



BCC Newsletter

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Bristol Cruising Club

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| Community Beat Team | General contact number | 101 |
| Netham Lock Keeper | | 0117 9776590 |
| Hanham Lock Keeper | Mobile | 0771 1403474 |
| Harbour Masters | Underfall Yard, Cumberland Road, | 0117 9031484 |
| Office | Bristol BS1 6XG | |
| VHF-Ch 73 Call Sign | 'Bristol Floating Harbour' | |
| Dock master | The Watch House, Cumberland Basin | |
| City Docks | VHF-Ch 14 Call Sign 'City Docks Radio' | 0117 9273633 |
| Avonmouth | VHF-Ch 12 Call Sign 'Bristol VTS' | 0117 9822257 |
| Portishead | VHF-Ch 80 | 0127 5841941 |
| Cardiff Barrage | VHF-Ch 18 | |
| Ilfacombe Harbour | Contact from sea on VHF-Ch 16, channels 12 & 14 | |

Local Notice to Mariners Since Last Newsletter

41/20 Plimsoll Bridge: Out of action

Plimsoll Bridge will be out of action from 15 September 2020 to 18 September 2020.

This is to support vital maintenance.

Vessels with an air draft in excess of 5.8m will not be able to pass through the Cumberland Basin system during this time.

This notice was published between Newsletters & is not now active.

Multiple Craft Sunk in Kennet & Avon near Bath



On the evening of Tuesday 15th September, a sluice gate failure led to a dramatic drop in water levels in the Kennet & Avon near Bath. Around 1.8mtrs of water was drained from the canal apparently due to a glitch in the software.

Several boats were severely affected with some of them stuck on the bottom & others sinking.

Crews from Avon Fire & Rescue Service attended the scene with their specialist Water Rescue Unit. Fortunately, no one needed to be rescued & there were no reported injuries. The Canal & River Trust said "massive distress had been inflicted on local boaters"

I guess the same could happen if a Lock Gate were left open, so let's be careful when going through Locks!





Announcements



Club Meetings

Still on hold due to Covid 19 restrictions.

Due to the small numbers of members on the committee, and the ability to comply with social distancing, the committee meetings continue as per the set schedule.

Club Newsletter

If you are receiving more than one copy of the Newsletter, please let me know. If you have changed your email address, please make Sacha (membership secretary) aware.

Lick Of Paint for Sabrina 6

Thanks to Roy Cross recent visitors to the Pontoon will have noticed Sabrina 6 is in much better shape. Roy has spent loads of hours over the past weeks giving her a new coat of paint.

Pontoon Etiquette

If anyone has car park passes, please bring them back. They are for use for all members & **MUST NOT** be taken away from the car park

Goodbye Force 4

Unfortunately Force 4 has closed their store in Bristol. Staff there told me the lease had expired. I wonder if the "lockdown" occurring at the time of the expiration of their lease & the trend in online purchasing helped them to make the decision not to re-new their lease.

New Members



This month we are pleased to welcome 2 new members:
James Gareh & Rebecca Ashton

James say's "OB1 is a 4m low draft Dorney with a 35HP outboard. She will be used as a family boat to encourage our children to enjoy the delights of the water. She will be used primarily in the harbour and areas accessed from there and hopefully will travel further to get some time on the inshore seas (although in flat and very calm conditions!). She has been having a little trouble with her engine which is an old Evinrude with scarce spare parts. Hopefully, the old lady will be in her berth soon. "

And Rebbeca "I grew up in a harbour town in Devon called Ilfracombe, spent a lot of time at sea doing a bit of sailing, diving, fishing & kayaking
Have always liked the idea of living in a boat one day. I bought Bertha, my 30ft narrowboat 2 years ago. Cruised her down on Worcester and Birmingham canal. Spent the last two summers cruising on the Avon".

Say hello to them when you see them on the Pontoon or on board Sebrina 6



Tom & Nicola Dawson have a new crew member for "Nicky Lou". Baby Samuel arrived on the high tide of 25th September.
Samuel will also join the crew of "Wanderer7" for his Grandad & "Fast Fish" for his Uncle.



General Boating Quiz (answers next month)



1) Motorboats and sailboats at anchor must display an anchor light. An anchor light for a watercraft less than 65 feet in length is:

- (a) An all-round light that is visible for 2 miles
- (b) Port & Starboard Navigational lights
- (c) A flashing white light
- (d) A white light to the stern

2) What is the sound signal for a boat turning to the left?

- (a) 1 blast of the horn
- (b) 3 Blasts of the horn
- (c) 2 blasts of the horn
- (d) Repeated blasts of the horn

3) The angular distance between true & magnetic north is:

- (a) Always equal
- (b) Is the magnetic variation
- (c) Depends on your position
- (d) Depends on your speed

4) When two boats are on a "head on" collision course both boats should:

- (a) Use the radio to agree a course
- (b) Turn to the right
- (c) Turn to the left
- (d) Both should perform two circles

Quiz Contd.....

5) Why do we use the term "May Day" as a distress call?

- (a) May Day is considered an unlucky day (c) It is from Latin
(b) There is not a known reason (d) From French term "M'aidez" (help me)

6) The "Air Draft" of a vessel is:

- (a) The distance from the surface of the water to the highest point of the vessel
(b) The air pressure in the bow & stern fenders
(c) The wind entering through a leaking window
(d) The pressure required for an air horn

7) A "Bimini" is a:

- (a) Favourite boaters toasted sandwich (c) A type of knot
(b) An escape hatch (d) A boat cover for sun protection

8) Where would you find an "Inglefield Clip"?

- (a) On a flag (c) On an ignition key
(b) On a marine Chart (d) On the Mic of a Marine Radio

BCC Clothing Price List (all enquiries to Ray Cross)

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| Sweatshirts | £14.00 |
| Sweatshirts Hooded | £19.50 |
| Fleece Cardigan Large | £19.00 |
| Pilot Shirt S/Sleeve | £16.50 |
| Polo Shirts | £13.00 |
| T-Shirts | £8.00 |
| Heavy T-Shirts | £8.50 |
| Caps | £7.00 |
| Ties | £5.50 |
| Epaulettes | £7.00 |
| Burgee | £15.00 |
| Window Sticker | £2.50 |

First Tuesday of every month is our Club Meeting

The club has an official meeting on the first Tuesday of every month, at this meeting any important news and upcoming events will be announced.

This is when new members will be recorded.

Every Wednesday is Cleaning and Maintenance

Help keep Sabrina Ship Shape and Bristol Fashion,
new volunteers are always welcome

afterwards we talk about boats, the price of beer and the weather
plus you can grab a pint for a discounted price.

Every Friday is our Social Evening

Meet up and talk about boats

The bar is open for drinks and snacks



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Have you got something to sell? Whatever it is let me know & it can be advertised here.

For Sale

29ft Birchwood Motor Cruiser

£12,500

Some work needed hence low price

Contact Gail on 07341 385716

