



Gravesend Sailing Club

Newsletter – December 2018

Merry Christmas

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Environment Agency Floodgate Replacement - Ongoing

Work has now started on the site and the promenade road is closed in both directions for vehicles and pedestrians including the bridge across the canal entrance. The whole area has been caged off.

When the site is active the **only** entry to the club facilities will be via the gate from the promenade, the easiest way to it is to follow the footpath from the corner of the promenade road, and the access point nearer the clubhouse is blocked. There is a gated walkway from the west side of the clubhouse between the north and south yards allowing members to access both yards.

Parking

This is the local parking that I believe is available but you should make your own checks about limitations – The Borough Council website has all the info.

The local streets near the clubhouse form part of a controlled parking zone which is in force between 10am – 11 am Monday to Friday, but ok to park outside this time

The single yellow lines on the promenade road are Monday to Saturday until 6:30.

The Car Parks in Ordnance Road and Milton Chantry are only a 4 minute walk away (at my pace) and are free after 6:00 pm and all day Sunday. They also have the first 2 hours free on Saturday.

There is a small amount of parking in the caged area which is only available outside of the working hours of the site, evenings and weekends at the moment. To access this area, you will need to show your membership card to the security guard and possibly answer a question about the Sailing Club (don't worry it won't be a difficult one). The Membership Secretary is posting out membership cards, together with The Reach, as soon as she hears that you have paid your membership fee.

Please remember we don't have a right to park here it is at the discretion of the site manager and access may be refused for operational reasons. Also, as the spaces are limited please try and leave it available for members who are less able or have stuff to carry.

Liaising with the site management team

We have a working group that has been meeting with the EA and the site contractors and will continue to do so during the work. I would ask that if you have any concern or queries you should either email Commodore@gravesendsc.org.uk or phone the club duty number and we will find the answer.

Volunteers needed!!

Please have a look at the list of jobs in and around the clubhouse. If there is something there you can do or help with please email Roy Turner- facilities@gravesendsc.org.uk. It would be useful to complete these jobs by the start of next season so we can all concentrate on SAILING!

Communications

I would like to set up a small group to look at how the club communicates with members and the information we deliver. Could you help with this as I would like it to have people on it outside of the established committees? If so please email commodore@gravesendsc.org.uk.

Remembrance Day

I had the honour at this year's Remembrance Day Ceremony in Gravesend of laying a wreath on behalf of Gravesend Sailing Club with the names of the members who fell in the First World War.

High tide times in italics are after sunset or before sunrise.
 All times are local.
 Tides for Gravesend are indicative only and not to be used for navigation.

December tides	
01	06:47 (5.5m)
Sat	19:48 (5.6m)
02	08:10 (5.5m)
Sun	21:01 (5.8m)
03	09:23 (5.6m)
Mon	22:03 (6.0m)
04	10:24 (5.8m)
Tue	22:56 (6.1m)
05	11:15 (6.0m)
Wed	23:43 (6.2m)
06	12:02 (6.1m)
Thu	–
07	00:26 (6.2m)
Fri	12:44 (6.1m)
08	01:06 (6.2m)
Sat	13:24 (6.1m)
09	01:42 (6.2m)
Sun	14:01 (6.1m)
10	02:16 (6.1m)
Mon	14:36 (6.0m)
11	02:47 (6.0m)
Tue	15:11 (5.9m)
12	03:18 (5.9m)
Wed	15:46 (5.7m)
13	03:52 (5.7m)
Thu	16:25 (5.6m)
14	04:29 (5.6m)
Fri	17:08 (5.4m)
15	05:13 (5.5m)
Sat	17:58 (5.3m)
16	06:04 (5.3m)
Sun	18:58 (5.3m)
17	07:05 (5.2m)
Mon	20:08 (5.3m)
18	08:18 (5.3m)
Tue	21:19 (5.5m)
19	09:34 (5.4m)
Wed	22:19 (5.7m)
20	10:36 (5.7m)
Thu	23:11 (5.9m)
21	11:29 (5.9m)
Fri	23:58 (6.1m)
22	12:18 (6.1m)
Sat	–
23	00:44 (6.3m)
Sun	13:06 (6.3m)
24	01:29 (6.3m)
Mon	13:53 (6.4m)
25	02:13 (6.4m)
Tue	14:41 (6.4m)
26	02:57 (6.3m)
Wed	15:29 (6.4m)
27	03:43 (6.2m)
Thu	16:18 (6.2m)
28	04:31 (6.1m)
Fri	17:11 (6.0m)
29	05:22 (5.9m)
Sat	18:10 (5.8m)
30	06:21 (5.7m)
Sun	19:17 (5.7m)
31	07:34 (5.5m)
Mon	12:27 (5.9m)

Dates for your Diary

Friday 7th December – Dec the Club (1900)

Warming you up into the merry spirit with a casual cheese and mulled wine night down at the club! Those attending will also be expected to support in decorating the club ready for Christmas.

A selection of cold meats, cheeses and chutney, warmly washed down with a spot of mulled wine, or whatever you fancy from the bar, will be available for those who attend.

Thursday 13th December – Knowledge and Nosh Christmas Roundup (1900)

Sunday 16th December - Christmas Lunch in the Clubhouse (1300)

Come along and enjoy a traditional Christmas lunch at GSC on Sunday 16th December.
 Turkey dinner with all the trimmings - £15 per person

Book your place now to avoid disappointment, as spaces are limited to 60 persons - booking is a **MUST!** (If you just turn up without booking, you will **not** be able to have lunch!)

To book your place, you can contact the social team via email: Social@gravesendsc.org.uk

December 31st – New Year’s Eve (Sometime before midnight)

This is an informal evening with the bar open and an opportunity to see the New Year in in convivial company. As the Social Committee and Team have been doing all the catering all year bring along some nibbles for all to share and let’s give them a night off – you never know non-stop turkey sandwiches may be fun.

Roy’s Job list – You don’t avoid it that easily

- Floor repair to soft patch in bar
- Prepare and liquid polish main clubroom floor (and bar and galley) (polish available)
- Lay new flooring to corridor between bunkrooms (material available)
- Renew missing part of corridor ceiling next to gents toilet (Paul Robbins has volunteered but will need a helper)
- Renew missing part of exterior soffit above outside door
- Replace light fitting to external soffit with LED one
- Clean off damaged paintwork in the double sized shower, paint the wall with anti-damp and emulsion. (Paint available)
- Remove ceiling fan from West Wing
- Patch plaster repairs to small areas in West Wing
- Topcoat to loft hatch and frame in West Wing (paint available)
- Shampoo carpet in West Wing
- Coat of woodstain to window frames in West Wing
- Hang new door to West Wing
- Finish application of reflective paint to roof of extension (paint available)
- Renew worktop and fix frame outside galley (under window)
- Remove old yale lock from external door and fill hole and make good.
- Fix new anchorage point for club mast (require chemical fixing and large drill, we have a suitable bit)