



TCSC SIGNAL

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From the Commodore

Hello everyone

Welcome to the start of the season , well very nearly anyway and after a glorious weekend who can't help but turn their thoughts to boating.

The two weekends of spring cleaning will soon be upon us so please come along and support one or both of them and help get the club ready for the season. Geoff has list of things that need doing around the club, so please make your self-known to him at spring cleaning and bring tools you think will be useful.

I am currently allocating moorings and dinghy parks and the lists will be posted on the second spring clean weekend, Please check what number you have been allocated and ensure you have moved dinghies by the 15th April and cruisers by 31st May. A reminder that it's a condition of being allocated a mooring or dinghy park

spot that you keep it tidy. It is also essential you have your property marked so please check your boats, trailers & trolleys have a TCSC sticker on them with your membership number clearly visible, the numbers do fade over time but unmarked items will be disposed of in an effort to keep the site tidy and ensure we have space for boats, not just piles of scrap metal.

LOST PROPERTY – any lost property that isn't claimed by the end of the 2nd spring clean weekend will be disposed of, this includes items left in clubhouse, changing rooms, basement and abandoned trolleys and trailers left in the corner of the dinghy park – you have been warned !!

Why not make a note of the 30th March when the fitting out party is being held, when you can come and catch up with the winters news and start the season with one of the Galleys great buffets.

I had a trip to cheddar early in the year to buy a laser 2000 called ice cream for club use, while I was there packing it up in a hail storm I did wonder what on earth I was doing but I am sure it was a worthwhile trip. Ice cream (I scream and I am sure that's a great name for it !!) along with the oppies, Tera's, fusion and Pico's means we

COMMITTEE

If you are interested in getting more involved in how your club is run, please feel free to ask the committee members for more information.

The committee meetings are the first Monday of the month except for bank holiday, when we have the meetings a week later.

COMMUNICATIONS

In order to ensure you are up to date with events -check out the Club calendar and Social events pages on the website.

There is also a Facebook group - Tewkesbury Cruising and Sailing Club (TCSC) where members share their photos and events are published

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have now quite a fleet of boats and more training options are available to us. I look forward to seeing them all used by people eager to learn to sail or to improve. I am still looking for another boat, along the lines of laser 2000, Comet trio, Wanderer, Leader or similar but it appears lots of other people are as well.

FROM THE SAILING SECRETARY

We have been keeping the Cruiser Handicaps under review to encourage participation in competitive sailing and to challenge every helm and crew to hone their skills.

For 2019 there will be these changes to the local TCSC handicap system.

The boat class handicap remains the same as 2018 unless noted below

Cornish Shrimper 1465 (was 1495)
Squib 1180 (was 1230)
Leisure 17 1540
First 18 1260
Hunter Sonata 1220

Looking forward to seeing you on the river, testing yourself against these handicaps and providing more results to review.

RACING RESULTS

There is an area on the website on which we will publish the results of each race throughout the season

DEVELOPMENT WORKS

ROADWAY REPLACEMENT

Those of you who have looked at the news section of the website will know that we are well on the way with replacing a large section of the club road. The rest of the concrete should be laid by the end of the week (end of Feb). However, the concrete will not be set for some time so please **DO NOT WALK OR DRIVE ON IT** until we let you know via signal that it has been cured. Thanks to the weather, Dave and Todd have been able to get on as planned. Thank you to both of them.

VISITORS MOORING

The design of the visitors mooring has been agreed and work will start on this immediately after the road has been completed with a hope that it will be fully functional at the start of the season. The plan is to sink uprights into the river bed using the machine that was brought down for the roadway. Part of the bank that is prone to subsidence will be removed and shored up using reinforced concrete slabs and the spoil from the old road. It will be covered with soil to finish it off. While we are renewing this mooring, we felt it important that we also ensure that it is accessible for disabled people. A ramp will be incorporated as well as a small lifting in height of the mooring itself.

CANOE STORAGE

Additional storage for canoes has been planned to be created under the male changing area. This is scrub at present and will be constructed to accommodate approximately 6 additional canoes. The construction will be achieved in house to minimise cost.

DINGHY STAGING

This year the dinghy staging will be "patched up" and made safe without major work being done. We hope that enough funds will be available next year to develop the dinghy staging in the same way as the visitors mooring.

SPRING CLEAN

Once again, this year we will be asking for your contribution to making our club a nice place to relax and enjoy sailing. There is a lot to do and two weekends to do it. Please diary:

March 17th & March 24th

We will be making a start at **10am**.

Please bring wellies, gloves and any tools you have (brushes, shovels, anything you feel would be helpful).

Agenda for the day to follow. I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Geoff King Development Chairman (geoffking6@hotmail.co.uk)

SOCIAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

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| March 30 th | Fitting Out Party | Clubhouse 19:30 |
| April TBC | Themed meal | Clubhouse 19:30 |
| May 25 th | Novak & Goode | Clubhouse 19:30 |
| June 21 st | Sax Appeal – Well know vocal & Sax duo | Clubhouse 19:30 |
| June 22 nd | BBQ & Fun for Cadets – younger sailors & Friends | Clubhouse 19:30 |
| July TBC | TBC | TBC |
| August TBC | American BBQ | Clubhouse 19:30 |
| September 6 th | Regatta Cheese & Wine Evening | Clubhouse 19:30 |
| September 7 th | Commodores Party | Clubhouse 19:30 |
| October 5 th | TCSC Fun Dinner | Clubhouse 19:30 |
| November 23 rd | Christmas party | Hatherley manor 19:30 |
| December 15 th | Chilli Special Lunch | Clubhouse 12:00 |

Please remember that **Free camping** is available on site for members for up to 3 consecutive nights

FROM THE GALLEY

Once again we are rapidly approaching the start of the sailing season which I am sure you will all be looking forward to.

The season as usual will start with the spring clean which will take place on **Sunday 17th and 24th of March**. We need as many volunteers as possible to ensure that the clubhouse and galley are ready for the fitting out party as there will be plenty to do.

The galley will provide all cleaning equipment and free tea and coffee for the day. We will be starting at about 10am till about 4 and we would love to see you even if you can only manage an hour or two. Many hands make light work!

The fitting out party, the first event of the year will take place on the 30th March starting at 7.30 and is always a great opportunity to meet up with old friends and to get to know new members. As usual there will be a buffet with some food provided by the galley but as usual any donations of food for the evening will be gratefully received by the galley.

You will soon receive your programme which will have your duties for 2019. If you have been given a galley duty it will be from 11am to 3pm on the day allocated. If you are unable to do your galley duty please try to swop on dutyman. However if you have difficulties with this please contact Margaret on 01452 528783 / 07710475681 or Angela on 01242 696737 / 07923581655 and we will find you an alternative date.

If you are willing to do extra duties, please let us know as we are often looking for volunteers.

The galley committee are looking for more volunteers to join our band of galley slaves which involves opening the galley a few times a season and helping with some events and its a great way to get to know everyone at the club. If you feel you would like to help please contact Margaret or Angela for more information.

Angela on 07923581 655 or Margaret on 07710475681

We look forward to seeing you all soon

THE GALLEY SLAVES

INTERVIEW

It was suggested at the AGM that Signal contains interviews with members & we thought we'd start with one of the longest serving **DAVE RIDGEON**

The club had been started in the early 60's by a group of local business men who had Cruisers. They had a club room in St Mary's Lane and then introduced Dinghy's to reduce the cost. There was a fair amount of animosity between the Cruiser and Dinghy Sailors in the early days.

I joined TCSC in 1965. Back then there was no clubhouse. There was a Portaloo and a Shed for a Racehut. Originally the site was rented the site from Croome Estates.

I have watched as the club has evolved and progressed over the years, including the building of the Clubhouse and road , proper cruiser moorings and Dinghy Staging , and ultimately the club purchasing the site.

We regularly raced at Clevedon and Portishead Sailing Clubs, as well as Prince of Wales cup week for International 14s and sailing international competition in Japan with other club members. TCSC had 7 international 14's at one time.

We've had some fantastic times at the club , including camping every weekend with other members who have become firm friends.

If you have an article you'd like included in the signal – or on the website – please email signal:tc-sc.co.uk