



Gorey Boat-Owners Association

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START OF SEASON 2010 - NEWSLETTER

Dear Member,

1st March 2010

Having had one of the coldest winters for some time, followed recently by heavy rainfall and flooding, I hope we are in for more settled weather as spring and the boating season approaches.

FITTING-OUT MEAL

Your Committee has been busy working in the background on a number of fronts, but the most important news is of course the details of our **'Fitting-Out' Meal**. This has been booked at the Shakespeare Hotel in St. Clement on the **27th March**, starting at 7 for 7.30pm. The menu is attached and I'm sure you will agree that is very good value at £23.50 per head. Please send back the form below as quickly as possible with a £10 deposit per person to avoid disappointment.

In addition to the meal, Roger Clark - our new Social Secretary - has organised 'Run for Cover' to play for us before and after the meal. They are providing their services free of charge, as the proceeds of the raffle will as usual be donated to the RNLI, so please support this event in the usual way. For those of you that would like to make a real night of it and not have to worry about driving home, the hotel is offering a special 'stop-over' rate of £25 per head which includes breakfast – please contact the hotel directly for this.

2010 AGENDA

Whilst there are some details to finalise, the following events are planned for the season, so please put the dates in your diary and support as many as you can.

May 8-9 th	Possible Liberation trip to Guernsey
May 22 nd	Gorey Fete de la Mer
May 29-30 th	Port-Bail Boat Owners Rally to Gorey – reception and dinner at the Moorings Hotel Saturday. Regatta Ecrehous Rally on Sunday
June 5-6 th	Port-Bail Troc Nautique and Gorey Regatta
June 18-20 th	Port-Bail Fete de Musique
June 25-27 th	GBOA rally to Port-Bail – meal and music at Le Repere
July 17-18 th	Gorey to Carteret Rowing Race – guard-boats needed
July 31 st – Aug 1	GBOA rally to Carteret and Fete de la Mer - TBC
August 14-15 th	Port-Bail Fete du Port and GBOA Ecrehous Bar b q
August 19 th	Gorey Fete
November 21 st	Laying-up meal and AGM

Full details of these events and more can be found on our website www.gboa.org.uk

MOORINGS & HARBOURS

Please note that it is a condition of our moorings that the boat name and the mooring number (see your invoice from Harbours) is painted clearly on the mooring buff. As we are all probably making a list of jobs that need doing before the season starts, can you please make sure this is added to the list. Please also remember that all moorings must be chain, apart from the last few feet – not all rope.

The Committee continues to work with Jersey Harbours to sort out the moorings waiting list and fill some of the empty spaces with new boats as well as generally improve facilities. Progress is frustratingly slow due mainly to the number of historic issues that have emerged. However, Harbours have made a commitment to a significant number of 'move-ups' and new allocations by the start of the season, so watch this space.

We have also reviewed the list of maintenance issues with Ray Hine from Harbours, and in particular they have promised to attend to the various ground-chain issues very soon. You may have noticed that they have already replaced a couple of ladders and some of the rusty railings amongst other work, so progress is being made. We have also invested in two new sets of strops (one large and one for smaller boats up to 4 tonnes), the current ones having reached the end of their insurable life. If you have noticed anything else that you think needs adding to the list, please contact a member of the committee.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Whilst the majority of members have now paid their subscription, there are still a few to collect. So if you have not done so yet, please forward your £15 as soon as possible to Membership Secretary Tim Baker. In doing so, please let us have your email address if you have one, so that we can reduce the cost of mailing information to members.

DONATIONS IN MEMORY

Regular visitors to Carteret may have learned of the recent sad death of Alain Raoul, the welcoming face of the Carteret Marina team. A collection in his memory has been started with proceeds going as requested to the French Lifeboat – SNSM. If you would like to contribute, please pass your donation to a member of the committee.

So all that remains is to wish you a happy and safe 2010 boating season on behalf of the committee and we hope to see you at some of the events we have organised for you, starting with the Fitting-Out meal on the 27th March.

Bon Voyage

Chris Parlett

Chris Parlett
Chairman

Don't forget to check out our website at www.gboa.org.uk and our Facebook group – just search for 'Gorey Boat Owners Association'

Please return the slips below by the 20th March to Chris Parlett at:

Sunnylands, La Grande Route des Sablons, Fauvic, Grouville, JE3 9HG

I/we would like to attend the Fitting-Out meal at **The Shakespeare Hotel** on **Saturday 27th March**. Please reserve me _____ places at the meal, I enclose a deposit of £_____ (£10 per person), cheques made out to the Gorey Boat Owners Association.

YOUR NAME _____

CONTACT NUMBER (Mobile if possible) _____