



## Tankerton Bay Sailing Club

TBSC Summer Sizzler # 3

July 2020

Dear Members,

I do hope you are enjoying the lovely weather and are all well?

Anyway, it's been terrific that over the past 2 months we have been able to progressively open what we can offer at the club. It's also been great to meet up (albeit socially distanced) with old friends and 'sailing foes' (I've missed the cut and thrust of racing) alike and see the buzz around the place again. Long may this trend continue! This is of course all dependent on everyone doing 'their bit'.

In this update I'm excited to be able to share with you our updated sailing calendar for the remainder of the year, another review of our archives (some great work going on here), a general update on what we've been up to, what has work well and where we need to tighten up, a possible return to social and an overview of what has changed and how this impacts on your planned return to the club, if you haven't come down already.

### 1. Updated sailing programme

Building on the past 6 weeks or so, we are now able to plan ahead for the rest of the season – resulting in an updated Programme – see attached and online here. In this refresh we recognise that certain members are still sensitive about starting sailing, so we are offering many more Power Boat supported free sail days, an increase in supported cruising opportunities and a return to booking out club boats and different household cruising and free sailing from the 7<sup>th</sup> August (details to follow on these next week). We have also retained most of the years sailing series (again racing is mainly on Sundays) albeit many in a shortened format and squeezed in some extra dates in September and October (weather permitting). This is over and above the unsupported activities that you can all engage in on your own boats of course, including the always popular cruise to 'The Neppie' on a Thursday. This is all covered by Covid-19 Risk Assessments, controls and updated duty requirements that can be located on our website and around the club. Overall, we do hope you like what you see I'd like to thank everyone who has worked hard behind the scenes to make these changes possible.

### 2. What we've learned with our Covid controls

We are far too sociable! Seriously, the controls are generally working well (we truly believe we have the best set of rounded controls and risk assessments along this bit of the coast), every one of you understands why we are doing this and the new role of 'Covid colleague' is great, helping us all remember the controls and guidance we need to follow. The new bar and galley are starting to 'sing' via the sales through the hatch onto the balcony. Our biggest concern is that we all like to socialise too much! So one of things we will be asking of our membership much more strongly is to **remember both social distancing** and that if you are intending to stay on the balcony to enjoy a drink and bite to eat that you **use the seating provided** and don't stand around or crowd around 1 or 2 tables.

We are still restricting formal supported sailing to Force 4 (18mph) maximum to minimise the risk to the PB teams having to perform a rescue. Last weekend we had to cancel half the racing as the wind picked up and you were all understanding of the club's position. So, thank you.

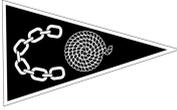
The outside briefing area is brilliant and the one in/one out hand sanitised toilet runs work a treat. We do ask sailors to remember to leave valuables at home or in the car as we don't have the room to store bags in the clubroom or on the balcony whilst sailing (you can of course use the sail locker - which is what I do) and changing on the beach isn't as easy as I remember from my childhood!



Covid controlled seating



Boats prepped for supported racing



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### 3. Members duties

Thank you to all those individuals and household teams who have volunteered to do duties. Without you setting this up would not have been easy. We have now selected further people to take on the duties during August, these should be coming through via dutyman now if you have been 'volunteered'. If you have a duty please check out the Covid related controls we have set up for each role. If you haven't got a duty and could offer to help in September and October please let us know as we will be looking to extend this out. This'll help the 'usual suspects' to take a break. Finally, please remember that the original duty listings that were set up back in March have all been removed.

### 4. Our archivists make it to the 20<sup>th</sup> century!

Their work is almost done. Barry, Hannah and Mags have now reached 2010 in the club's history. It's a terrific read and charts the waxing and waning of TBSC over nearly 60 years. What is clear throughout is the pride that everyone has had of being part of the TBSC journey and helping keep in place a terrific sailing club for the next generation whilst having fun on the way. If you wish to feel nostalgic just check out the decades by clicking on the website here <https://www.tbsc.co.uk/pages/111/Club-History/> and treating yourself to a fascinating glimpse into our history. I came across a couple of photos I thought would be nice to share – one showing a key man in our history, Jim Flowers, opening the ramp 21 years ago this month and the other showing (I believe) our main archivist himself just about to fall out of a water-borne vessel. Now where have we seen that before?

Seriously a big thank you guys; it's a terrific job and really well done.



Ramp opening 21 years ago by our ever present  
Jim Flowers



Barry and Steve Morgan enjoy the Ringo in  
2006 with Ian Smith watching on.  
Is Barry Capsizing again?

### 5. Coming next

As noted above we are hopeful that we will be able to open up further in August, taking us into Phase 2 of our return to sailing: -

- 3<sup>rd</sup> August – Assistant Instructor Training for our cadets by Helen and Ted
- 7<sup>th</sup> August – club boat use/hire returns (further details next week)
- 7<sup>th</sup> August – permitted sailing with non-household crews (further details next week).
- w/e 22<sup>nd</sup> August - possible social? (more in next 2 weeks)
- Bank holiday weekend – Cadet Regatta day

If you want to find out the details of our phased approach to a return to sailing just follow this link.

Finally, at this time the clubroom, changing rooms and showers all remain closed and we are unable to take on new members or carry out formal training – but we are hopeful that through risk assessment we may be able to open the club room to seated members later in August. Of course, all of this is dependent on us and the country as a whole keeping a lid on the virus, so please do all you can to follow both the TBSC and government rules and guidelines when enjoying yourself at the club. The better we control, the more we can do. Stay alert and keep safe

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!