



SEPTEMBER 2019 NEWSLETTER

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NOTICE : Will all the 2018 award winners please return their trophies/shields before the end of the season.(Not the dry bags of course). These are BEST OVERALL Barney Turner/Isabelle Smith, BEST NEWCOMER (James Bright), MOST HELPFUL (Joshua Crisp), PERSEVERANCE SHIELD (Jess Pearce/Harry Hollyoak), DISTINCTION SHIELD (Simon French). Thank you.

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The final two sessions of the month were again poorly attended with only 3 or 4 juniors coming, yet we had upwards of 14 volunteers there to help. We had a good sail on Tuesday but Wednesday was again difficult, we all arrived to calm conditions and suddenly we were looking at F4 northwesterly into the harbour. A rib was dispatched to assess the conditions, but the crew came in all wet with a certain no sailing report !!

On August 22nd the majority of our committee, two Torbay councillors Mike Morey and Andrew Barrand along with the Brixham deputy town clerk, all met with the Torbay harbour master Adam Parnell to clarify the future of BJSC. The meeting was very productive and many problems were sorted out. We thank Councillor Barrand for his support. Our rent for storage was decided and will now be affordable for the future. We will hopefully be moving our operation just around the corner to the south west corner of the Oxen Cove car park (Where the storage area is at present) once this has been cleared and the jetty construction has been completed. It was agreed that the harbour will provide water, electricity and fencing for the area. We have yet to plan exactly where boats will be stored/positioned but this will happen over the winter. We hope to be able to open the fencing to make a safe area for boat rigging and preparation. This will be far better as everything will be in one place and with boat access planned properly. We will publish the minutes of this meeting once we are moved and all is finalised.

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Another reminder to EVERYONE (Again) that all the Wayfarers are numbered, and all have coloured tape on the rudders and tillers which match the sail bag colour. Please use the correct colour and number coded sails and equipment and report anything that does not work or fit, so that we know exactly which boat needs work. We have six Wayfarers and

they are numbered 1 to 6 and the sails and bags are also numbered 1 to 6 and are coloured red, blue, yellow, green, black and grey. So there really should not be an issue. If there is any doubt about which sails are for which boat then please ASK. One week we found the green sail bag (number 3) thrown to one side and all the sails (Number 3) packed in an old blue bag with a revised label saying Wayfarer sails number 3. A lot of tidy work by someone, but totally unsuitable.

We also point out to everyone that covers for ribs and Wayfarers should be put on TIGHTLY by the crew of that boat. All ribs are driven by adult volunteers and we do expect them to take the responsibility of ensuring that the safety boats are put away and covered properly, the safety box and keys are removed to the shed and the fuel tank is topped up ready for the next session.

Our Dinghy Instructor candidates were out for a pre course assessment on 6th in conditions that were a little bit difficult and perhaps awkward to manage, and the coach suggested another assessment later in the month. They were out again for another assessment on Tuesday 27th and all went well in better conditions. The course actually starts on 31st and 1st then on 6th, 7th and 8th so a lot of time work and effort will be put in by these volunteers so we wish them all well on the course.

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

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