



Gravesend Sailing Club

Newsletter – October 2020

COVID 19 Update – We have QR Codes

You will now find that there are some QR codes displayed around the clubhouse and yards (both North and South) which you can use with the NHS Track and Trace phone APP. Remember, for those who don't have the App you will need to sign in using old fashioned pen and paper.

End of Season Cruise in Company 17th October

This is a day trip upriver for both Cruisers and Dinghies starting at about 1100.

Last Dink of the Year – 18th October

"Come down to sail with safety cover! The weather is looking great for our last dink of the year! Dinghies and cruisers will be about! Please let Harriet know that you're coming down! We need competent helms as well as a safety helm and crew. If you can help let Harriet know. training@gravesendsc.org.uk"

Thursday 29th October - Knowledge and Nosh (1930) – Running a Race

This is an online session with the knowledge being imparted by Steve Davies, and the nosh self-catered by you. I was just given the title but I am pretty sure that it is about how to run a sailing race at the club and not how to prepare for next year's London Marathon. If you are interested please let Harriet know – training@gravesendsc.org.uk

Boats away by end of October

This is just a reminder that all dinghies and tenders not staying at the club should be cleared from the yard by the last day of October.

Bar Debts

The bar officer has sent out emails to people with a bar debt, with details of how to pay. Please make sure that you do so before the end of October so that he can finalise the accounts for this financial year. If you haven't been contacted but think that you may have an outstanding debt then email Cliff at cliff.wimpory@gmail.com and he'll let you know.

Subs fall due November 1st

Subscriptions fall due on 1st November and the Membership Secretary will be sending out reminders later this month. These will be for the 6 months until May as we changed the subscription year at the last AGM.

Working Weekend 7/8th November – Help needed

There will be a working weekend on the 7th and 8th November, mainly to prepare the compound for lift out, but Roy also has a number of small maintenance tasks around the club that individuals can help with while remaining socially distanced.

AGM – February 6th 2021

The General Committee have been considering the format of next year's AGM and after much discussion concluded that it will be need to be convened on-line. Although we appreciate that this may be difficult for some members the Covid regulations and social distancing concerns make holding it in the clubhouse impossible.

It is intended that all the committee reports will be circulated early in January to allow anyone who is unable to attend to submit questions in advance and get a written reply after the meeting. We are still working out how nominations, and if necessary voting, for Committee posts will take place.

Albion Waterside – The Story Continues

Our working group have had another meeting with representatives from the development team and took the opportunity to take them out to give them a better appreciation of their site and Gravesend from the river. We have also been in contact with other local organisations that have an interest in the development. Please, keep an eye on the developer's website and take part in any consultation process, as the more members who do so the better. www.AlbionWaterside.co.uk

Looking Ahead

Saturday October 17th

End of Season Cruise (1100)

A sail in company up river and back

Sunday October 18th

Dink about Day (1100)

This is your last chance to have an informal training sail with rescue boat cover.

Thursday October 29th

Knowledge and Nosh – Running a race

An online Zoom Session led by Steve Davies. If you are interested please let Harriet know – training@gravesendsc.org.uk

Saturday October 31st

Boats to be cleared from Club

**Saturday November 7th
Sunday November 8th**

**Working Weekend
Working Weekend**

Saturday November 14th

Lift Out

Thursday November 26th

Knowledge and Nosh – Calling for Help

A zoom session with the RNLI on Calling for Help

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.

Winter Programme – Have you got any good ideas?

I have asked in the last few newsletters 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 if so the contact Harriet by email at training@gravesendsc.org.uk.

Any ideas for online socials will be gratefully accepted by Claire at social@gravesendsc.org.uk

Kitchen - Thanks

The leak in the kitchen has been fixed thanks to Ian Foreman.

Website

I've had one offer of assistance, but I am still hoping for more. This is quite a big task, but it can be broken down into smaller bits and is an ideal way to help from home.

The Reach – Deadline October 31st

Please, send any contributions to commodore@gravesendsc.org.uk. There's still time for writing, as the deadline is the end of October.