

Making Waves

Newsletter of the BOC South Coast Region



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Dear South Coast Region members,

Here is my fourth Regional Newsletter. The November, December 2022 and February 2023 editions are posted on the web-site. To read 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 any of the three previous editions.

What has happened in the Region since the last Newsletter?

- On **Monday, 3rd April**, members from the South Coast, South West and Thames Regions held a Zoom Technical Question & Answer session. This was led by the BOC's Vice Chairman & Technical Co-ordinator, **Keith Rowe** together with **Tom Brissenden**, long standing former employee of Broom Boats. I'm very grateful to **Keith** and **Tom** for giving up their time to lead this session which was attended by 17 members from across the three regions. Questions were wide ranging including: problems with toilet flush water backup; difficulties in starting a Perkins Sabre engine; and advice needed about a hot water calorifier. Those present agreed to have the Zoom meeting recorded and a copy was sent to those members who were unable to attend but were interested to find out "what went on". Another such meeting may well be held in the Autumn, if there is enough interest.

What other events are planned for the 2023 season?

- **Tuesday, 25th April**, I had hoped to arrange a Zoom meeting led by **Magali Hamon** from Port Chantereyne, Cherbourg to give details about the procedures for entering Normandy by boat in 2023. Unfortunately, I did not receive any contact from **Magali** and therefore, the session did not take place, which was a great shame.
- **Friday 12th - Sunday 14th May**: Rally at Haslar Marina, Portsmouth organised by members **Beverly & Martin Briggs**. This is the first sea-going rally of the Region's season, and from the information that **Beverley** has sent out, it is clear that this

event is proving very popular. Approximately 18 boats are represented with about 39 members and friends planning to come by sea or car. The weekend will include: a pontoon party on Friday evening; an optional boat trip around Portsmouth Harbour on Saturday afternoon; and an evening meal at The Creek restaurant. Plus, one of **Beverly** and **Martin's** quizzes!

My thanks to **Beverly** and **Martin** for all their hard work in preparing for this event.

If those planning to take part in the rally need any further information, please contact **Beverly** (beverlybriggs123@gmail.com) or 07835 464424.

- **Friday 2nd June - Sunday 4th June:** "Boating Together" to Littlehampton. This will be the first time the BOC has mounted an event at Littlehampton and I know that the harbour staff would welcome our visit. At this stage, no boat details or mooring deposit are required. To date, I've had expressions of interest from 14 memberships.

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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 and by **10th May** at the latest (goldham425@gmail.com) or 07981 815605.

Once I know who might like to come, I'll set up a short Zoom meeting to talk about the possible arrangements.

- **Sunday 13th - Wednesday 16th August:** Rally at Island Harbour Marina, Isle of Wight. Although the Marina is currently in administration, I'm pleased to confirm that our event will take place and further details will be sent out nearer the date. I'm very grateful to members **Andy** and **Lesley Spain** who have offered to help me to organise this rally.
- **Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd October:** Autumn Social weekend at the RNLI College, Poole.



This year, the BOC Committee has encouraged individual regions to organise their own Autumn social 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. Currently, 13 memberships have reserved a place so, there are still some rooms available.

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 come to this event and have not already contacted me, 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.

- **End of Season Laying up Meal.**

In recent years, the South Coast Region has held a Laying-up-Dinner at the Royal Lympington Yacht Club. This has been organised by members **Anton** and **Laurie Bates** who now think it is time for them to hand over the organisation to someone else.

COULD THIS BE YOU?

Firstly, my thanks to **Anton** and **Laurie** for all their past efforts on our behalf.

Secondly, I wonder if a Lunch-time meal on either a Saturday or Sunday in **late November**, possibly **Saturday, 25th** or **Sunday 26th** might be preferable to an evening event? If so, where should it be held and who will organise it?

I would welcome any suggestions and offers. So please get in touch (goldham425@gmail.com or mob 07981 815605)

What is happening in the BOC nationally?

- **Committee meeting and BOC Survey outcome**

The Committee held its latest meeting on Saturday, 22nd April at the Cruising Association, Limehouse, London. The draft minutes of this meeting will be posted on the web-site once they have been agreed by the committee.

One of the main items on the Agenda was to receive the results of the April on-line Survey that had been set up to gauge members' views about various aspects of the BOC's activities and inform the work of the committee.

If you would like to see the results of the survey then log into the web-site using your password and go to the BOC members' Home page and click on Survey Responses.

177 out of the estimated 550 members across all the Club's regions completed the survey. In the South Coast, 11 out of the 51 memberships took part. My thanks to those people.

One of the outcomes seems to be that, as well as a Club-wide event organised to mark the BOC's 20th anniversary in 2024, members would be interested in having a local celebration in their own region. So, please let me know any ideas you may have **and** if you would be willing to help organise such an activity. I would love to hear from you.

- **Martin Broom Memorial Trophy award 2023**

This silver memorial cup is awarded annually to a BOC member that has made the most significant contribution to promoting *Broom* boating. The types of entry are broad

enough to ensure that any Club member can participate, and submissions could include: a journey log; record of a talk/ presentation; details of a restoration project etc

The closing date for entries is **30th September**. Further information will be published in the Spring edition of *Sweeping Statements* or can be requested from Chairman of the awarding panel, **Frank Hawkins**, who will be able to answer any of your queries. His contact details are: (frankwhawkins@aol.com mob. 07850 150462)

If you would like to see the Conditions of entry and the previous winning submissions:

Log into the web-site using your password and go to the BOC members Home page. Scroll down and click on the title **Martin Broom Memorial Trophy**

- **Traders**

Vice Chairman and Technical Co-ordinator, **Keith Rowe**, is keen to develop regional lists of providers that members have used and found to give good service. This information would be published on the web-site for all to use. If you would like to let **Keith** have any details, please contact him direct (keithrowe557@gmail.com or mob 07970 284557)

- **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.

If you have any feedback about the Members' Survey; comments about this Newsletter; or suggestions for future editions, I'll be very pleased to hear from you.

Just click [HERE](#) to contact me!

Many thanks and best wishes,

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