

## COMMODORE'S UPDATE 21<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2022

Welcome to another year of boating activities. Let's hope it is less fraught and difficult than the last two years.

Those of you that haven't been to the Club over the winter will see quite a few changes and improvements.

The Committee has worked tirelessly over the past year and a half to upgrade the facilities and make the Club a much nicer place to come to. The EDF wharf project is now pretty much finished and the impact on the club will be a lot less going forwards. There are however 400 or so barge loads scheduled to come in over the next 4-5 years.

A list of the works carried out includes:

New roof on the Clubhouse.

New Windows and Door.

New 5-ton winch on the slipway.

Patio area created where the old electricity transformer bay was.

New raised viewing deck built giving panoramic views of the river.

New electric roller door to the large workshop.

Provision of 2-ton mobile engine hoist and new compressor.

We now have a Club fit to host events and to that aim we are looking to hold a Water Ski event in early June and hope to also hold a Gig Rowing event at some stage too.

We are also in early talks to bring in yet another rowing discipline, this being Sculling. These are boats that range from single rowers up to crews of 8. Watch this space!

Chris Thompson who together with Graham Bell owns the GIG 'SPIRIT' has asked me to invite any member that wants to join him for a rowing/sailing jolly at West Bay in Dorset between Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July. 'Spirit' is one of very few gigs capable of also being sailed and Chris would love for members to come and have a go. Please contact Chris direct if you are interested.

As you all know the membership year runs 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> March. Fees for membership and storage need to be paid by 30<sup>th</sup> April or membership will lapse. The Committee is pleased that fees are static for the third year running and as you know we pride ourselves on being without doubt one of the cheapest Clubs in the South West if not the country.

Thanks to all those members that have paid already and if you are not renewing your membership, please let us know so that we don't chase you. It is a thankless task in April trying to get all the fees collected.

The gate number will change on the 1<sup>st</sup> May and will be sent by separate email. As usual please don't divulge the number to non-members.

Work parties will again be arranged to keep the place clean and tidy and well maintained. Please make every effort to attend. The adage 'many hands make light work' is so true. We can all take a pride in our Club.

Now that the lawn and patio area are ready, we intend to hold some get togethers and will be keen to get the BBQ out. That facility is there and available to all members. With the lighter evenings and better weather arriving lets all make use of the club.

Happy boating.

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