



# SGBA News

## The Laying Up Supper

**Please keep your boat safe on the foreshore and prevent it from damaging others**

**Make sure the boat is tied to the trolley**

**Tie the cover on securely to prevent water filling the boat**

**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.**

**Make sure it has a current SGBA sticker visible on the transom so you can be contacted in emergency**

An excellent meal and a few bottles of wine were served to a full house of SGBA members for the end of season laying up supper at "Emma's".

Toasts were raised for Trafalgar Day and the Queen before the Commodore, John Bradbury CBE, took a few minutes to review SGBA 2012 and to outline the issues and aspirations for the SGBA in 2013.

'2012 has been a challenging year weather-wise, but the last Club Sailing day on the morning of the Laying Up Supper was fair and well attended. I would like to thank Roger Astley for stepping in to organ-



ize the Club sailing events, with James Barrett organizing the safety cover. The Junior sailing event, oversubscribed as usual, was run most successfully by Issy Hallam, Kim Connabeer and Sue Mortimer, and only one day was lost to stormy weather. The Millpool Challenge

run by Tiffany Nieuwoudt and the Regatta BBQ by Dilys Ellender, Jill Morehen and helpers all went off superbly in unusually good weather. We have a new Social Secretary, Anne Davis, and we look forward to more events into the new year. The new pontoon has arrived, and this will provide the opportunity for the Club safety boats to be upgraded, involving some fundraising. However, for the future the main fundraising will focus on improving facilities at Mill Point and there will be lots more about this in the near future.'

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## Three Views of the River Dart : 22 November

### An illustrated talk by Tim Manser

Tim, a photographer, kayaker and local history enthusiast, enthralled a packed audience in St John's Church, Bridgetown recently with a showing of his stunning photographs of the tidal part of the River Dart. Tim has been persuaded to repeat the performance for the SGBA and other invited local kayaking and rowing clubs.

### "... a wonderful treat" - Sheila Isherwood, Totnes Times

Tim will have contact prints of the photos shown and will take orders for larger prints.

**Entry free!  
All welcome**

**Venue:** the new Stoke Gabriel Football Club

**Location:** Broadley Lane, off Paignton Road, Stoke Gabriel, between Four Cross and the Ramslade Caravan Park. There is plenty of parking.

7.00pm Bar opens  
7.30pm Talk begins  
8.15pm Question Forum

## Meet the Committee — Charlie Gillmore, Sailing Events



My involvement with the SGBA tends to be based around the sailing activities, but I have also been involved in the running of the Mill Pool Challenge and the River Treasure Hunt during recent years.

Born in Brixham into a local farming family I have been falling in and out of boats on this estuary for as long as I can remember, learning to sail as a junior member of the RDYC and on my parents'

Cornish Shrimper.

My primary aim as a committee member is to deliver the sailing experience to as many of our younger members and their parents as we can. With an impressive inventory of sailing equipment and tuition courses run to an RYA standard it is fair to say that for a small club the SGBA punches well above its weight.

### When to sail? Anytime !

For those who want to sail in company look out for the following in next year's calendar:

#### Sunday Sailing

From spring to early autumn. This is family fun for all abilities.

#### Sundowner sailing

Thursday evenings during high summer for more experienced sailors

#### SGBA Regatta

On a Sunday in the middle of September, your first step to the Olympic Squad!

## Some Winter Projects — Can you help?

The SGBA own 33 boats, all available for members to use. Inevitably the boats, trailers and associated equipment suffer from wear and tear as well as the inevitable 'operational incident'.

We want to make sure that all the boats will be in good order and ready in plenty of time for next sailing season.

### Club Boat Wintering - Help required please

**08.30, Saturday 17th November**

At high water we need to float the Safety Boat and Dolphin into the boat park, remove engines for service and lift the hulls onto stands and cover for the winter.

Check and repair tyres on all club boat trailer.

### Volunteers for Special Projects

The sole boards in the Wanderer are beyond repair and need replacing. The Buoyancy Aid rack needs to be repositioned closer to the wall. A wire security grill needs to be fitted over the club house annex door.

The SGBA will provide materials. Please contact the Quartermaster if you can help with any of the tasks.

## 2013 Tide Tables



The 2013 tide tables are here!

The annual Stoke Gabriel tide tables booklet is now available from the usual local outlets: the Stoke Gabriel Stores (Roz's), the Post Office and the River Shack.

As in previous years, the tide tables constitute the official UK Hydrographic Office predictions of the times and heights of high water and low water for Stoke Gabriel (Duncannon), adjusted for British Summer Time and presented in a reader-friendly format.

The 2013 booklet contains several innovations. There is a Flood Alert page, listing the dates of all High Waters that reach 4.8m or more and details of an iPhone app that gives tide times and tidal curves for Stoke Gabriel.

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO  
THE SGBA

## Champagne on the quay!

An exchange of e-mails with Matt Halkes began the process. He and Barry Jobson own the mould for a Whitehall skiff, and they knew that the Noss Marine Academy was keen to lay up a couple of hulls as one of their teaching projects. They offered SGBA Members



the opportunity to be part of the project and buy a finished hull. Jane and Chris Smith had just acquired a SG pontoon mooring and with the prospect of sunny days rowing on the river in mind, a skiff would be just the thing. The offer was accepted, the hull colour chosen and work began in 2011.

### The Building of 'Willow'

At first, the College's intention was to lay up the hull and leave the fitting out to be done elsewhere. However, once the hull was completed, they offered to finish the skiff to give students the opportunity to undertake this challenging work.

The wood chosen for the fit-out was Iroko, and work continued on the boat until well into 2012. In the future, the College is considering laying up hulls but not fitting them out. Willow was collected from the College's base at Noss Marina in early August. The

students (and staff) had done a splendid job and Jane and Chris are proud owners of a superb example of this vessel which may be seen on the new pontoon, and of course, out on the river.



**Well done to the Students  
of the Noss Marine  
Academy**



## Sales and Wanted

To advertise email: [roger.stobbart@btinternet.com](mailto:roger.stobbart@btinternet.com)

**Wanted:** Quality rowing boat, Whitehall skiff or similar. Contact Charlie on 0778 948 3503

**For Sale:** Gill Junior coastal sailing jacket, large size suitable for a 12 - 14 year old. It is in excellent condition, having only been worn half a dozen times. £20 pounds, delivered to Stoke Gabriel. Contact Nick Easby on 01453 810792.

**For Sale:** Seapie 111 is a Waarschip 570 19ft fin cruiser built 1979. "I am really keen to find a good home for her, so if there is anybody who wants to start cruising on the cheap I am very willing to listen to offers" Contact Nick Easby on 01453 810792



## SGBA events

Date	Event	Venue	Start	OOD/Contact
Thurs 8th Nov	SGBA Committee meeting	Clubhouse	1930	Committee
Sat 17th Nov	Working party - lift out club motor boats	Dinghy Park	0830	Roger Stobbart
Thurs 22 Nov	Three views of the River Dart	SG Football Club	1900	Neil Millward
Sat 1st Dec	Dinghy park working party + lunch	Dinghy Park	1000	Neil Millward
Mon 24th Dec	Father Christmas	The Quay	TBA	John Bradbury
Thurs 21st March 13	SGBA AGM	Clubhouse	TBA	John Bradbury

**We are on the web [www.sgba.org.uk](http://www.sgba.org.uk)**

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