



Newsletter

December 2020

Chair's News

Welcome to the first of what we hope will be regular Newsletters for our members. This has been a very difficult year for us all and as I write this we are exiting our second national lockdown.

The committee have had to make some difficult decisions this year due to the COVID pandemic. They have not been popular with several of our members, but be assured, the decisions we make are in the best interests of our members and the association as a whole. One decision in particular led to the resignation of our Bosun. I would like to thank Matt for the brilliant work he did for the association during his time on the committee.

It has not been all bad however and I hope most of you did get at least some time out on the water. Several members have stepped up to the plate and gotten stuck into a variety of tasks such as refurbishing the clubroom, workshop and toilet, we have a new door on the engine shed and a new window for the workshop and planning permission is being sought to enable us to renew the rest of the doors in the clubhouse and workshop. Dale Turner has taken on the role of Bosun and has been welcomed onto the committee. He has taken a slightly different approach to the job, where he will manage a team of about 6 key personnel. This approach to the role appears to be working very well and a lot has been achieved in a short space of time. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the general running and maintenance of our buildings and equipment of the association and the improvements that have been carried out.

The committee led by Jake, have been working on a number of policies which are aimed at making it clear on how we as members are expected to behave as members of the SPBA and to clarify how our waiting list etc are managed.

Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our three trustees, Tony, Steve and Dave, we have secured the lease for the moorings for another 23 years. We are halfway there to securing the future of our wonderful association. We are hoping that we can do as well with the boatyard lease in the very near future. How we are viewed by the general public and our close neighbours is becoming even more important, as the time for starting to negotiate our lease comes closer. The yard, buildings, pontoon and mooring area are in good shape thanks to everybody's efforts over the past couple of years and we as individual members need to continue to conduct ourselves in a proper manner so as not to cause offence to our close neighbours and by keeping noise to a minimum. Anyone who has winter storage should make sure that covers and halyards are secured in a manner that does not cause excessive noise.

We say goodbye to a few of our founder members this year who have decided not to renew their membership, they are Colin Knapman, Sid Nation and John Walsh. I have spoken to them and wished them well for the future. If it wasn't for these people and members like them with their vision and hard work 25 or 30 years ago the SPBA would not exist. We have enrolled several new members, please make them welcome and help them out if they need a bit of advice. As we exit the second lockdown, with the good news of a vaccine being approved, we still need to realise that this pandemic is not over and it is not the time to relax or become complacent. Please, when you go to the yard to check or work on your boats, continue to follow the guidance with respect to social distancing etc.

If you are sat at home thinking about being out on the water you might like to take a look at an epic real life adventure that is playing out in the Southern Ocean The Vendee Globe single handed race around the world, which is now in its third week. It is very similar to a blockbuster adventure movie with heroic rescues and storm damage in ferocious conditions. The website <https://www.vendeeglobe.org/en> is very good with daily reports and onboard videos and there is also a really good channel on Youtube dedicated to this subject called [Sea Wolves](#). For those who use windy.com for their wind forecasts there is also a plug in that you can use to plot the boats positions on the forecast map.

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy Christmas and hope that by the time spring launch comes around we will all be in a better position to once again get back onto the water doing what we love.

Stay Safe, look after yourselves and the people close to you. Here's hoping for a better season in 2021.

Les Short - Chairman

Bosun's Locker

My team and I have been busy around the club improving the facilities for all our members.

The clubroom has been completely redecorated and things are looking a lot brighter thanks to the new lights we now have in there.



The workshop has also been completely redecorated and reorganised. It is a massive improvement and was finished off in style with a new window.



We have numerous members to thank for their hard work over the last few months. In particular Mark Nation, Bob Huxham, Paul Harborth and Dave Milford have undertaken a huge amount of work on behalf of our association.



Some other members also deserve a mention for the work they have done to improve our club and its

facilities. They include but are not limited to Ian McNee, Mick Kehoe, Bernie Perry, Peter Davis, Steve Perry. Thanks to all the members who have offered their support in whatever way they can. We are proud to be a self help association and greatly appreciate everyone's support.

Dale Turner – Bosun

S.P.B.A. Financial Statement 1st September 2019 – 31st August 2020

During the past year there has been little unexpected movement in our accounts, but an explanation of significant changes is listed below.

Income for the year:	£43,858.60
Expenses for the year:	£33,184.20
Surplus/Deficit for the year:	£10,674.40
Current Account as at 28th August 2020.	£20,898.26
Savings Account as at 10th August 2020.	£20,600.90
Trustee Account as at 10th August 2020.	£16,878.40

1) It is customary for the Stonehouse Residents Association to settle their invoice with us during August of each year. However, their payment was late last financial year and consequently they have made two payments during this financial year. This has inflated our income for this year by £1,345.31

2) Our Association received a grant in line with other similar organisations in recognition of the disruption caused by Covid 19 of £10,000.00

3) We have incurred a charge of £1,164.00 for Legal Expenses. This is entirely due to the re-negotiation of our lease.

4) As expected, our rental costs to the Edgcombe Estate for the fundus have been increased substantially by approximately £4,000.00 pa.

5) During the preceding year, a substantial amount of work was carried out in the yard and consequently an increase in the cost of new equipment, particularly CCTV. This figure has not been repeated this year, although yard maintenance activity has been high.

6) The monies held in the Trustee Account was considered inadequate and therefore a transfer of £10,000.00 has been made from our Savings Account.

Terry Curtayne – Treasurer

Yardmaster's Report

Firstly a special thanks from me to those people coming forward and helping for the first time as well as our regulars who do so much for the association.

To let everyone know, all our yard dinghy racks are currently full but if anyone is interested in going on our

waiting list then please message me (07974 974 174) and I'll put you on the waiting list and I'll get in touch as soon as one becomes available. Similarly if anyone wants to keep their dinghy on the pontoon then we now have a short waiting list. We're limiting numbers for the time being until we finalise plans for additional spaces, perhaps with a pulley system in the future. I'm also looking out for any new ideas on how we can make improvements to our facilities whether that's in the yard or to our building and workshop or pontoons. All suggestions are welcome.

Our proposed lifting back in dates are going to be 20th and 21st April 2021. Hopefully there won't be any COVID restrictions to prevent us and there will be good weather leading up to the lift. Have a good 2021 boating season !

Nick Theis – Yardmaster

Secretary's Updates

The Committee have been busy over the last few months getting some new policies in place. The new policies are:

- Boat partnerships
- Grievance and disciplinary
- Code of Conduct

All our club policies and rules are now available on our club website at:

<http://spba.org.uk/about/club-policies/>

Our new lease for the Fundus and Foreshore has been finalised with the Mount Edgcumbe Estate. Thanks must go to our Trustees Tony Giblett, Steve Pinnick and Dave Randall who have spent many hours at meetings and travelling to and from Totnes on our behalf. It was great to finally get the new lease signed off and completed in September. We can now relax in the knowledge that our moorings are secure until September 2043, when someone else will be responsible for negotiating the next lease! Negotiations with Plymouth City Council will start in the near future to secure our future use of the yard and clubrooms.

We have received no nominations for the available committee positions. Thankfully, Lyn and Terry both indicated they were willing to stand again. Therefore, the committee for the coming year is:

Chair – Les Short
Treasurer – Terry Curtayne
Secretary – Jake Daykin
Membership – Lyn Geake
Bosun – Dale Turner
Moorings – Steve Pinnick
Yardmaster – Nick Theis

Jake Daykin - Secretary

Updated Club Logo

Ian McNee has been working on an updated version of our club logo for use on our website, Facebook page and club paperwork. The pennant LOGO will remain our primary club LOGO. However, it is not always clear what SPBA stands for when the pennant LOGO is used without any additional information. This is fine for those in the know but a bit confusing for people who are new to our association.

Ian has worked hard to incorporate what the SPBA abbreviation stands for in his proposed LOGO designs. We are only considering using an updated LOGO on our website, Facebook page and letterheads/club policy documents where we feel that additional explanation of what SPBA stands for would be helpful.

There are 5 options available for consideration – some are more radical than others!



The committee would welcome the opinions of our members on the new logo options. Please follow this link to register your preferences.

[SPBA LOGO Poll](#)

OTHER INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS...

Free Boating Magazines

Plymouth libraries offer a huge range of free magazines including Sailing Today and Practical Boat Owner (back copies from 2016-18) for anyone who has a library membership. If you have not already subscribed you can find out more about how to access these free magazines here:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/libraries/freemagazinescomicsandnewspapers>

QHM Notice to Mariners

This notice is issued for information by the Queen's Harbour Master Plymouth, pursuant to the Dockyard Ports Regulation Act 1865 and the Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999.



The Dockyard Port of Plymouth Order 1999 has been updated. A new Port Order 2020 (DPPO 2020) has completed due parliamentary process and will come into force on 10 December 2020. A copy of the DPPO 2020 can be viewed on QHM Plymouth's website:

[Dockyard Port of Plymouth Port Order 2020](#)

The Port Order has been amended to reflect changes in operating procedures, types of vessels, infrastructure and security postures. The revision will enable the introduction of more flexible controls to ensure the continued safety of all port users and effective movement of vessels.

A notice regards moving exclusion zones has also been issued. Details can be found [here](#).