



## Stoke Gabriel Boating Association

Promoting community participation in sailing, kayaking, canoeing and rowing

# SGBA NEWS

October 2018



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## From the Commodore

June's Newsletter began with the words 'What a marvellous summer so far...' and didn't that lovely weather go on and on? The SGBA has had a marvellous summer in so many ways, not just the weather.

**Training** takes the biscuit, for sure. Over this summer season RYA certificates have been achieved by 42 young members on two Junior Sailing Courses, by 17 adults on their two courses, and by 15 members on Power Boat Level 2 courses. Ashore, 14 gained First Aid Certificates earlier this year. That's 88 in all. Hats off to our training team of Anne Davis (Training Centre Principal), Pete Joscelyne (Chief Instructor, Sail), Ian House (Chief Instructor, Power) and Tracey Cunningham (First Aid). We really are now making the best use of our splendid facilities at Mill Point.

**Fun on the Water.** But the SGBA is not all work and no play. We've had fun too, on the regular Sunday sessions, in the Regatta, getting paddleboard training from the Paddleshack, and introducing 30 village schoolchildren to the enjoyment they can have afloat. Thanks to the enthusiasm of the Head of School, Matthew Medd, we are

forging close links – likely to develop further during 2019.

**Playing our part in the community.** The club's standing in the village has been boosted this summer, as members have organised events for all to enjoy. We had a prize-winning float in the Carnival, thanks to Alan Wood, and Nick Ager did brilliantly in organising our part in the Millpool Challenge (twice – it was worth waiting for that fine day on 9 Sept, Nick!). We also organised the return of the annual boat trip aboard the DARTMOUTH CASTLE, which not only delighted many in the village – mostly not members of the SGBA – but also generated over £800 for the Carnival Fund, some of which will be returned to our club by the end of the year.



*The Dartmouth Castle at Stoke Gabriel Quay*

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## From the Commodore

**Entertaining ourselves, too.** We've had several BBQs at Mill Point and, on 21 July, a gig by busker Harry Quick. He was so good that we want him back next year!



*Harry Quick at the Clubhouse*

**Preparing for 2019 and beyond.** Noting the fast-growing demand to use the club's kayaks and paddle-boards, your Committee has bought two more single kayaks and two more paddle-boards in recent weeks. The club has also benefited from gifts of a four-man rowing boat, a Drascombe Lugger and a sit-in kayak. We are grateful to Richard Wilson, Rebecca Robinson and Mark Severn for their generosity. These boost our total boat fleet to 54 (31 sailing dinghies, 18 paddle-craft, two safety boats, three tenders). There will be some adjustments in the composition of the fleet next year as we seek to better match our club resources to our members' paddle-boardses. This and other development work – across all aspects of the club – will be led by Brian Deacon, Vice-Commodore, over the winter months.

**The SGBA Winter Programme** is detailed on Page 14 – five talks, a Ceilidh, a Christmas dinner, and two working-party days – all will be enjoyable, please do take part. The more you join in, the more you take out!

**Finally, Big Thanks** go to Geoffrey Pocock, Editor of this and all previous Newsletters over the past several years. His skill and flair has always been very evident and much appreciated. Thank you Geoffrey. There must be another person, among our 400 adult members, with similar talents? Please consider taking on this satisfying role, essential for keeping our club as active and rewarding as it is now.



Surfers Against Sewage

## Surfers Against Sewage

Members might be interested in a beach and river clean on Friday 26th October, 2 - 4 p.m which is being organised by Surfers Against Sewage. The SGBA is happy to support them.

Do go along if you can.



### BEACH:

RIVER DART  
FORESHORE

### MEETING POINT:

STOKE GABRIEL  
MILLPOND SLIPWAY

### DATE & TIME:

FRIDAY 26th OCTOBER  
2PM - 4 PM

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# Committee News

## The Woods Estate

Members may be interested to note that, by reason of the imminent sale of the Woods Estate, much work has been done behind the scenes to agree and conclude a Deed of Easement between the Trustees of the SGBA and the Executrix of the Woods Estate to enshrine in a Deed the rights for members and their guests to pass and re-pass along the permissive path over land belonging to the Woods Estate, between the village and Mill Point, solely at times when access along the foreshore is prevented by the state of the tide.

The wording has been agreed and the Deed signed on behalf of the SGBA by Neil Millward and John Bradbury. We have moved forward on the agreement and drafting of this Deed with the aim of completing it prior to the sale of the Woods Estate, so as to bind any new owner of the estate to the rights of members and their guests as expressed in the Deed.

We would urge all members and guests to adhere to the agreement to use the access way along the paved driveway and then across the footpath over the field and into the woods only when access along the foreshore is prevented by the state of the tide, as, whilst we are entitled to expect the new owner of the Woods Estate to adhere to the agreement, we must also accept that members and guests of the SGBA must similarly observe and comply with the limits of the access over Woods Estate land.

## The DHNA Pontoon

The temporary pontoon that the Harbour Authority placed at Mill Point for the summer has been great for the club as well as for the scores of river users who have used it to disembark/embark at those states of



*The DHNA Pontoon*

the tide when the Quay pontoon cannot be used. The Rivershack, Emma's, the pubs and the shops have all seen an uplift in trade, so they too will be pleased to know that DHNA intend to return the pontoon to Mill Point next Spring, after removing it for the Winter.

## RYA Principal's Report

This season we have held a record number of RYA training courses.

Junior sailing remains very popular. With Bridget Barrett as coordinator we were able to expand Course A to 24 children; Tara Reeve joined the team as coordinator for Course B, taking 18 children.

With two senior sailing courses (for age 16 plus) we trained a further 17 members, and for all these courses the exceptional weather brought lovely sailing conditions.

With Brian Deacon as coordinator and Ian House as Senior Instructor we have held a total of 5 Powerboat Level 2 courses, bringing an extra 15 members onto the club powerboat list. While this qualifies members to helm the Safety Boats at events, it would be good to have more members with a formal Safety Boat certificate. To encourage this we held a Safety session in the early season to familiarise helms with all the rescue techniques that might be needed for towing, capsize, and rescue of casualties .

In March, a First Aid course with Instructor Tracey Cunningham was fully booked. We're holding another on October 27th; some places are still available, please contact the RYA Principal, Anne Davis via the [website](#) if you're interested.



### Purchase of new paddle craft

In recent weeks the Club has bought 2 kayaks (from Tom Morris) and 2 more inflatable paddle-boards.

### Good News

The Committee was delighted to receive this note from Tabitha Whates:

"At the beginning of the summer I received the email from Gaye with request for crew for a boat from RDYC for the race series over the summer. Having never sailed anything other than dinghies, I decided to give it a go. It has become one of the highlights of my summer! Both Roger Jobson (skipper) and his crew were so welcoming and taught me everything I needed to know, I looked forward to our sail every week. As well as racing on Wednesdays, it opened up many other opportunities. Through somebody I met, I took part in the beginning of JOG week with a weekend of racing in Start Bay and Torbay.

Having not sailed for almost two years previously, sailing with Roger was the perfect way to start again and reminded me how much I love it! I am now looking forward to starting training over the winter in Bristol.

Thank you SGBA"

### Newsletter Editor

Julian has said some very kind words about my efforts over the past four and half years; thank you to him and all those who have provided copy for the Newsletter.

This will be my last Newsletter. If anyone is interested in taking on the job of editor I would be very happy to talk them through it and will still be around to help if needed. I am not stopping as Webmaster so have no fear that you will have to learn how to code web pages; basic skills in desktop publishing are all that is needed.

In case you are wondering how I will fill the time, I am about to start writing my sixth walking guide - "The Fletschhorn Tour" - having spent the past three summers exploring the route and all its variations. This tour, like all the others I have written about is largely in Switzerland but has some interesting excursions over high passes into Italy. The Fletschhorn itself is in the Swiss canton Valais near the ski resort of Saas Fee.



## Sunday Sailing

The end of the season draws near but there are still three more opportunities to get out on the water in the company of other members.

Sunday 14 Oct	09:00	Club Sailing & Boating
Sunday 21 Oct	15:00	Club Sailing & Boating
Sunday 4 Nov	13:30	Club Sailing & Boating

Remember, we need to find three names (OOD, Safety Boat helm and Safety Boat crew) for each event before it can go ahead. So before turning up for a Sailing and Boating Event check that the necessary officials are in place and the time hasn't changed by visiting the [Sailing and Events Support Site](#).

## Junior Sailing Course B

The tides meant that Course B took place over three days rather than the usual five but with the same total hours of instruction. Although it was thought to be more suitable to the top end of the age range, all 18 participants managed extremely well.

Tara Reeve joined the team as coordinator and with skilled help from a raft of parents everyone had a marvellous time.



## SGBA Regatta 2018

In a welcome change from last year, 16 September dawned with a brisk wind, boding well for a morning of sailing races on the Dart. Fears of 'no wind' or 'too much wind' were quickly dispelled.

The date of the Regatta had been in the club's events calendar in the Newsletters for many months, but – as last year – perhaps buried a bit too deep. A bombard of publicity in the two preceding weeks before the Big Day yielded a fair number of entries – and of volunteers to help run the event. Significant amongst these were Guy Gillmore, who again acted as Race Officer, and Frank Vond, who gamely made his PUFFIN available to act as the Committee Boat, even though he was away and so not able to helm it himself.

Many of the club's usual stalwarts turned out to help, as safety boat crews or ashore as OOD and Marshals. They well deserved the vote of thanks they later received.



*The Club's Trophies*

Sixteen dinghies took part, about the same number as last year. It was unfortunate that seven competitors pulled out on the very morning of the Regatta, since if they had been included the event would definitely have been bigger than in 2017. The paddlers were better represented, launching four kayaks this year, doubling last year's number. And this year, for the first time, we staged a paddleboard race, on a course around the three navigation beacons in the Creek.

The dinghies raced a triangular course marked by the Roger Astley's excellent buoys. A variety of boats raced in the Senior Class – Fevas, a Laser, a Wanderer, a Vareo, a Comet and a Graduate (the last three being the helm's own craft). There were – initially – so many entries for the Junior Class that it was decided to split them in two: one race for Toppers and one race for Picos. After withdrawals, four boats competed in each of these one-class events. As last year, there was little enthusiasm from our youngest members to take part in a Bug race. The lesson is now well learned: we will not programme a Bug race in future years.

At the end of the morning, after prize-giving, the competitors and the many spectators enjoyed a BBQ, when we looked back on an enjoyable morning whilst also savouring Roz Morrell's excellent apple cake and her chocolate brownies.

There will definitely be a Regatta in 2019, possibly earlier in the season. Watch this space!



*Peter Waite - Senior Class winner*



## On the water



*Max Morrell receiving the Topper Cup*



*Competitive racing in gusty conditions*



## On the Water

### SGBA REGATTA 2018 – RESULTS AND PRIZEWINNERS

#### DINGHY RACES

##### SENIOR RACE

1.	Peter Waite	Comet
2.	Tad Urbanowicz and Emily	Graduate
3.	Aidan Hardy	Laser Radial
4.	Roger Astley	RS Vareo
5.	Sue Fullilove	Feva
6.	Jacob Gillmore	Feva
7.	Trixie Morrell	Feva
8.	Andrew and Roz Morrell	Wanderer

##### TOPPER RACE

1.	Max Morrell	1. Jay Bourne
2.	Josie Credland	2. Julian Beck
3.	Ellie Webber	3. Ernie Brown
4.	Perdie Piercy	4. Hazel Bourne

##### PICO RACE

Prizes were awarded to first and second places in each race. In addition the following trophies were presented:

The ROY HASTIE CUP to Peter Waite  
The TOPPER CUP to Max Morrell  
The PICO SHIELD to Jay Bourne.

#### KAYAK RACES

##### Single Kayak

1.	Thomas Wilson
2.	Richard Wilson

##### Double Kayak

1.	Hugh and Jay Bourne
2.	Alex and Jasper Stevens

#### PADDLEBOARD RACE

1.	Julian Beck
2.	Jasper Stevens and Noah Fisher (dead heat)
4.	Isaac Hammond
5.	Rob Fisher

Prizes were awarded to first and second places in each race.

#### SPECIAL PRIZES

Best Newcomer: Ernie Brown  
Best SUP runner-up: Isaac Hammond

Best dinghy runner-up: Ellie Webber  
Special SUP prize: Noah Fisher



# The SGBA and the Community

### Stoke Gabriel School Taster Event

One of the pledges the village school makes is that each child will experience some water-based sport on the River Dart. As such the school is keen to develop a partnership with SGBA to make this happen. The first event was a sailing taster session for the two oldest year groups - thirty children - split over three mornings (13th, 14th and 17th September) with ten children in each session. On each morning we used the two club safety boats, a shore-based OOD and two able dinghy instructors in Tad and Eve.



.... and this is better than a desk

A big thank you to all the volunteers who crewed, helmed or acted as OOD.



*Now that's what I call a classroom .....*

Each day was different; light winds on the Thursday meant the rescue boats were busy towing the dinghies up tide and standing-by as the children practised capsizing drills. The wind strengthened on Friday with the rescue boats busy dealing with real capsizes. By the Monday, strong winds meant we switched from two children in a Pico to three children and an instructor in each of the two Wanderers. For those children who had attended an SGBA junior sailing session it gave them a chance to demonstrate their sailing skills to their classmates. For a significant number of children it was their first sailing experience. Irrespective of prior experience all the children had a great time and said they would be lobbying their teachers to organise another session as soon as possible.

Hot showers and hot chocolate after the sailing were much appreciated by the children.

It's worth saying that without all the hard-work over the last few years to develop the clubhouse we would have struggled to hold such an event.

Well done to Nick Agar for organising it.

## The Millpool Challenge

A run of unbroken sun finally ended on the 26th July - the planned day for the Millpool challenge. Driving rain and a SW gale caused concerns that the Zorb balls would become airborne and end-up in Byter Mill which forced us to postpone the event until the 9th of September.

This year, like the previous year, we organised the Millpool Challenge in collaboration with FOSS (Friends of Stoke Gabriel School). FOSS sold "Dunk a teacher" tickets through the village school. The plan was that the tickets would be entered into a lottery to decide which children would win the chance to throw the ball



*Mr Medd making the pallet run look easy .....*

to release the mechanism to dunk their teachers into the ducking stool pool. The rescheduled date of the 9th September ensured that the teachers couldn't escape their dunking.

Fortunately when the 9th September dawned the weather was ideal for the drenching that accompanies many of the events. There was a great turn-out no-doubt helped by the children not wanting to miss seeing their teachers dunked.

For the second year Neil Millward's carpet covered palette-run proved popular with Louis Shaw winning in the under 11 category with a stunning round-trip time of 8.5s with much competition between children trying to beat each others' times. Many adults that braved the palette-run ended up fairly bedraggled with some notable exceptions who made it look easy - not least Mr Medd the head-teacher.

The Zorb balls were much over-subscribed - could that be because they are the only event where if all goes according to plan you remain dry? The demand for the ducking stool was also strong with siblings lining up to dunk each other and in some cases their parents.

We also gave people the chance to try out some kayaks and paddle-boards, which for novices facing a strong breeze required in a couple of rescue tows back to the dam.

We also organised a number of special events through-out the afternoon which we'd like to develop in future years; "celebrity" palette-run and "celebrity" ducking stool - do you know any village other "celebrities" we could encourage to join in next year? There was also a kayak tug of war between FOSS and the teachers. I'm told the teachers let the FOSS team win. I'm sure in future we could encourage other village organisations enter the kayak tug of war eg the Castle vs the Church house, cricket club vs the football club etc.

Xavier Haywood Jones won the chance to duck Mr Medd and Elsa Ward ducked year one and two teacher Miss Kerr-Brown. Thanks to both for agreeing to take part with such enthusiasm.



*..... and Miss Kerr-Brown on the ducking stool*



*Keeping dry in a Zorb Ball*

Despite a strong breeze the duck race got off to a slow start with little chance of the ducks reaching the shore before dark. After giving the ducks a chance to spread-out across the Millpool the winner was declared to be Di Lugg's duck. Many thanks to all the children who used kayaks and paddle boards to gather the ducks from around the Millpool.

Thanks to all the numerous volunteers, led by Nick Agar, who gave up their time to setup and take down the event as well as all those who volunteered during the afternoon.

A final thanks to Claire from the Rivershack who donated £150 from her takings which was split between FOSS and SGBA.



For Sale

## TWO BARE FEET PADDLE BOARDS AND WETSUITS

SPECIAL DISCOUNT DEAL FOR SGBA MEMBERS



Giles Harrington, the Founder and Owner of Paignton-based water-sports company TWO BARE FEET happens to live here in Stoke Gabriel. This has presented an opportunity for us, not to be missed.

Giles has responded positively to a request to offer discounted prices to SGBA and its members.

We are grateful to him for this expression of local loyalty.

### **SPECIAL OFFER FOR SGBA: 10% discount for purchases of paddle-boards via TWO BARE FEET website**

T&C: Valid for 30 orders in total, and limited to two boards per order. Also may be used for neoprene, paddleboard accessories and buoyancy aids, provided that a paddleboard is purchased as part of the same order.

Customers must first set up an account on the 2BF website. Selected delivery method is to be 'Collect in person'.

TO OBTAIN THE DISCOUNT CODE TO ACCESS THIS OFFER,  
PLEASE EMAIL:  
[commodoresgb@gmail.com](mailto:commodoresgb@gmail.com)



## Events Calendar

### Final Sailing Events of 2018

Sun 14 Oct	Sunday Sailing	am, early start
Sun 21 Oct	Sunday Sailing	pm, late start
Sun 4 Nov	Sunday Sailing	pm

### Winter Events 2018 - 2019

Tuesday 9 October	'A Life on the Ocean (Racing) Wave' An illustrated talk by guest speaker Mike Foster on his decades of ocean racing in all corners of the World
Thursday 8 November	'WASH - Water and Sanitation Hygiene' A talk by SGBA member Richard Wilson on his working life as a Chartered Water and Environment Engineer, improving the quality of life for the urban poor in Africa.
Saturday 24 November	Autumn working party at Mill Point to tidy up the site after our busy season. 10:30 - 13:00 (HW 06:41)
Thursday 13 December	SGBA Annual Dinner, Emma's Restaurant (booking details will be promulgated in due course)
Saturday 26 January 2019	SGBA Ceilidh at Stoke Gabriel Football Club (ticket details will be promulgated in due course).
Thursday 14 February	Rear Admiral David Snelson returns, this time to talk on 'The History of the Five HM Ships ARK ROYAL' (of which he commanded the latest and last).
Tuesday 26 March	SGBA Trustee Peter Waite will chill us with an account of his recent cruise to Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falkland Islands.
Thursday 11 April	The Coastal Safety Officer from RNLI Brixham will come to prepare us for a safe boating season in 2019.
Saturday 13 April	Spring working party at Mill Point to ready the site for the new season.

All talks will take place in the Old School Room and will start at 19:30. Do have a glass of wine on arrival and stay for a chat afterwards. Contribution towards costs: Members £2.50, Non-members £3.00



## SGBA Committee and Trustees

### Committee

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