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March 2020 Newsletter

New Members

The club is very pleased to welcome 10 new adult members. Anglers David & Karen Evans, Simon Osborne, Peter Roberts, Alan & Sandra Exley, Roy, Shelly and Daniel Budgen with cadets Kenley, Kaitlyn and Ryan and dive member Julia Jones.

Watch this Space

Come 1st April, the clocks will have gone forward and the 2020/21 season will be upon us.

With a new committee in place, new ideas are being hatched and much work is being undertaken behind the scenes to move the club forward.

Ian Steps Down

Rather sooner than anticipated Ian Webster has resigned from his role of committee member and Bar manager.

Our thanks go to Ian for all his hard work on members behalf.

The committee.

Club based RYA VHF Courses

Please be aware that over the weekend of the 14th and 15th of March the lounge will be in use for member training.

It would be much appreciated if non-participants would avoid the balcony, kitchen and lounge bar areas whilst training is underway

And Again!

Just 14 days into the new year and the beach and tide claimed its first victim.



On the upside it was clean!

We Have a Vacant Committee Seat?

A busy club with a significant membership we exist thanks to the efforts of our elected officers and committee volunteers. If you have a little spare time and feel that you could contribute for the benefit of our members, please get in touch as many hands etc.

Renewal for the Forthcoming 2020/21 Season The New Season commences on 1 April.

The renewal window is open and extends over two months until 30 April.

Renewals are made and accepted on the basis that members will follow RNLI/MCA/BKSA safety recommendations as appropriate and observe club policy, recommendations and guidance.

All members are invited to renew. Completion of a renewal application is not required.

It would be much appreciated if payment is made electronically, adding your name as a reference.

Subscription rates remain unaltered for the 2020/2021 season

Single £100 (Individual adult)

Joint Family £145 (Spouses, partners and their children aged under 18 years)

Reduced Rate Single £70 (Social / crew)

Reduced Rate Joint Family £100 (Social / crew)

Blackpool Light Craft Club

Bank **Lloyds Bank**

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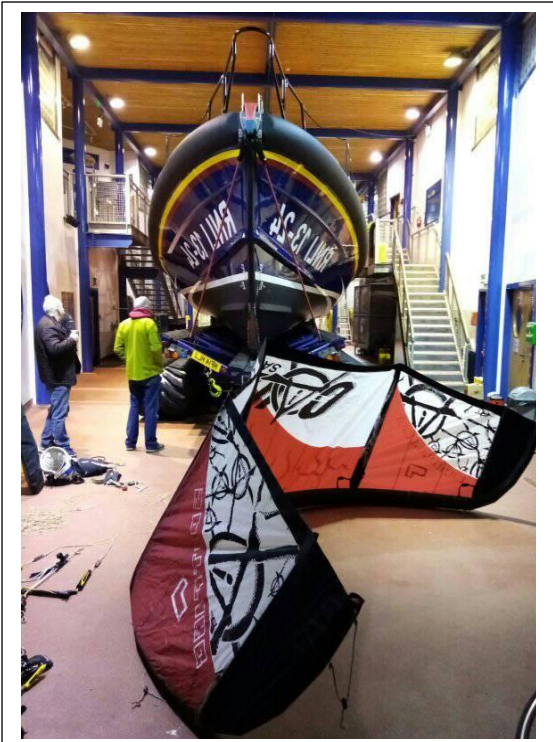
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If You are Not Planning to Renew Your Membership

Please do be so kind as to let Alan as Membership Secretary know.

If you have been issued keys, please remember that they were issued for the duration of your membership and the club and insurers would like them returned securely. Simply let us know of your you are not going to renew, a call or text to Alan 07808 127466, or an email to [blccmembers@gmail](mailto:blccmembers@gmail.com) will suffice and arrangements will be made for the secure return of your keys.

Thank you for your time as a member, we wish you well.



Safety Presentation

Members Mark Gallagher and Paul Crossley, joined by chance by Marks' son Max, gave a presentation to RNLi crew members at the Lytham St Annes station this week, to aid in their future rescue of kite-surfers. Next stage, as and when the weather warms up, involvement in practice rescues at sea!

Wayleave

As tenants, the club has been consulted by Blackpool Council regarding their agreement to plans to run the Havhingsten Fibre Optic Cable below the South compound when it makes landfall at Starr Gate. No firm date for works has yet been set, but the inconvenience to the club will not be without recognition.

Surfers against Sewage, Big Spring Beach Clean

From the Clubhouse Sunday 19th April from 10am -12pm

It would be marvellous to see members supporting this initiative.



Welcome Bar Manageress

Trudy Collins

Not sure if it's a first for the club, but nevertheless a welcome departure from the norm as Trudy joins the committee and steps into the role of Bar manageress.

The bar has played a significant role in the life of a club and its importance as a revenue stream should not be underestimated if annual subscriptions are to remain low.

Let's be seen to show some appreciation for Trudy, the bar volunteers and the club by showing support this year.

Socials in Planning for 2020
Race Night, Saturday 25th April 2020

Curry Night, Saturday 6th June 2020

BBQ, Saturday 15th August 2020

Halloween, Saturday 31 October 2020

Ciara Whipping up a Storm



For information

We will be arranging a working week in April. The clubhouse and compound is in need of a good clean and tidy, your chance to contribute a little to your club.

Peter Dowden is our Bosun. Tractor concerns/issues should be reported directly to Pete on 07706 531432

Mel Lee maintains our events diary. Mel is to be consulted regarding any proposed clubhouse-based event. 07791 484144.

Ford Tractor refreshers are available. Contact Alan to arrange. 07808 127466.

There will be familiarisation events for the Massey Ferguson as it comes into service. You must attend an event if you wish to use the MF.

BLCC Boat Angling Species Competition 2020

- Running now and until the A.G.M. in late October, early November.
- No limit on the number of rods or hooks used.
- Only fish caught following launching from the BLCC may be entered.
- Fish entered to be clearly photographed alongside your individual entry card.
- No size limit, allowing fish to be returned and all species caught to be included.
- Entrance £5 per member.
- 100% entrance fee = prize money pay-out.
- Contact Alan to enter

BLCC – Douglas IOM Jet Ski Run Out Proceeds to aid the RNLI



Ambitious and wholly weather dependent, but unless we have a plan, we'll only ever talk about it so here goes.

Saturday, 25 July 2020

Meet at the clubhouse, Time to be advised

Briefing

Skis Launched and retrieved by Volunteers

Departure as a group when all skis are ready

Support boat in attendance

BBQ on return

The Coastguard will be made aware of our plans

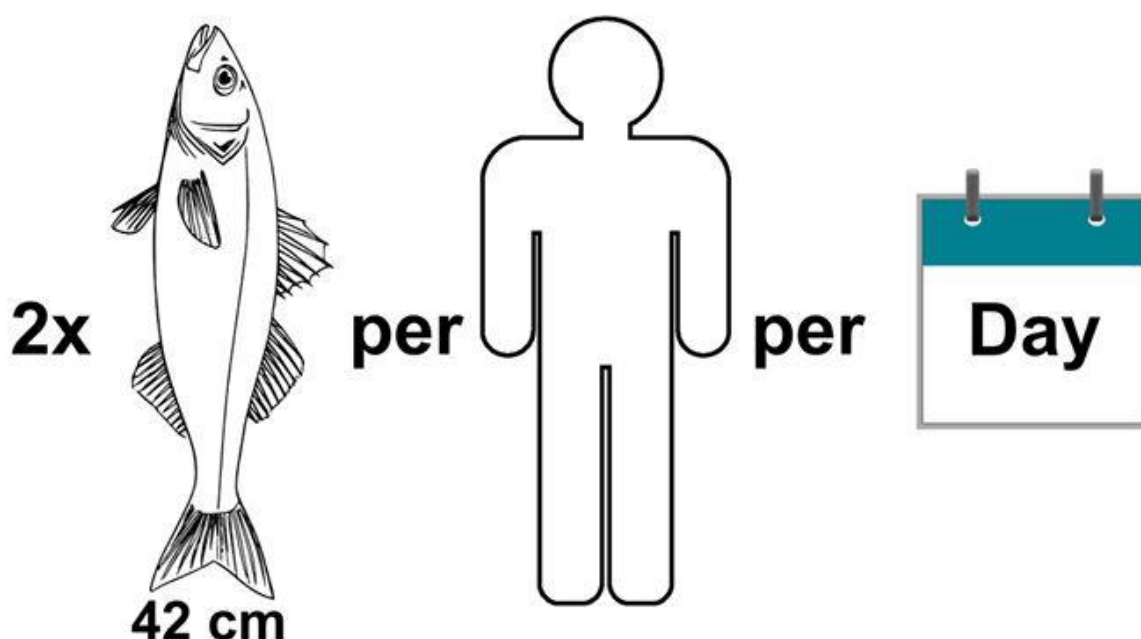
Douglas Marina will accommodate 25 skis



2020 European Regulations on Bass for Recreational Fishers

1st March to 30th November 2020

Two size European seabass (42 cm or over) per fisher per day



No European seabass can be taken by fixed nets

These rules apply if you are fishing from a boat or from the shore

Any additional European seabass caught must be returned immediately. Bass must be handled carefully to ensure a high survival rate of released fish. Anglers are advised to carry forceps or long-nosed pliers to assist removal of hooks and to support fish in the water until they are able to swim away.

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