



Gravesend Sailing Club

Newsletter – March 2020

Special General Meeting

Thank you everyone who attended. Both the resolutions were past with the new subscription year and new look rule book both starting on 1st May.

Recent Flood – Storm Ciara

This recent storm meant that North Yard was under water by about six inches, which is higher than long standing members have seen it (the flood level was 1.8m above prediction at one point). We have carried out a preliminary check and there doesn't seem to have been any major damage but we may be drying out under the clubhouse for a while yet.

Floodgate

The Environment Agency are now operating the new floodgate and in the event of a flood warning the floodgates will be shut up to 2 hours before high tide and opened shortly after once the flooding risk has receded. Access to the North Yard will only be by the promenade gate during this period.

The main floodgate will be tested each Wednesday morning and the test will take less than half an hour, during which time access to the wall and crane will be limited. The EA team have agreed to be helpful if anyone needs access during the test time.

Promenade Car Parking

As you are no doubt aware there were proposals made to restrict parking in the spaces on the promenade. Thank you to everyone who sent in objections. We have held a meeting with council officers about the parking proposals and have now been told that a revised scheme will go out to further consultation which will have a number of changes that we think will be ok for the club.

Help Wanted

Fundraising

We are looking to develop aspects of the clubhouse especially around problems with accessibility and are hoping that among our members we have someone who can help us by looking for sources of grant funding and applying for grants. Can you help us? If so please contact the Commodore at commodore@gravesendsc.org.uk who will be pleased to talk about our plans and how you can help

Open Day

We are looking for people to help with all aspects of our Open Day on May 23rd. Val has worked hard on this over a good many years and hopefully we can get more people to assist in what is the main showcase to the club. There is planning and advanced publicity required as well as help on the day. If you can help please have a chat with Val Green or email membership@gravesendsc.org.uk.

Race Support

Dinghy sailing races can't take place without safety boat cover and we need to ensure that we can provide this. Every participant in dinghy races will need to help with providing support for racing (either safety boat or race officer) and Chris Smith has volunteered to compile a rota. Obviously non-dinghy racing participants' assistance would be greatly appreciated, especially with trophy and open races.

Firstly, we need to find out what safety boat experience and or formal qualifications people have and what training may be required. So please have your answers ready for when Chris contacts you or email raceduties@gravesendsc.org.uk and get in first.

Coming up.....

Saturday February 29th Winter Warmer – 7pm

Join us for a 3-course supper at the Club.

Starter, Beef in Ale with mash and veg, traditional homemade puddings

£12.50 a head

7pm for 7.30

Please book your place so we know how many to cater for.

Contact membership@gravesendsc.org.uk or phone Val Green on 07474 194038

Thursday March 12th - Knowledge and Nosh – Checking Lifejackets

This is a slightly different evening as the RNLI are running a lifejacket clinic for us. It will be going on all evening with a buffet to allow everyone to turn up any time.

Saturday March 14th Quiz Night – 7pm

The price is £10 per head which includes a ploughman's supper and all the profits from the night will go to support our local RNLI crews.

This is a very popular event so start getting your teams together; if you don't have one it doesn't matter as we'll make some upon the night.

However, we need to know if you are coming so booking is essential: email social@gravesendsc.org.uk

Saturday 28th March – Safety boat, race officer and crane familiarisation day

This is an opportunity for everyone to re-familiarise themselves with these essential facilities before the season starts.

Saturday 28th March – Fitting Out Supper – 7pm

This will be a curry night.

March

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