



# SGBA News

## The Extraordinary General Meeting

Over 40 members packed the Clubhouse for the EGM on Thursday, 18th July.

In his opening address, John Bradbury, Commodore, outlined the reason for the meeting so that members could consider the requirement to change the status of the club to enable its continued development whilst safeguarding the Trustees' liabilities. Only with such safeguards in place would it be realistic for officers and Trustees to embark on any plan to provide the SGBA with permanent and purpose built facilities on the land that it owns. Following substantial endorsement of the outline requirement by the members' survey and establishing feasibility by a working party of the committee, it was now appropriate to convert the aspirations to a reality.

The first task is to change the legal status of the SGBA to that of a 'Charitable Incorporated Organisation' (CIO). This would make it easier to raise the necessary funds (estimated £125k) from charitable funding organisations such as Sport England and other charitable trusts and foundations, many of which will only give funds to registered charities. Additional advantages of CIO status include their required standard of management controls of monies, assets and management, a report of which must be submitted and

approved annually to the Charity Commission.

The following three resolutions were carried unanimously:

The membership of the SGBA resolves to apply to the Charity Commission to register a new charity, to be titled the 'Stoke Gabriel Boating Association Charitable Incorporated Organisation'.

The membership of the SGBA resolves to approve the nomination to the Charity Commission of the following individuals, who have volunteered to serve as the initial Charity Trustees, each for a period of up to three years (see below):

The membership of the SGBA resolves that, subject to the successful registration and due establishment of the new charity, as resolved above, the SGBA in its current Community Amateur Sports Club status should be wound up, and all its assets passed to the new charity.

The new Trustees will manage the transition from the current structure to that of a CIO. The existing Committee officers will continue to manage the SGBA and implement the organisational changes required of CIO once the Charity Commission issues our CIO status.

**Roger Stobbart Vice Commodore**

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## BLACKPOOL SANDS EXCURSION, SUN. AUG. 11th

The 2013 Blackpool Sands escorted excursion is scheduled for Sunday, August 11th, and the plan is to meet at 10.30 at Warfleet Creek. The trip last year took just over 30 minutes, and that was in thick fog! The excursion was reported in detail in the August 2012 e-newsletter, and once the fog lifted we enjoyed a splendid sunny day, rafted up in a group. If you plan to go along, please let Roger Stobbart know on 782434. I had intended to lead the group again this year, but have been called away, so if anyone would like to volunteer to lead, or understudy Roger, please let him know. The excursion is designed to encourage those who do not normally venture outside the River, to enjoy the excitement and splendour of the cliff landscape along the southern shore of our beautiful part of Devon. If the weather is kind I highly recommend the event. Just bring a picnic lunch and swimsuit (the sea is already 17-18 C).

**John Bradbury, Commodore**



## Members Survey

The SGBA Members Survey - a resounding success!

Many thanks to all those members who completed and returned their survey questionnaires. There were lots of you. In fact, 42% of questionnaires were returned, a response rate that many a market research firm would be delighted with.

The headline results were:

- 98% of respondents considered that the planned facilities at Mill Point (changing rooms, toilets, showers, storage and training rooms) would increase the number of occasions on which members got out on the water.
- 98% of respondents considered that the planned facilities would increase members' enjoyment of their boating excursions on the River Dart.
- 53% said they would volunteer labour, financial, material or expert help towards the Mill Point development (over 60% of village residents offered this).
- Many constructive suggestions were made about desirable features of the proposed building - and some features to avoid!

The excellent response to the survey may have been encouraged by the offer of free 2014 membership to the lucky numbers in a draw at the EGM on 18 July.

**The winners were:**

**Single member – Alex Moore - Totnes**

**Joint members – Terry & Cynthia Peet – Stoke Gabriel**

**Family members – Mark & Katy Cockram – Stoke Gabriel**

The Mill Point Development Team will find the survey information enormously helpful and, indeed, encouraging. It tells us who to contact for assistance, provides ideas for the form and nature of the new facilities and, most importantly, powerful evidence of members' support for the project to present to funding bodies and the local planning authorities.

Completed questionnaires are still welcome – they give us a broader measure of members' views and help with our funding applications.

**Many thanks to all who contributed.**

**Neil Millward Vice Commodore**

## What about the new Club House?

Planning for the new Club House will continue with the objective of being ready to submit applications for grants in 2013. However, Mill Point is an AONB and also classified by the Environment Agency as Flood Risk Zone 3. The site also does not have any water, foul drain or electrical services nearby. All of these factors provide constraints to design and build - but not without solutions - and a concept design containing toilets, changing rooms, showers, training/meeting rooms, catering facilities, boat and equipment storage adequate for our membership volume can be accommodated within the area of and behind the current boat store. The final design will need to be discreet, sympathetic to the location, built with natural materials and void of ex-

ternal lighting, balconies and prominent features in order to secure planning approvals. To minimise long term operating costs to support all year boating, high insulation and solar/ground source heating are being investigated.

Additional suggestions from the member survey have been added to requirements including barbeque area, drying facility, boat wash, phone link, rainwater harvester and disabled access/facilities all of which will be considered for inclusion in the plans. Through the months of August and September the design will be progressed and members updated via the newsletter

**Roger Stobbart**

## The Mill Pool Challenge

Sunday, July 28th, 2013 was the SG Carnival day for the "Millpool Challenge", ably arranged by SGBA members, led by Tiffany and Philip Nieuwoudt and a bunch of very skilled helpers. It turned out to be a bit wet, but since most participants -especially the children- came to get wet it did not noticeably matter.

A great deal of fun was had by a great number of villagers and visitors, and in addition to getting soaked in the dunking stool, caught in rain in a Bug on the Millpool, or falling into the water off the pallet run I noticed a breakaway group of young people having fun mud-sliding below the dam. Although not part of the organised activities, it is possible they returned to the dunking stool for a wash-off of the mud before getting lifts home !!

The air ball was much over-subscribed, and I was relieved to see they were tethered to shore - the wind was quite

strong from the SW and otherwise they would have ended up down Byter Mill ! The rowing was also very popular and I noticed several potential entrants for the SGBA Regatta rowing races on Sept. 15th. So last year's winners could expect a bit of competition in 2013.

Very many thanks to Tiffany and Philip for putting such a good team together, and I know everyone who came had a good time.

**John Bradbury Commodore**

## Notice to Members

### SGBA Power Boat Helms

Access to the power boats is available to all SGBA members aged 18 or over to book online and use for their personal training and skill development subject to:

- 1 The member being included on the SGBA Register of Power Boat Helms
  - 2 The Registered Helm agrees to provide support at a minimum of two scheduled SGBA event per calendar year
- Registered helm members are kindly reminded that they have signed up to support at least 2 scheduled events each calendar year and we rely on this commitment to keep club events adequately covered. Please see the list on the last page and contact Roger Astley with your support for events for this sailing season.

**PB2 Course place available 14th and 15th August. Contact Seaspace (Bones) on 07890 436451**

### Boat Store Users

Please ensure that the spring loaded bolts at the bottom of each door are locked in the higher position before closing each door. Otherwise the bolts will catch in the gaps in the planking when they are opened. If they do catch, try lassoing them from above the door!

### Club Lasers

A Radial rig is now available for use with the club lasers as well as the existing full rig.

### A new Boat in the fleet

“Colwyn” has joined the fleet by kind donation from Collin & Lynne Turck. Colwyn is a Bic ‘Sportyak 245’ which you can row or scull. It has wheels for ease of launch and can carry 3 adults (as tested by the Quartermaster). Colwyn will provide some fun as well as a useful shore- to- safety boat tender. The boat will be available to members as per all club boats and stored under the boat store.



Adventure ...Off to Blackpool sands then!



You sure there 'aint no crocs in the Dart?



**SGBA Regatta  
15th September at 1330**

**Are your ready  
for a race!**



## Sales and Wanted

To advertise in the SGBA newsletter Email the Newsletter editor



**Volunteers needed for events highlighted in Grey. If you can help please contact the OOD or Roger Astley.**

2013 Dates	HW	Ht	SGBA Event	Start	OOD/contact	Safety Helm	Safety Crew
Sunday 4 August	1729	4.1	Club Sailing	1430	Liam Fraser	River Lovejoy	RL to arrange
Thursday 8 Aug	2023	4.6	Evening Sailing	1800	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sunday 11 August	0948	4.3	Blackpool Sands, meet War-fleet	1030	John Bradbury	n/a	n/a
Sunday 18 August	1647	4.1	Club Sailing	1400	Charlie Gillmore		
Thursday 22 Aug	2026	5	Evening Sailing	1800	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sunday 1 Sept	1610	3.7	Club Sailing	1400	John Bradbury		
Thursday 5 Sept	1920	4.6	Evening Sailing	1800	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sunday 15 Sept	1523	3.8	SGBA Regatta	1330	John Bradbury		
Thursday 19 Sept	1920	4.8	Evening Sailing	1730	n/a	n/a	n/a
Sunday 22 Sept	0903	4.7	Cricket v Dittisham on Middle Back	1330	John Bradbury	n/a	n/a
Sunday 29 Sept	1431	3.5	Club Sailing	1200			
Sunday 13 October	1338	3.8	Club Sailing	1100	Roger Astley		
Sunday 27 October	1038	3.7	Club Sailing & Lay Up	0900			

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