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## Stoke Gabriel Boating Association

*Promoting community participation in sailing, kayaking, canoeing and rowing*

# SGBA News

## All change at the SGBA

**At the Club's General Meeting held on 13 March 2014, Roger Stobbart took over as Commodore. This is what Roger has to say about the way ahead for the Club.**

After three years at the helm John Bradbury retired as Commodore at the General Meeting. John did a fantastic job as Commodore and under his leadership the charity structure has emerged that has enabled the club to progress plans for a new club house as well as a framework for the development of club activities.

His preparation provides the incoming Commodore with a ready-made agenda; turn the plans into reality! And why not? With club house plans drawn and now with SHDC for approval, a healthy balance of £28k of club funds at the end of 2013, a grant of £15k from The Parish Council and SHDC and a conditional offer of £50k from Sports England we are almost half way to our funding target thanks to the sterling work of Julian Williams. The Sport England conditions demand that we secure Planning approval and the balance of funding by 30 June 2014. A challenge, but one we can meet. The building plans are drawn, supporting documents complete and we need one report before formal submission of plans and that should be within the next week. For the balance of funds, there is a plan, the details of which will emerge over the next few weeks.

For this season it will be boating as usual. Roger Astley is coordinating boating events as published on the web site so please volunteer early for safety boat and OOD, especially those of you who have committed to do so as Registered SGBA helms for the Clubs Safety boats. I am sure you will find the Safety boats slightly more responsive since running in!

We also have several changes on the committee amongst them is a new Social Secretary, Sarah Hunt who has taken over from Anne Davis who is now Quartermaster. You can see all the changes in the officers list in this newsletter.

There are vacancies on the committee and we are always looking for members with the energy and skills to help the club develop and deliver a program of events, training or even manage a modest building project. So if you have skills, time and enthusiasm to help fellow boating enthusiasts and would like to help please give me call.

Let's hope this year will treat us to some great sailing weather and the sight of the first bricks laid for our new club house.



**Roger Stobbart**

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## The SGBA is now a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

The new status of the SGBA as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) imposes more stringent responsibilities than when we were a Community Amateur Sports Club. Set down in the club's new Constitution, these responsibilities include, specifically:

- Absolute compliance with Charity Commission regulations.
- Regular reviews of Risks, and consideration of means to reduce them.
- Ensuring an AGM is held and that elections etc are properly conducted.
- A legal obligation to remain solvent and only to disburse funds for purposes which further the Charitable Object of the SGBA. This Charitable Object is '*The promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of facilities for participation in the sports of sailing, kayaking, canoeing and rowing*'.

The Trustees of the SGBA carry the responsibility of compliance with the Constitution. Their scope touches all aspects of the club's activities, but they rightly do not intend to involve themselves in the management and direction of everything. Most matters are for the club's Executive Committee, as was the case before. This is to say that the Trustees have delegated some of their authority to the Committee. They have spelled this out in a document called the 'Memorandum of Delegation', which explains how the relationship between the Board and the Committee should work, and sets some limits on the powers that the Committee may exercise on the Board's behalf. Every Trustee and Committee Member has a copy, and it will be on the website.

The Board has arranged that the Committee will have delegated *authority* for

- The programme of activities afloat.
- Resources (boats, craft, instructors, safety boat crews).
- Premises, dinghy park and foreshore facilities.
- Membership.
- Social activities.
- Fundraising, especially from activities and events.
- Newsletter, website, and external communications.

All the same, *responsibility* for safe and compliant operation of the club rests with the Trustees and they remain accountable to the Charity Commission.

These new arrangements might take a little time to bed down. Since the Commodore serves simultaneously as both the Chair of Trustees and the Chair of the Executive Committee, effective communication between the two levels of management will be ensured.

### Out-of-date flares

Do you have out-of-date flares? No, not the ones you wore in the 70s but the sort that make a lot of smoke and can set your attic on fire on a hot summer's day. They are a hazard wherever they are stored and should be safely disposed of by taking them to Brixham Coastguard. Call them beforehand on 882704.

Alternatively, if you get them to Neil Millward at Middle Well, Port Bridge by Wednesday, 23 April, he will take them for you along with his own.

## Sunday 20th April is the start of the SGBA sailing & boating season.

Come and join us from 9.30am at Mill Point. If you've not been to a Club Sailing Day before, come along and see what's happening. The event is informal, we're not racing - it's just about getting out on the water.

### Thursday 1st May 6.00 pm - the first Social Sailing & Boating evening

Please check the information on the website - it is not an organised club event (no OOD, no safety boat). The name has been changed because the idea is to develop these evenings as we work towards having better facilities at Mill Point.

### Sunday 4th May is Try-out Day

If you'd like to talk to some of our experienced members and possibly sail with them, come down to Mill Point from about 9.30am.

### Adult Beginner Dinghy Courses

They're informal - the idea is to put those wanting some help (at least 10 so far) in touch with members who can provide it. To start, the club Wanderer or members' own two handed dinghies will be used. Later, we may look at using single handed dinghies and a safety boat, depending on what members want.

**If you are an experienced sailor and can help with this or 4th May - could you let me know please.**

The SGBA website is full of useful information - but phone/email me if you need more.

Sailing Secretary 01803 782152



The SGBA can only work successfully if members play a part in helping to run the the Club's activities.

Nowhere is this more important than the Sailing Events which can only take place if we have the necessary people to run them i.e. OOD and safety boat helm & crew.

We need to find three names for each event before it can go ahead - so, if you can help, please contact the Sailing Secretary.

## Junior Sailing Course - 2014

In just a few weeks time, during the May half-term holidays, the Junior Sailors will be out in force.

The novices younger sailors will be based in the shelter of Mill Point, whilst our more experienced older sailors will sail off Sandridge beach, thanks to the generosity of the Yallop family. They will all be working towards their RYA dinghy qualifications, but more importantly, they will be enjoying the river, gaining water confidence and having fun.

Fifteen instructors, twelve safety boat helms, and almost thirty shore helpers and safety boat crew will be supporting the thirty-eight children as they learn to tack, gybe, capsize, tie knots, improve their boat handling, rig their boats and more. We'll be using all the SGBA craft; twenty sailing dinghies, both safety boats and the rowing dinghies. It is a massive logistic operation, organised by a dedicated team of volunteers who work all year to organise the course.

All members are welcome to come along and watch the sailors at Mill Point, it is quite a spectacle to see so many of the club dinghies out on the river at the same time. However, we do ask that you let the instructors, instruct!

If you can spare a day and want to get involved (you don't have to be qualified or have a child on the course), we always need extra helpers, just call us. Thanks.

[All we need now is perfect sailing weather!](#)

Issy Hallam & Sue Mortimer

Junior Sailing Co-ordinators

## The Safety and Training Boats are back at Stoke Gabriel

An intrepid team led by the Commodore, supported by the Sailing Secretary and Quartermaster and only marginally hindered by the helpful suggestions of the Newsletter Editor, launched the Safety boats at Noss Marina where they had been anti-fouled in readiness for the new season.





## Keep Your Boat Safe

Various markers and engine covers are available from the Devon and Cornwall Community Watch Association (DaCCWA). Bits and pieces have gone missing from boats at Stoke Gabriel and marking outboards seems a sensible precaution. More information from the email below.

### PACK OPTIONS AND COSTS As of January 2014

OPTION	COST
<b>OPTION 1</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boat Watch Scheme Booklet</li> <li>Marine marking kit (8ml) and,</li> <li>Watch scheme stickers x2</li> <li>Outboard engine cover</li> </ul>	<b>S £50.00</b> <b>M £53.00</b> <b>L £58.00</b>
<b>Pack price to be charged (includes VAT)</b>	
<b>OPTION 2</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boat Watch Scheme Booklet / CMS</li> <li>Marine marking kit (8ml) and,</li> <li>Watch scheme stickers</li> </ul>	<b>£20.00</b>
<b>Pack price to be charged (includes VAT)</b>	
<b>OPTION 3</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boat Watch Scheme Booklet / CMS</li> <li>S/M/L Outboard engine cover</li> </ul>	<b>S £30.00</b> <b>M £33.00</b> <b>L £38.00</b>
<b>Pack price to be charged (includes VAT)</b>	
<b>OPTION 4</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Boat Watch Scheme Booklet</li> <li>Community Messaging Registration</li> </ul>	
<b>Pack price to be charged (includes VAT)</b>	<b>Free</b>

**Cheques to be made payable to DaCCWA and sent to Watch Office Camborne Police Station**

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## Events 2014

<b>2014 Date</b>	<b>SGBA Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Start</b>
Sat 5 April	Family quiz Night	Club house	1830
Sat 12th April	Head of the Dart Race D'mouth-Totnes 100 boats!	Totnes	1500
Sun 20 April	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	0930
Thurs 1st May	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800
Sun 4 May	Club Sailing & Boating - Try-out Day	Mill Point	0930
Thurs 15 May	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800
Sunday 18 May	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	0900
Thurs 29th May	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800
Fr1 23 May	Kingswear rowing club visit to SGBA	Mill Point	1300
Sat 24 - 26 May	Junior Sailing	Mill Point	1430
Sat 31 May -1 June	Junior Sailing	Mill Point	1430
Sun 8 June	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	1230
Thurs 12 June	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800
Sun 22 June	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	1230
Thurs 26 June	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800
Fri 27 June	Collecting for RNLI	Totnes	All day
Thurs 10 Jul	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800
Sun 20 July	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	10.30
Thurs 24 Jul	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800
Sun 27 July	Millpool Challenge	Quay	1000
Tues 29 Jul	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800
Sun 3 August	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	0930
Sun 10 August	Flotilla day	On the Dart	0830
Tues 12 Aug	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800
Sun 17 August	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	0930
Thurs 28 Aug	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800
Sun 31 August	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	0930
Fri 5 Sept	Collecting for RNLI	Totnes	All day
Thurs 11 Sept	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800
Sat 13 Sept	Middle Back cricket SGBA vs Dittisham	Middle Back	1400
Sun 14 Sept	SGBA Regatta	Mill Point	0930
Sat 20/21 sept	Swallows and Amazons	Mill Point	
Sun 21 Sept	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	1430
Thurs 25 Sept	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1730
Sun 5 October	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	1400
Sun 19 October	Club Sailing & Lay Up	Mill Point	1330
Sun 26 Oct	Laying up Supper	TBA	1900

Remember, Club Sailing can only take place with an OOD and a Safety Boat crew. Keep an eye on the Sailing Programme page on the SGBA web site and follow the links to the [events calendar](#) to see the status of the event.