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SGBA News

News Round Up

Junior Sailing 2016

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The New Clubhouse

Since the August Newsletter was published the construction of the new Clubhouse has made rapid progress but we still need more money to finish the job. See the progress on Pages 4 to 6 and read about our new appeal on Page 7

Success for our young members

At the 2015 Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta SGBA junior sailors won three of the four regatta classes.

Thomas and Miles Leah won the SGBA trophy for the best SGBA competitor at the Dartmouth Regatta.

Albert Gillmore came first in the Regatta Fleet in the RS Tera Nationals.

Ceilidh

Once again the Club is inviting the Village to a Ceilidh to be held on Saturday 23 January 2016; **note the change of date.**

Social Programme winter 2015-2016

The winter social programme is being put together by Anne Davis and can be found on Page 12. We are always looking for speakers who would be happy to come along and talk for approximately 45 minutes on a topic that is related to sailing, or the river and the surrounding areas, or anything else that would be of interest to members.



The Club's Wayfarer

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Junior Sailing Course 2016

A VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR IS REQUIRED

Junior Sailing will take place again in 2016 from our lovely new clubhouse- but if you'd like your kids to take part, we do need you to help with the programme.

A new format will allow us to make best use of the facilities and offer more choice in dates. It will make it simpler- and less work- to run. Plans are very flexible. We need to know if you are intending to put your child(ren) into the course; what you think of the dates we're offering at the moment; and what help you can give to run it. We've defined roles so no one person has a huge workload. If you're able to help, even in a small way, contact the email below and we'll send you a more detailed plan.

We are offering two identical RYA certificated courses for children aged 8 - 12 of mixed experience, splitting the numbers so we can work just from the new clubhouse. The courses will be spread over 5 days. Provisional dates are below but email if you prefer other dates.

- Course 1: Sat May 28th, Sun 29th, Mon 30th; and Friday June 3rd and Sat June 4th.
- Course 2:

EITHER Sat and Sun July 16th and 17th, OR 23rd and 24th;

AND Mon - Wed 25 - 27th. This is at the start of the school summer hols.

We need you to let us know what you think of the course and dates: and we need you to help set it up.

If we don't have people to run it, it won't happen. And if you have good ideas, we need them!

Please email juniorsailing@sgbahost.co.uk

Roger Stobart
Anne Davis



Junior Sailing Course 2016



Remember the fun we had in 2014? Let's make 2016 an even greater success.



The New Clubhouse - Progress



Erecting the steel frame



Club members painting the steel frame



Delivering the wooden sections



The New Clubhouse - Progress



Erecting the top box



The roof timbers are finished



One of the changing and shower rooms

The New Clubhouse - Progress



Imagine the view when the scaffolding has gone



What a splendid visual addition to the river this will be when it is finished

AN APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE SGBA

The excellent progress made on the new clubhouse in recent weeks is clearly shown in the previous article. The Club is well on the way to owning the most exciting waterfront building on the Dart. Most of the structure is now in place. This progress comes after several delays earlier in the year, caused mostly by outside authorities.

However, the project has also been beset by cost increases, such as:

- A much greater length of the services trench than expected had to be cut through rock rather than topsoil, costing £4,750 more;
- Building Control officers imposed unforeseen conditions regarding the concrete raft and the steelwork, costing £11,000 more;
- SW Water forced on us some £6,000 additional costs of the waste disposal installation (but with self-help we cut this to £3,000);
- The costs of windows and external doors have turned out to be more than £10,000 greater than we had expected.

We have made compensating savings as far as we can, but the net effect of all the above has been to add almost £15,000 to the £212,500 costs we forecast back in December 2013. Because we do not have funds to cover this, at present, we need your help at this crucial point in the project. Without it we might run out of money and would have to suspend the building work.

We have set a target of raising a further £20,000. We will apply for more grants, but this time the money



Making the final decision on the roof cladding

will mostly have to be found from amongst ourselves. Although many members gave generously to our original appeal – for which the Trustees warmly thank you – it was disappointing that the majority of members did not respond. So this second appeal, which has been sent to all, is a fresh chance to contribute to securing the SGBA's future with all the facilities that the club has lacked for so many years.

If you have mislaid the appeal form delivered to you it can be downloaded [here](#).

Can you help to finish the job?

There are a number of tasks that are yet to be organised and we need volunteers to take them on as the Steering Group is working at capacity, can you help out? So what is involved?

- You will have a project to implement, see below. You will work with the Steering Group to create a supplier specification and budget for the task
- You will refine the specification as you talk to potential suppliers and establish costs
- You can create your own team to help you, prepare or even implement the project

Key tasks we need planned out are:

- Fit out changing rooms: define and specify material, furniture and fittings and source potential suppliers/fitters.' Once the specification is agreed we may go out to tender or elect to do the work in house.
- Designing the kitchenette for members self-catering, utensils, crockery, hygiene, storage
- Electrical layout: services sockets, lights, heat, vent.
- Interior Joinery: specification of internal doors, architrave, window trim etc
- Decoration: wall and floor finishes, colours.

More projects to follow!

If you would like to help please contact Roger Stobart or Neil Millward.

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Hope to hear from you soon!

SGBA young sailors at 2015 Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta

	Class	Place	
Robin Oliver	Topper	6	
Fraser Gillmore	Optimist	1	Class Winner
Miles and Thomas Leah	RS Feva	1	Class Winner
Albert Gillmore	RS Tera	3	
Jacob Gillmore	RS Tera	6	
Josie Credland	RS Tera	11	
Freddie Gillmore	RS Tera	1	Class Winner

Of the four Regatta classes, SGBA junior sailors won three of them. A great testament to our boating club.

The trophy for the best SGBA competitor at the Dartmouth Regatta was won by Thomas and Miles Leah.



Fraser Gillmore - Optimist



Freddie Gillmore - RS Tera

Success for our young members



Jacob Gillmore - RS Tera



Josie Credland - RS Tera



Thomas and Miles Leah - winners of the RS Feva Class

A TERAfic Adventure(excuse the pun)

Contributed by Freddie Gillmore aged 13. This is an abbreviated version of Freddie's article which can be found in full [here](#).

During the spring and summer of 2015 we have driven up country to take part in three national Tera events. Borrowing a Tera from the RTYC I travelled with my Dad and his big van to Northampton Sailing Club for the 'Start of the Season Championships' in April followed by the 'Inland National Championships' at Oxford Sailing Club in June.

I loved these two events and we decided to take the plunge and buy our very own RS Tera in time to take part in the National Championships over the August bank holiday weekend. The venue was the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy which as you can imagine had a fantastic atmosphere and you needed no reminding that it was here that Ben Ainslie and Team GB won those Olympic medals in 2012.



Freddie Gillmore (2632) edging past a windward mark

We decided to combine the Nationals with a family camping weekend and pitched our tent at a campsite down the road from Portland with an awesome view across the famous Chesil beach. Dad said on a clear day we could have seen as far as Berry Head but this was a bank holiday so of course it was cloudy!

We were very grateful to the RDYC who allowed us to borrow one of the club Teras which meant my younger brother Albert could get on the water and take part too.

The number of entries to the national events is about 80 to 100 boats which as you can imagine is amazing to see. The format consists of a trapezoid course which separates the fleet into two race classes: the RS Tera PRO rig and the RS Tera SPORT rig. The SPORT rig is the sail shape we have on the club Teras and it is in this class which I

compete. For the National championships there was a third 'training' Regatta fleet using the RS Tera SPORT rig. My brother Albert entered the Regatta fleet which consisted of about 20 boats combining coaching as well as racing.

So what about the results you are probably thinking. Well can I just say that there is a big, big difference between a first at your local club and first at a National event. Light years of difference in fact.

27th out of 44 is where I finished at the Nationals. However on the last day I believe my standard improved. I took a 13th place in one race and a great 6th place on my last race, being my best position at national level, beating the 7th and 8th at Northampton. This was great on my last day, leaving me on a high and wanting to do more!



Albert Gillmore all wrapped up with the RDYC Terafirma

RS Tera National Events



A first place and top of the podium for Albert in the Regatta fleet

But guess what my bro Albert came first at the Nationals in the Regatta fleet!!!!

One of the most inspiring things I learnt at these events is how the RS Tera can be sailed at such a high level by boys and girls as old as 15 & 16. The Tera may be an ideal training boat but with a PRO rig it also makes a very fast and mean racing machine.

The Tera Class events are fun and I have to say no one takes things too seriously (unlike other classes I am told). There are plenty of sailors and their parents taking part for the enjoyment more than anything and you soon get to know the boys and girls taking part.

Thank you to all those at the clubs I sail at by helping fund these little Teras which made me go up to national standard and which I hope will inspire more kids like me who just crave that thrill. Nothing beats this type of high adrenaline sailing... except maybe windsurfing but leave that one for later...whoops! I will try not to get too hooked on it, but...

If you are interested in finding out more about Tera events nationally or regionally get in touch or check out the class association website at [here](#)

Thanks Freddie for a splendid report.
And there is an exciting postscript:
Freddie has just been offered a place on
the RS Tera Sports National Squad.
According to the invitation letter the RS
Tera Squad Programme purpose is to
coach, develop and nurture talented
young sailors to enable them to
succeed at open events held all around
the country as well as the more
prestigious National, European and
World events.

And all this started with the SGBA
Junior Sailing Course.

Ed.

The Winter Social Programme

Last winter Sarah Hunt arranged a series of very interesting evening talks and organised a most successful Ceilidh. Sarah is organising the Ceilidh for us again this year but work pressure means she will not be able to arrange any talks. Our trusty Quartermaster, and erstwhile Social Secretary, has stepped into the breach and has organised talks for the first part of the winter season.

Because the Club is giving up its lease on the present Clubhouse, from 31 October, all the talks will be held in the Old Schoolroom unless otherwise notified and start at 19:45.

- Thursday 29 October: Dartmouth to Downing Street

A talk by Admiral Jonathan Tod. Preceded by a 5 minute illustrated presentation on progress at the new Clubhouse by Geoffrey Pocock.

- Thursday 26 November: Otters on the Dart

By Dr Edward Lovesey, our village nature expert.

- Sunday 20 December 6:30 for 7pm: SGBA Christmas Dinner

At Emma's Restaurant. More details very soon.

- Dec 24th (Christmas Eve) at 5pm on The Quay, Stoke Gabriel.

Father Christmas will arrive by boat with presents for Stoke Gabriel children. Mulled cider and mince pies for the grown-ups.

- Thursday 14 January at 7.30pm, Stoke Gabriel Village Hall: The Swiss Alps: Footpaths and Flowers

By Geoffrey Pocock. A combined event with the Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church. Entry £3 with a glass of wine.

- Saturday 23 January: Ceilidh

At the Stoke Gabriel Football Club. More details later.

- Thursday 18 February: Sailing Round the UK

By Anne Davis.

- Feb 27th 1 - 3pm. Sea Urchins Pool Session.

At the Admiral Swimming Pool, Brixham. For children of 6 - 8 years: an introduction to handling a Bug, and Fun on the Water. **Please note new venue.**

Wanted

We are looking for a 2.3 hp Honda outboard if anyone is looking to sell one or a swap for a 4hp mariner which is in excellent condition, serviced and 2 years old.

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