

Making Waves

Newsletter of the BOC South Coast Region



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Hopefully, most of the Winter weather is behind us and we can look forward to a successful boating year. This is my third Regional Newsletter since I took on the role of Co-ordinator at last year's AGM. The November and December 2022 editions are posted on the web-site. To see them again:

Log into the web-site using your password and go to the BOC members Home page. Scroll down to Regions and **click on South Coast**. Scroll down to Regional Newsletters and click on the links to read either of the two previous editions.

How has the Region's season started?

On Sunday, 12th February, a very successful "Early Season Lunch" was held at The Boathouse, Hythe Marina. The event, organised by **Julia Greenhalf**, was attended by 29 members - a record number for this annual meet. It was chance to catch up with friends, cast away the "Winter Blues" and share ideas about activities being planned for the year. As usual, there was plenty to chat about!. Our thanks to **Julia** for all her hard work in organising this very enjoyable lunch.



A report and photos of the event have also been published on the BOC web-site. To see these:

Log onto the web-site using your password and go to the BOC members Home page. Scroll down to the heading "What's happening in the Broom Owners Club". Look for the article "South Coast launches the 2023 season and **Click on Read more**."

What other events are planned for the 2023 season?

- **Monday, 3rd April at 7.30pm:** A technical Q&A evening session kindly led by **Keith Rowe** (BOC's Vice Chairman and Technical Co-ordinator) and **Tom Brissenden**, (longstanding former employee at Broom Boats who has a vast knowledge of all Broom models). This meeting will take place using Zoom video conferencing.

If you would like to take part, please let me know by **Sunday, 26th March** so that I can send you the Zoom link. **Keith** would find it helpful to have prior notice of the sort of questions you may wish to ask. Please send these to me so that I can pass them on to **Keith** and **Tom**. Email me goldham425@gmail.com

- **Friday 12th - Sunday 14th May:** Rally at Haslar Marina, Portsmouth organised by members **Beverly & Martin Briggs**. This will include a pontoon party on Friday evening, an optional group outing on Saturday afternoon and an evening meal at The Creek restaurant. Plus, one of **Beverly** and **Martin's** quizzes!

If you want to come to this rally and have not let **Beverly** know, please will you contact her as soon as possible (beverlybriggs123@gmail.com) or 07835 464424. **Beverly** will be sending out further information to those coming nearer the date.

- **Friday 2nd June - Sunday 4th June:** "Cruise in Company" to Littlehampton. This event is likely to include a Bar meal at the Arun Yacht Club on Saturday evening. To date, 14 boats have expressed an interest in joining this event. This will be the first time the BOC has mounted a rally at Littlehampton and the harbour staff are looking forward to welcoming us. At this stage no boat details or mooring deposit are required. The return trip might also include a visit to Chichester and/or Bembridge.

If you think you might like to join this rally and have not already contacted me, please will you let me know as soon as possible (goldham425@gmail.com) or 07981 815605. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

- **Sunday 13th - Wednesday 16th August:** Rally at Island Harbour Marina, Isle of Wight. The possibility of mounting this event is still pending the outcome of the Marina currently being in administration. So, watch this space!!
- **Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd October:** Autumn Social weekend at the RNLi College, Poole.



This year, the BOC Committee has decided not to mount a National social weekend in the Autumn but to leave it to the individual regions to organise their own event. Therefore, I have reserved 20 rooms for the Friday and Saturday nights, with priority being given to South Coast and South West Region members.

The cost for the weekend including two nights B&B, a tour of the College's training facilities on either the Saturday morning or afternoon and a Saturday evening meal in a private dining room will be:

Couple: £319.00 inclusive

Single: £264.50 inclusive

If you would like to reserve a place for this event, please let me know as soon as possible. (goldham425@gmail.com) 07981 815605. Rooms will be allocated on a "first come first serve basis". No deposit is required at this stage.

Finally, two important messages

BOC's 20th Anniversary. As 2024 will be the 20th Anniversary since the foundation of the BOC, the Committee has decided that this will warrant a special national event. More details will be announced in due course. If in the meantime, you have any suggestions about what type of celebration should be organised, please let the Chairman, **David Haugh** (David.haugh@btconnect.com) and National Events Co-ordinator, **Linda Varney** (lindavarney2@gmail.com) know. I'm sure they would be very pleased to hear from you.

Membership Subscriptions 2023 onwards. The committee will be reminding members that the annual subscription rate will be raised to £30 per membership boat as from **1st November 2023**. This change was voted for at this year's AGM. So, if you pay by standing order, please remember to change the details by that time.

Best wishes,

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