



## May 2019 Newsletter

### Short and Sweet

As I've been busy with renewals and away on holiday this month.

### New Members

The club is very pleased to welcome small inflatable boat (SIB) anglers Martin Cooper and Clive Richmond. Anglers David Walls and David Evans, angler Tim Poxon's partner Fiona with cadets Joshua, Corelia and Francesca; angler Peter Yates wife Marlene, jet skiers Brian & Kath Taylor with cadet Ethan and Adam Carter. Divers Maciej & Zyta Wejdelek.

### Renewals

Thank you all for renewing again this season. As was to be expected we have suffered losses to our number, but nevertheless we have commenced the season in excellent shape and interest in joining us continues unabated.

Sadly, our leavers are to be struck from the membership list on 1<sup>st</sup> June, following which a full listing of their names will be included in the newsletter. Please remember that as ex-members, non should be re-introduced as future guests to participate in water sports from the club.

### April/May

April started with easterly winds, which didn't let up until the blistering Easter weekend which saw the club busy with ski's, power and angling boats, catamarans and kayaks. With the winds returning to the east again it was the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> before we felt any westerly influence and a few of our kites managed to get out. May so far, and the decent dry and sunny weather with calms has seen anglers, skis and divers all afloat.

### Result of the BLCC 'Flattie' Match

With a forecast to blow-up just two craft took part and both boats crews caught flatties.

Dave Jones on Skirmisher 2 landed the best fish, a plaice of 34cm, about 15 ounces which won the match.

Well fished Dave and well fished Angus his guest crew for the day in landing his first ever smooth hound, which included a near NW specimen fish of over 9lb.

### No Animals Were Harmed

In running the Race Evening, which saw all tickets sold and members in attendance thoroughly enjoying themselves raising funds for both the clubs. Thank you all.

### **The BLCC, So Much More than an Angling Club**

I occasionally visit a longstanding, loyal member who sadly no longer attends the club. We catch up on club news and I leave her with a copy of the newsletter. On my last visit and not for the first time, she observed that the BLCC appeared to have become an angling club. It's true we have many anglers onboard and as an angler myself and active within the club, I arrange competitions and matches and promote these within the newsletter, but the BLCC is about so much more than angling.

**So, I'm looking for news. Your news, news that isn't generated from discussions at committee, but news from within the many constituent parts of our multidisciplinary water sports club. Be it about kiting or diving, from our skis, power craft owners or dinghy/cat sailors, or even if it's still more news from our anglers, Gary as Water Sports Captain and or I would like to hear from you.**

The newsletter isn't everyone's cup of tea, but it's of interest to some. It provides an insight into the club and our audience now extends far beyond our membership as the newsletters are available to the public through our website.

**If you think you can help, Gary or I would love to hear from you. Planning to meet up as a group, reporting on a particularly good day afloat, sharing a picture, perhaps a catch, then if it's newsworthy, it's likely of wider interest so why not share as you will promote not only your interests, but the wider club.**

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### **Compound Traffic Management**

Sunny, settled weather over the Easter weekend saw the club busy with trailed craft. For the most part and on certainly on 3 of the 4 days, members vehicles parked up appropriately. On the fourth day and without any direct management, the parking became a 'free for all' as some members took it upon themselves to disregard the 'Traffic Management Plan' and park how they saw fit, throwing all into disarray.

The plan is in place to maximise parking and ease the manoeuvring of trailers and craft around the compound. It also has an eye to safety and all members must observe it.

For the future committee members have no intention of acting as parking attendants. Time can be far better spent in effectively educating any member who chooses to disregard simple instructions and in doing so inconveniences and endanger others.

### **Working Week**

**A VERY BIG THANK YOU** to the few who volunteered and attended the club during the week of Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Though we managed to complete some internal and external redecoration and tidied around the main compound, unfortunately no internal Spring cleaning was undertaken.

**Curry Night**



**Social**

**Saturday 1st June 2019**

**Doors Open from 7:00**



**A Joint Fundraiser Open to all BLCC members and guests**

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

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

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



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**BLCC Tope Match**

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Weather permitting an opportunity to tangle with the largest of the UK's shallow water shark species.**

**Growing to six and a half feet in length and weighing up to 100lb this season members have already boated fish in excess of 50lb and lost bigger!**

**Further details to be supplied in a stand-alone communication.**