



# Gravesend Sailing Club

## Newsletter – August 2020

### Welcome to potential new crew

I am sure that you will join me in congratulating Harriet, our Vice Commodore, and John on the arrival of baby Edward who is the fourth generation of his family to sail at GSC.

### Movements on the moorings

John and Val after years of exploring the Lower Thames have decided to take a look at the upper reaches and have bought a small motor cruiser to be moored in Oxford. Dee Gee (as was) is now owned by new members Robert and Lucy Whittock and their daughters with a name change to Polar Bear. Gamekeeper has been bought by another new member Mark Smith and Cliff now has a Moody 31 called Dayspring.

### Happenings on the Water

Things have been happening. We've had test races and a shortened season of races is getting going, with up to six cruiser and eight dinghies taking part so far which is good in the present circumstances.

On the cruising front a number of boats have been off to various destinations as far away as the Channel Islands, I understand.

Lady Gray and Herm have been up the East Coast and exploring the backwaters. Adam reports that all the marinas and facilities were open, though with occasionally slightly restricted access.

### Getting together on line

We appreciate that with social distancing not everyone will be able to go sailing so we will also be organising on-line training sessions and social events, for later in the season and into the Autumn and Winter months. Again, we need volunteers. Do you have a topic you could give knowledge and self-catered nosh on? Do you have any ideas for social activities? Let us know.

### Level 3 Better Sailing Training Course

Harriet is looking at running a L3 dinghy better sailing course which provides an opportunity to enhance your skills and develop techniques with a range of tasters from the advanced modules. This is subject to government guidelines allowing it logistically, please register your interest with Harriet now and she'll keep you informed:

[training@gravesendsc.org.uk](mailto:training@gravesendsc.org.uk)

If there are any other RYA courses you would like run please let Harriet know and she'll see what is possible.

### Lockdown Passage Planning Exercise

Quite a few months ago, Richard Twyman set a passage planning exercise based on a trip to the River Medway. Thanks to all the Navigators who submitted an entry. We received some great and varied examples and they were all interesting. Richard is working with the Sailing Committee to come up with a suitable prize and a winner – not an easy call. We will publish the best answers in the next edition of the Reach.

### The Reach

This is the club's magazine and provides an opportunity for members to tell us stories that don't appear in the more formal newsletters. The present editor is rather busy at the moment, being a hospital doctor, but if you would like to send any contributions to [commodore@gravesendsc.org.uk](mailto:commodore@gravesendsc.org.uk) I will be happy to collate them. The articles can be on any topic that you think may interest your fellow members so don't hold back as all contributions are welcome. Let's set a date of 30<sup>th</sup> September for contributions but don't wait until then start writing now.

## Other Developments – Albion Waterside

“Joseph Homes is bringing forward a proposal for the residential-led, mixed-use regeneration of the ‘Canal Basin Regeneration Area’, Canal Road - the site is now being referred to as ‘Albion Waterside’.”

This is quite an extensive development and there are two steps to the consultation, the first asks you to identify aspects of the local area you ‘like’ and ‘dislike’ and to tell them your ‘dreams’ for the regeneration of Albion Waterside and its relationship with the wider area. There will be a further consultation later once the plans have been developed.

Some members of the General Committee have had a meeting with the developer and will continue to do so to make sure that the club’s voice is heard. You may also wish to look at the proposals yourself and comment - [www.AlbionWaterside.co.uk](http://www.AlbionWaterside.co.uk)

## Other Developments – London Resort

This development on the Swanscombe peninsula is back in the news again. One of the proposals is for a park and glide service from Thurrock to the Peninsula and the use of Clippers which may make recreational sailing harder. See further details and consultation at <https://londonresort.info/>

## Coming up.....

Sunday August 23rd                      Dinghy Race 1 (1400)

Monday August 31<sup>st</sup>                      Dink about Day

Saturday September 5<sup>th</sup>                      Cruiser Race 3 (1200)  
Sunday September 6<sup>th</sup>                      Dinghy Race 2 (1400)

Saturday September 19<sup>th</sup>                      Cruiser Race 4 (1200)  
Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>                      Dinghy Race 3 (1400)

Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>                      Dink about Day  
Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup>                      Dinghy Race 4 (1300)

Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>                      End of Season Cruise  
Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>                      Dink about Day

Saturday November 14<sup>th</sup>                      Lift Out

## Results So Far

### Tea Time Test Sail

1) Widgeon      2) Ozone Friendly      3) Phoenix      4) Hazy Days      5) Emma      6) Freedom      7) White Lady

### Cruiser Race 1

1) Silver Dolphin      2) Lady Gray      3) Just Nimbus      4) Four Bells      5) Chodo

### Cruiser Race 2

1) Just Nimbus      2) Four Bells      3) Chodo      4) Dayspring      5) Silver Dolphin      6) Billy Ruffian