



Burnham Sailing Club

The Clubhouse, West Quay, Coronation Road, Burnham - on - Crouch, Essex CM0 8AS

COMMODORE'S JOTTINGS



LATE AUTUMN NEWSLETTER
DECEMBER 2015

2015 SAILING SEASON

The 2015 sailing season has flown past and as I sit here compiling these notes, it seems hard to believe that my two years as commodore have already passed.

Wednesday Night sailing has been very well supported and it is great to see so many friends both old and new in the club during or after sailing enjoying the food or just having a drink. It should be said here that we welcome all members and their guests at anytime and as much as we would like more people to become members of the BSC, you do not need to be a member to enjoy our hospitality.

Friday Night sailing has been more mixed. We hope for a better turnout on the river next year.

A number of enthusiastic sailors have taken the opportunity to sail on Sunday mornings.

SUMMARY OF THIS YEAR'S EVENTS

JIMMY STARLING

The annual BSC 'Jimmy Starling' event was held earlier this summer and 11 squibs competed for the trophy, which was won by Malcolm Hutchings.

On Saturday a convivial evening with great home cooked food was enjoyed by all.

BURNHAM WEEK

Burnham Week was as busy as it always is and the club hosted several well attended events.

The traditional Fish feast in the Club, had a slightly different feel to as we used external caterers for the first time but it was very well received by those who took part in the event.

The 707 evening in the Club house was also well attended and was a welcome part of the 707 Nationals which held in Burnham during the week.

The Commodore's cocktail party was a delightful way to celebrate another successful sailing season with a glass of bubbly!

The ever popular Fish & Chip supper rounded off Burnham Week with a wonderful view of the fireworks and a tasty supper.

On the last Sunday of Burnham Week, the annual

competition for the 'St Matthews Cup' was held. It was our turn to host and organise the event, and I am extremely proud to say that for the first time in 21 years the BSC were the winners!!!!

Our team of Malcolm Hutchins and Ian Grey crewed by Robin Saunders and Ian Simons respectively, sailed magnificently and thoroughly trounced the opposition, even though Malcolm was called over the line by our own race officer John Torrance in one race. Nobody can say we got any favours from the race officer!

REGATTA DAY

The Regatta held on Saturday 12th September, was somewhat depleted by the filthy weather but those who took part, managed to survive and had a good day.

PRIZEGIVING DINNER

The prize giving dinner for the Wednesday Night Series was well attended with 60 people sitting down to a hearty meal, good wine and good company.

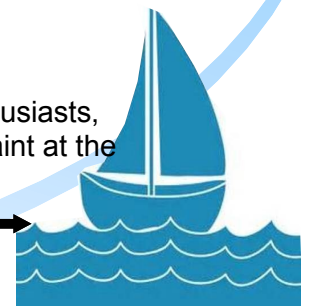
I was 'delighted' to be awarded the 'Clanger Trophy' as I think that now completes the 'set'. I will add that we were sailing our new boat, the J80 "Glorious Fools" [how aptly named!] for the first time when we went aground down by Greenward. I also need to mention that it wasn't all my fault as the echo sounder hadn't been properly calibrated after launching the boat. It still hasn't been calibrated, so I guess that it's probably a job for the winter now!

FEVA TRAINING

Thanks to Marcus, David, Abi, Jo and others we currently have winter training for Fevas taking place once a month. There were 13 Fevas enjoying the club recently, which was great to see.

CLUB HOUSE

Thanks to a core group of enthusiasts, the Clubhouse had a lick of paint at the beginning of the season.





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RACEBOX

The stoic crew who run the race box have continued to do a sterling job. Alan Hanna has brought the Club up to date, providing speedy results within a very short time after racing is finished.

We are always looking out for new volunteers to help out in the Race box, please contact Alan if you are able to help next season.

DINGHY PARK

The Pump house conversion has taken place and it has become a valuable secure space for storage. (thank you Richard Taylor) The 'Garage' for Volunteer was erected by a group of volunteers but unfortunately became a victim of the recent winds.

KAYAKS

The Kayak Squad seems to be going from strength to strength and this year and it has been a joy to see the Kayakers going past the Club on a Wednesday evening and then coming into the club for a beer and excellent food cooked by Sharina and Yim.

MEMBERSHIP

The 2016 membership forms are attached and I am very pleased to announce that the Committee voted unanimously to keep the 2016 fees at the same level as last year with **NO increase**.

However in order to keep our fees so low, we need to encourage as many new members as possible to join the club. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to realise that if every member introduced one new member our membership would double over night.

So please get out there and encourage your friends to join the BSC.

You are reminded that membership renewals and subscriptions are due/payable on the 1st January 2016. Please completed and return in good time. Remember, the fees for the 2016 season are still very favourable

Please do your best to encourage new members. Our Club is a unique facility in Burnham and it always aims to provide something for all ages both on and off the water.

NOTICE OF AGM

The AGM will be held on 24th of January at 3.00 pm. Notification of proposals for flag officers and new Committee Members should be sent in writing to the Honorary Secretary [Abi Davies], by Monday 4th January, 2016. New Committee members need to be proposed and seconded by BSC members.

A Financial statement be available on request from the Honorary Treasurer [John Saunders] in advance of the meeting [from January 18th, 2016]. Refreshments will be available after the meeting.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Christmas party takes place on December 12th at 7.00pm for 7.30.

Sue Lis is cooking a traditional Turkey roast with stuffing sausages roast potatoes etc. a vegetarian option is also available, with dessert, coffee and mince pies at £18.00 per head this should be a lovely evening with carol singing and other entertainment planned.

Please book with Rosemary Prior 01621782683
rosemary.an@tiscali.co.uk.

PRIZE DRAW WINNERS 2015

Congratulations to the winners of the BSC Prize Draw. They are:

Andy and Nicky Sadler, David and Beryl Gamble, Keith and Sam Jayasekara, Ian and Nancy Crisp, Elizabeth Tolhurst, Colin Blanks, Richard and Emma Tucker, John and Margaret Mellard, George Prince and Alan Hanna.



And Finally.....

As my term of office as your Commodore comes to an end I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all of the club officers, committee members, volunteers and friends who support our club so well and make it the probably the friendliest sailing club on the river.

So as we look forward to Christmas and the New year, may I wish you hope, health, happiness and a successful 2016.

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