



# HAPPY CHRISTMAS

from your BCYC Committee

With the festive season in full swing the BCYC committee would like to wish each and every one of our members and supporters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Read on for information about Christmas/New Year sailing and social plans, news of the AGM and a special holiday and boat show offer from Sunsail.

## Work off that turkey and blow away New Year's Eve cobwebs! Christmas Sailing Programme

Christmas Eve - No Duty crew

Christmas Day - No Duty Crew!



Boxing Day - Our traditional **Boxing Day Race** at midday, followed by complimentary **mince pies and mulled wine** in the clubhouse. Social sailors, windsurfers, other craft users, friends, family and non-sailors all welcome

New Year's Eve - No Duty Crew

New Year's Day - Our Annual **New Year's Day Pursuit Race** at Midday, followed by socialising in the clubhouse. Open to non-members and promoted to other local clubs. All welcome to sail, windsurf, paddle or socialize.

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January - No Duty Crew

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January and onwards - Normal programme

## AGM - Fri 27<sup>th</sup> January, official notice and request for nominations

The club's AGM will take place on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January. Your official 'notice of AGM' will be emailed to members soon. Come along to hear reports from the Commodore, Treasurer, Sailing Committee and Training; vote on proposed rule changes and most importantly vote in your new GC for 2017.

Attached with the AGM notice is a request for nominations for Flag Officers and General Committee membership. If you'd like to volunteer to help run the club by becoming a Flag Officer, joining the General Committee or helping with any aspect of the club, you need to return the form by 8<sup>th</sup> January. If you're keen, enthusiastic and have a positive can-do attitude, we'd love to hear from you! If you're interested in helping, please email [secretary@bcyc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bcyc.org.uk) with your details.

### Message from our storage secretary

It's winter time and gales are forecast. Please could we remind members to ensure that their boats are securely tied down. We have already had a boat lifted off its trolley.



Also, please could all members who haven't put their 2017 sticker on their transom to ensure that this is done prior to 1st January in accordance with BCYC Club Storage Rules. This helps the Club manage the boats stored on site and will avoid the boat being dealt with as 'abandoned' under BCYC procedures! Thank you.

## BCYC Transformation Plan

### BCYC Club Mission

To provide and sustain a friendly, vibrant, value for money boating club

For sailors (of dinghies & windsurfers) and paddlers (of kayaks, canoes & paddleboards) wishing to safely enjoy inland water for recreational boating and racing

We aspire to be:

- The number 1 choice of boating club in the Bristol and Somerset area
- Recognised among the top racing clubs in the country
- A quality, RYA certified, centre for learning and developing boating skills
- A fun place to make friends and socialise

The current committee, elected in Jan 2016, put together a Transformation Plan, which was presented at the Flag Officers' Reception. At the heart of this is the club's mission. If you would like to see the full plan, it is on display in the clubhouse. Good feedback has been received on progress made so far and of course work will continue into 2017 and beyond

## Bosun required - do you like messing around on the water?!

To be factually correct, we should have asked, "Do you like messing around by the water?" If so, and you are handy and technically minded, could you be our next bosun? The bosun looks after club kit, with the help of professionals where appropriate and generally helps the rest of us stay afloat. If you might be able to help please contact [secretary@bcyc.org.uk](mailto:secretary@bcyc.org.uk)



Sunsail have given us a unique discount code, which gives all BCYC members and families 15% off their holidays. Quote SYC17 when booking over the phone. Plus, they are also giving us 15% off tickets to the London Boat Show.

<https://nbs-london.yourticketbooking.com/p/LondonBoatShow/uniqueCode/EPTOC8JKWP>

## And finally...

Thanks to all who supported Jamie Harris at his fundraiser for the Cadet World Championship in Argentina, organised by The Almshouse Café, Axbridge. Over £1000 was raised!

He was recently OnBoard sailor of the month, as this excellent article explains

<http://www.rya.org.uk/newsevents/news/Pages/ob-sailor-of-month-jamie-ready-for-cadet-worlds.aspx>



He will be competing in Argentina as we sup our mulled wine

## Best of luck Jamie!

Hope to see you over the Festive period,

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