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The Small Boat Club Kingston upon Thames

Newsletter: 22nd June 2019

Hi All,

Firstly, it's been great seeing many of you on the island over the last few weeks.

Thanks to those who braved the forecast and helped last Sunday, a great effort. We managed to get two tents up and made great strides toward getting ready for the Fun Afternoon and Evening. It's looking like being a fab event with the BBC promising sunshine and 20+ degrees! Thanks all for input so far, particularly Jackie.



Dom, Sue and AJ have been working closely with the EA and making great strides to us working much closer in partnership to manage the island. Clarity over our position to manage the 24hr moorings, new signs and clear escalation processes should all make



a real difference to moving on overstayes. Thanks for your efforts team.

We have a new Log book for all to use. Particularly for duty officers to sign in and give an account of their day for the records. There will also be a list of jobs here that anyone can tackle if they find themselves with some time on the island: this can be found in the clubhouse.

A safety reminder – we MUST stick to the strict rule of max 8 passengers & 2 crew on the ferry. This is guidance offered to ensure safe passage for all involved and keep us insured!

We have been discussing planning for next year and are keen to see some new faces on the Committee. Not that there's anything wrong with the current ones! It's just great to get a fresh perspective and share the load across the members. If you

fancy attending a meeting as a tester, they are the first Tuesday of the month and you're very welcome. Please liaise with Linda if you are interested. If we don't get any takers we might just appoint at random at the AGM. Ha ha, that would be extreme, I'm sure it won't come to that!

Finally, tickets for the Hog Roast are hot property this year



with lots of interest. We can't have above a certain number so please avoid disappointment and get in early.

Thanks all for your on-going support.

Hope to see many of you this weekend.

Cheers James.



To buy tickets, email ajjones001@sky.com

Future dates for your diary:

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

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

Mon 26th Aug: **Social Monday** on the Island

From the Committee:

The Committee spent some time deciding what we wanted to achieve from the meeting with Environment Agency (EA) officers. The meeting took place on Weds 5th June when EA staff visited the island. We aimed to make progress



toward sorting out how we tackle more effectively some of the problems we had with overstaying moorers last year. This included their dogs 'pooing' all over the island and antisocial behaviour, both personal abuse to members and grinding paint off their boats.

Thanks to AJ for leading another successful 'Crews To' event at the beginning of June. Watch out for a possible third one in August. Two major social events were coming up, so some time was spent agreeing arrangements including a special working party on 16th June to put up our tents. Ready now for whatever the weather throws at us! Hope many of you can come along on 22nd for the Fun Afternoon and Evening with music and food round the firepit. Tickets for the Summer Party and Hog Roast on Saturday 13th July are now available. Please book early to avoid disappointment!

The Committee agreed that we should start a Log Book that the Duty Officer for the day would be asked to complete – to include a note of any visitors and boats on the 24-hour moorings, jobs undertaken and anything else of interest. Alastair witnessed the swan abandoning her nest during his day! So, no cygnets this year sadly.

New members: we extend a warm welcome to Colin and Maggie Morrell, co-owners of 'Willow'.

Duty Officers for the next few weeks:

30th June: AJ Jones

7th July: Ian & Rosalyn Holiday

14th July: Michael Shoulders & Angela Schmidt

21st July: tbc

28th July: Trevor & Carole Savage

Advice received from ATYC:

Boaters Beware! The moorings at the Hampton Court Palace are now managed by the parking organisation District Enforcement (DE). The notices, which are few and far between, require boaters to register with DE on arrival – failure to register will incur a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) of £100 (reducing to £60 if paid within 14 days). There is anecdotal evidence to show that a number of boaters have already been hit with a PCN. DE have been asked to place more notices along the moorings.

Reminder:

Ride London takes place on Sunday

4th August.

The Island will be closed for the day.



Dockland
Scout Project

ATYC
THE ASSOCIATION OF THAMES YACHT CLUBS

The 2019 ATYC Rally will be held in the West India Dock on 24th to 26th August – over the Summer Bank Holiday weekend. ATYC hope to attract at least 100 boats. There are a huge number of attractions and functions being planned - Docklands moorings, live music, cooked breakfasts, licensed bar, shoreside toilets and showers, bbq, water-based activities for young and old, fun races – the list goes on and on! If you want more information, and/or are interested in going, either with your boat or as crew, please contact Linda.

Crew To 2

Sat 1st June

To Sunbury and back.

On the afternoon of Sat 1st June, the second of the club's Crew To events took place.



Simon and Sussan aboard **JemP**, Gerry and Vee with family on **Kisamisket**, Gay and I on **C'Est La Vie** accompanied by Adrian, Carol Jollie from the Richmond Cornish Gig Rowing Club, Jill, and Simon Price. As final preparations were being made for departure we were treated to the sight of Roger and Susan on their brand new boat **Jolly Roger II**, accompanied by their family, joining us to

make a flotilla of four

Following the route of the previous Crew To back in April, we motored up-stream in the glorious sunshine through Kingston. Hundreds of "land lubbers" were milling along the banks sweltering no doubt in the heat, as we cooled in the breeze created by our progress. The river was busy with all manner of boats and wildlife. Many of the water birds were taking early outings with their newly hatched offspring. So a constant look out and



much maneuvering was needed to avoid any mishap. We continued on past the magnificent Hampton Court where all but a very few of the moorings were vacant. On to Molesey Lock. With a little help from the lock keeper, we tied up then passed through with no problems (despite, as can be seen from the photographs, the drinks that were starting to be consumed!).

We continued past Tagg's Island and its many houseboats, then Garrick's Ait (unusually quiet today). As Simon and Sussan took the left hand channel around Platt's Ayot we, following so far in C'Est La Vie, took the right hand channel. Simon Price was able to point out his new boat, LaLuna, moored at Adams Marine where it is undergoing some final maintenance. We expect to see her at the club soon!

The flotilla re-grouped on the far side of Platt's Ayot and continued on to the "weir side" of Sunbury lock where we moored on the bank that runs parallel with Thames Street. Some picnicked on the bank, some on their craft, and a few went to seek out refreshment elsewhere. After an hour or so, we started to make our way back. Jolly Roger II first, followed by C'Est La Vie. Kisasmet hung back a little while Simon and Sussan on JemP stayed a while longer to enjoy the afternoon. It was wonderful to spend time with club members that we didn't previously know too well. We shared the crewing, a few drinks and a few snacks. We learned so much more about each other and have now, hopefully, a shared memory of a fun day out.



Re-tracing our route, the river was becoming quieter. As Jolly Roger II and C'Est La Vie entered Molesey lock, there was only one other boat in there with us, and no queue behind. We got back to the island shortly after 5.00pm, Kisamisket a little later. As we were packing our boats up Ray arrived in Master H (having been for a



short trip following some maintenance). He very kindly offered to ferry us all back to the Jetty then wait for JemP to come back later, but not before we got to "launch" Simon Price into the water in his Kayak!

Thank you to everyone who came along. Hopefully those of you that could not make it will be encouraged to join us next time.

Many thanks to AJ for this article

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