



Tankerton Bay Sailing Club

TBSC Spring Update # 1

3rd April 2020

Dear Members, Firstly I do hope you and your loved ones are healthy and well. I'm sure like me you are missing your sailing and the great crac we have at the club on sailing and social days, but these are extraordinary times and we all know we need to keep safe, maintain social distancing and for many of us, self-isolate. This doesn't mean we don't miss human contact - we do, that is why we all belong to our "club". So, what is a club? Google tells me its "an association dedicated to a particular interest or activity". That's Sailing for us - but I think TBSC is much more than that! Frustratingly in the current climate, sailing and socialising are things we cannot do in person - furthermore at our recent "virtual" committee meeting we reluctantly agreed to put the seasons start back to 1st June at the earliest, and its likely to be later than that. So how can we maintain the "club" feel? Here's a couple for starters.

1. Virtual Racing

Starting this Sunday at 10am we are going to have a go at virtual racing on line (gawd help us!). To join in you will need to sign [up online](#) (its free!) and take the **Inshore training** sessions so you get to understand how to use the controls (before Sunday!). I will provide an invite with a log in code TBSC0001 for the races at 9:50 - just go to Custom Race, then in the join tab, click the green icon and add the code. We are limited to 20 boats - so if we reach the limit, I suspect you'll miss out. I'm completely unsure how many are interested but each race lasts around 5 minutes so I propose we have 1 practice race and then a series of 6 short races to get us going.

Any questions during the races, we'll use the Facebook chat to keep in touch - let's see how it works! I'll report the results to members once we've finished. If this takes off, we can set up more series at other times to suit and make sure all members get a chance to race.

If interested please sign up, take the training and get practicing (PS the man to beat is Ross - as always!) <https://www.virtualregatta.com/en/>

2. Facebook quizzes and banter

Most of you are also members of closed Facebook page - for those of you aren't I urge you to join in during these times of social isolation. It's a great place to keep in touch as well as guess what the picture quizzes are (Rob Wilkinson seems to be a master at this). Here's one below to whet your appetite - guess the sailor and boat? Answer will be on Facebook after the weekend....



I don't have much else to update you on but I do urge you to keep in contact with each other (Jane baked Dave Linc a cake which we dropped off ...at a safe distance...last week) and if any of you would like to talk, please don't hesitate to contact one of your sailing mates, me or one of the committee. It's good to talk! The committee are meeting monthly and are working hard on ways for us to keep in contact and to think of ways of how we can get back on the water sooner rather than later, I'll also send a formal email each 3 weeks or so. But any ideas or actions you'd like to share or lead will be gratefully received in these very odd times.



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Thank you and please stay safe

Ian Mills

(on Behalf of the Committee)

TBSC Commodore

PS - I'm trying to keep fit so that I'm "sailing body ready" (yeah right, I hear you say!) when we get back on the water - one day's gym exercises, the next a 4-mile walk, gym, walk etc
#keepitforsailing anyway a pic from my walk earlier this week makes me realise how lucky we are to live where we do. Stay safe and support the NHS...

