



SGBA News

Welcome to the first SGBA e-newsletter

How to keep your boat safe on the foreshore

- Make sure it has a current SGBA sticker visible on the transom
- Tie the cover on securely
- Make sure the boat is tied to the trolley
- Leave the drain plug open so the boat does not float out of position
- If you do not live locally find a local agent who can look after it for you.

We have been having difficulty in getting the Newsletter produced in our traditional format and the Committee had been discussing alternatives. Roger Stobbart has kindly used up some "wet weather" time to produce a prototype for e distribution but also printable and available on our web site. We want feedback, so let us know what you think, or how to do it differently.

There are still vacancies on the Committee, especially for a Social Secretary to organise events around summer dates, and a winter programme of

talks to use the Clubhouse to better effect. My attempts to identify those willing to lend a hand, has produced a list of people who can share the load, but we need an individual to manage the team. There are lots of ideas about how we can do more interesting events, but we need someone to give it direction. Do please volunteer.

We also need a Sailing Secretary, although Roger Astley has done a sterling job during 2012 keeping the sailing events running. It may be possible to produce a sailing cal-

endar of events with Roger's enthusiasm, James Barrett's safety boat lists, and the support of members to support OOD tasks, but again, I would like to see a team of helpers with one identified manager. Please do volunteer.

The Laying Up Supper is planned for Sunday evening, October 21st, at Emma's in the village. I will circulate more details in due course.

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

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Regatta — 9th September

Details of the Regatta events were emailed to all members on the 23rd August, but we also need a bit of help please. We would appreciate

- ◆ one or two volunteers to help set up the barbecue and tables in the morning
- ◆ Two people who could cook burgers and sausages
- ◆ A couple of people to assemble the burgers
- ◆ Someone to collect the money
- ◆ The loan of a couple of cool boxes over the lunch-time period

If you can help at this event please contact Dilys Ellender on either 01803 782600 or dilevans@yahoo.co.uk



Meet the Committee — Roger Stobbart, Quartermaster



The Moody 31 'Katrina' replaced the Trapper and the Mirror dinghy is the sail boat!

I am not quite sure how I became 'Quartermaster' but it happened so now Tom Morris, the Bosun, and I look after the SGBA fleet of 33 boats. Far from being a marine engineer I served my apprenticeship with the Austin Motor Company mainly trying to make cars and motorbikes go faster. This also meant making them lighter by making GRP body panels for them. The Midlands is full of canals so the part ownership of a canal boat and restoration was inevitable,

complete with Water-motor variable prop and a BMC 'A' series engine converted to paraffin. Then the sailing bug arrived. Speed was essential, racing Enterprises, Laser 2 and Fireballs in Wiltshire and beyond before acquiring and restoring a Trapper 501, bought from a man in Aish some 18 years ago. Now the Dart is home.

The Quartermaster's challenge is to create a reliable fleet, attractive to the full range of members.

Quartermasters (quarter deck masters), were usually elected by their crews. It was the quartermaster's responsibility to lead the pirate boarding party when coming aboard another ship, usually from the quarter deck which was where two ships touched during an attack. The quartermaster was also chiefly responsible for discipline, assessing punishments for crew members who transgressed.

Activities during 2012



Left

Alun and Lesley Jenkins with their 'Tamar' in the Jubilee parade

Right

John (Commodore) and Christine Bradbury in "Meri-Go" their 30ft "Aquador" cabin cruiser



Refit for the Skiff



During the SGBA fleet laying up review last October we noticed that the very fine bow of the SGBA Whithall skiff had been badly damaged. By chance the South Devon College's Marine Academy was looking for suitable projects for their students to practise their newly gained skills at GRP

repairs. The skiff proved a suitable project. The students rebuilt the whole bow stem, repaired interior cracks, fitted two new sets of rowlocks and polished the hull to look like it was new! The skiff was returned at the start of this season and two new oars were added. More recently Neil Millward

(Master of the Oars) acquired and modified a pair of lightweight carbon fibre oars. We now have a great skiff for members to practise their rowing skills thanks to the students of South Devon College's Marine Academy and their craftsmanship in repairing the boat.

SGBA boats

The fleet is available to all SGBA members with "boat use membership". No booking required for sail or paddle, just launch and go! Users must wear buoyancy aids and take responsibility for their own safety and that of their children.

The SGBA motor boat users must hold RYA PB2 or have met the SGBA 'Approved user standard' issued by the Quartermaster or Bosun. For more details on how to book these boats and gain your approved status visit the SGBA website site.

Qty	Type	Description
6	LASER BUGS	Great for juniors learning to sail and row
7	TOPPERS	Fun for all and easy to sail
6	PICOS	One or 2 sails - easy sports boat
3	RS FEVAS	Fast 3 sail for competent sailors
1	LASER	Classic solo for fun and racing
1	WANDERER	Easy to sail family boat
2	KAYAKS 2 Seat	
1	CANOE Potomatic 14.6	
1	CANOE Rainbow 16	
1	CANOE Pelican	
1	WHITEHALL SKIFF	Easy rowing for 1 or 2 and each with 2 oars!
1	JENNEAU NEWMATIC	Club safety boat for SGBA events only
1	SHETLAND	Tiller steered 8hp motorboat 3 persons
1	ORKNEY DORY 424	Wheel steered 9.9 hp motorboat for 4 persons

Blackpool Sands — adventure in the mist!

Sunday 19th August looked like a challenge with drizzle and fog. We arrived at Noss to find half the electrics u/s. including radio and radar. However, the engine started and after a fruitless trouble-shoot we set off for Warfleet. Fortunately I had a spare handheld radio and heard a call from Roger and Pauline Stobbart on "Katrina" who were already by the Castle, and we met up with Anthony and June Prowse on "Speedwell". Robert and Sunil Foster, who had had engine problems, arrived later on in their

yellow motor boat "Dandi-Lion".

When I restarted "Meri-Go" all the electrics sprang into life, a good thing because the fog had closed visibility down to a few yards. We all set off in convoy (nil wind) and went well out to sea to keep clear of obstacles, navigating by chart plotter and radar round to Blackpool Sands, which emerged out of the mist a few hundred yards out. The two big yachts chose a deep water anchorage and we all rafted up and settled down to sorting out a social gathering

(10 people). As the day progressed the sun came out, two of the ladies went swimming - twice - and we all enjoyed an al fresco picnic on an oily calm sea. At 4pm we had unlimited visibility, sunny weather and a wind for the sailors to return with. Unfortunately the boats, which had been swinging with the tide, required a bit of "untangling" of anchor chain before departure.



All in all, a really good excursion. Even the Commodore nearly went for a swim, but he settled for a rowing session to take pictures instead !

Sales and Wanted

For sale 2 Optimist alloy launching trolleys, can be easily dismantled for car transport, would also suit any small (around 8') pram dinghy offers circa £ £50 each. Contact Quartermaster 01803 782434



SGBA events

Note 21st October Laying up Supper
For further information about SGBA events please contact the event organiser and look on the SGBA website

Date	Event	Start	OOD/Contact
Thurs 30 Aug - Sat 1 Sept	Dartmouth Regatta		
Sat 8 Sept	Dart river swim Totnes Rowing Club to SG	1100	Olivia Palmer
Sun 9 Sept	SGBA Regatta	1000	John Bradbury
Sat, Sun15/16 Sept	Stithians Lake Trip		Sue Mortimer
Sat, Sun 22/23 Sept	Swallows & Amazons		Kim Connabeer
Sun 23 Sept	Sunday Club Sailing	1000	Howard Rawlings
Sun 7 Oct	Sunday Club Sailing	0900	TBA
Mon 8th 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	1900	John Bradbury

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

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