

Making Waves

Newsletter of the BOC South Coast Region



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Dear South Coast Region members,

Here is my latest Regional Newsletter. Previous editions (November, December 2022, February and April 2023) are all available 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 appropriate link to read any of the four previous editions.

What has happened in the Region since the last Newsletter?

- **Friday 12th - Sunday 14th May:** The Rally at Haslar Marina, Portsmouth was a great success. Very well-organised by members **Beverly** and **Martin Briggs** and ably supported by **Jan** and **Warwick Morgan**, 10 visiting and 5 Haslar-resident Broom boats made this a very well-supported event. On Friday evening, members braved the cool, windy conditions to enjoy a pontoon party. Saturday afternoon featured a very informative boat trip around Portsmouth Harbour.



'Portsmouth Harbour, here we come!'

Then followed **Martin** and **Beverly's** 'challenging 'Whose voice is this?' quiz (with prizes!). The day was rounded off with an enjoyable evening meal at *The Creek* restaurant nearby. A full report, with photos, is to be found on the South Coast Region section of the web-site and was posted on the *Facebook* page.

My thanks go to **Beverly** and **Martin** and to **Jan** and **Warwick** for all their hard work in organising this event.

- **Friday 2nd June - Sunday 4th June:** "Boating Together" to Littlehampton. **Chris** and **Donna Dawson** kindly agreed to take on the arrangements for this cruise. They worked hard to research the destination, prepare suggested routes and timings and plan activities and meals. However, with forecast winds of 'fives and sixes' for several days, it was considered best to postpone the event. Offshore of Selsey Bill is no place to negotiate in adverse winds! Very frustrating for **Chris** and **Donna**, who planned the weekend so well. But, undaunted, they hope to reinstate the cruise should settled weather and circumstances allow. They will let members know if/when this proves possible.

What events are planned for the rest of the 2023 season?

- **Sunday 13th - Wednesday 16th August:** Rally at Island Harbour Marina, Isle of Wight. The Marina remains in administration, but I'm pleased to confirm that our event will still take place. 16 berths have been reserved for Club members. The programme is likely to follow a well-loved pattern, with a 'bring your own drinks' reception on Sunday, a barbecue on Monday afternoon and dinner in the evening on Tuesday. Full details will be sent out nearer the date. I'm very grateful to members **Andy** and **Lesley Spain** who have offered to help me organise this rally.
- **Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd October:** Autumn Social weekend at the RNLi College, Poole.



This year, the BOC Committee encouraged individual regions to organise their own Autumn social events. Therefore, I reserved 20 rooms for the Friday and Saturday nights, with **priority** given to South Coast and South West Region members **until 15th September, after which any remaining places will be open to all BOC 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 served basis". No deposit is required at this stage.

- **End of Season Laying-up Meal, 25th November 2023**

In my last Newsletter, I pointed out that members **Anton** and **Laurie Bates**, previous organisers of the end-of-season event, wished to stand down. I am pleased to say that, hearing this news, members **Jan** and **Warwick Morgan** volunteered to step in, and they have already booked the venue for this year's meal. So, please make a note of the details:

<p>12.00 for 12.30 on Saturday 25th November 2023 at The Creek Restaurant, Haslar Marina</p>

This will be something to look forward to before Christmas season festivities take over our diaries! The Creek was much-appreciated by those attending the Haslar event. It also has good accessibility from the M27 motorway. Booking details and menus will be provided nearer the time. Meanwhile, my thanks to **Jan** and **Warwick** for taking on the organisation of this lunch.

Join the South Coast WhatsApp Group

The South Coast Region has its' own *WhatsApp* group, called "Broom Fleet". This was set up in 2019 by member Beverly Briggs, who kindly continues to administer it. It provides a good way to keep in touch, especially concerning event information or plan changes. Anyone who has not already joined, but would like to do so, please text Beverly (07835 464424) and she will admit you.

What is happening in the BOC nationally?

- **2023 AGM, Saturday 18th November 2023. Dunston Hall, Norfolk**

The BOC Committee has agreed that this year's AGM is to take place in Norfolk, with Zoom-based access available for those members unable to attend in person. Details will be included in the Club Newsletter to be sent out shortly to all members by David Haugh, Club Chairman.

- **The 2024 20th Club Anniversary Celebratory programme**

A planning group is working on details for a Norfolk-based event to take place over the Summer Bank Holiday weekend in 2024. Once its proposals become available, I will let you know what has been agreed.

As well as a Club-wide event, the Membership Survey suggested that members could be interested in holding a celebration in their own Regions. Please let me know about any ideas you may have for a South Coast Regional celebratory event **and** if you would be willing to help organise it! I would love to hear from you!

- **The Martin Broom Memorial Trophy award 2023**

This is a reminder that a silver memorial cup is given in honour of the late Martin Broom in recognition of his contribution to boat design and boating. It is awarded annually to a BOC member(s) who has made a significant contribution to promoting *Broom* boats and

their ownership. The intention is to promote the Broom marque, and the benefits its products provide. Previous award entries appear on the public page of the web-site to encouraging recruitment to the Club. The accepted types of entry are broad enough to ensure any Club member can participate. They could include: a journey log; record of a talk/ presentation; details of a restoration project, some navigational advice etc

The closing date for entries is **30th September**. So, if you or a member that you know of, has used their *Broom* in a noteworthy way, can wax lyrical about its virtues or can produce something of benefit to others, do consider an entry for the Trophy. Further information is given 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**

- **Membership Subscriptions 2023 onwards - a further reminder.**

The committee will be prompting members about the increase in annual subscription rate 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 concerning 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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