



Tamar Canoe Association

Newsletter – April 2017

Introduction from the Editor

Welcome to the April 2017 edition of the Newsletter.

Sadly this will be my last newsletter as I am stepping down from the role to concentrate on leading and coaching activities. I hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter over the last few years as much as I have enjoyed producing it.

Happy Paddling,

Mark.

2017 Club Membership Fees.

If you haven't already paid your club membership, then please do so as it is now overdue for renewal. The fee to continue your membership is a very modest £31 for the year (this will increase to £35 after the AGM on 20th April, so please pay early and save some money!). I think this is great value for money and this year we have made it even easier for you to pay your fees. For the first time you can now pay your fees directly into the clubs bank account using your online banking facilities.

If you wish to use this facility, please use transfer your money using the following bank details –

Pay to - Tamar Canoe Association Sort Code 52-10-42 Acct No. 16032187

Please enter your Surname as the reference so that the club can identify who the money is from.

You will still need to complete the Membership Form (posted on the clubs Facebook site) and return it to Phil Thorn. This is necessary to ensure the club has your latest information available.



Congratulations!!!!

None to report this month

TCA Investing in People.

Club Activity Assistants

The club is delighted to be able to offer this new and exciting British Canoeing Award The role can be as simple as checking every one has a properly fitted buoyancy aid, to performing one or all of the activities listed below -

- share you canoeing and kayaking experiences with others
- Help introduce others to the joys of being on the water
- Be a Coaches Assistant
- Lead Club rec Trips / Club night Paddles
- Help with any aspect of regular Club Night Activity
- Be able to run Introductory Courses
- Be a familiar face that follows groups through their first season of club night .
- Get you're group on the water and run some warm up drills
- recap skills from previous weeks training

As a Club Activity Assistant the role you take on can be as big or as small as you like. All training is done at the club and is tailored to the needs of the role you wish to take on which can grow or change as you gain experience and confidence.

To become a Club Activity Assistant you will need to –

- become a British Canoeing member
- have the backing of a club committee member for the role you wish to undertake
- agree and complete a suitable training programme for the role you wish to take with one of the club's Activity Assistant providers (Peter, or Allen)
- on Completion of training you will be endorsed by the BCU this gives you the same insurance protection as other Club Coaches.

. If this interests you or you would like to know more speak to Peter Crago or Allen Willows.

2017 3* Courses.

The club will re-introduce a £10 fee for all 3* courses which take place outside of the normal, Thursday evening club nights. The £10 will go towards club funds to reinvest in new kit and is exceptional value money. For instance, a commercial provider will charge £165 for 3*Sea training PLUS £80 for a day to assess candidates.

This comes to a total £245 for a 3* Sea candidate, which compares very favourably to the £10 being charged by the club.

2017 Annual General Meeting.

The clubs 2017 AGM will take place on 20th April 2017 at the Ashtorre Lodge. Please make every effort to attend this meeting, especially if you have any ideas as to how your club can be improved, or even if you would like to stand as a club Officer and really make a difference. There are several vacancies this year which will need to be filled at the AGM, and I've listed them below.

Clubmark Officer

Media Officer/Newsletter Editor

Club Treasurer

Coach Co-Ordinator

If you fancy taking up one of these roles, all you need to do is find someone to 'second' you and notify Ina Nicks (Club Secretary) of your interest.

Club Paddles

Alastair has now completed his work on the summer 2017 schedule of trips, and has Leaders assigned to all but two of them. Having seen the list, I can honestly say there are some really good journeys which should appeal to everyones taste, whether you enjoy gentle paddles down an estuary or a more challenging sea journey.

Please take the time to look at Alastairs schedule when you receive it.

Paddling Gear for Sale.

This section is for members to advertise any **paddling** equipment they may have for sale. Please send any items you want advertised to me, via email, complete with wording and pictures. I'll edit as appropriate, and include the Ad in the next published Newsletter. All ads will only be included in 1 newsletter, after which they will be removed.

Club Officers.

Your club officers for 2016 are :-

Chairman	Bev Cowell
Vice Chairman	Adrian Endacott
Secretary	Ina Nicks
Treasurer	Rebecca Pearce
Media/Newsletter Ed	Mark Everson
Membership Secretary	Phil Thorn
Equipment Co-Coordinator	Adrian Endacott
Programme Co-Coordinator	Alastair Reynolds
Pool Session Co-Coordinator	Adrian Endacott
Coach Co-Coordinator	Peter Crago
Senior Representative	Ina Nicks
Family Representative	Di Luckhurst
Junior Representative	Jim Luckhurst
Website Manager	tbc
Club Welfare	Di Luckhurst + Emma Lock
Social Secretary	Sarah Potts
Event Welfare/Safety Officer	Ian Noden

Membership benefits

If you are looking at picking up any new kit, don't forget that Club membership gives you 15% discount at the following retailers:

Kayaks and Paddles, Lee Mill, Plymouth, Devon.

AS Watersports, Haven Road, Exeter, Devon

Cornwall Canoes, Newquay Road, St Columb Road, Cornwall

Nookie The Paddling Company, Gunnislake, Cornwall (new) – please quote code CKCLUB15

Facebook

If you have a Facebook account and you are not already a member of our closed Facebook group, please send a 'Friend Request' to Bob Ostler (search Facebook for Robert Ostler in Plymouth – there's only one!) and include a message to let him know you are a TCA member. He will contact the page administrators and get you added as a group member.

This is the best place to keep up to date with activities going on within the club, so it's well worth joining as you may miss out if you don't.

IF YOU ARE NOT UP-TO-DATE WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEES, THE GROUP ADMINISTRATORS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ADD YOU TO THE GROUP