



APRIL 2016

It's Buzz time again, keeping you up to date with what's going at your club.

This month's issue is packed full of club news, dates for your diary, "reminders" and of course sailing news, which has information on changes in fleet sailing and boat handicaps so be sure to read on.

There is also a **Did You Know?** on the last page - you may be surprised at what you find out!

The sailing calendar is a treasure trove of information with everything you could possibly want to know about the sailing year including high water times. It's on line so take a look you may even find you are "pin up" of the month! Printed copies are also available free of charge in the club.

The Easter weekend was scheduled for 4 days of sailing. Unfortunately, Storm Katie put an end to that with sailing only taking place on Good Friday and Easter Saturday.

However, all was not lost. On Easter Sunday we were treated to a fabulous turkey lunch and thanks go out to Glynis, Bev and all their helpers. Easter Monday saw the AGM which was well attended. After 4 years at the helm Alice Davies resigned as Commodore and took over the role of President from David Gibbons who was re-elected as Hon Treasurer. Flag Officers and General Committee members were voted in (see Club News) and Barry Newman became a trustee taking over from Eric Rust who has resigned after 30 years.

For the full report and photos take a look at the website.

BSC – history can you help?

BSC seems to breed World, European and National champions as the plaques around the club demonstrate and these were only started in the 1960's!

I would like expand on this and find out more about the club's history. If you have any information that we can post in Buzz would you please email it in to Buzz@gmail.com

Pyefleet Week Sponsorship needed

The Pyefleet Week Sponsorship Committee are looking for Sponsors and Official Suppliers. This is a fantastic opportunity to promote your business whilst at the same time helping the club. For more information see <http://www.pyefleetweek.com/> and contact Fiona Brown 07711 718470 or email fiona.brown@fionabrown.com

Club News

Thanks to all who attended the working parties

Barrie Winship would like to thank all of you who attended the working parties. Even though at times the weather wasn't conducive to working outside a 'huge amount of work was completed'. Almost everything on Barrie's 'To Do List' has been ticked off so one happy Barrie and one club ready to start the season.

Participation is the name of the game - Support the club and protect your subs

Some of you may be wondering what the participation form included in the membership renewal was all about. In a nutshell, the club receives special tax status as a Community Aided Sports Club which comes in the form of relief on Corporation Tax and Business Rates. This relief enables the club to keep membership subscription fees low.

However, some clubs have been abusing the system. As a consequence all sports clubs now have to demonstrate that members actively participate in doing things for their club, hence the participation form. For BSC 50% of the members must do 12 participations per club year (March to December).

This is not as daunting as it sounds as participation activities can take the guise of many things.

Here are just a few ways you can rack up your participation level – and good news, sailing counts!

Sailing - Racing at the club, open meetings or championships, Cruising or leisure sailing.

Helping at training activities, cadet nights, open meetings, taking trolleys up and down the ramp

Race Officer Duties, rescue boats crew.

Help on work parties, the galley, clearing glasses in the club house and outside.

Help on cadet and transition nights

Committee/Admin work

Driving cadets to open meetings or training camps

Attending meetings i.e AGM!!

In fact almost anything you do for the club can be counted as participation.

Have you renewed your membership - boat park spaces are limited!!!!

There are still some people who have not renewed their membership and spaces in the boat park are running out fast. So if you want to be able to park your boat please renew your membership! Subs Secretary Kathy reminds everyone that membership will not be renewed unless the participation form is completed.

Friday nights at the club

Just a quick reminder that The Club and bar will be open on Friday evening from 25th March.

AGM Flag Officers and General Committee Members Elected

The following Flag Officers and General Committee Members voted in at the AGM. More detail can be found on the website.

Flag Officers

Vice Commodore House & Entertainments	Marianne White
Vice Commodore Sailing	Martin Worth
Vice Commodore Training & Development	Craig Bond
Vice Commodore Cruising, New Members, Development & Website Support	Andy Taylor
Hon Treasurer	David Gibbons
Hon General Secretary	Rose Winship

General Committee Members

Hon Subscriptions Secretary	Kathy Ashworth
Race Officer Admin	James Ashworth
Safety Boats & Trophies	John Bines
Communication & Succession Planning	Fiona Brown
Rules, Technical Grants, RYA Liaison	Dave Chivers
Bar	Nicky Henderson
Strategy & Premises	Rob McTiernan
Systems. IT, Strategy, Website & School	Paul Mines
Strategy & Community Liaison	Mark White
Premises & Maintenance	Barrie Winship

Dates for your diary

Racing dates in April & May

Spring Series starts Saturday 26th March finishes Saturday 30th April

May Mugs starts 1st May finishes Sunday 29th May

Bank holiday racing in May 2nd & 30th (Mondays)

Thursday night Pursuit Races start 5th May

2016 Laser and OK Opens Saturday 21st May & Sunday 22nd May

[For the full programme please refer to the racing calendar](#)

RYA Courses Coming Up

We have three great courses coming up for you over the next few weeks as follows:

Powerboat Level 2 Course – 16th and 17th April

RYA Youth Course – 31st May to 3rd June (half term)

Start Racing Course – 31st May to 3rd June (half term)

These courses are very popular so if you are interested please do book early to avoid disappointment!! Contact Craig Bond on 07894 507812 or email jaynebond16@googlemail.com for more info.

Cadet Nights start Tuesday 3rd May - can you help our future champions?

BSC has a proud tradition of nurturing young would be sailors and cadet nights along with the transition squad are vitally important in this role. However as always these things do not run themselves. We need help both on the water and on shore. Approximate timings are 6.00pm on the water and 8.00pm off the water. If you can spare any time on a Tuesday evening to help either in your own boat, a club boat, on shore getting boats in and out of the water or even as rescue boat crew please contact Craig Bond 07894 507812 or email jaynebond16@googlemail.com

Transition Squad Forthcoming Dates

Graham Eeles will be running Transition Squad training on April 9 and 23, May 7 and 21, June 4 and 18, July 2 and 16. You can find out more about these sessions from the [club website](#) and by contacting Graham Eeles on email graham.eeles@btinternet.com.

Cadet AGM Will Take Place On Saturday 7 May

All Cadets are invited to take attend the BSC Cadet AGM on Saturday 7 May 2016 in the clubhouse at Noon. Nominations are sought for the following Cadet officer roles:

Commodore

Vice Commodore

Treasurer

Secretary

Committee Members

Nomination forms are available by emailing Fiona Brown on fiona.brown@fionabrown.com

New Members Reception Friday 20th May

All new members are invited to join us for a New Members reception at 7.30pm on Friday 20th May in the clubhouse.

New BOD Regatta Event On 4 and 5 June

The ever growing BOD fleet will hold a two-day regatta weekend run with the joint support of BSC and CYC over the weekend of 4 and 5 June. Further details will be posted shortly at www.brightlingseaonedesign.com.

Sailing News

Changes in Fleet Sailing & Signing On And VHF Procedures

Lasers, BODs and Fireballs keep their own starts as long as there are at least 4 per race start, and an average of over 5 per series is maintained, but there are big changes for the Handicap Fleets including the introduction of an Asymmetric/Cat Handicap. There are also changes to signing on and VHF procedures for the BODs and new course cards and groupings. [Check out the update from Sailing Secretary Piers Lambert on the website.](#)

New Course Cards - BOD error

Unfortunately, there was a small error in the description of the BOD courses on the new course cards. The error has been corrected so if you get yours after Easter it will be correct. [If you already have a card consult the website for details of the correction](#)

Race Officers - New Boat Handicaps

All Race Officers should be aware of the revised the PY handicaps for 2016. Not all boats have had their handicap changed The Merlin Rocket remains the same at 975 whilst Lasers go from 1123 to 1127, Fireballs from 970 to 964 and BODs from 1140 to 1135. The full list is in the Starting Hut.

Frostbite series Alton - gruelling as someone described it

Windy, challenging, blowing old boots were some of the politer ways to describe the 2016 frostbite series at Alton Waters. Congratulations to all of those who took part. BSC did particularly well, winning main prizes in Fast H'cap, Asymmetric, Laser and Slow H'cap

Apologies to the following people whose names were not listed as BSC on the Alton website and therefore were not included in the last newsletter:

*Asymmetric Mark Smith, Matt Smith
Laser Mark Schofield, Gary Pilgrim
Medium H'cap Will Taylor Alex Page
Slow H'cap Matt Taylor, Josh Davies*

Did You Know?

One of the founder members of BSC was Capt. Edward Sycamore (1855-1930) was regarded as the world's greatest yachting skipper during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. His career included 2 Americas Cup challenges - Valkyrie 111 against Defender in 1895 and Shamrock 11 against Columbia in 1901. Although neither challenge resulted in winning The America's Cup, it was the Shamrock 11 v Columbia where he came closest. Columbia won by just 200 yards with 35 seconds to spare! The official lapsed time was Columbia 16,224secs, Shamrock 11 16,304secs. Captain Sycamore died in Brightlingsea 9th April 1930 and is buried at All Saints Church on the hill.

Don't forget to email Buzz@gmail.com if you have any comments or suggestions of things you would like to see included.