



## February 2019 Newsletter



### New Members

The club is pleased to welcome returning members anglers Bill & Shirley Townsend with their Sea Hog Hunter 'Megan Rose'.

We are also pleased to welcome Fylde Beach Care Officer, Emily Parr who joins us to champion Keep Britain Tidy and LOVEmyBEACH.

### January

A mild month, which again saw our kites out on the water. Conditions permitting, our anglers have also been afloat in search of cod and on the 6th of the month, seven craft launched. Sunday last, with calm forecast and sea like a mirror, it was again anglers who took the opportunity, but not a single ski in sight.

### All Thanks to You

We are a 'not-for-profit' club, but in order to achieve our fundamental objective, which is 'the promotion of water-sports', we have to generate sufficient net income to support not only our day to day operations, but our plans for the future.

In due course, the accounts to be produced for the year ending 31 March 2019 will confirm that this season has been the club's most 'successful' on both counts for more than a decade. In simply choosing to be a member of the BLCC you have contributed to the club's significant success.

Thank you all.

The Committee

### An Opportunity to Save a few £££'s

The 'Entrance Fee' for new members increases to £75 from 1 April. If you have family members or friends who may be thinking of joining us, then the posting of their details must be made by 18 March and payment made no later than 31 March.



### Scuba Try Dives

Our dive members rarely pause for breath and are again offering try dives in the Palatine Pool if any members are interested. Contact Sara Gaskell 07977 070980 or Peter Hall 07874 696213 if to learn more.



**Roy Tindall**  
Treasurer



**Craig Southall**  
Committee

### The New Season Approaches

There are many reasons why members choose not to renew, but unfortunately there is nothing we can do about probably the top three.

- Retired from Water-sports.
- Can no longer justify the cost.
- Moved away.

The fourth is

- Forgetting.....

And the Club aims to ensure that doesn't happen.

**For the 2019/20 season we are also making the renewal process simpler in that the paper-based renewal application will not be required.**

### Emily Parr

**Fylde Beach Care Officer**



Joining the club by way of a charitable donation to Keep Britain Tidy, Emily has taken over the LOVEmyBEACH role from Emma Whitlock. Emily will be organising regular community group midweek beach cleans from the club.

### Not Proposing to Renew Your Membership?

If you are not planning to renew, thank you for your time with us, we wish you well. If you have been issued keys, please remember that they were issued for the duration of your membership and the club and its insurers would like to see them returned securely.

In due course, simply let us know of your intention, an email to [blccmembers@gmail](mailto:blccmembers@gmail.com) will suffice and arrangements will be made for the keys secure return.



### Pre-Season Social



**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018**

**A joint fundraiser**

**Details are to be confirmed**

**Open to all BLCC members and their guests.**

**Ticket price to include food £10**

**Cadets under the age of 15 £5**

### Race Night



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**A joint fundraiser to be hosted by  
our dive members.**

**Details are to be confirmed.**

**Open to all BLCC members and  
their guests.**

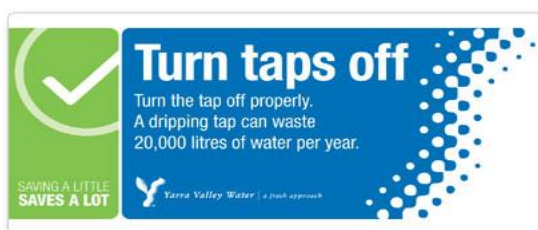
**Ticket price of £5 which includes  
pie & peas during the interval.**

**Ladies wearing appropriate hats  
are to receive a complimentary  
glass of fizz upon arrival.**

### Yet Again....

**The external tap was found to have been left  
turned on last weekend.**

**The club's water use is metered. Members  
failing to observe the simple requirement to  
turn off the hose at the tap are costing the  
club money. Not only is the club needlessly  
paying when their failure floods the  
compound, but the utility company also  
charge as it drains away!**



**The hosesock type fitting cannot be relied  
upon. The fitting is frequently removed,  
then reconnected to the hose. Covered in  
sand, the seal created is rarely good enough,  
which results in the fitting being forced off  
by the water pressure.**



**Please,  
please, please turn the hose off fully**

### Promotional Video

**A number of our jet-ski members  
have volunteered to appear in a  
professionally produced video,  
commissioned by a local business.**

### What Is It That You Want?

**Historically we tend to follow a  
time-honoured format for socials,  
but the 'one size fits all' approach  
is unlikely to be relevant to many  
members.**

**So what sort of activities and social  
events would you like to see?  
Competitions afloat certainly, but  
we need new ideas and volunteers.  
Socials focussed on user groups, so  
that members sharing the same  
interest and passion can meet up?**

**Let us know what you think, we  
would love to hear of your ideas.**



### **FREE SAFETY SERVICES**

In early May the club will be hosting the RNLI Roadshow. Advisors will be on hand and will offer their free lifejacket clinic so if you wish you can have all your jackets and buoyancy aids inspected by a professional. Further details will follow.

**Below and available from the RYA/Coastguard and RNLI, two further FREE services, which the club strongly recommends all craft owners and kites take advantage of.**

#### **RYA SafeTrx**



An app for both Android and Apple iOS smartphones that allows you to track your journey in UK territorial waters on your phone.

SafeTrx app provides all recreational boat users, particularly dinghy cruisers, PWC users, RIB users, canoers, kayakers, wind and kite surfers and smaller boat users with an easily accessible and simple to use means that can inform HM Coastguard of their voyage plans and dynamic location in the event of distress.

This app is freely available to anyone who wants to be safer afloat. IT IS FREE TO DOWNLOAD AND THERE IS NO CHARGE TO USE IT

For more information follow the quick-link on the club's website.

#### **RNLI Advice Onboard**



Is free independent advice from highly trained RNLI Volunteers. They will arrange to visit you at a time and a place that best suits you and make practical suggestions about how to improve the safety of your boat and its equipment. They will work through your boat from stem to stern giving you all the detail you need.

If you have any safety related questions, they will answer those too, anything from anchors to engines. You'll even get a summary of the main points discussed.

Follow the quick-link on the club's website to use the RNLI booking form to tell them the time and the place that best suits you and one of their Advice Onboard volunteers will be in touch.



## Above and Below the Waves



A chance capture of a playful pair of Dolphins, taken last summer by dive member Tony Helme from aboard his yacht 'Mr Tricky' in the Sound of Iona.

Bull Sharks, 8 footers weighing near 300lb and considered one of the world's most dangerous sharks! Taken face to face by dive member Chris Moore last Autumn at a depth of 25m, off Playa del Carmen, Mexico.

## For Sale?

Thinking of upgrading your craft or perhaps the time has come for a change of direction?

There may be a club member or perhaps a member of the public who has been in contact and is on the lookout for a ski or boat just like yours, so if you are selling, we would be happy to make it known.

## Time to Repack or Replace Your Wheel Bearings?

A failed bearing can be a guaranteed way to spoil your day. Sand and salt water can turn hub grease into sludge and whilst your trailer stands unused, its bearings, their shells and the axles can rust if water has entered.

A couple of hours spent on preventative maintenance now would be time well spent. There is plenty of advice available on the web if you are unsure how to go about it.



## 2019 Species Comp



Running now and over the course of the remaining 10 months to the date of the A.G.M.

£5 entry, 100% cash pool pay-out.

Contact Alan 07808 127466 to register and receive your entry card.