



## August Newsletter

First of all a big warm welcome to all of our new members, this year has certainly been very busy for Gary and Rob in making sure that you have your stickers and boat numbers, which must be on your boat before you launch and use the river.

Hopefully you have all been able to take advantage of the good weather that we have had and learnt some new skills or just brushed up on existing ones.

### **Social**

Our next social event is the **Camping Weekend** that runs from **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**; the fun will start with a BBQ on the Friday evening at 8pm, normal format, food is provided, just bring your own drink for the start of a great weekend. Breakfast will be available from 8 – 9am. After skiing we are set for a fun night with Disco / Karaoke and Pizza. Please let Rob Carvall know if you are attending as he needs to make sure that we have enough food, there will be a charge of £10 per person for the Saturday evening food and entertainment, kids are free.

Facilities are available for breakfast on Sunday morning (but this will be on a bring your own food basis)

There will be loads of time for skiing over the weekend with high tide at 1105 on Saturday and 1205 on Sunday, so mark the weekend in your diaries, bring your caravans and tents down on the Friday afternoon and get set for a fun weekend.

The last **BBQ** of the season, (where has the year gone) is planned for **24<sup>th</sup> September**, starting at 8pm at the clubhouse.

### **Annual Dinner Dance**

Another date for your diaries is the **23<sup>rd</sup> October**, when we will be holding our annual dinner and dance, this year we have moved the venue to Club Woodham. This is set to be a great night with good food, entertainment and the odd drink or two!! Tickets are £30.

Contact Sue or Gary on 07850 390900 early to avoid disappointment as tickets will go fast for this event.

## **SBDA**

The next Ski Boat Driver Award theory evening is being held on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August**. Any member that is going to drive their boat and toe skiers / wake boarders etc must have passed the theory and practical parts of this qualification. Any members that do not have this qualification please contact Leah Cook on 07946 427591 to book your place.

## **Wash Bay Drainage**

No one can have failed to notice how quickly the wash bays get flooded when we are washing our boats, well at long last, thanks to a lot of hard work from Dean and John Morrell, Rob Koyas and Tim Cooke this will be a thing of the past. A new pump and drainage system has been installed and should be working by the weekend (**7<sup>th</sup> August**).

Even when this has been completed could all members please refrain from washing skis, wakeboards etc against the Yacht Club garage door (the left hand garage when viewed from the yard) as a lot of water is entering the garage and could cause damage to equipment stored.

## **Replacement Pontoon**

The new, larger pontoon is now ready. It is planned to take delivery on 16<sup>th</sup> September and hopefully weather being kind and help being available it will be towed up river and installed on **17<sup>th</sup> September**. This will be another valuable asset for use by all club members so please look out for the request for help, and if you can spare the time let us know.

## **Competitions**

### **Kneeboarding**

Jason Ellis is still leading the charge in kneeboard competition, and will be leading the British Team to try and retain the 2010 International Kneeboard Rider Cup being held in Georgia, USA from **2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> September**.

### **Barefoot**

Kim Rowswell has come out of retirement after 12 years, after 3 rounds of British Nationals and being selected for the British Team she helped to secure 1<sup>st</sup> place for Britain in the European Championships held in July. Kim did not do too badly after such a long break from competing, by winning 7 Gold medals.

Next event is the World championships being held in Berlin from 7<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August. Anyone that is interested in taking a look can follow the event on a live webcast at the following site <http://www.worldbarefootcenter.com/>  
Good luck to Kim, Jason and all other team members.

Well that is just about it for now, let's hope that the good weather continues and we all get plenty of time out on the water. Please support our social events, and if you have any ideas for something different please let a member of the committee know.

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