island and meet to address this directly. We hope this will take place in

the coming weeks, but with four EA individuals involved it's taking a while to nail a date down.

The use of *Silver Shrimp* is in question. As previously mentioned, it is a project to get her back in the water. We haven't had enough volunteers to help out, so, at this stage, we are looking to sell her 'as is' – unless there is a surge of hands thrown up eager to get involved. We will then take a decision if a new club boat is the answer or in fact another option that doubles as a ferry/tender alternative.

I'm looking forward to the coming "Crew To" and Fun Afternoon/Evening, both in June. Check emails from AJ and Jackie for details. I would ask everyone to respond to allow for ease of coordination. Thanks in advance.

I am pleased to see the hedge looking good. It must be a good addition as the swans have chosen to nest next to it! Thanks to Gerry for this photo.



Generally, the island is in good shape. Thanks to the duty officers who find time for a quick mow of the

lawns and general spruce up. It all makes a huge difference.

Thanks to Andrew Berwick for changing the oil in the generator. A job that was overdue so important we take care of that vital asset.

I look forward to seeing you all over the coming weeks and months.

As usual the invitation is open for any member to join a committee meeting, either purely observe or to table thoughts and ideas. The next meeting is 4th June at 7.30pm on the Island

All the best,

James

Future dates for your diary:

Sat 22nd June, starting at 3.00pm and continuing until 9.00pm: *Afternoon & Evening Fun Event* with evening music around the fire pit!

Sat 1st June: *'Crew To II'*

Sat 13th July: *SBC Summer Party* (BBQ & Disco)

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

From the Committee:

The Committee met on 7th May, on the Island, when we were forcibly reminded of the presence of one of our regular live-aboard visitors who had been present on the Island for some time and was playing music we could hear through the closed Clubhouse doors! James plans to meet the Environment Agency shortly to sort out some more effective ways of freeing the moorings for genuine cruising boaters who wish to stay overnight and enjoy the peace of our beautiful island. We have also been asking the Environment Agency to

undertake some repairs to the wooden edging on the Middlesex side of the island. We are concerned that any wood that breaks away will cause a navigation hazard and it leaves bolts sticking out of the concrete. I wouldn't want to hit it with my prop or the ferry!

The question of multiple ownership of boats in the Club came up again. Please be reminded that all owners should be members of the Club before they buy a share in a boat. Acceptance as members is not automatic; the Committee has the right to turn people down if it feels that they are not going to contribute to the Club but just turn up to take the boat for the odd trip off the island. Also, a reminder to members with moorings to look at the terms of the Mooring Agreement that they signed (if you can't find it Linda can supply a copy).

James mentioned that the Club now owns *Silver Shrimp* in the last Newsletter. She is drying out at the top end of the island. If this is to become a viable Club boat available to members, we do need some volunteers prepared to help with some repair work. If you could help, please contact Andy Juric.

Another idea raised was how to make access into the dinghies to come across to the island easier and safer. Ideas suggested included a more stable boat (more like a Dory), possibly the hardware for an electric motor but with members providing their own batteries, and some form of steps to get to a level lower than the jetty platform to access the boat. It was agreed to add some lower cleats to the jetty to enable members to secure the dinghy to the front of the jetty while boarding. Any other ideas to Ian initially please.

Duty Officers for the next few weeks:

26th May Stephen Gilmour

2nd June Vaughan & Lucy Simpson

9th June Alastair & Maria Pettigrew

16th June Sue Harmer

Sat 22nd June Steve & Penny d'Souza

23rd June Simon Pinnock & Sussan Eglund



'Yes' or 'No' Replies please!

**If you haven't already done so,
please let Jackie (Verlander) know
whether or not you will be attending
the Fun Event on Sat 22nd June.**

Thank you!

**Ride London takes place on Sunday 4th August:
the Island will be closed for the day.**

ATYC Rally. This year's Rally will be held in the West India Dock on 24th to 26th August – over the Summer Bank Holiday weekend. Booking forms will be issued to Clubs in the next two months. There are a number of attractions and functions being planned. The popular Ladies training will be run again this year with single and twin shaft boats available.

A reminder that 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

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