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RIBBLE CRUISING CLUB



The Commodore's Notes



Hi All

The popularity of Ribble Cruising Club seems to be reflected in the number of recent applications for membership. Richard Blackburn our Hon Membership Secretary remarked recently that he was having difficulty remembering everyone applying and said he is having to now ration RCC Handbooks. It seems to me a nice problem to have for any club.

On the water the BIG race was a great success even though there was little wind to get us all moving. There was a larger than expected turnout of dinghies and yachts and surprisingly few incidents. I made full use of the safety boat by being towed to the start line twice before the race began and again when I was towed to the finish as I needed to be somewhere else that same day. My personal thanks go to Julia and Jeanette in Safety boat 2.

Our clubhouse Landlords, Fylde Borough Council, will next month be expecting us to decide as to whether we accept their new rent figure or if we choose to challenge the increase.

At the clubhouse the committee have appointed a Structural Engineer to inspect the clubhouse and provide a report on its condition and any remedial work that may need to be carried out. This is all in pursuance of the club's intention to seek a new 50-year lease on the clubhouse. We will need to come up with a ten-year plan taking into account the Engineer's report and what improvements the club hopes to achieve over the next decade.

Tuesday Talks are back on the calendar this winter thanks to the hard work of our new Hon Secretary Carol Keaskin. I can't thank Carol enough for the way she has thrown herself into her new job. In such a relatively short time she has acquainted herself with all aspects of the running of our club and with her skill and previous experiences I am sure she will be an invaluable asset to RCC.

You may be interested to know Carol is putting together a murder mystery evening to add to the other events arranged by Kate and Emma. The bar is becoming busier, and my thanks go out to all those who work behind the bar so tirelessly without any reward other than the satisfaction and thanks by members whose numbers continue to grow. Well done the bar team!

Fairhaven Lake had a record number of boats out on the water in July and my thanks go to those same members who week after week give up their time to make the Wednesday nights so successful and enjoyable for members and their children.

John Gallagher
Commodore

Last Tuesday Talks

Thanks to Carol Keaskin, who has taken over as the Hon Secretary, the **Last Tuesday Talks** are back following the hiatus caused by Covid and the sad death of Mike Briers.

We now have the following confirmed:

Last Tuesday Talk
Tues 25th October 2022
8.00 p.m. in the Clubhouse

**A brief History of Trinity House, ports and quays on the Ribble
and lives of the Preston River Pilots by Andrew Newsham**



Andrew Newsham will start our very first Last Tuesday Talk since Lockdown. Andrew worked for the pilots as boat coxswain up to 1980. This is one talk not to be missed!

A free talk with a collection towards travel costs

Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 8.00pm
Ribble Cruising Club, Lytham Prom FY8 5LD

October 2022 - Andrew Newsham; A former Ribble Pilot who will tell us about the Ribble channels and ports.

November 2022 Pat Ashcroft; A Stoker on a Steam ship

February 2023 - Professor Victor Debattisa; How the stars surf the waves

Keep an eye on the Facebook Page and website for confirmation of the following:

January 2023 (TBC) David Evans, a local historian with some weird and wonderful local facts, Blackpool

tower was built by accident etc, and some ship snippets.

March (TBC) - Stephen Musgrave, The Shetland Bus.

April (TBC) - Stephen Halliwell - Small Hebridean Islands in a small Boat,

There will be no talk in December and the last talk of this winter season will be in April 2023.

Sailing Events.

Club racing continues with one main racing event every month. The September Regatta will take place on the 10th and 11th September, we're hoping for a good turnout. The sailing committee are always on the look-out for helpers to run the racing both in the Race Box, as part of the race management team, or on the water as crew in the safety boats. Jeanette Richardson manages the safety boat rota and Don Flannery is on the look-out for Race Officers and helpers, and you'll find contact details for both in the handbook or reply to this email.



Club dinghies are available to hire for the racing events and for general use on club sailing days, you will however need to demonstrate a level of dinghy sailing competence.

The club tidal sailing days are as noted in the handbook, generally there will be a safety boat on the water on those days listed, if you want to check first contact the named person in the handbook as the

OOD (Officer of the day).

Clubhouse Social Events.

There are a host of clubhouse events coming up in the next month or so.

Try 1940's Dancing – Lesson with Tracey.



Friday August 12th at 7.30pm at the clubhouse

Following the success of last 'Try Dancing' lesson with Tracey, we thought that it would be a great way to prepare for the Lytham 1940's weekend by inviting her back to teach us some 1940's moves! So, if you fancy learning to Jive or Rock n Roll come along! It's guaranteed to be a great night - Oh and feel free to dress up in your 1940's outfits to give them an airing before the big weekend. Its free to RCC members and just £5 to non-members.

T-Kay Live at the clubhouse.

T-KAY

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BRINGING YOU THE SOUNDS THAT SOULED THE WORLD
. INCLUDING THE HITS OF THE TEMPTATIONS . THE FOUR TOPS
THE SPINNERS . BARRY WHITE. MARVIN GAYE . LUTHER VANDROSS.
AND MANY MORE

Friday August 26th at 7.30pm at the clubhouse.

Bringing you the sounds that souled the world including hits by The Temptations, The Four Tops, The Spinners, Barry White, Martin Gaye, Luther Vandross & many more. £5 entry to non-members. Free

entry to RCC members.

Murder Mystery and Suspense -Murder in the Dinghy Bay – Saturday October 8th

Tickets £5.00. Order at the club or by e-mailing: ribblecruisingclub.social@gmail.com. Come and be entertained by some familiar RCC volunteers as they present “Murder in the Dinghy Bay”. Watch the RCC players, be prepared for some cheeky innuendo & listen for clues to help solve the mystery of who committed murder. Play in teams & win a prize if you guess correctly. Cheese & Biscuits will also help to make this a thoroughly enjoyable evening of food & entertainment!

A further date for your diaries, and not to be missed, is the **Laying-up Supper**, following the success of last year’s event we are returning once again the Fairhaven Golf club on the evening of Saturday 12th November.

Just to note that any Clubhouse bookings are now being handled by **Kate Benett** [Contact details in the handbook] and not Gilda Gallagher.

Ribble Cruising Club Players present...

Murder in the Dinghy Bay

Saturday 8th October 2022

Sleuthing starts 8pm

(Bar open from 7pm)



Cheese and Biscuits

It's all good fun but please be prepared for some cheeky innuendo!!

**Order your tickets at the club or by e-mailing
ribblecruisingclub.social@gmail.com**



Tickets £5.00

The Dock.

Our Insurers have recently contacted the Club regarding the use of telescopic ladders (often used by cruiser owners to access their boats when on the hard).

"A newly released survey conducted by the Ladder Association expressed some very serious concerns about the availability and use of substandard ladders in the UK – in particular, Telescopic Ladders.

The report relating to portable ladders (those that fall within the scope of product standard EN 131-6) found that a shocking 82% of the ladders tested failed the required safety tests, were non-compliant and, in the majority of cases, were unsafe to use.

The Ladder Association believe that, with all telescopic ladders in the UK currently being imported, there is no safeguard against products being falsely verified as meeting UK safety standards by their manufacturer.

In fact some manufacturers have been found to consciously mislead consumers by claiming their ladders do indeed meet product standards."

Sail Training.

There were two successful Tidal Training Sessions in July, both had plenty of breeze, possibly too much for the first session nevertheless the students mastered the conditions albeit with reefed sails and we did sessions on the 'Five Essentials'. We now have a summer break returning to the tidal training on Saturday 3rd September when we'll do a 'Start Racing' session.



Sailing on the Wednesday evenings at Fairhaven continues as the evenings draw in, the final Wednesday session will be on the evening of the 7th of September. FBC have agreed that we can continue at the Lake on non-tidal weekends so we'd like to hear from you as to which of either Saturday or Sunday would suit those who are interested. Please let us know on the usual email: Captainhoratiobarnacle@gmail.com. We're anticipating that they will be morning sessions running from 09.30 to 12.00noon, they will be group sessions following the usual format including an element of training, providing that enough Instructors are available.

FBC will be holding a Fairhaven Regatta in September, their original date clashes with our own Regatta so they are looking to change theirs. We will be asked if we can provide some race sailing on the water so, as in other years, we are keen for the youths to have a Sunday sail session including some racing. The most likely date at the moment is Sunday 18th September, hopefully when they confirm we will send out an update to those Youth sailors who might attend.

We plan to run a members' RYA Power Boat Level 2 Course later in September or possibly early October, there are a few spaces still available, the most likely dates being the 17th and 25th of September, if you're interested or want further information, please get in touch on the email address noted above. This is a two-day course and students need to be able to complete both days.

In September the RYA Shore based Day Skipper course commences although the ever-popular RYA course run by Andrew Smith is now fully subscribed.

Contact:

We are of course on Facebook. There is a Ribble Cruising Club page.

There is also a Ribble Cruising Club 'Private' Facebook Group which, if you're not a member, you might not necessarily be able to see but it follows the activities and posts from nearly 200 members, ask around the clubhouse or dock and somebody should be able to link you to it.

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