



NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2021

The sailing season seems to be flying past and we are about half way through the programme in the Year Book. We have just had a beautiful weekend with great sailing, even if the winds were a little light. Blakeney is buzzing!

We still have a lot of racing to look forward to including the ever popular Mid Week Holiday Racing and the Blakeney and Morston Regattas. Join in and give it a go?

In September we have the Seafly Nationals on the same weekend as an International 14s Open Meeting. There are also 3 Flotilla Sailing dates in the diary, so plenty for everyone.

FLOTILLA SAILING

There have been some excellent turnouts for the Flotilla Sailing events. Eleanor commented this morning that the wind has been more of an issue and several days have been challenging or had to be cancelled. There are still plenty of dates in the programme so please do come and join in.

REAR COMMODORE FLOTILLA SAILING

After 4 years in the above post, Eleanor Sidgwick has decided she will not seek re-election at the AGM in November. She has worked incredibly hard and enabled Blakeney Sailing Club to offer something which I think is unique. Many people have enjoyed sailing in company with the reassurance of a supporting patrol boat.

She also served on the Committee representing members who do not race, we must not forget they are the majority of our members.

We will be looking for somebody to take over for the 2022 season and take this part of the Club forwards. I am sure Eleanor would happily discuss what it involves with anyone who is interested.

50/50 CLUB

In the latest draw of the 50/50 Club prizes of £50 each were won by Carol Wills, David Woodcock and Geoff Cleall. The next draw in August will be THE BIG ONE where the prizes are calculated to make sure half goes to the Club and half is given out to 50/50 Club Members.

You still have time to be included in the August draw so why not apply to Justin Plumpton email: justinplumpton@gmail.com

SUMMER EVENT

Now that it has been announced that larger meetings are to be permitted from next Monday, we are hopeful of organising a social event, possibly during Fun Week. Sorry to be so vague but we didn't like to tempt fate!

It may well be a last-minute event so that we can be outside.

More on this by email and Facebook as soon as it is organised.

FUN WEEK & DISCOVER SAILING

I think the title of this week is a little misleading – it is actually quite exhausting if you do everything!

It starts on Monday 9th August with a 7:30 in the morning sail, getting daily a little later until the relatively reasonable time of 9:30 on Friday 13th August. The aim is to have FUN on the water, how that happens depends very much on the weather, who turns up. Please let me know if you have any special requests for activities we have done before, or have an idea for something new.

On Monday, Tuesday and Friday we are also running **Discover Sailing** (which was previously called Push The Boat Out) encouraging people to come along and experience dinghy sailing. If you know of anyone who might like the opportunity please encourage them to contact :-

Victoria Buckingham

telephone : 07895 623856

email : victoriabuckingham1@gmail.com

We are looking for people willing to take visitors out in a sailing boat, please bear in mind the visitors may have no experience on the water at all.

If that isn't enough, continue reading ...

Monday 9th August is the Bicycle Ride which is being planned by Eleanor and David Sidgwick. Please meet near the ice cream shop in Blakeney at 2pm.

Tuesday 10th August promises a Walk guided by Jane Lewis

Meet at 2.30 at the beach end of Beach Road, Salthouse. Bring a flask and cake to enjoy on the walk, which will take in Granborough Hill, Muckleburgh Hill and The Quag on the way back.

After the walk you are invited to Friary Orchard, Blakeney to join Diana Cooke for drinks, cake & nibbles (numbers restricted, so we will need to know in advance if you wish to come)

More info available if required - Jane Lewis 01263 740962.

Wednesday 11th August at 2pm sees the annual Tennis Tournament at the Blakeney Tennis Courts. It is a very casual event with any tennis skills apparently being optional, or so I am promised, having not competed before. I am planning to dust my racket off and have a go this year.

BOATS AVAILABLE FOR CLUB MEMBERS TO SAIL

We now have 2 boats available for Blakeney Sailing Club Members to sail. Paul Strickland very kindly left his Laser for the benefit of BSC, it is a very good Laser.

Marc Atkinson this summer offered his Seafly number 652 called Summer Breeze to the Club as well as financial help to get it back into good condition. The picture shows her being sailed by Simon Hibberd and Alan Collett, just making sure the rigging is correct.



If you would like to use SUMMER BREEZE please contact Alan Collett

alan.collett@gmail.com

For the LASER please contact Simon Hibberd

simhibberd@aol.com

WETSUIT RE-CYCLING

We have received the following message via Trish Moore, I am sure many of us can help here :-

As I am sure you are aware wetsuits do not biodegrade, the neoprene is made from petroleum. For this reason I reuse old worn-out wetsuits and make them into practical, useable items, with a donation from every sale going to the RNLI. So dig out those old wetsuits and save them from landfill and help a great charity too!

Thank you for your time.

Lucianne Heath

lucianneheath@gmail.com

Please email me or if you are in Cromer you can drop off old suits at Roost in West Street.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer on the water whether you are in a dinghy, kayak, canoe, SUP or motorboat. Please join in the events where everyone will be most welcome.

Angela Harcourt
Commodore