



August 2019 Newsletter

Welcome to Our New Members

Power Craft owners Garry Rudge & Gwen Laleouse and Craig & Angela Holdsworth.

Anglers Darren Wilson & Leona Dawes with cadets Sienna and Kaiden and crewman Josh Beesley.

Jet Skiers Lucas & Jenna Blake with cadets Summer and April, Philip Quinn, Mark & Nicola Lowery with cadets Ellis and Arthur, Noel Deane & Lynsey Varley with cadet Ava, Ryan & Emma Wallace with cadets Oscar and Eli, Tomasz & Beata Bularz with cadets Dominik and Damian, Keith & Janine Ainsworth and Ben Salisbury.

Cat/Dinghy Sailors Stuart & Kelly Croft, Simon Bidlake-Corser with cadet Timothy.

Small Inflatable (SIB) owners Simon & Amy Howard with cadets Sebastian and Jessica.

June and July

Flaming June and initially it looked like we might pay dearly for the calms of last summer, but thankfully not and as the month progressed it presented increasingly more opportunities for craft owners. July saw temperatures soaring. Though the winds were at best unpredictable, there was no stopping some and the club has been busy with many new members getting afloat and increasingly so during the evening, mid-week.

Craft Numbers

A polite reminder that numbers are to be displayed on all hard-hulled craft. A replacement set can be ordered if your originals have been damaged or you have switched your craft. Simply contact Alan. 07808 127466

July's 2019 Mackerel Trophy

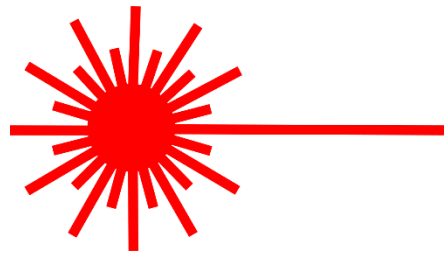


Though anglers got afloat, no mackerel were caught, or if they were, then perhaps they were used for bait and not weighed in. No point a trophy on the shelf without a winner, so we shall try again this month starting on Saturday next weekend, that's the 10th, weather permitting.

Leavers on the Season Closing 31 March 2019

The following adult members chose to leave us. Every cloud as they say, as their departure made way for many new members and their number has all but been replaced in just four short months.

Social	Lorna Lynch
Social	Brian Wedgewood
Angler	Piotr & Ewelina Dyga
Angler	Jakub Stepak
Angler	Richard & Cara-Toni Houghton
Angler	Richard Pooley
Angler	Thomas Bird
Angler	Steven Gee
Angler	David Rowlands Snr
Angler	David Rowlands Jnr
Angler	Andrew & Thomas Bradshaw
Diver	Will Goulding
Diver	Alan Lawton
Diver	Jenna Pickles
Diver	Rebecca Smart
Diver	David Hadwin
Diver	Colin Hill
Diver	Joseph Duncan
Diver	Luke Gill
Diver	Kamil Magierowski
Jet Ski	Timothy Owen & Joanne Gallagher
Jet Ski	Joan Bond
Jet Ski	Kenneth Rain & Michelle Bromage
Jet Ski	David Wrennall & Claire Sutton
Kite Surfer	Nik Hulton
Kite Surfer	Ben Leiper
Kite Surfer	John Richardson
Kite Surfer	Michael Hay
Kite Surfer	Janette Hoyle
Kite Surfer	Edward Rycroft & Lottie Kent
Kite Surfer	David Holgate
Kite Surfer	Glen Lerosen



Two Brand New Engines



Lightest 115hp 4 stroke ever
built - just 163kg!!

Biggest cc 115hp 4 stroke
@ 2.1L

Super tough reliable V6 class
gearcase as STANDARD

Thanks to members support
and a very generous donation
from Sport England, the divers
two RIBs are each now
carrying a brand-new engine!



BLCC's Jet Ski Members



The fastest growing discipline within the club, we now have 62 adult ski members aboard 41 skis.

Most have joined as families.

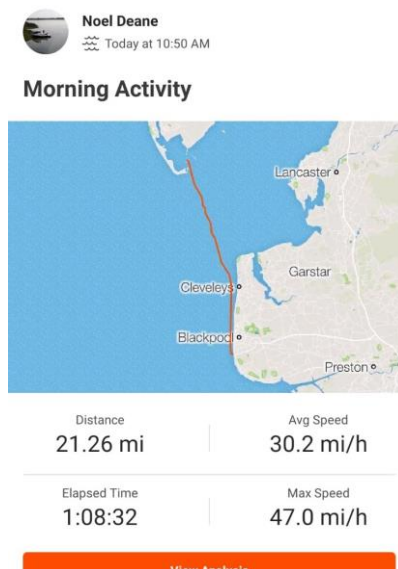
Many are keen to show their support for the Club's social events.

Several generously volunteer their time and expertise for the benefit of the club.

Three sit on Committee.

Now communicating via a WhatsApp group, the skis are increasingly organized, are meeting in numbers and are eager for runs further afield.

14 July, Noel Deane's view from Piel Island, Barrow in Furness



No doubt more trips will be planned.

A Member's Efforts on Behalf of Cancer Care



Dive member and angler Sue Taylor, together with her brother David are walking coast to coast, taking in the length of Hadrian's Wall, along a route of 85 miles from Wallsend and the banks of the River Tyne on the east coast, to Bowness-on-Solway on the west.

Come rain or shine between 15th and 21st August they are walking to raise money for three charities, Cancer Care UK, Blue Skies Hint of Pink, specifically the Breast Care Unit at Victoria Hospital, Blackpool where Sue received care and the Beacon Centre Love Musgrove, Taunton where Gill, David's late wife received treatment and care.

Currently their fundraising efforts, have raised in excess £2,609.00, which will be generously matched, so doubled by Sue's employer Beaverbrooks the Jewellers.

More information can be found on their JustGiving page Sue and David walk Hadrian's Wall. <https://www.justgiving.com/companyteams/hadrianwall>

Heads-up Anglers

June's 'Tope Competition' may have repeatedly fallen foul of the weather, but as with the Mackerel Competition, there is a trophy to be awarded come the A.G.M. It's known that this season there have been big Tope boated and weighed, following launching from the club. These fish, if verified by a second member and the weight submitted with a picture to blccmembers@gmail.com will be listed for consideration of winner of the Tope Trophy 2019.

In May we held a 'Flattie Match' and we had a winner in Dave Jones with a nice Plaice on the day of 34cm, about 15 ounces. Currently Dave is the only member to submit details of a flattie for consideration for the 'Pete Holland Memorial Trophy' to be awarded for the best 'Flattie' of the season, again at the A.G.M. As with Tope, if you have caught a decent Flounder, Plaice, Dab or Sole, weighed it and would care to submit a picture, the fish will be entered for consideration.

And finally, the 2019 Species Hunt has gone rather quiet of late. Currently Anthony Horrocks is in the lead with his eye on the cash pool with 7 species, followed by Lukasz Brylew on 6.

The Club's Continued Community Support

We are pleased when community groups and charities feel able to approach us for help. Inevitably it involves member volunteers and though in short supply, committee member Pete Dowden and ex commodore Alan Taylor each gave a day of their time to extend a welcome and the use of club facilities. Pete stepped up to support of Surfers Against Sewage, who on 11 July ran the first Ocean School in Lancashire, with 30 pupils from Grange Park Primary, an inner-city school in Preston. Alan in support Trinity Hospice's Colour Splash with parking across both compounds and assistance in setting out the course with the tractor.

Janet Jackson, Regional Rep for SAS said " We were delighted that Blackpool Light Craft Club opened their doors to allow pupils to use the facilities. Without that, we would not have been able to run Ocean School in Blackpool, thank you so much."



The year 6 children were involved in a range of activities on the beach, including litter picking, searching for micro plastics and discovering marine life. "We know that many partners, working with the BLCC strive to keep this beach in top shape and can report that the children working with sieves and magnifying glasses found no cigarette ends and only 4 pieces of micro plastic – one of the best reports from Ocean School across the country". Following the clean, the children came back into the BLCC to change before going off to enjoy their leavers party.

Radio Lancashire sent a reporter to the event and the piece went live on the Sally Naden show the following week, giving a great sense of the children enjoying their learning on the beach. The picture shows the children receiving their Ocean School certificates.

Summer BBQ at the Clubhouse

From 6:30pm, Saturday 17th August 2019



**Tickets for pre-booked
Burgers with Pulled-Pork,
Sausage and all BBQ
trimmings.**

**Adults - £10.00, Children
Under the age of 15 - £5.00**

**All food is pre-ordered. To
book please contact**

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**Members are
invited to a
Summer BBQ.
Guests most
welcome**



**This is a joint
fundraiser for
both clubs**



**With any luck
the weather
will be kind and
sun will shine.**

Farne Islands Dive Trip

Twelve dive members made the trip up to Seahouses in Northumberland over the weekend of 19th July - Sunday 21 to dive the spectacular Farnes. The weather was kind and the trip, the first with the two RIB's equipped with the new engines was a great success.

Diving the inner Farne's on a shallow reef of Beadnell, the Pinnacles and the wreck of the Andrea, there was much to see both above and below water. The highlight for most who visit is without doubt a grey seal encounter and the divers experienced many, in part because their new four stroke engines are much quieter than the previous two-strokes, allowing them to approach without overly disturbing the many resident seals.



The Massey Ferguson, Back Up and Running

Thanks to all who have had a hand in preparing the MF. From stripping, to rubbing back and welding. From degreasing and re spraying, to the sourcing and or the manufacture of replacement parts. From its reassembly, through snagging, to finally turning the key and running, it's been a very long journey.

To Pete Dowden, Phil Low, Alan Taylor, Lukasz Brylew, Pete Fisher, Winston Harrison, Ian Webster, John Collier, Paul Price, Warren and James Hodgkiss, Peter Hall, John Hargreaves and Mark Blake and to anyone else who lent a hand that I may have missed, your countless hours of work on behalf of the club is most appreciated.

Thanks also to Paul Collins for his most generous donation of the roofing materials for the MF's planned new garage.

Over to the committee now then to decide upon its future.



Isle of Man Dive Trip

Six dive members made the trip over to the Isle of Man, five by ferry, the sixth Simon Redfern, under sail in his own yacht from the Ribble.

Moored up for the week in the harbour at Port St Mary, with buddies in local accommodation, they all experienced sensational summer weather. Simon entertained with a curry aboard his yacht one evening and between dives the group took in the sun along with ice creams, picknicks and naturally keeping their fluids up!

The diving was from aboard a purpose built 40' hard boat, complete with stern lift, in and around the Port St Mary area and the Calf of Man, where a good variety of marine life from the small, but colourful nudibranchs, (a soft-bodied, marine gastropod mollusc, yuk!) to grey seals where seen.

