



Stoke Gabriel Boating Association

Promoting community participation in sailing, kayaking, canoeing and rowing

SGBA NEWS

June 2018



What a marvellous summer so far

After two heavy falls of snow, unusual for Stoke Gabriel, and a long spell of rain, not that unusual, we have had some fine summer weather and all sorts of activities on the water.

The first Junior Sailing course began with a bit too much wind but conditions soon became much better. We have held an Adult Sailing course and our Senior Powerboat Instructor has taken several members through their paces. And, of course, our regular Sunday sailing sessions have been running since early April.

Outside these programmed activities members have enjoyed using the Club's dinghies, canoes and paddle boards. Remember, you can have unlimited use of the club's fleet for an annual fee of £40 towards the cost of maintenance and insurance.

So don't hold back: get out on the river and enjoy summer while you can.



The Club's Wayfarer

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New Vice-Commodore

At the Club's AGM, Brian Deacon was elected Vice-Commodore and will become Commodore in 2019.

Although from a family of enthusiastic swimmers who were forever at Southsea and Calshot, Brian didn't get into a boat until he was 13 when he started playing on the Lymington Estuary in a 12' Avon inflatable with the best and most reliable 10 hp Mercury outboard that you could wish for. That led to the rest of his teens spent in various speedboats around the Solent.

Brian's parents, having spotted that this was his passion, kindly sent him on a Motor Cruiser course after which he dropped out of the 6th form to go and work for the Motor Cruiser School, joining a group of ex-naval officers that were the Principal and the instructors. After a great year working on, in and under motor boats, he thought he needed to find a real job - this could have been a mistake!

He went off and trained as a teacher, miles from the sea, with only Kayaking and Lifesaving to keep him going for water based activities.

Strangely, it was a change of career, a move to house selling, that led to Brian's introduction to cruising yachts. Fourteen years of sporadic chartering for Solent and Channel sailing, culminated in a Fastnet campaign, then a Yachtmaster Offshore ticket.

Brian is stepping out of full time house selling this June, and plans to be doing more flexible work that allows him to increase his time on the water and time spent fulfilling his new role at the SGBA. He has a secret plan, however, to have his three grandsons and a soon to arrive grand daughter, brought up with lots of opportunities to get on this most stunning stretch of water that is the River Dart.

New Trustees and Committee Members

The Club welcomes David Hazelton, Peter Waite and Brian Deacon, as new Trustees and Jeremy Butler and Chris Moore as committee members and is delighted that our former Commodore and Vice Commodore, Roger Stobart, is staying on as an ordinary member of the committee.

Restriction on boat use

Following advice from our insurers, we must sign in any non-members using club boats (all types) whether they be passengers or otherwise. In doing so we should ensure they have a suitable level of competence to use the craft and capture key details for the club to hold for a defined period.

Forms will be adjacent to the signing out sheet for boats and there will be a locked box to collect them ensuring privacy.

Please use this process with immediate effect and provide any feedback as this process and any refinements will be discussed at the next Executive Committee meeting later in July.



Sunday Sailing

Sunday 8 July	13:00	Club Sailing & Boating
Sunday 22 July	13:30	Club Sailing & Boating
Sunday 19 Aug	11:30	Club Sailing & Boating followed by BBQ
Sunday 2 Sept	10:00	Club Sailing & Boating
Sunday 16 Sept		Regatta
Sunday 30 Sept	09:00	Club Sailing & Boating
Sunday 14 Oct	09:00	Club Sailing & Boating
Sunday 21 Oct	15:00	Club Sailing & Boating
Sunday 4 Nov	13:30	Club Sailing & Boating

Sunday Sailing will take place on the dates shown above but only with 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 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](#)

Adult Sailing Course

This is taking place as the Newsletter is going to press. Everyone is doing very well and enjoying being on the water - even for capsize practice.

There will be another Adult Sailing Course later in the year. Gaye will be sending an email to members to sign up.



Compulsory capsizing at the Adult Dingy Sailing Course

The Club's Pontoon

Over the course of two days, at low water, Anne Davis, the SGBA's RYA Training Centre Principal, and Brian Deacon re-laid the anchors and mooring chains to secure our new pontoon safely.



Anne Davis after a long session in the Creek mud

A fine example of contributing above and beyond the call of duty. Well done Anne. We will refund your laundry bill!



Junior Sailing Course A

The first Junior Sailing course of 2018 was an enormous success with 18 children taking part. As always the days on the water were great fun (for children and grown-up children alike) with the emphasis on teaching the participants sailing skills and enjoying being on the water. But, as an accredited RYA Training Centre the children encouraged to work towards their RYA Level 1 to 4 dinghy sailing certificates, which are awarded at the end of the course.

With a rather windy first day some of the younger, less experienced children were shown around the river on a Safety Boat until the wind abated and they could take to the water under their own steam. Another group were taken out in a heavily reefed Wayfarer.

After five days sailing the course ended with the award of certificates and cups and a splendid barbeque. The cups were awarded to Ernie Brown (The Bibby Cup) and Oli Brown - no relative!

Readers can see a selection of photographs on the Club's [flickr](#) page.





On the Water



Our Senior Instructor, Pete Joscelyne and the Vice Commodore handing out certificates



Ernie and Oli with their cups

The SGBA and the Community

In mid-March, the Village, the DHNA and the SGBA joined forces to clean up the foreshore around Stoke Gabriel, at the instigation of SGBA Chair of Trustees Neil Millward. He was joined by Julian Williams and Simon Ellyat.

They set off to clear the foreshore between the creek mouth and Sandridge. They towed the Club tender, Marc II, and after just a few hours work returned with it full to the gunwales.



Ready to go

A further foray which included Anthony Showell and Phil Bolt covered the foreshore right down to the parish boundary beyond Waddeton Boathouse, expanding the haul to over 20 large bags of rubbish - two dinghy loads. Meanwhile additional volunteers covered virtually all the roads, lanes, footpaths and public spaces in the parish to bring the total to over 40 bags, plus many larger items.



Leaving empty

Nearly 30 people were involved, many of them gathering in the Old School Room afterwards for a well-earned cream tea.



....and coming back full



Social Events

The Club's indoor social events ended with a couple of sessions in the Clubhouse in April: "Weather, Tides and getting out on the water", an interactive seminar lead by Nick Ager and Anne Davis; and a Safety Boat Training Session with videos for members who might get involved with rescue, especially those with or aiming for PB2.

Paddle to the Pub

We've tried this and it was quite popular and we would like to have more of the same. Perhaps once a fortnight when the tide is right.

It's best organised using the Club's "Whats App": if you want to join the SGBA Afloat 'Whats App' group, text your request to 07523 544986.

Normally we will be leaving from Mill Point at 6:30 pm. Choose your 'vessel', your own or a club boat to row, paddle or sail if you can. Destination: The Maltsters at Tuckenhay. Less than an hour with a little bit of help from the tide but there's no rush.

If somebody would care to book a Club Safety boat you could take some passengers in sedate style.

Summer BBQs

The next BBQ after Sunday Sailing at Mill Point will be on Sunday 19 Aug. Club Sailing & Boating starts at 11.30 and the BBQ from about 13.30

BBQs provided, just bring something to put on them and some drinks!

Great occasion to meet other members, ask questions, take in the beautiful surroundings or just kick back after a sail.

Sea Shanty evening and BBQ at Mill Point

After the false start back in January, the Nauti Buoys have promised to show up to entertain us outside the club house on the evening of Saturday 21 July.

This should be raucous and fun, so come prepared to sing along! Our BBQs will be flashed up, so bring food and drinks with you. More details by email before the event.

SGBA Rally

We are planning to hold an SGBA "Rally" to an appropriate sheltered cove (such as Scabbacombe) one day in August, for picnic, sunbathing and swimming. Unfortunately last year's event was cancelled owing to the weather. The plan is for boat owners to take others with them who would like the experience of going out to sea beyond the estuary. In return the non-boat owners would supply a picnic. We would depart Stoke Gabriel in the morning (say between 09:00 and 10:00) and return in the afternoon (say between 16:00 and 18:00) depending on the tides on the day selected. In the first instance I am looking for boat owners who would be prepared to do this trip, with or without guests, how many guests they could take (and any limits on children's ages - definitely no under 8s but some may wish to say no under 12s for example). Also whether the willing boat owners are available on 11th 12th 25th or 26th August for this event. The 11th or 12th would be preferred (avoiding Bank Holiday weekend) but we could hold the later date in reserve in case of weather problems. Given favourable winds Scabbacombe is around 2 to 3 hours each way assuming a boat speed of 4 to 6 knots. Please respond to peterj.waite@btinternet.com.

Ceilidh - a note for your diary

After a year's break the Club is going to run a Ceilidh at the Football Club on Saturday 26 January 2019.

SGBA sailor takes the national title

Avid readers of the SGBA Newsletter will recall that three years ago Albert Gilmore came first in the FEVA Nationals Regatta Fleet and was offered a place on the RS Tera Sports National Squad.

During the first weekend of June, Albert won the national championships in the sailing dinghy class RS Tera(PRO).

The national championship was staged over 3 days and consisted of 10 races. The venue was Cardiff Bay which made for a glorious sun-drenched backdrop for the 110 eager sailors.

Albert learnt to sail on the waters of the Dart Estuary as a member of the SGBA. The Dart is renowned for shifty winds and Albert's experience in these conditions paid off in Cardiff as light oscillated winds demanded sharp tactics and quick thinking. The competition was fierce with the title only being decided on the final race. It was a nail biting finale to a memorable weekend of elite sailing which was further enhanced by the amazing fleet of Volvo Ocean Race Yachts that were also in town for one of their global stopovers.



Giles Smith Photography

RS Tera Nationals on Cardiff Bay © Giles Smith



Success for a Club Member



Albert on the helm © Giles Smith



Bleddyn Mon with RS Tera Pro champion Albert Gilmore in the RS Tera Nationals on Cardiff Bay - photo © Giles Smith



For Sale

FOR SALE

Cornish Crabber 12 - "Enigma"

Length 3.75 m

Beam 1.52m

GRP construction with dark blue hull

Enigma was built in 2012 by Cornish Crabbers of Rock Wadebridge but first launched in 2014 when first purchased. She was sailed just 4 times by her previous owner. I bought her in March 2016 and have sailed her just once since. This is no reflection on Enigma just a case of little time and too many other commitments.

Enigma when new was £7,628 including a full pack including:

- Cover, tan sails, two tone deck, jib pack, oars, mast up cover and a combi road trailer.

All of which are in extremely good (as new) condition.

Ready to launch and sail and comes with a handbook file of instructions on rigging.

Enigma can be viewed at Hillhead midway between Brixham and Kingswear.

Advertised at £3500

Graham & Kay Sowerby

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SGBA Events Calendar

Date	Event	Comments
Sat 3 Feb	Work Party at Mill Point	p.m. (LW 1429)
Sat 10 Feb	First Aid Course 1	Full day
Sat 3 March	DHNA Coordinated foreshore clearance	Details to follow
Thurs 15 Feb	Scandinavian Summers'	19:30, OSR.
Sat 10 March	Weather, Tides and the Dart	Full day
Thurs 22 March	Social evening and AGM	Evening
Sun 1 April	'Kites on Middle Back'	pm. LW 1404 - 0.1. Plus BBQ tbc.
Sun 8 April	Sunday Sailing	am
Sat 14 April	Safety Boat briefing day	Full day
Sun 22 April	Sunday Sailing	am
Sun 6 May	Sunday Sailing	am
Sun 20 May	Sunday Sailing	am
Tues 22 - Weds 23 May	Power Boat 2 course	2 days, all day
Sat 26 May - Mon 28 May	JSC A Part 1	3 days, all p.m.
Fri 1 June - Sun 3 June	JSC A Part 2	3 days, all a.m.
Sat 9 June	Adult Sailing Course 1, day 1	Full day
Sat 9 June	TOFINOU Rally	Rally has clubroom 1200 - 1430
Sun 10 June	Sunday Sailing	am
Mon 11 June	Adult Sailing Course 1, day 2	1700 - 2000
Tues 12 June	Adult Sailing Course 1, day 3	1730 - 2030
Sat 16 June	Adult Sailing Course 1, day 4	p.m. only
Weds 20 - Thurs 21 June	Power Boat 2 course	2 days, all day
Sun 24 June	Sunday Sailing	p.m.
Weds 27 June	Spare day for ASC 1	if required
Sat 7 July	Dart Rotary to Mill Pt	early pm for BBQ (HW 1307)
Sun 8 July	Sunday Sailing	pm
Mon 9 July	DHNA Board meet at Mill Point	Early evening. (LW 2143, 1.3; SS 2122)
Thurs 19 - Fri 20 July	Power Boat 2 course	2 days, all day
Sat 21 July	SEA SHANTY GIG & BBQ	Evening (LW 1939, 1.6, SS at 2126).
Sun 22 July	Sunday Sailing	pm
Sat 28 July	Club Rally	Possibly to cove outside the Dart
Sun 29 July	Millpool Challenge	2 - 5 pm
Fri 3 Aug	Spare day for JSC B	Weather dependent
Sat 4 Aug - Mon 6 Aug	JSC B	All day over the 3 days



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Sun 5 Aug	No Sunday Sailing	JSC B priority use of dinghies.
Sat 11 Aug	Possible day for SGBA Rally	
Sun 12 Aug	Possible day for SGBA Rally	
Sun 19 Aug	Sunday Sailing	pm followed by BBQ
Sat 25 Aug	Possible day for SGBA Rally	
Sun 26 Aug	Possible day for SGBA Rally	
Sun 2 Sept	Sunday Sailing	am
Sun 16 Sept	REGATTA	am followed by BBQ
Tues 18 - Weds 19 Sept	Power Boat 2 course	2 days, all day
Sun 30 Sept	Sunday Sailing	am, early start
Sun 14 Oct	Sunday Sailing	am, early start
Sun 21 Oct	Sunday Sailing	pm, late start
Sun 4 Nov	Sunday Sailing	pm
Sat 24 Nov	Working party at Mill Point	1030 - 1300 (HW 0641)



SGBA Committee and Trustees

Committee

Commodore	Julian Williams	782744
Vice Commodore	Brian Deacon	782582
Secretary	Lesley Jenkins	782094
Treasurer	Andrew Morrell	01803 550066
Membership Secretary	Gaye Astley	782152
Sailing Secretary	Roger Astley	782152
RYA Course Principal	Anne Davis	782235
Junior Sailing	Vacant	
Quartermaster (sail) and Boat Park Officer	River Lovejoy	07523 544986 Text during office hours
Quartermaster (paddles) and Oars & Paddles Officer	Vacant	
Quartermaster (Power)	Brian Deacon	782582
Social Secretary	Vacant	
Facilities Officer	Georgina Foss	782018
Communications Officer	Geoffrey Pocock	782044
Committee Member	Nick Ager	782234
Committee Member	Jeremy Butler	782947
Committee Member	Chris Moore	782048
Committee Member	Roger Stobart	782434
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Independent Examiner	Peter Waite	

Trustees

Chairman	Neil Millward	782981
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	Brian Deacon	782582
	John Bradbury	782012 / 782010
	Robert Foster	782788
	David Hazelton	782408
	Roger Stobart	782434
	Peter Waite	782470