



SBC

# The Small Boat Club Kingston upon Thames

Newsletter: 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Hi All,

What a bank holiday weekend!! We spent a lovely night on Saturday moored up at Lady Lindsey's lawn. Was nice to see Simon and Susanna there, plus various other members on the water boating to and fro. Some we heard before we saw them – I'll let you guess who that was...

The biggest shock of the trip was the £25.50 I paid for 2 G&Ts and an OJ at the Boaters on our return! Next time I'll bottle from Sainsbury's and drink it onboard!

Firstly, it's with regret that I announce that Jackie has resigned as Vice Commodore. Both Ron and Jackie decided that with no boat they had less reason to make the long journey to the island. I'm really sorry to see them go as they have contributed so much to the Club – with Jackie setting a very high standard to follow when it comes to running events.

Secondly, John and Tali too are sadly leaving us. Great for them they are keeping the boat, just in a more convenient mooring. This will also see John standing down from his position of trustee. As trustee he has added a great deal of professional experience too on our behalf. Not to mention years as an active committee member holding various flag office posts. So, a huge thanks for all you have given the Club over the years.

It goes without saying John, Tali, Jackie and Ron will be really welcome at any event as guests of any member I'm sure!!

I must stress the importance of members contributions to run our Club. We are looking forward to seeing some fresh hands up at the next AGM!!

We have the **Commodores Cruise Past** coming up on **8<sup>th</sup> September**. I really hope to see many of you there as it's a great Club tradition that was really well attended last year. Our plan is to meet at the island for noon. I'll provide a glass of something cold before, then plan to leave for the Cruise Past at 13:00. On return to the island Marja and I will try and cook enough pizzas to feed you all! My pizza oven can cook a pizza in 3 minutes so I'm confident I can manage that, providing I have numbers of mouths to feed. So please respond to me directly and let me know if you can make it. Numbers and vegetarian requirements too please.

I didn't expect to be writing this, but I'm thrilled to say I've bought Ray's lovely boat – **Master H**. Not at all planned! So, my next job is to sell **April the First!** I am pleased to add that Ray will remain with the Club – great for me as I try to understand the 101 modifications Ray has made!!

The committee have been busy, as you'll read in Linda's report. There is much to get involved with so please feel free to get involved. The next committee meeting is on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September; again, anyone is welcome to come along. Please just let Linda or me know and we'll look forward to welcoming you.

While the summer is still kicking on I hope to see many on the island and the water.

Safe boating,

James.

### *From the Committee*

There have been some changes amongst the boats on the island as you may have noticed. Greg Waugh has sold **Spike 1** so Andy Juric has brought his boat **Elounda** to the island. There will be some consequential repositioning. Mick and Angie are now the proud owners of **Caldwell**. We will be saying a fond farewell to **Mummy Bear** who is moving to a new mooring off the island. As those with moorings will be aware the Committee agreed to raise the mooring fees by £1.00 a foot a year from 1<sup>st</sup> September in line with previously agreed policy linked to our lease cost. Membership fees remain the same, but we may consider these at the AGM for 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

Whilst we have had fewer difficulties with overstaying moorers during the last couple of months, we are alert to those who might abuse the mooring arrangements. Discussions have continued with the Environment Agency (EA) and we now have the following procedures:

When on the island and certainly when on duty we need to record the names of vessels moored. There is a Mooring Charge receipt book (yellow) in the left-hand drawer of the cupboard under the noticeboard. For those boats wishing to stay more than 24 hours (charge £5 per day up to 72 hours). To assist with enquiries to mooring craft we have a letter from the EA that acknowledges our status as agent for EA as managers of the 24-hour provision. Generally, we are neither worried, nor overly concerned with EA licenced boats – however ref overstayers until we get our CCTV working, we need to record name of boat if present, date & time noticed together ideally with a photo.

The EA has agreed the following assistance and help to both members and the Club:

#### 1/ Low Level Communication needs:

Examples are instances where we have been unable to persuade a fleet of overstaying craft to move on, **OR** have a craft with minor non-paying or overstaying

breaches, **AND /OR** where no EA licence appears present on the craft.

Here we need to record the boat name (if possible) the date/s of the instance/s and ideally a photo – the details of which need entering in the log and an email copy (with Incident at Steven's Eyot in the subject matter) sent to:

[waterwaysthames@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:waterwaysthames@environment-agency.gov.uk)  
marked in the subject matter "FOR ENFORCEMENT MAILBOX (DP)"

EA Action: As a result the EA action is to send a patrol boat (at some point, but not immediately)

#### 2/ High Level Communication needs:

These are instances where SBC members are subject to strong verbal/threatening abuse or other serious incidents, such as sunken boat at mooring; serious overstaying that includes multiple craft; and/or behaviour breaching Byelaw section 63; serious accident to person or property whilst at 24-hour provision.

Here we have 2 contacts – the 24-hour logged:  
[Incident Hotline: 0800 80 70 60](tel:0800807060)

And

the similarly supported & logged email contact as:  
[Incident Communication Service@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:Incident.Communication.Service@environment-agency.gov.uk)

EA action: Where possible EA action is a rapid response, but this is NOT equivalent to emergency services, such as 999. **In incidents where life is in danger (drowning) or boat on fire etc – the response MUST BE dial 999 and request the appropriate emergency response: EG Fire Brigade, Water born Police (Based at Wapping); Ambulance or Coastguard (for RLNI).**

**There will be new notices on the island in due course.**

If members do speak to moorers about 'staying and paying' please treat people, especially those with an

EA licence, with courtesy; most are genuinely looking for short term mooring.

Remember we now have a Duty Officer's Logbook available for anyone to look at in the Clubhouse and we encourage those on duty to note any boats on the moorings (as above) as well as how busy they were and any maintenance jobs completed. The notes for Duty Officers have been amended. Following recent difficulties, Duty Officers are asked to check the fuel in the ferry and alert the next Duty Officer if they need to bring fuel with them. Roger has come to the rescue – twice!

**Welcome** to new members – Roger Parker, a co-owner of 'Willow', and Ulla Wilke and Laurence Bain owners of the Velma Boathouse.

**Please remember:** any incidents on the island should be recorded in the 'Accident Book'. If you use anything from the First Aid box (even a dressing) please note it in the Duty Officer's Logbook so we can restock the box as necessary.

**Throwing lines:** Gofer now has a throwing line on board and a second one is available in the clubhouse. If you are not sure how to use these, please look at the instructions and have a go. You hold on to one end and the other is for the person in the water to grab. When you try it out please stuff the rope back in the bag! You will see notices in various places going upstream – Walton, Mrs Lindsey's Lawn for example, which have throwing lines behind a protective screen. If you need to use the line when someone falls in just ring the number on the notice and you will be given the code to unlock the screen. Apparently it's very quick and more effective than the life rings.

**Please remember to pay your SBC  
Subscription and Mooring Fees  
(at the new rate).  
These are due on 1<sup>st</sup> September.**

### Future dates for your diary:

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Sept: **Commodore's Cruise Past**

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Sept: **Evening Cruise with Fish and Chips at Hampton Court**

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Sept: **1<sup>st</sup> Island Closing Working Party and Barbecue**

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Oct: **2<sup>nd</sup> Island Closing Working Party Cruise with Fish and Chips at Hampton Court**

Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Nov: **AGM & Laying-Up Supper**

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### **Committee Meetings:**

all are on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm

3<sup>rd</sup> September

1<sup>st</sup> October

5<sup>th</sup> November

3<sup>rd</sup> December

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### **Duty Officers for the rest of the season:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sept: *Linda Varney / Jill Sinclair*

8<sup>th</sup> Sept: *Adrian Gray*

15<sup>th</sup> Sept: *Paul Honigsfeld*

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept: *\*volunteer needed\**

29<sup>th</sup> Sept: *Dominic & Beverley Evans*

6<sup>th</sup> Oct: *\*volunteer needed\**

13<sup>th</sup> Oct: *Greg & Julie Waugh*

*The next Newsletter will be circulated on 7<sup>th</sup> December.*

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