



Gravesend Sailing Club

Newsletter – September 2020

COVID 19 Update – Good news we can keep sailing

You may be wondering how the changes in the rules around Covid that came into effect from the 14th September will affect events at the club. Earlier in the year we carried out risk assessments and have put in place processes and procedures in line with the Government Covid secure guidelines. The RYA as our sport's governing body have issued the following guidance:-

“The government have made it clear that sports like sailing, which have submitted their guidance to DCMS as part of the Return to Organised Team Sport Framework, can continue to operate in a Covid secure way. It is still appropriate to run club on-water activities including racing and events, and people from different households can continue to sail together as long as they observe the RYA guidance.

However, it is clear that clubs and members will have to take more precautions when onshore. Members will need to ensure they only gather in groups of 6 or less and that these groups do not interact with each other (from Monday this will become law, whereas up until then we have been advised to do so in the form of Government guidance).”

So our sailing events will be continuing, but please everybody observe our procedures (there's a link on front of the website) and the guidance as we want everyone to be kept safe.

Improving Security – we're installing CCTV

We had a number of incidents of theft from the yards earlier in the year and as ever we ask members to be vigilant and make sure that they keep the yards locked and all club equipment locked away (including crane controls) if there is nobody about. The General Committee commissioned a local security company to carry out a review and in the coming days we will be installing a CCTV system to monitor the North and South Yards to further enhance our security.

Lift Out – make sure that you put in your application

The application forms for Lift Out have been sent out. If you haven't received one then let Adam know as soon as possible as the deadline for requests is the 4th October.

The Reach – I am still hopeful that I'll get more articles

I have only had one response to my request for articles for the Reach, which means that it will be a very thin magazine if I don't get any more. Don't forget that I will accept any articles, photos, snippets on anything that may be of interest to fellow club members; it doesn't have to be any great length so please try.

Send any contributions to commodore@gravesendsc.org.uk. I'll give you bit more time for writing, as there is still some of the season left, so I'll extend the deadline to the end of October.

Winter Programme – Have you got any good ideas?

I did ask in the last newsletter but it's worth asking again. As it's probably going to have to be a virtual winter do you have suggestions for knowledge and nosh or on-line socials? Please let us know by emailing training@gravesendsc.org.uk.

Albion Waterside - Consultation until 21st September make sure you have your say

In the last newsletter we let you know about a proposed development to the East of the lock entrance. Joseph Homes have now given a presentation on their plans which can be found on their website www.AlbionWaterside.co.uk and I urge you all to take a look at them and take part in their consultation process which finishes next Monday 21st September. The General Committee has a working group which is liaising with the developers on a number of issues, but the more people who take part in the consultation process the better.

Thinking of Sailing Abroad Next Year? - RYA Brexit Forum

The end of the Brexit transition period is almost upon us - how will that affect boaters?

Please do join in with a free online RYA forum on Friday 2nd October at 7.30pm organised by the London and SE regional committee by registering at www.ryabrexitforum2020.eventbrite.co.uk

Can you help us...?

In normal times with lots of people around the club it is easier for us to find people with the right skills to help with all the things that keep a club running.

Kitchen

A quick Fix

There is a leak in the kitchen, which appears to be where the pipework comes up from under the floor, and we need the help of someone with plumbing knowledge to resolve it. Can you help or recommend a good plumber?

Over the winter

In the longer term we are considering refitting the kitchen over the winter months now that it looks increasingly unlikely that we will be able to have any social events in the clubhouse. Again our plea is do you have any skills in this area, contacts with suppliers or can recommend a reliable professional who could help us?

If you can help email facilities@gravesendsc.org.uk

Advertising the club

We have been looking into how we advertise the club, and the present situation means that social media and the clubs website are becoming more important than ever. As a start we are going to prioritise the website.

The present website uses old technology and is not really geared up for the way that most people use mobile phones and portable devices for internet access. So, we are looking for help with it and appreciate that this is not a straightforward process.

We need help reviewing the information that the club delivers via the website to see whether it is the most appropriate and how in the future the information can be kept up to date.

Do you have the skills to help redesign the look and feel to make it appropriate for the 21st Century?

We need someone with the technical ability to help us use the most appropriate technology and to help set up processes to maintain it.

If you can help with any of these please email commodore@gravesendsc.org.uk

Looking Ahead

Saturday September 19th
Sunday September 20th

Cruiser Race 4 (1200)
Dinghy Race 3 (1400)

Saturday October 3rd
Sunday October 4th

Dink about Day
Dinghy Race 4 (1300)

Saturday October 17th
Sunday October 18th

End of Season Cruise
Dink about Day

Saturday November 14th

Lift Out