

SSGBA News Stoke Gabriel Boating Association

SGBA News

2 New SGBA Safety & Training Boats for 2013!

As members will be aware, the SGBA had decided to replace its 3 old motor boats with two new Safety Boats powered by 10 horse power, electric start four stroke outboards.

I am delighted to report that our Hon. Life Member, Mrs.Bibby, has offered to buy one of the boats and name it



'Blue Hills' in memory of her husband, Pat, who served in the Royal Navy. "Blue Hills" was their motor sailing boat and was used extensively in foreign excursions and crossing the Channel over 100 times.

The Bibby family have been most generous supporters of the SGBA over the years.

Left, 'Blue Hills' on the Bude Canal *****

Last year our son Michael died of SADS and Christine and I have offered to purchase the second craft, naming it in his memory "Michael B", at the request of his wife and 7 year old son, Cole.

Michael completed a Marine Engineering course and would have loved to move to Devon with his

family and pursue his love of boating, but work was elsewhere.

The two new vessels will be classified as Safety Boats, but under our new Bye-Laws will be available to suitably qualified members at times when the SGBA is not using them..



JOHN H H BRADBURY, C.B.E., SGBA COMMODORE

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The SGBA Boat show Sunday 24th February 2- 4.30 Stoke Gabriel Village Hall

Dinghy sailing, Canoeing, Rowing, for all

Come and see our range of boats and discover how easy it is to get on the water Chandlery, Buoyancy aids, personal gear on sale.

Bring and buy stall

Light refreshments available

Entry Free Everyone Welcome

Bring & Buy – Sell your surplus marine 'bits', label the items with your name and price deliver them to Quartermaster at Danebury, Byter Mill lane or Vice Com at Middle Well, Port Bridge

The Dinghy Park Officer

River Lovejoy

When I was young and had hair, I sailed at clubs in London and Oxford. There the big problem was boats being blown over onto each other by the wind. I well remember disentangling a wind blown 505 from my dinghy one morning.

Here in Stoke Gabriel we do not have a major wind problem, and the main problems are the high tides.

My role is to keep your investment safe. At spring tides most of the boats will float off the ground, and the following may happen:

- If they come off the trailer they may damage themselves on rocks when the tide recedes or on the trailer itself as they settle
- They may damage others boats as the tide recedes if they sit on near-by boats.
- If they are full of rainwater they will damage themselves and other boats as they surge against each other.

So how do we keep everything safe?

1. By tying your boat down to its trailer tightly with the rope going over the boat, NOT over

- the boom if you have a sailing dinghy. (Great way to wreck a cover)
- Keeping rainwater out with a good cover.
- 3. Having a bung to drain water.
- 4. Having the boat angled so it will drain!

Many of you will find that your dinghies have been tied down by me with blue polypropylene rope, or have had your ropes re-tied much tighter.



Next Big Tides: 10th-13th February: 4.9m.

Pontoon News

I attended the recent board meeting of Dart Harbour as the SGBA representative and Chairman of ADRUC (the Association of Dart River User Clubs). A main agenda item was the allocation of berths on the Stoke Gabriel and Dittisham pontoons. The Harbour Master reported that 52% of pontoon berths were occupied by tender dinghies, the remainder being non-tender dinghies, i.e. dinghies not associated with a river mooring for a yacht. The HM wished to move to-

wards a target of 75% tenders as he felt this would help to let some of the [few] unlet moorings in this part of the river. He added that he did not propose withdrawing berths from current non-tender berth holders.

Two board members spoke against this proposal because it discriminated against leisure users who could not afford a yacht. One board member said that what was proposed [essentially splitting the waiting list,

Neil Millward

as done previously before the current Moorings Policy was adopted] was a radical change in policy and needed a Board decision. It was then agreed to continue the discussion "in committee".

If you are a berth holder or on the pontoon waiting list I would be glad to hear your views on the above issue, preferably before the next Dart Harbour Board meeting on **Monday 11**th **February**.

Sales and Wanted



New Launching Trolleys Made to Measure - £95 - £140

Dennis Ebdon of Torquay has made many trolleys and trailers for members over the years and has drawings and measurements for most dinghies built since The Ark!





SGBA Safety and Training Boats

What great news,! New boats, reliable 4 stroke, electric start, no more flooded engines, no more mixing fuel! We mixed over 125ltrs of 2T last season! We are currently evaluating quotations from 3 different boats suppliers, along with power options, and aim to select a supplier during February which means that the new boats will come into service in May/June 2013. The new boats will be designated as 'Safety and Training' boats:

Safety – for assisting and supporting the safe conduct of water borne activities

Training – for the development of member skills in boat handling, pilotage, navigation, safety procedures

The new boats represent a significant asset to the SGBA not only in finan-

cial terms but as essential equipment to enable many of our events to run, especial the RYA Junior events, club sailing days, regattas and more.

We also need crews proficient at both helming and supporting those in need of assistance to be available for SGBA events. The boats will be available for members use so they may develop their skills for the purpose of providing effective support at SGBA events. From the start of the season the power boats will be available to members to book on line *provided* they are on the register of SGBA 'helms'. To register you must be over 18 and provide the Membership Secretary with a copy of your RYA PB1 or PB2 certificate. Those on the register will be invited to provide support at SGBA events. We appreciate there are many members who would like to use the new boats

Roger Stobbart: Quartermaster

and, whilst being competent, do not have a qualification. Unfortunately we do not have the resource to 'assess' everyone so a series of PB1 and PB2 courses will be available early in the season.

Information on PB training will be available at the SGBA boat show and in the February Newsletter or you can read the RYA powerboat logbook G20/04 to find out more about the courses.

Please register a copy of your RYA PB1/2 certificate with the Membership Secretary, by email or post.

PB2 and Safety boat Training

Seaspace, 'Bones' alias Trevor Black will be running the following courses

- Sat 23rd & Sun 24th March, Power Boat Level 2
- Sat 20th & Sun 21st April, Safety Boat course

Contact by Email - seaspace@blueyonder.co.uk or Phone 07980 436451

Notice to Members

Membership renewal for 2013 is now due. Those not renewing membership are requested to remove all their boats and personal equipment from the club, foreshore and premises before the end of February 2013.

AGM. This will take place at 7.30pm in the Club House on Thursday 21st March.

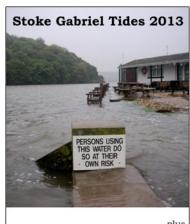
Security lock changes will be implemented on Tuesday 26th March. Members will be advised of the new codes well before the change.

Event support. We need volunteers for OOD and Safety boat please. Your help as lead or assistant will be much appreciated - please contact Roger Astley (see Contact List)

Find out more about the roles on the SGBA website - SGBA - Policies & Guidelines -

Lockers. We have several members looking for whole and shared lockers. If you do not need or have space in your locker please let Sheila Adams know.

Pontoon High Water Access. Discussions are in place to explore alternative High Water access routes to the pontoon that will meet the necessary standards. Several options are under review and the outlook is promising. Please respect the existing facilities.



A guide to tidal phenomena in Stoke Gabriel Creek and the nearby River Dart

Now available at the Stoke Gabriel Stores, Post Office, The River Shack and Sharpham Vineyard at £2 per copy

SGBA events

For current information about SGBA events please contact the event organizer, for sailing contact Roger Astley or look on the SGBA website

Note: to see ALL sailing events, including informal evenings, go to SGBA website - Sailing - Sailing Programme - in the sentence "It can be found here" click on 'here' to access the latest list.

2013 Dates	SGBA Event		Start	OOD/contact
Sun 24 February	SGBA Boat show	Village Hall	1400	Anne Davis
Sat 16 March	Family quiz Night	Club house	18.00	Anne Davis
Thurs 21 March	AGM	Club house	1930	J Bradbury
Tues 26 March	Club security codes change	All	1900	Quartermaster
Sun 21 April	Club Sailing	Mill Point	1400	
Sun 5 May	Club Sailing	Mill Point	1400	Charlie Gillmore
Sunday 19 May	Club Sailing	Mill Point	1100	
Wed 29 to Sun 2 Jun	Junior Sailing	Mill Point		Issy Hallam
Sun 16 June	Club Sailing	Mill Point	1000	
Sun 30 June	Club Sailing	Mill Point	1000	Issy Hallam
Sun 14 July	Club Sailing	Mill Point	0900	Howard Rawl-
Sun 28 July	Millpool Challenge	Quay		
Sun 4 August	Club Sailing	Mill Point	1430	Liam Fraser
Sun 11 August	Blackpool Sands, meet Warfleet		1030	John Bradbury
Sun 18 August	Club Sailing	Mill Point	1400	Charlie Gillmore
Sun 1 Sept	Club Sailing	Mill Point	1400	
Sun 15 Sept	SGBA Regatta	Mill Point	1330	John Bradbury
Sun 22 Sept	SGBA vs Dittisham Cricket	Middle Back	1330	
Sun 29 Sept	Club Sailing	Mill Point	1200	
Sun 13 October	Club Sailing	Mill Point	1100	
Sun 27 October	Club Sailing & Lay Up	Mill Point	0900	

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