

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, April and June 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 previous editions.

What has happened in the Region since the last Newsletter?

Well, the weather has had a significant effect on our South Coast's planned activities.

- **Friday 2nd - Sunday 4th June.** Members **Chris** and **Donna Dawson** kindly agreed to arrange a "Boating Together" cruise to Littlehampton. They had 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. This was very frustrating for **Chris** and **Donna**, who planned the weekend so well. But, undaunted, they would be happy to reinstate the cruise at a time when settled weather and circumstances allowed. They will let members know if and when this proves possible.
- **Sunday 13th - Wednesday 16th August.** Despite another series of low pressure weather systems, 13 boats with 28 members and friends attended the annual Rally at Island Harbour Marina, Isle of Wight. The planned programme followed a well-loved pattern, with a 'bring your own drinks' reception on Sunday, a barbecue on Monday afternoon and dinner on Tuesday evening at the Folly Inn. Unfortunately, the weather had other ideas! Members managed to find some shelter from the wind to hold a "Welcome" drinks reception but the following day's BBQ had to be cancelled due to the very wet conditions. However, by Tuesday, summer had returned as is seen in this photo kindly taken by **Teresa Lewis** (CoCo).



After a day exploring the Marina and Isle of Wight, members took the water taxi down-river for a very pleasant meal at the Folly Inn. I'm very grateful to members **Andy** and **Lesley Spain** who worked so hard to make this such a successful rally.

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

- **The Southampton International Boat Show takes place at Mayflower Park from 15th - 24th September.**

The BOC will have a stand at the show and it is hoped that this will be a focal point for members to meet. More information will be provided by the BOC's Chairman, **David Haugh** and the National Events Co-ordinator, **Linda Varney**. So, look out for their messages.

- **Friday 20th - Sunday 22nd October:** Autumn Social weekend at the RNLi College, Poole.



I have reserved 20 rooms for the Friday and Saturday nights, with **priority** given to South Coast and South West Region members. Currently, there are still 10 rooms available. So, if you want to come to this event please let me know **asap** and by the **10th September at the latest**. After this date, any remaining places will be open to all BOC members.

The cost 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

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

I am very grateful to members **Jan** and **Warwick Morgan** who have volunteered to organise this event. They have already booked the venue, so, please make a note of the details:

<p style="text-align: center;">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 Restaurant was much-appreciated by those who attended the Haslar Rally in May. Booking details and menus will be provided nearer the time.

Join the South Coast WhatsApp Group – just a reminder!

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 to all members by **David Haugh**, BOC 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 give this some thought.

- **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.

And finally

After serving on the BOC Committee for the last 11 years in a number of roles, namely, as Chairman, National Events Co-ordinator and South Coast Region Co-ordinator, I have decided not to stand for re-election at the next AGM in November. As some of you will know, our Broom 425, Quantum Leap is for sale and over the last few months, my priority has been to support John who has had several bouts of ill health. So, the time is right.

Obviously, I'll carry on dealing with arrangements of the events that have been planned for 2023 but by giving plenty of notice of my future plans, I hope that someone will come forward to stand for election as the next South Coast Region Co-ordinator. I'm not intending to leave the BOC, so will always be willing to help my successor whenever I can.

If any member is interested in finding out more about the role, please do get in touch so that I can chat over what is involved. In this South Coast Region we are very fortunate in having a number of members who assist in so many ways in organising events. This makes the work of the Co-ordinator so much easier. So, don't be put off from taking on the role as you don't have to do everything yourself!

If you have any feedback concerning this Newsletter, I'll be very pleased to hear from you.

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

Many thanks and best wishes,

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