



# MAY 2019

## NEWS

Hello all. We hope that you like the new style of newsletter. We have now started our 2019 season and we will issue a monthly update.

Unfortunately the weather for our first session of the season on Saturday 27th, was awful, with very strong west-north-westerly winds blowing into the harbour. We had advised everyone that we would just have a half day session on shore, and this turned out to be perfect. We had nearly a full complement of newcomers (11) for this session along with new adults. The second years also showed a good turnout. All together we had over 40 people attending. We rigged lot of dinghies and had a very constructive session, followed by hot chocolate of course. Everyone was away by 1300, and we hope that we can get on the water properly next week.

On the Sunday we had much the same numbers with the second group of young novices (9) and a good turnout of third years and adults (Even a new adult recruit). This time we were able to get on the water (after the shore sessions) for about one hour in the morning, then all in for hot chocolate and lunch (and to warm up) with a second session on the water in the afternoon. Just a bit cold and wet to make everything really nice. Everyone seemed to enjoy both days so we look forward to it being even better when the weather improves !!

We remind everyone to leave their bags in the upper container, where they will be safe and DRY (Under the table is not suitable). Valuables can be left with the registrar in the shed and will be kept in a lock drawer.

If everyone can bring their own cup/mug for hot chocolate, (and take it home afterwards) then this will save us having to use those horrible polystyrene cups which cannot be recycled.

Obviously parking in Oxen Cove is now very limited and we can only apologise for the disruption.

We had some very good news at the beginning of April, the Torbay Lottery awarded us a grant of £1000. Originally this had been to refurbish the grey rib, but we must now wait and see whether we will have sufficient funds to complete this.

We also received an interim payment from the Co-Op community fund of £663, we would like MORE people to select us as their chosen charity, and to shop at the local stores!!

We intend to have the Orange rib engine serviced very soon. We will also hope to organise a first aid course for those volunteers that have not yet qualified, and onward powerboat courses later.

We must remind everyone who takes and boats on the water from the slipway to pass to the seaward (East) side of the "platform" for safety sake. as work will be on going between this and the shore for the whole season.

Most of our trustees held a very productive meeting with Torbay Harbour authorities in mid April concerning our future in Oxen Cove. This has been confirmed for the foreseeable future but we may be required to relocate as the various developments take place. All this is still in



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its infancy, but we will keep everyone updated as and when we have more information.

Some of the contact addresses have now been corrected after the system threw back a few errors, apologies for the various typos that caused this.

Can we again remind everyone to ensure that they register their support through the Co-Op community fund? This does not cost you anything, so can be a very good way of helping your club, without any expense. All that needs to be done is to join the Co-Op then select our charity with your membership number (on their web site) Please see the web site home page (right side) of the web site to get all the details.

Suggestions for any changes or ideas from our members and volunteers are always welcome.

*All the best from Tim and the team of volunteers and committee*