



Tankerton Bay Sailing Club

TBSC Winter Warmer # 2

25th January 2020

Dear members

Happy new year to you one and all! This update sees us busy preparing for the 2020 season, where we once again look to offer up a fantastic offering of racing, social sailing, training and club socials which together make us the best sailing club on the North Kent coast.

Membership - The first thing to say thank you to all those who have already re-joined, but my message **to those of you who have yet to re-join - don't hesitate, grab that [renewal form](#) and sign up before 31st Jan. This also ensures you don't have to pay a re-joining fee.**

1. Sailing, social and training calendar

To whet your appetite, please see attached the consolidated sailing, social and training calendar for 2020. Key updates include new monthly Friday improver sailing sessions as well as a consolidation of what worked well last year, Sunday racing, Saturday cruising, workshops and instruction and the Thursday pub cruise. We've kept some of the favourite social events from last year including comedy, curry and quiz nights, with more to come. Mark your favourites in your dairy now to make sure you don't miss out. These will be added to DutyMan and the [sailing](#), [social](#) and [training](#) pages on the website during February. Thanks to all those who inputted and remember to make this work, we all need to make sure we all carry out our duties as well as volunteering where we can. Every little helps!

2. Dinghy Show - TBSC trip Sunday 1st March

We are again arranging a trip to the RYA dinghy show this spring. Depending on numbers interested we will either go in a minibus or share cars – either way it'll be £7.50 pp. This will get you a lift from the clubhouse to Alexandra Palace and back on the Sunday. This is a great day out to get you ready for the year, buy some gear, meet like-minded sailors, listen to the best to pick up sailing tips and admire the many new boats on show. You will need to pay for the show yourself, the best way to do this is prior to the event online. We'll leave the clubhouse at 8am and leave for home from the show around 430pm on the Sunday. Places are limited, so first come first served, so if interested just contact me. Check out the show and tickets by clicking [here](#)



3. The Smallridge 'living legacy' fund

As noted in more detail on the website and/or Facebook pages we are delighted to have received a £1000 donation from Anne Martin in memory of her father and Gordon (a former Commodore) and Jimmy Smallridge who were key committee members in the early days of the club. The donation will



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support the 'living legacy' fund and has already funded the new Cadet Smallridge Cup that was won last year by Ethan Low. We will ensure the fund will continue to be used to support longer term annual activities devoted to inspiring youngsters and supporting charities around sailing and all the good things related to being by the sea



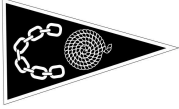
4. New bar and galley taking shape with help from Shepherd Neame!

The volunteer winter works team have been (once again) working hard during the winter months building and shaping our new bar and galley at the east end of the club. We were delighted to receive donated bar fronts, tops, storage shelves, tables, stools and chairs from Shepherd Neame via one of our members, Martin Godden, who works in the brewery refurbishment team. I'm sure you'll join me in passing on thanks to Tom and all those working hard on our behalf of the club as well as to Shepherd Neame for their generosity (we will be looking to support the [SN charity](#) later this year to recognise this generous donation). The team have also started to upgrade the balcony balustrade, making the club safer as well as sharper and smarter all round. The winter working team are there most Tuesdays and Thursdays so if you want to help contact Tom. Alternatively, drop in with biscuits, cakes or chocs - they'd love to see you.



5. Our new 5-year plan

Thank you to those who commented on [5-year plan](#). This has now been reviewed and approved by the committee and issued on our website. Our plan is all about building on the great work already in place and embed plans to ensure we remain the top sailing club on the North Kent coast for many years to come. Remember this is your club and we are all volunteers, so please check it out and see where you can help and be part of our journey.



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6. Updated by-law

Following a review on security of boats and safety to our members and the public, the committee has agreed to update by-law 11 as shown below. We will look to instigate this for all members boats from the start of this season (this extends the existing bylaw around additional strop security for catamarans). I'm sure all our members will support this by-law as a sensible inclusion to improve safety and security at the club.

11. Boat Parking

Members are allocated parking areas on the beach or the bank during the sailing season and must store their boats securely in order to reduce the risk of damage or accidents during adverse weather or by vandalism. Due to the location of our boat parking and the risk that if a rig failed it could cause a mast to crash down onto the pedestrian walkway, where masts are left raised and have an existing rope part of the forestay, they MUST have an additional wire forestay strop fitted. Outside of sailing season dates (identified as between the Boat rigging and De-rigging dates), boats parked on the beach MUST be moved, either to the grass bank, or taken home. Boats left at the club over the close season must also have their mast lowered (and safely stowed) to eliminate the risk of injury or damage to others due to rig failure.

You can keep up to date by joining and following our closed [TBSC Facebook page](#) or one of the whatsapp groups - alternatively keep an eye on our [website](#) as this showcases [news](#) and [photos](#) and all the good stuff that goes on and what's planned. And remember don't forget that if you have a skill, just wish to help or have ideas to improve what we do, just contact me or one of the committee.

Thank you for reading this update (the next one will come out just before the season starts).

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TBSC Commodore on behalf of the [Club Committee](#) .

PS – I've already started doing a spot of boat maintenance and looking forward to losing more of the Christmas pud so I can fit into my winter steamer at the end of March!