



Tankerton Bay Sailing Club

TBSC Summer Sizzler #1

1st June 2020

Dear Members,

At last some good news, great weather during May and a slow managed lifting of the Covid restrictions. This means we have managed to open the club (cautiously) to some of our more independent sailors and we have plans to do more over the forthcoming months – but this is all down to how we all behave and how the virus responds to this gentle easing. In the update we are sharing our plan for a phased return to the club, an update on unsupported sailing, more news from the archive team, our donation to the carers the latest on virtual sailing.

1. Our plan for a phased return to re-opening the club (albeit slowly!)

Using guidance from the RYA and Sport England we have developed a plan for a phased return to normality. This builds on the Overall Covid Risk Assessment for the club, the Unsupported Sailing Guidance document we issued out mid-May and provides a path to a slow re-opening. Our initial steps in May were to allow unsupported Sailing and last weekend we managed to clean the ramp. Our next stages include completing the winter works (we are asking you to stay away from the workers during this time), establishing deep cleaning routines for the club and making sure the club is ready for potential further restricted opening in July. All of these steps require thought and Risk Assessing and I'm hugely grateful to all those helping prepare controls that will keep us all safe as we ease back to some form of normality. The plan will be reviewed 2 weekly by the Covid Subcommittee and monthly by the full committee. Any updates will be shared with you and held on the website. So please take a good look at our plan and I'd appreciate any feedback or help you can provide. We are all learning as we go here!



Unsupported socially distanced sailors



Ramp cleaning with covid-19 controls in place

2. Unsupported Sailing gets underway

In mid-May we opened the way for unsupported sailing. So far perhaps 15 boat owning members have taken this up and more are exploring this option. We have updated the guidance based on feedback – so please see attached with red showing the changes made. Anyone who wishes to pursue this should ensure they read and understand the guidance before contacting Tom to access for boat assembly. I have to say it was brilliant to get out on the water again!

3. Virtual sailing continues

As noted last month Ross was our overall Spring Series e-champion and we were all avidly waiting for a sterling performance in the RYA regional championships where he would take all-comers before him. Alas it wasn't to be – as his internet let him down (so he says!) and he failed to trouble the leader board in any of the 5 races. Seriously you did us proud Ross – just get your broadband fixed buddy. Many of us continue to sail (virtually) every Wednesday at 7pm – everyone is welcome. We open Zoom at 645 for the banter and then start racing at 7pm. If interested just ping me an email and I'll hook you in.

4. Our archivists are digging deep

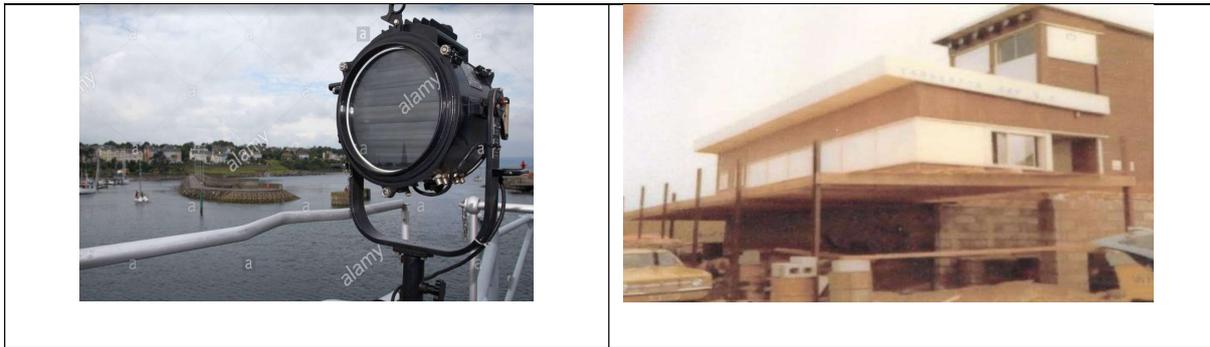
Over the last couple of months Barry, Hannah and Mags have been using some of their time in lockdown to gather material going back to the very earliest days of the Club's history. If you click on the following link on the website <https://www.tbsc.co.uk/pages/111/Club-History/> you will be treated to a fascinating glimpse into how TBSC came into being, and then evolving over the following nearly 60 into the Club you are all part of today. It's going to be a little while before Barry and the team finalise their research -



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not that an archive of this type is ever really complete as it'll be updated on a regular basis - but I do encourage you all to find some time to have a peek at the work that's been done so far, if only to look at the pretty photos and exhibits from the '60s and '70s that past and current members have selflessly clambered into their dusty attics to find. And just to whet your appetites, here are a few things you may not have known about the Club ...

- Our first 'clubhouse' was beach hut No.11, 100 yards west along the promenade from the Club
- Within 2 months of the Club forming in September 1962 we had nearly 250 members!
- The first Laying-up Supper in 1963 was held in the ballroom of [The Marine Hotel](#); nearly 60 years on and they haven't managed to get rid of us!
- The Club's first 'rescue' boat comfortably carried no fewer than 20 people
- Before VHF radios we used one of these for ship-to-shore communication



he Aldis Lamp

The clubhouse being built in the 60's

- In 1969 TBSC hosted the first ever [European Water Ski Racing Championships](#) in Britain
- It took 8 years to negotiate the rights to park our boats on the slopes

Personally, I think they are doing a brilliant job – so please take a look.

5. Bar sales.

Following our 'April' bar stock sale we used some of the proceeds to purchase a hamper to say thank you to some of the carers at the Lyndhurst Care Home along the Tankerton front. See pics below. Following the success of the April sale, we are planning on a similar stock sale in June – see merchandise list attached. So if you would like us to bring a little bit of the new bar to you please select your goods and ping an email to Jane.



It's been great to meet up with some of you in person over the last few weeks, let's hope with the changes planned, more of us can see other again in the very near future.

Ian Mills TBSC Commodore On behalf of the Committee

PS – looking forward to us hopefully spending more time at the club over the next few months – socially distanced of course!