



Stoke Gabriel Boating Association

# SGBA News

## LOOKING AHEAD

John Bradbury, Commodore

Our new Social Secretary, Anne Davis, has lined up a series of events for the winter, and these are listed in this Newsletter. Also Dilys Ellender is organizing the "Father Christmas" event for the children, so do make contact with her if you can help.

The Committee has been reviewing the Club assets and we are most con-

cerned by the damage which some of the boats have suffered, particularly the motor boats. On the one hand it is clear that the Association does not need three motorised vessels, and with repairs needed and the complexity of two and four stroke engines, we are looking at replacing these assets with two new four-stroke powered vessels. A system

of authorising users by means of half day certificated courses is under way—more on this soon.

Meanwhile, please do respond to calls for help to "fix things" and to help keep the club storage areas clean and tidy.

## SOCIAL PROGRAMME WINTER 2012 - 13 Anne Davis, Social Secretary

This year we are making every effort to encourage families and young sailing enthusiasts as well as including some old favourites such as a wine tasting event. So please put the dates in your diaries and we look forward to seeing you there.

### Wine tasting dinner

at Emma's. **Sunday 13th January**  
6.30pm. £27 to include all wines!!

**Family Quiz Night** Teams of 4-6.  
**SGBA Clubhouse.** Saturday March  
16th, 6 - 8.30pm. Includes kid  
friendly snacks and drinks for all. Re-  
register in advance.

### Lifesaving Course

at Brixham Swimming pool (The Admiral Centre) **Saturday 2nd February**  
(approx. 2.15 - 4.30pm). for SGBA  
members aged 14 and over. Do you go  
out on the river? What would you do in a  
tricky capsized with no-one around?  
Covers swimming in difficult conditions,  
getting a casualty to the shore, basic re-  
suscitation on the beach. Includes re-  
freshments. £9.50 per person.

### The SGBA Boat Show

**Stoke Gabriel Village Hall. Sunday  
24th February, 2 - 4.30pm.** Get to  
know the club craft and what you can  
do with them. Intro at 2pm. Covers all  
SGBA craft and the skills, equipment  
and clothing you need to use them.  
Buoyancy aids and dinghy equipment  
will be on sale. Light refreshments.  
All members, their families and any-  
one else who may be interested in  
joining us. **Entry Free!**

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## Father Christmas is on his way .....

**Join the torchlight procession from Stoke Gabriel Church at  
4.45pm after the Crib Service and meet him at the Quay at  
5.00pm on Christmas Eve**

**Father Christmas will arrive by boat with chocolate for all children in the vil-  
lage and the SGBA clubhouse will be open for a glass of mulled wine and a mince  
pie from 4.30pm for the adults. Please come and join us down at the Quay.**



**PLEASE DO NOT TAKE YOUR CAR TO THE QUAY**

Parents, please accompany your children and remember you are responsible for their safety

## Meet the Committee — Gaye Astley , Hon Membership Secretary



Having only lived in the village for just over two years the SGBA has been an excellent way to meet people and get involved in village life. We moved down from Warwickshire, a county that couldn't be further from the sea.

My only contact with boats is to take out a canoe occasionally although with the choice

of club boats available maybe it's time to improve on that!

Membership secretary is often the first point of contact by prospective members and I believe it is an important part of the role to welcome people and help with information on the Club's activities. After that I keep members updated

### Membership Renewal

Renewal forms will be sent by e-mail this year and there will be the option to pay fees via online banking. Due to the significant rise in postal charges this year and the threat by the banks to eventually withdraw the use of cheques, we do need to change the renewal system. Please look out for the e-mail, hopefully during the first week of December.

## SGBA Club Boats - a team effort

During the month a small team of members hauled out and transported "Y knot" to Noss Academy where the students will find and fix the leak in the hull, service the engine, repair the bent propeller, repair the steering, replace the bilge pump and give it all a polish.

The Wanderer has suffered from rotting sole boards for some time, SGBA member **Geoffrey Pocock** has taken on the task of making replacement sole boards.



At 0830 hrs. on the sunny morning of the 17th November 6 SGBA members floated the safety boat and Dolphin into the dinghy park for the winter. We now need volunteers please

to give Dolphin a good wash and clean and antifoul the hull.

The SGBA Laser is rather old and tired but Roger Astley is looking at it's refurbishment. We will add another newer Laser to the fleet for next season. We will also add a smaller radial rig for use on either boat for lightweight helms.

The old red kayak has leaks at both ends and a replacement has been arranged for next season.

## Saturday 1st December Dinghy Park Working Party + Lunch

**Bring working gloves and tools to tidy up the dinghy park, starting at 10:00am. Lunch at 1.00pm in the clubhouse. Please let Gaye Astley know if you require lunch. Contact Neil Millward if you are unsure what tools to bring**

Task	Tools	tools by	team of
Clear Neil's Steps of leaves	Brooms	All	4
Clear dinghy park of leaves	Blower	Neil	6
Cut back undergrowth on bank	Brush cutter, shears, rakes etc.	all	
Remove screen, cover safety boat	Old tyres and cover	Roger	2
Pump up/repair tyres on boats	Tyre pump, tools spares	Roger/Neil	
Put all boats on to trailers and tie down	8mm poly rope	Neil	3
Extend chain on foreshore	Bolts, chain, hammer drill, shackles	Neil	2
Clean off and buff up 3 x Topper hulls	Polisher, cutting paste, generator	Roger/Neil	2
Cut up scrap trailers for disposal	Angle grinder	Roger/Neil	
Clear non SGBA kit from training			2

# Notice to Members

## SGBA Buoyancy Aids

The buoyancy aid is an essential item of kit for every dinghy and small boat sailor. The fit, condition and performance are critical for the user's safety. Over the last few months the number of SGBA buoyancy aids has dwindled. Many of the aids had been donated by their former owners but hard use and age has taken its toll on their integrity. In the interests of members and the SGBA, buoyancy aids not meeting minimum standards have been removed from service. Rather than offer a reduced inventory that may leave members with the choice of no buoyancy aid or only the wrong size available, the remaining stock will be removed from service during December.

**From the end of 2012 the SGBA will cease to provide buoyancy aids for members' use.**

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Bayside Marine in Brixham are offering SGBA members 10% discount on buoyancy aids and other chandlery on presentation of this voucher.

## The Training Dinghy Store at Mill Point – Personal Equipment

Maintenance work will be carried out in the store early in the new year. Members are reminded that the storage of personal equipment in the facility is not permitted (bylaw 9a) and are asked to remove any belongings before Christmas. If you have windsurfing equipment in the store that you would like to keep in the dinghy park area, please contact the Quartermaster so a formal SGBA solution can be arranged for 2013 onwards. Please remove the equipment in the interim.

There are a number of launching trolleys, road trailers and a dinghy mast complete with rig that have been left in and around the dinghy park for some time and without any boat or owner identity attached. If any of these belong to you, please remove or contact the Quartermaster before Saturday, 1st December so they are not disposed of by the Working Party.

## WANTED— SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS



Two marshals to keep children off the pontoon as Father Christmas arrives  
Two marshals to protect Father Christmas and to direct any cars away  
Someone to light up the path for Father Christmas

A first aider on standby

Four helpers in the clubhouse kitchen to serve mulled wine and mince pies

Contact Dilys [dilevans@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:dilevans@yahoo.co.uk)

## Sales & Wanted

To advertise here email: [Roger.Stobbart@btinternet.com](mailto:Roger.Stobbart@btinternet.com)

### Keep it covered –

Tarpaflex supply a medium/heavy duty 140gsm tarp.3.5m x 5.5m for £18.90 inc VAT & delivery.  
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### New Launching Trolleys Made to Measure - £95 - £140

Dennis Ebdon of Torquay has made many trolleys and trailers for members over the years and has drawings and measurements for most dinghies built since The Ark!

Contact Dennis Ebdon Tel 01803 615157

## SGBA events

Date	Event	Venue	Start	OOD/Contact
Thurs 6th Dec	SGBA Committee meeting	Clubhouse	1930	Committee
Sat 1st Dec	Working Party + Lunch	Dinghy Park	0830	Neil Millward
Mon 24th Dec	Father Christmas	Quay	1700	Dilys Ellender
Sun 13th Jan	Wine Tasting and Dinner	Emma's	1900	Anne Davis
Sat 2nd Feb	Life Saving Experience	Brixham	1400	Anne Davis
Sun 24th Feb	SGBA Boat Show	Village Hall	1400	Anne Davis
Sat 16th Mar	Family Quiz Night	Clubhouse	18.00	Anne Davis

The next SGBA Committee meeting takes place on Thursday 6th December. Please contact the appropriate committee member if there are any matters you would like to have considered.

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

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