



Small Boat Club Season Starter ISSUE February 2019



From the Commodore

It was great to see so many of you at the Wych Elm for New Year's lunch, which as always is a great way to kick off the year. It was also nice to present the final club trophies to those who couldn't make the AGM.

There are a few new items on the program this year. All designed to offer flexibility and create more opportunities for people to enjoy the island. These are somewhat experimental, but designed from the survey feedback we received from you the members - so I hope we've translated that correctly. Please see later in newsletter for a description of some of the new initiatives.

The ferry is looking fantastic!! Not only looking good but also on schedule to be operating at the Fitting Out Supper on the 16th of March. A huge thanks must go to Dom, Ray and Andrew for the effort they have put in. The result is going to be a first-class craft for the club to use for the years to come. A great investment in such a vital asset for the club.

We've already had our first committee meeting this year. In which we were delighted to welcome Andy Juric into the fold as our new Bosun. He has big shoes to fill but is up for the challenge.

Also, we are pleased to welcome Matt and Carola to the club. It was great to meet you at the Wych Elm in January and we look forward to your future involvement.

"Moaning Myrtle's Corner"



An occasional item reminding members that this is a club run by member for members.

We will be reviewing Mooring fee & Membership payments next week hence a timely reminder to ensure you don't get the embarrassing email! Any payments due to club please pay via bank transfer including a ref note so that Stephen gets a clue as to where it came from!
Bank: Barclays. Acct Name SBC. Acct No 00247995 Sort Code: 20-84-17
Or if really necessary by Cheque payable to SBC sent to Treasurer:

Finally EA Licenses! It is a condition of mooring on the Island that ALL BOATS WITHOUT FAIL have a valid 2019 ticket.. Many of us tend to do this come the Spring, however the EA year starts 1st Jan and to satisfy the lease we need all mooring member to have paid & displayed by end Mar!

Item /s of interest

I've just gone through our family calendar and noted all the club events for the year and our duty day. Looking at the plan, I'm really excited about this year. We'll give more detail about events as the year evolves but I hope there is really something for everyone to get involved in.

I'm pleased to say, after overwhelming support, Mike and Charlotte are back with the hog roast for this year's big club event. More like a festival than a BBQ now!

I will give you more info about additional business, once we have some updates confirmed, at the Fitting Out Supper and next newsletter – don't forget to confirm and get your menu choices.

Here's to a fabulous summer and boating season!

James



New Year Lunch & AGM awards

Club Events & Duty Roster

Sunday 10th March island Working Party

(Duty Roster Andy Juric)
A 10:30 am start if we can please – think about gardening tools we may need to bring! A jobs list will be pinged soon! – if you really can't do this one then Sunday 17th Mar is the 2nd WP so you won't miss out!

Saturday 16th March SBC Fitting Out Supper 6pm for 6:30pm sitting

We are in the Club House again – Great! – see over for detail

Programme & Duty Roster!

Attached to this email is the Programme & Duty Roster – these will also be available on the Web-Site as downloads soon. In addition we'll send the Buddy Group list so that if you can't do a duty day you can contact 1st those in your group to do "Swaps"



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News From The Committee



The committee would like to thank:
AJ for his significant contributions to our SBC communications. Everyone appears to like the TEXT blasts – and he has produced a “single source” member database. Please ensure you contact him with any changes. See below for other initiatives now possible.

Committee Members:
James Manthel (Comm)
Jackie Verlander (Vice)
A N Other please! (Rear)
Stephen Gilmore (Treasurer)
Andy Juric (Bosun)
Linda Varney (acting Sec)
AJ Jones (Mr Comms)
Andrew Barwick, Sharon White
Ian Holiday, Sue Harmer
Dom Evans (President)

The new database has allowed a variety of initiatives to be trialled including what we are now calling “Crew To” and “Social Sundays”

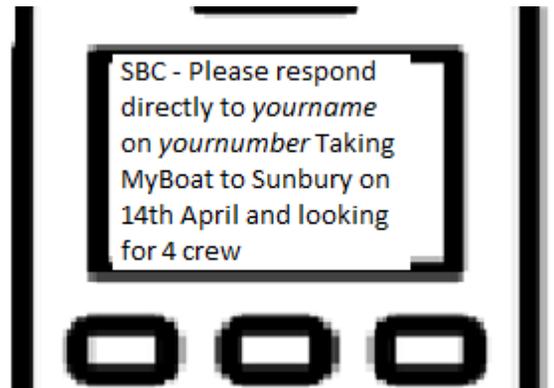
Sunday the 14th of April marks our first scheduled “**Crew To**” event.....but what does “Crew to” mean?

The plan is that boat owners and non-boat owners (or even those who want to let someone else drive for a change!) get together for joint trips, whether it be a day, two days or more! We hope to enjoy the river, our craft and get to socialise.

On Sunday the 14th of April, we will be travelling the short run from the island to **Sunbury on Thames for lunch**.

So, how can we get this started? First off we need some boat owners to commit to the 14th April lunch at Sunbury – then the boat owner will Just text a message to **07860027813** and, for just the cost of a single text, all registered members will get your message!

Next – for those who fancy a trip but either don’t have a boat, or can’t use theirs, they can either respond directly to a boat owner’s text or text a message to **07860027813** and, for just the cost of a single text, all registered members will get the message that you’d like to be included in the trip! No need to put your contact details in, the system does that for you so... becomes..



further details on the Sunbury trip will be include in our next Newsletters.....watch this space!

BTW “Social Sundays” What Are They? Well - It’s free-style socialising on one of the best spots on the Thames..... Think of them as Working Parties.....BUT without the work!

The dates are: Sunday 28th April; Sunday 2nd June; Sunday 21st July More news Soon!

And don’t forget: for the new season we have Club gear (samples on view at the Fitting Out Supper)
Fleece jackets (320gsm thickness) navy blue with embroidered SBC badge, zip front and pockets sizes XS to L £27.00 each

Body warmers (210gsm thickness) navy blue with embroidered SBC badge, zip front and pockets sizes: Men S – XXL; Women 8/10, 12/14, 16/18 £18.00

Sweatshirts: Navy blue with embroidered SBC badge sizes for men and women: XS – XXXL £18.00

Further details and orders with payment to Sue (S L Harmer and see Noticeboard). Sue also has SBC burgees



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Club House All dressed & ready



SBC Fitting Out Supper! Saturday 16th March

VENUE: CLUBHOUSE ON ISLAND

Ferry from Jetty: 6:00pm to 6:25pm

All Seated by : 6:30pm

Event finishes with Ferry return: 9.00 - 9.30pm

Editors Note: Anyone who can help set-up & clear-up Please contact Jackie with your offer of help! Thanks ronjak@btinternet.com

Members may have noticed that the wooden edging is coming away from the concrete on the Middlesex of the island. This is one of many things the Club is taking up with our landlords, the Environment Agency.

Two training days are on the Programme – not just for new members. The ferry will have slightly different handling features so members are encouraged to have a go before their duty day. In the feedback from the survey, several members said they weren't sure about starting the generator and using the BBQ's. This will be covered as well. The C'tee is also working towards publishing a Members Handbook, Buddy & Contact list.

We'll also be updating the website and our FaceBook page – where Gerry has loaded quite a few photo's that we sincerely thank him and BTW Russell too! As they appear to be our SBC "official" recorders.

This newsletter however contains one VERY big & special Thank You: To Ray Timms (our retiring Bosun) – who has driven both quality up-grades to mooring provision and overseen the "New Ferry" project – as Dom often says he's our "Master Craftsman" – Thanks Ray.

The Bosun is responsible for maintaining income levels for the Club, generated from Mooring fees. In addition Bosun's are traditionally the "fixer" - so we are more than confident Andy will fulfil this role.

We are again calling on Members to give some time – for those who may have retired the Committee accepts that you now have so much to do – you are still wondering how you ever managed the paid day job – however please have a think about some of the potential tasks we need fulfilled, such as secretarial duties - anything you could manage – give it some thought & let us know.

Molesey Lock is scheduled to re-open on 1 March but if there is any delay, the Committee has agreed to return the ferry by road. **What else?** Boat Safety Scheme - we understand that from 1 April 2019 it will be obligatory to have a carbon monoxide alarm on boats. It should meet EN-50291-2 and can be purchased from many hardware shops as well as chandleries. Or at boat jumbles – the Kent Boat Jumble is on Sunday 3 March 2019 at the Kent Hop Farm. There are several others through the year – details on the notice board.

If your boat is due for inspection this year, please let Sue know. We'll try and coordinate inspections (and maybe get a 'deal'). Unfortunately Dave Raven who has done many inspections in the past is no longer able to do so, so if anyone knows a person they would recommend, please let Sue know.

If you want to know more about what is happening on the Thames, there is a Port of London Authority Recreational Users briefing on Wednesday 20 March; a General Meeting of the Association of Thames Yacht Clubs on Tuesday 26 March and a River Users' Group meeting for our stretch of the Thames on Thursday 11 April. Ask Linda for more details.

SBC strongly recommends the website : <http://www.riverthamesnews.com>

There are many stories, items of interest and suggestions that may make your river use more fun.

SBC Fitting Out Supper! Saturday 16th March 2019

The Fitting Out Supper has always proved to be a popular event giving us all a chance to discuss our boating plans ahead of the new season or just a general social catch up with each other.

The plan this year is to have a Fish and Chip Supper (Menu was attached to my email 8th Feb ping me if you didn't get it). The cost will be £6.00 each and the Club will contribute any cost above and beyond this. There will be a complimentary glass of Wine (Red or White) or Juice, plus a dessert. I would suggest that you bring any extra/ different drink that wish to have for the evening.

It will be so nice to see as many of you as possible attending. Please let me know if you CAN or CANNOT attend, who will be coming showing their choice from the Menu alongside their name. I'm really looking forward to seeing you again.

Jackie

Vice Commodore



News On the Ferry!

We had our current Ferry delivered 5th May 2011
Whilst we were happy that at sub £6k we had ourselves a good base boat, we always knew that we'd have to splash some cash in later years!
And with the platform de-laminating we had to act!

Ray & Dom take a trip upstream



Andrew was charged with the technical:
"What do we do about the Tubes"

The answer was to fill them with a special foam, lighter and better packed than before. (and Metta approved)

Robin, the yard owner and his team ground the old anti-foul off – repaired pitting and re-coated with an Epoxy 2 pack, that Ray is certain will outlast many of us!



Eds Note: Who are those youthful chaps!?

Metta approved Robin's work hence why he looks happy!



Ray worked with the yard over new decking and a future proofed "reconstruction" that will mean any subsequent deck board replacements will NOT require a full out-of-water rebuild (as we've needed to do this time).

Ray & Dom have also fabricated a new helm, replaced all the lights to upgraded LED units – sorted flood lights to bow and set up working horns. Together with new engine mounts, better engine access and reconfigured outer frame – we are sure to have a better than original, safe and reliable ferry for many years to come. Whilst below show it's not finished (note from C'tee don't delay newsletter) it does indicate where we are!



New helm with glass!

New engine set-up!



New Livery!

Anyone with photos or contributions to the newsletter please contact Dominic on 07973 900 169 or email him at dominic@thevirtualgroup.co.uk

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