

Making Waves

Newsletter of the BOC South Coast Region



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At the AGM held a couple of week's ago, I was elected as the South Coast Region's Co-ordinator. Thank you to those who voted for me. It's a bit déjà vu as I last held this role between 2013 and 2016. But things have changed over time, and while we still have a core of Regional members who have been in the BOC since its foundation in 2004, our South Coast membership numbers have increased. This is very encouraging and it's the responsibility of all of us to continue to promote the Club and support each other whenever we can.

As this is my first Newsletter, I thought I would take the opportunity to set out in a questions and answer format, some general information about the BOC and the South Coast Region, in particular. I hope you will find this useful and that over time, Regional members may wish to contribute personally to subsequent Newsletters.

How many members do we have in the South Coast Region and where can we find their details?

There are currently 53 membership boats registered on the Club's database. The names of the owners with their contact details can be found on the BOC web-site.

The easiest way to find these details is to log on to the web-site; go to the Home page and click on the **SEARCH Members** white square. This will take you to the Members' Details section where you will find a full list of all memberships organised in various ways including a "Summary list, by Boat name, Grouped by mooring Region. To access this don't forget to type in the security password Brundall1898 and then scroll down to the South Coast Region.

If at any time any of your details change eg. berthing venue, email address or phone number, please let me know so that I can pass on the information to the Membership Secretary. I wouldn't want you to miss any of the Club's communications.

At the AGM, it was voted that the Associate membership category should be extended to include those people who have previously been members of the BOC but now own another marque of boat. I'm very pleased to say that two past members of the South Coast Region met this requirement and have re-joined the Club.

What is the role of the Regional Co-ordinator?

My role is to help you to enjoy your boats and your membership of the BOC and the South Coast Region in particular. This isn't a task that I can do without your help. So, I hope that members will come forward with suggestions for events and help me with the organisation. Please let me have any ideas you may have about activities for the 2023 season as soon as possible so that we can get started with the planning.

My other important role is to be the "voice of South Coast members on the BOC Committee". The committee meets regularly, and I have to produce a Regional report for each meeting. So, before each one, I'll contact you all to ask if there are any issues or ideas you would like me to take forward on your behalf? After the meeting, I'll provide a summary of what has been agreed.

Our next committee meeting takes place via Zoom on **Saturday, 12th November**, when one of the items on the Agenda will be the arrangements for the AGM 2023. If you have any ideas about a likely venue or what the event should contain, please let me know ahead of the meeting.

What are the various ways of communicating within the Club and the Region?

Advances in technology including the use of social media, have increased the ways in which we can contact each other.

Over the past year the BOC web-site has been revised under the leadership of our Web Master **Louise Busby** (loubusby@mail.com). The site is well worth exploring, particularly the forum section where you can get cruising information, boat & equipment sales and technical advice. If you have any problems with accessing parts of the site or comments/suggestions, I know that **Louise** will always be pleased to hear from you and help where necessary.

There is a South Coast Region section on the web-site where reports on events, including past meets can be posted. It also includes a comprehensive range of cruising information.

Bulk messages like this one, are sent out to Club members by the Secretary, **John Oldham**, using a system called Mailchimp. At the end of each message is important instruction "Please do **not unsubscribe** to this facility". If you do, you will unfortunately, be removed from all the Club's electronic communication systems and you will have to re-register!

The BOC also has a Facebook page that is only open to Club members. To request permission to join please contact **Linda Varney** (lindavarney2@gmail.com)

The Club's magazine, *Sweeping Statements*, is published twice yearly and sent as a hard copy to all members. It is also posted on the web-site where it can be viewed or printed. The Winter 2022 edition should land on your door mats at about the end of November. Already, the editors are seeking articles for the Spring 2023 edition. So, if during the long, dark evenings you feel inspired to write an article about any aspect of your boating life, please let **David Haugh** know (David.haugh@btconnect.com)

The South Coast Region has a WhatsApp group, titled "Broom Fleet". It was set up in 2021 by member **Beverley Briggs** and she has very kindly agreed to continue to administer this. If any of you would like to join the group, please contact **Beverley** (07835 464424) and she will admit you. Personally, I don't think this group platform should be used for posting extended conversations but rather, should be used as a quick way of keeping in touch with other members eg. to suggest mooring locations, meet-ups or cries for help!

What Regional events are being planned?

- Saturday, 10th December is the Laying-up Dinner at the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club SO41 3SE at 7.00pm for 7.30pm. **Anton Bates** is kindly organising this event and has sent out all the details. Please contact **Anton** with your menu choices as soon as possible (antonbates@mac.com)
- **Julia Greenhalf** is starting to plan an early 2023 season lunch at Hythe Marina, possibly in February. More details will be sent out in due course.
- A provisional booking has been made with **Island Harbour Marina, Isle of Wight**, for our annual Summer rally on Sunday, 13th August to Wednesday, 16th August. However, the Marina is currently in administration, so of course, we don't know how this will affect bookings. "Watch this space"!

And finally, if anyone has any ideas for future events; would be willing to help organise one; or, has any comments about this Newsletter, please let me know. I would love to hear from you.

Thank you

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