



Stoke Gabriel Boating Association

SGBA News

SGBA Regatta 2012

This year's SGBA regatta started out slowly, with dead calm greeting the sailing crews as they mustered at the committee boat for their morning starts. But, as the races got under way, so did the breeze. By the second lap of the two lap course off Mill Point, the wind had got up to such an extent that even the larger, slower craft completed the course. Racing in all three classes was closely fought, especially as the SGBA sailors were joined by our more competitive friends from Dittisham Sailing Club! The day's events were topped off with a sumptuous BBQ organised by Dilys Elender and Jill Moorhen. Thanks to all the competitors, those who turned out to sup-

port the sailors and rowers, and to everyone who helped organise the races and BBQ, with special thanks to Commodore John Bradbury for bring it all together.

The Winners!

Commodore John Bradbury (top left) with this year's winners (L-R from the top):

Rowan Halkes, Kyle Saffery, Jess Jobson,
Ollie Biggs, Albert Gillmore,
Charlie Gillmore,
Sheila Adams and Fred Gillmore

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SGBA Laying Up Supper at Emma's — Sunday, 21st October, 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Our menu for the evening

Cornish Oak Smoked Trout Fillet
Chicken Liver Pate & Devonshire Chutney
Spicy Parsnip Soup
Stilton Mushrooms

Roast Beef or Turkey
Duck & Wild Mushroom Pudding Served with Green Beans, Red Cabbage
& Carrots, Herby Saute Potatoes & Port Sauce
Exe River Moules & Frites
Brie, Mushroom, Cranberry & Hazelnut Wellington
Served With Vegetables & Potatoes

Apple & Plum Crumble
Raspberry & Passion Fruit Cheesecake
Warm Chocolate Brownie & Vanilla Ice Cream
Banoffee Pie
£14.95 For Two Courses (To Include Coffee)
£19.95 For Three Courses (To Include Coffee)

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Book directly with Emma's
Phone: 01803 782697

Email:
ebridge1972@tiscali.co.uk
Or just call in .. be quick though
as numbers are limited!



And bring your own wine and
make it more affordable!

Meet the Committee — Alun Jenkins, Dinghy Park Officer



**Current boat is 'Tamarind'
28' Tamar motor cruiser**

The spelling of my Christian name is an indication of my roots although I was born, worked and married in Chichester, the harbour of which boasts the beautiful sailing villages of Bosham, Dell Quay and Birdham. My first sailing experience was from school in the sea at Worthing, then with the Ocean Youth Club from Cowes to Alderney via Cherbourg. For many years

we kept a motor cruiser in France, enjoying holidays along the rivers and canals. Now we keep our Tamar motor cruiser on moorings at Totnes.

As Dinghy Park Officer my aim is to encourage members to improve the condition and appearance of their dinghies which, some have justifiably said, blight the banks of our beautiful river and village, so look out!

Tips to keep your boat safe and tidy on the fore-shore:

- *Make sure the boat is strapped to the trailer*
- *Make sure the trailer is pulled well up the beach*
- *Store with the bow up*
- *Remove the drain plug, if it takes water at high tide the boat will not drift and will drain as tide falls*
- *Fit a weatherproof cover*
- *If you are not living locally, advertise in Newsletter for a local agent to keep an eye on it for a beer or two!*

The 3rd Annual Totnes to Stoke Gabriel River Swim

On the 8th September a group of keen swimmers swam the beautiful stretch between Totnes and Stoke Gabriel. Among the swimmers this year was the increasingly well-known and delightfully inquisitive seal.

For the past 2 years we have spent the days preceding the swim listening to weather warnings and wondering if our little swim was going to be possible. This year was no exception and although we avoided the weather warnings, a dense mist descended overnight threatening our swim. Luckily it quickly cleared leaving



Starting from Totnes

warm sunshine and inviting water. Upon entering the river there were yelps of surprise, the water was cool and fresh. Even those in wetsuits were proclaiming concern for their toes. The water remained cold until Duncannon and then the water warmed significantly

and it was like swimming into a bath. Heaven! From here it was a quick swim into Stoke Gabriel as the tide was pushing fast and the usual resistance we meet swimming into the creek was missing, making for a much calmer finish.

All in all it was a beautiful morning and the perfect day for a swim down stream.

As always thanks to John, Christine, Roger, Pauline, Alun and Lesley for being the 'experts' and keeping a reassuring watch over us and to all the volunteers who kayak alongside us to keep us out of harm's way.



So relaxing



A watchful eye

A New Pontoon!

Monday, 17th September heralded the arrival of the much-awaited replacement pontoon. It is wider and much more stable. The decking is non-slip and doesn't have large gaps, so you can safely put things like rowlocks and padlocks on it. The extra length provides a few additional berths and slightly longer access at low water, spring tides. The access ramp at the village end facilitates the use of outboard motor trolleys, although not dinghies on wheels as the width is restricted.

Gone.....



For the full story in pictures visits the SGBA website at www.sgba.org.uk

Arrived....

SGBA boats are moored on

Safety boat	Berth A
Y Knot	Berth B

Going.....



The deck is higher than on the old pontoon requiring owners of dinghies with low freeboard to moor with care in case their bows get caught under the pontoon on a falling tide in windy weather.

Officially, access to the pontoon is from the bottom end of the parish slipway, which gets covered at high water on a typical tide. In the past, people have got around this difficulty by stepping directly on to the pontoon from the quay. This informal access is now obstructed by a handrail. As the user community, we've raised this concern with the DHNA for further discussion.

Neil Millward, Vice-Commodore



Sales & Wanted

To advertise here email Roger.Stobbart@btinternet.com

For more details go to www.sgba.org.uk

FOR SALE: Porta-Bote 12' Dinghy £1,200 (see more on www.sgba.org.uk)

Excellent condition – Price new £2,266: Seats 4 and comes complete with 2 oars and 3 seats

Mercury 3.3HP 2-stroke outboard is also for sale – not included in the price

Contact: Edgar Halton 01803200408, 07906081525, edgar@dancinggreen.co.uk



SGBA events

Visit the SGBA website
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Date	Event	Start	OOD/Contact
Sun 7 Oct	Sunday Club Sailing	0900	Roger Astley
Tues 9th Oct	Next Committee Meeting		Lesley Jenkins
Sun 21 Oct	Sunday Club Sailing & Lay up	900	Charlie Gillmore
Sun 21 Oct	Laying up Supper at Emma's	1899	John Bradbury
Thurs 22 Nov	Three views of the River Dart	1900	Neil Millward

The next SGBA Committee meeting takes place on Tuesday, 9th October. Please contact the appropriate committee member if there are any matters you would like to have considered.

We are on the web www.sgba.org.uk

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