



## March 2019 Newsletter

### New Members

The club is very pleased to welcome two new angling families in Kevin Birch & Gaynor Greene with cadets Warren, Liam and Jack, David & Frances Quinn with cadets Keah, Parker, Rosie and Chester and a new diver Simon Redfern.

### February

A very mixed month weather-wise, with frosts and record high temperatures. Windy before the 24<sup>th</sup> and too cold for kites, but in what is usually the quietest month of the season this last week has seen anglers and skis afloat.

### Renewal for the Forthcoming 2019/20 Season

The New Season commences on 1 April.

The renewal window opens on 1 March and extends over two months until 30 April.

Renewals are made and accepted on the basis that members participating in water sports will follow RNLI/MCA/BKSA safety recommendations as appropriate and all members will observe club rules, recommendations and guidance.

All existing 'Reduced Rate' members are invited to renew.

### A New Bank Account

Following closure of the Royal Bank of Scotland in St Annes and the Nat West's reluctance to cover the increased in branch footfall, the club has turned to Lloyds for its future banking needs.

### Pre-Season Social

In last month's newsletter it was announced that there was a plan to hold a Pre-Season Social in March. Unfortunately, we have been overtaken by events and plans have changed, but more events will follow throughout the season.

### New Leases..... Third Time Lucky?

Following some confusion between departments within the Council, not one, but two of their proposed commencement dates for the new leases have passed without any sign of the draft documents.

### In the Prize Money Again!

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> saw members David and Anthony Horrocks aboard Sea Eagle lift the pool of £220 for David's heaviest whiting of the day at 1lb 5oz in the Open Cod Match. Very well-done guys.

#### Tope Match Sunday 9th June



#### Mackerel Comp Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July



#### Bass/Plaice Match Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September



#### Mackerel BBQ?

If the Mackerel Comp goes ahead, the weather will likely be fair and if the weather is fair and boats catch, perhaps we should BBQ?

### Ford Tractor Familiarisation/Re-familiarisation

Currently we have more than 80 members listed as attending a Ford familiarisation event since the tractor was brought into service in 2014, but a quick review reveals that only a very small proportion have logged any use of the tractor in the last 12 months. Based on that fact, it appears very likely that some members would now struggle to remember how to operate the hi-low/reverse ratios and gears. Rather than risk damage to the tractor or perhaps even worse as a result of trial and error, it's not a problem to spend some time re-familiarising any member who would care to give me a call.

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### Jetski Ride-Out

Committee member, jet ski Whatsapp group co-ordinator Craig Southhall is looking into organising a ski run out from the Clubhouse this forthcoming season. The Ribble, Wyre, Mersey and Piel Island are all within reach given the weather and there is safety in numbers.

**If you are not already a member of the Whtasapp group shout out to be added.**

### Race Night Tickets

**SOLD OUT**

### A Free Prize Draw

Members and guests attending the race night, please don't forget to bring along your entrance tickets or collect them from behind the bar, as they are to be entered into a free prize draw on the evening.

### Race Night Races and Sponsors

- Race 1 – Kids TV National, sponsored by [Steve Wenman](#)
- Race 2 – Only here for the beer, sponsored by [Dave Cliff](#)
- Race 3 – Coronation Street Stakes, sponsored by [John Collier](#)
- Race 4 – Minion Mad Dash, sponsored by [Sara Gaskell](#)
- Race 5 – The Cala Gran Jet Ski Cup, sponsored by [Paul Collins](#)
- Race 6 – Single Malt Novice Hurdles, sponsored by [Stuart Corless](#)
- Race 7 – The Truk Handicap, sponsored by [Peter Hall](#) (That's Truk as in Truk Lagoon rather than Truck as in lorry!)
- Race 8 – Lily's Runners, sponsored by [Jason Thackray](#)

The response and support for this event has been excellent and the potential race sponsors far outstripped the available races on the night.

Thank you all.



### A New Webcam Link is in Operation

Though currently we are having problems with our own webcams, which are usually available through the 'Links' tab on our website, a third camera viewing the promenade and sea from just south of the North Pier has become available and a third link has been added. We hope to have our own cameras up and running again soon.

### Surfers Against Sewage Big Spring Beach Clean

From the Clubhouse on Sunday the 7th April from 10am till 1pm



# **BLCC Flattie Match**

## **Sunday May**

**A leisurely launch any time after 7:00, back on the beach for 3:00, weigh-in /measure at 3:30**



**Dab, Plaice, Dover Sole and of course Mud Sharks!**

**Put some easy? scores on the doors in the 2019 Species Cash Pool Competition and qualify for consideration for the Pete Holland Memorial Trophy to be awarded for the best 'Flattie' of the season at the A.G.M.**

### **Minimum Sizes**

**Flounder 25cm**

**Dab 15cm**

**Plaice 27cm**

**Dover Sole 24cm**

# Curry Night Social

## Saturday 1 June 2019



**Doors Open from  
7:00 Until Late**



**A joint fundraiser**

**Open to All BLCC Members and Their Guests**

**As the season gets properly underway, an opportunity  
to meet friends and members old and new.**



**Tickets £10.00 Adults; £5.00 Children Under 15**

**Speed Raffle - Prize donations will be gratefully accepted**



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