

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, June and August 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 events are planned for the rest of the 2023 season?

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



I'm very pleased to report that 24 members from the South Coast, South West, Thames and Eastern Region will be coming to this event.

The weekend includes a tour of the College's training facilities and a Saturday evening meal in a private dining room.

- **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:

**12.00 for 12.30 on Saturday 25th November 2023
at The Creek Restaurant, Haslar Marina**

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.

If you haven't already contacted **Jan** to let her know that you would like to come, please will you email her as soon as possible. Her details are: jmorgan.1@btinternet.com

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 were included in the recent message sent to members by **David Haugh**, BOC Chairman.

In preparation for the AGM, look out for the nomination and motion forms that will be sent out to members via Mailchimp within the next few weeks. These allow you to come forward for election for committee posts and to suggest ideas for the Club's membership vote on.

- **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,

As I wrote in my previous Newsletter, having served on the BOC Committee for the last 13 years in a number of roles, namely, as Chairman, National Events Co-ordinator and South Co-ordinator, I have decided **not** to stand for re-election at the next AGM in November. It's time for a new face with fresh ideas!

This means that the Region is seeking a member to be nominated for election as the South Coast Co-ordinator at this year's AGM.

What does the role involve and could this be you?

- Firstly, the Co-ordinator represents the Region's interest on the Committee and keeps members informed about what is happening in the Club, nationally.
- The Committee meets four times a year. Normally, the short meeting after the AGM and the meeting in February take place on Zoom. The other two meetings in April and September, are face-to-face meetings held at the Cruising Association's HQ in Limehouse. Zoom facilities are available for those unable to attend in person. Travelling expenses are re-imbursed and lunch, tea/coffee are paid for by the BOC.
- Co-ordinators usually produce a short report ahead of the meeting to keep the committee up-to-date on activities that are planned and any issues raised by the Region's members.

- The Co-ordinator writes a short report that is published twice-yearly in the Club's magazine, Sweeping Statements and also prepares a report for the Annual Report (usually in late October/ November).

Obviously, I'll carry on dealing with the arrangements for the events that have been planned for the rest of 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. Therefore, if any member is interested in finding out more about the role, please do get in touch so that we can chat over what is involved.

In this South Coast Region, we are very fortunate in having a significant number of members who assist in organising events. This makes the work of the Co-ordinator 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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