

The Buccaneer

Boating Group

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It seems inevitable that the

Boating Group

Will

Close

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SPRING EDITION Articles to the Editor by **Saturday 20th February 2016**

SUMMER EDITION Articles to the Editor by **Saturday 23rd April 2016**

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Views and comments in this edition are not necessarily endorsed by
the Boating Group or the Camping and Caravanning Club.

Many thanks to all who have sent in articles for this edition of Buccaneer –please keep them coming. Photographs are most welcome too.

The email edition of Buccaneer has many more photos than the printed edition —and they are in colour!!! Why not contact the webmaster & ask for your Buccaneer by email?— Ed. PS. Many thanks to Alvin who sent me the photos of Keswick. Ed.

The Boating Group will Close

It is with great regret that we need to write this article, but after over 40 years of operation your committee is struggling to survive.

We currently have no names for a potential **Treasurer** and without a Treasurer we cannot operate under the rules of the **Camping & Caravanning Club**. There are also currently 3 other vacancies on the committee, and several of the existing members would like to retire, they are only continuing in the hope that new members might join them to keep the group going.

At our October Committee meeting, when we as a committee are supposed to make our nomination for the appointed position of Treasurer, we came to the reluctant conclusion that without any possible name the group would need to close. We are putting this final appeal to our members, **is anyone prepared to help?** If so they should contact Colin Knight Vice Commodore with immediate effect. If a suitable candidate has not come forward by the end of January, then a motion will be raised at the next committee meeting allowing the appropriate time to publish it, for the **April AGM to wind up the Camping and Caravanning Club Boating Group**. Once we have taken this step it will be too late for anybody to then react and say that they would be willing to help.

Please consider your position and if you think that you can commit the time to help keep the group running then make contact. We ideally would like volunteers who are prepared to help the group for the long term, not just people who will help out for now to keep it going.

We have made this appeal in several of the recent *Buccaneers*, perhaps not quite as forcefully, but all too no avail. We are looking for several volunteers to fill the other committee posts as well as treasurer.

We would be very happy to discuss what is required and can provide details of what would be involved. (There are currently still two ex-treasurers on the present committee, who would help out and give advice where required.)

Do please help to keep the group running

Colin Knight, Vice-Commodore
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Letter from Commodore

It certainly has been a steep learning curve for me as Commodore.

We have had to cancel a new meet, through lack of interest, at **Hatfield Marina**.

Linch Hill has been permanently cancelled due to the fishing fraternity at the venue who have voted not to allow us to camp any more (after 20 years at the site –with 3 meets a year – this was a big loss to us.)

2015 **Bowl** THS was cancelled. The Sailing Club there had financial problems . I am pleased to say that we have been able to organise 2 meets there for 2016.

We had 7 units attending the NFoL. Our street scene was enjoyed by many who came to visit it. We did have a problem trying to make it ‘fit’ the theme, ‘Celebrating our County’ was not really very good for a section group.

In 2016 the NFoL theme is ‘World of Movies’, we hope to have a good street scene with unit displays of films with a boating theme. It would be lovely to have lots of units there in the Malvern Hills. So do think about joining us

I stewarded the THS at **Keswick** – I had a long waiting list (Success at last!). We had 17 units there – 15 on the serviced hard standing pitches & 2 on grass. The weather was kind to us and many people were able to get on the water. I think I can say that we all had a very good time.

Richard Goring has been co-opted to the committee and is taking over the role as Holiday Sites & National Parks Officer BUT we still urgently need a new treasurer and some new committee members if the group is to carry on.

A few of the meets for 2016 next year have still not got stewards.

It certainly has been an ‘interesting’ start to my time as Commodore so far and I fervently hope that there will be a future **BUT without a treasurer the Boating Group will have to fold.**

Please, please consider volunteering to be our treasurer –we MUST have someone as soon as possible –or the group will have to be closed at the AGM. Maybe you know another member of the Boating Group who could be asked to do so. There will be a great deal of support from the existing committee and from the CCC itself. Much of the job is now on the computer, spreadsheets are already there. You do not have to be a mathematician or accountant.

The Boating Group celebrated it’s 40th Birthday in 2011 with a fantastic meet at Himley Hall, it was attended by many members , who all had a enjoyable time. Will we celebrate our 50th anniversary?????????ONLY YOU (OUR MEMBERS) CAN PROVIDE THE ANSWER.

In 2015 the Boating Group organised meets at 17 venues with 101 camping nights. 196 units camped with 1198 unit nights in total. This is something to be proud of – what a pity if this fantastic group is no more.

Please think about the treasurer post and contact **Colin Knight**,

email:Colin@home-farm.org.uk Tel. **01905 821504** for more information

Margaret Thompson

The Committee wish to reiterate the guide-lines on any pictures that may be used for publicity purposes.

Any person submitting pictures featuring children which may be used for publicity purposes by the Club, must provide the name of the child/children featured and the associated permission slips for those children, signed by the parent/guardian. Slips are available from Stewards or Group Secretary

DERWENTWATER MEET Sept 2015

It was a really good week—blessed with some glorious weather. There were inflatables, touring kayaks, open canoes (even one being sailed!) and sailing dinghies.

Thanks to Margaret's hard work —and in spite of units being scattered all over the site, —several social events were on offer. We had strawberries and cream one afternoon —(mmm,) and wine and nibbles (lovely!!) on the last evening. Much appreciated by all.

There was much messing about in boats, visiting tea shops, walking dogs (we had lots of dogs) and some serious fell walking.

Thanks to Margaret for organising , and to everyone for being such good company.

Sue Brighouse



Strawberries & cream at Keswick

Stewards corner – for everyone to read

About this time of year the Club are updating all their instructions and guidelines for the next year. 'Green papers' are circulated to the secretaries of all Groups to update previous instructions. It is these Green papers which have been used to write the Stewards handbook which your committee send out to all Stewards. Next year's stewards will receive a complete copy of all the changes which apply to them, but there are a few which all group members ought to know.

It is now **strongly recommended** that a bucket of water should be placed outside each camping unit, as a necessary near-to-hand firefighting tool. The Club considers the use of e-cigarettes the same as cigarettes and as such, all legal requirements should be adhered to in their use during a camping event.

Insurance requirements are always changing. What can affect everyone is the need to adhere to opening and closing times of meets. If you are there before or after the times which have been input to the database of meets, you will not be covered by the Club's insurance if you have an accident.

Stewards need to let your committee know if you want the start and finish times to be different from the default times of **5pm start and 3pm finish**. See Committee page for Andy McLaughlin's contact details.

Maggie Poulson
Stewards Liaison



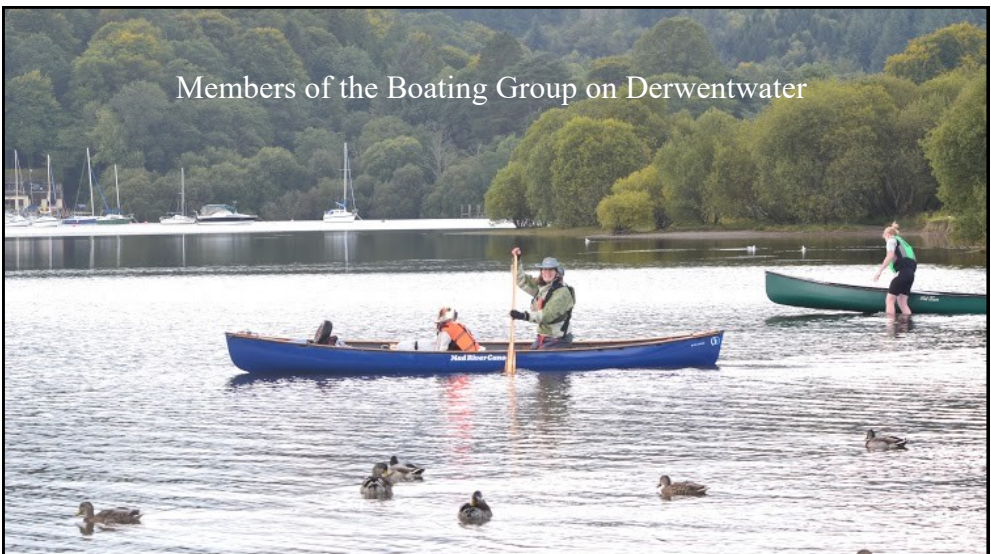
Derwentwater September 2015

Speed Restrictions on Sites

Most people have seen the sign, a red circle with a 5 inside, and know what it means. There is a speed restriction of 5mph on camp sites, fields and access roads. But how many people think it applies to them? Most car drivers on sites try to go at a safe speed, although they forget that 5mph is not much faster than a brisk walk, so are probably driving a little faster. Some car drivers get distracted and don't realise that they are going too fast to be safe, possibly because they are on a tarmac path or road. Whatever speed you are going it will still be difficult to see a child who suddenly appears from nowhere.

Cyclists, both adults and children, are the most likely to be travelling in excess of 5 mph. Adults don't realise the speed they can achieve, particularly if in a hurry, but it is some children whose main reason for having a bike is so they can go as fast as possible. How tempting it is to use access tracks as a race circuit, often in the opposite direction to a one way system, and use caravans and tents as obstacles on a slalom course. No one wants to stop children enjoying camping with their parents, but, please will those adults who are meant to be supervising children tell their children that they are sharing the site with moving vehicles which can be a danger to everyone.

Best of all, tell all members of your unit that the 5 mph restriction is to be kept by everyone, whether they are on skateboards, roller-skates or bikes as well as those driving cars and riding motorbikes. The speed restriction applies to everyone for the safety of all on site.



WEYMOUTH 2015

The successful THS at Weymouth was great fun with a good mix of friendly people. We had a variety of social events including fish and chip supper and some of us even had a darts match (some more successful than others I might add). I struggled to even get mine on the board, but still good fun. The ferry boat to Weymouth was lovely and the sun shone for us and the sea was calm for the 25 minute crossing from Portland. In the last couple of years there was some doubts about the launching facilities available since the change of ownership of the boat yard. This is still available with parking facilities (payable) but the Sailing Academy are willing to do a weekly rate which includes storage of your boat and free parking. Launching is available at any state of the tide, so this makes an ideal place to launch from. Fees for launching for the week are approx £70 per week. A daily rate is also available. So if you were unsure about bringing your boat to this event, then take the opportunity to sail in one of the best sailing venues in the country. If it was good enough for the Olympics then what an opportunity for the Boating Group. With fantastic views of Portland Harbour from the site, this must be one of the best sites we have, (Its certainly one of mine)
Beryl Ireland

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE 2016 PROGRAMME

Please, please, please, your help is urgently needed. From the Meets Programme in this edition you will see that we have requests for stewards for three of our meets. These are

Weymouth THS in August
Parrog Summer THS
Barton Turf weekend meet in July

If we do not have stewards come forward to volunteer to run these event by the committee meeting in mid January then these events will not be able to be able to run or be advertised. This is in accordance with Club regulations. These events have run very successfully in the past and it would be a great shame to lose these from the Boating Group programme. Sites in locations which are good for boating are hard to come by and if we cancel this year may not be able to run events at these venues in the future.

REMEMBER NO STEWARD BY FEBRUARY
AND THESE EVENTS WILL BE CANCELLED,
IF YOU CARE ABOUT YOUR GROUP THEN
PLEASE COME FORWARD.

To volunteer just contact Margaret Thompson, Maggie Poulson or Beryl Ireland. Just drop them an e-mail. The task is not difficult and your committee will give you all the support you need.

Synopsis of October Council Meeting at Wolverley.

Treasurer – no appointment was made. If no Treasurer is appointed for 2016 then the group will have to fold.

Richard Goring was co-opted on to the Committee until the 2016 AGM

National Parks Sites Officer – Richard Goring was appointed for 2016.

Mel Hill, Vice Chairman of the Club attended the meeting as a representative of the National Council

The lack of stewards for meets will mean that some may not go ahead for 2016.

The Group is likely to break even for 2015, subject to any last minute expenses.

No change to the subscriptions for 2016, these remain at £6.50 from 1st April. 2016

Copies of agreed minutes will be available on the member only section of the website.



Coffee morning at Keswick

To be or not to be.....that is the question.

Hello. I am Richard Goring the newly appointed THS and National Parks Officer and a co-opted member of the committee, a role faithfully performed for the last 7 years by Mike Wooldridge.

You might wonder why I started with the words of Prince Hamlet who was considering whether it was worth living or not, but this is the situation the Boating Group is in and the answer is totally in your—the BG—members hands.

I joined the BG last year and wanting to meet folk and learn more of what goes on I attended the AGM at Chertsey. What a revelation - I was astonished to find that the number of members that attended was only just more than the committee. This was from a membership of over 500 mostly derived from the Home Counties and the South East.!

Later this year I responded to the appeal in the Summer Buccaneer for new committee members and attended my first committee in October. By the way things are going, my appointment is likely to be the shortest on record.

I know society is changing and we are much more accustomed to a “pay-and-play” approach to activities, but if this philosophy was adopted by our Club, we would not enjoy the exempted camping, DA activities and the NFoL at economical rates that are facilitated by the voluntary dedication and skill of club members and almost everything we attended would cost a lot more and would perhaps just feel ... well....different.

Please consider the position Colin Knight has outlined on the front of this magazine, we MUST have a Treasurer otherwise we will not be, but we also need some new (not necessary young) blood on the committee to maintain the BG - To be or not to be... that is the question that can only be answered by you.

Happy camping and boating!

Richard Goring.



Some campers visited the islands during the Keswick meet

THE MEL SHORE & ALF GARDNER TROPHIES 2015/16

Calling all younger members of the Boating Group

The Mel Shore Trophy is an award for the best contribution to the Buccaneer. It was set up in honour of one of our much loved former editors of the magazine. In addition to the award the committee have added a **£75 bursary** to be spent on a water sports course or qualification. Your entry could be a picture, a story, an article, a poem or anything else linked to water, boats or the Boating Group. So come on kids get writing or drawing and you could be the winner.

Mel died in 2008 after a long battle with cancer. He is fondly remembered by many as Editor of the Buccaneer and as an enthusiastic and knowledgeable sailor who was always prepared to cheerfully offer advice on sailing matters. The Mel Shore trophy was commissioned and made by Mike Wooldridge and first presented at our 40th anniversary meet.

The award is open to any young person (under the age of 18) who is a child or grandchild of a Boating Group member. Please send all entries by e-mail or in writing to Colin Knight.

The Alf Gardner Trophy has been awarded to Boating Group youngsters for many years. It will be awarded to a child or grandchild of a Boating Group member (under 18 years) who achieves something special, no matter how big or small, on the water or linked to their water sport. Achievements will be considered on merit. Again the committee have added a **£75 bursary** to be spent on a water sports course or qualification towards waterborne training.

Alf Gardner was an early member of the Boating Group from 1973 until his death in 1978. He was one of many members of the Mirror Association who joined us when we arranged joint rallies. He was an enthusiastic sailor supporting events in the Midlands and nationally. The trophy in memory of Alf was agreed in 1978 -9 and was carved by committee member Bill Lee with the brass work arranged by Colin Edwards. The trophy was originally presented at the Rutland meet to the crew (under 16) who had the best results competing in the Rutland regatta which was held during our meet at that time. . We understand that he missed our first Rutland meet due to ill health. If any members have any further memories of Alf we would love to hear them.

Nominations can be made by stewards, parents or relatives. Again send all nominations to Colin Knight, in writing or by email.

Each Trophy can only be won once by any individual.

Remember 'You have to be in it to win it'

The closing date for entries will be 1st April 2016,

But don't wait till then,

SEND YOUR ENTRIES IN NOW

To Colin Knight, 3 Court Garth, Kempsey, Worcester, WR5 3JJ

email: Colin@home-farm.org.uk

WEBSITE - MEMBERS AREA

Following a number of requests we have created a 'member's area' on the website that is only available by entering a password. The area is under the 'more' section drop down menu on the right hand side.

The password can be obtained from the webmaster by completing a 'contact us' form also under the 'more' section. Please do not forget to quote your membership number. In this section we have been adding forms & information that you will find useful when camping with the Boating Group. It's 'work-in-progress'.

A copy of the Boating Group magazine can be downloaded from here along with a list of sites where boating is available. Any suggestions for further information are welcome.

John G. Bolton, Webmaster

BOATING GROUP EVENTS PROGRAMME

General Information.

The meets programme for 2016 is printed for your reference. Please contact the steward for the latest situation regarding fees, availability, directions etc., before booking. If you haven't been to a BG meet before the procedure is simple.

For **Temporary Holiday Meets (THS)** send your booking form (see P.29) with a cheque made payable to the CCC Boating Group to the meets steward (unless specified otherwise) ASAP (and an SAE (if you are not on email) for their reply). If all the places have gone the steward will contact you. You can then either have your cheque back & book another meet or be kept on the waiting list. You can avoid this inconvenience by telephoning –or emailing – the steward first (**recommended**) to confirm a place is available & book it-but you must then send in the cheque (or fee by BACS) & form straight away otherwise you will lose your place (in fairness to other members). **If paying by BACS please include the App Code in the reference-it is included in the meet info –it ends ‘/ 2016’.**

For **weekend & 5 day meets** you are advised to email or phone the steward first to register your interest and make sure a place is put aside for you (if booking is necessary), then send in a booking form (they can be emailed). **Do not send in any money** (unless specified) with your booking form as fees are usually collected in cash on site.

Remember!! If you have booked a meet and you have to cancel for whatever reason **please, please** tell the steward at once. Whether you have paid any money or not is irrelevant. It is polite to email or phone and cancel, since many sites have limited spaces the stewards will almost certainly be able to fill your vacancy from their waiting list if given fair warning. Remember, play fair, one day it could be you on the waiting list!

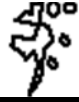
To contact a steward see P.16. Also look at the committee and contacts pages near the back of the Buccaneer and contact Beryl Ireland, the Chairman of the Meets Management Committee if you would consider stewarding one of these – or any meets in the future. We are always pleased to receive offers of help with stewarding and there is a 'Meet Pack' & 'Spreadsheet' for each site which makes the whole job a lot easier. Without stewards there would be no meets and it really isn't that difficult to do. The work of our existing stewards is highly valued and appreciated.

Please note that the fees in the meet details are for a 'unit' of two adults and two children, extra persons *may* have to be paid for.

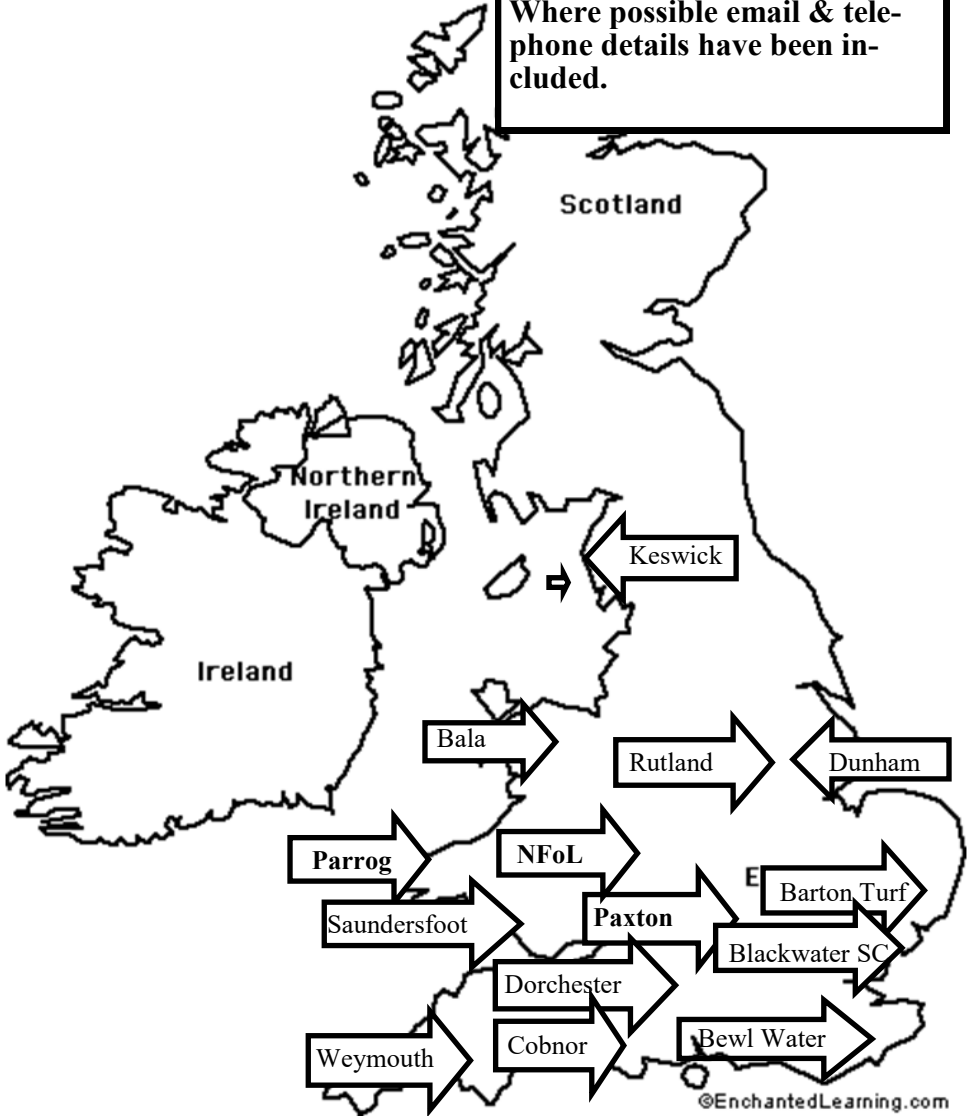
We seek them here, we seek them there –DO YOU know anyone who could volunteer to — join our committee???? ———or —steward a meet?????

MEETS LOCATION MAP

The British Isles



Bookings for Meets:
Steward's contact details are on Page 16
Where possible email & telephone details have been included.



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Meet log 2016

Start Date:	End Date:	Venue	Location	Stewards	Restrictions	Type	Sanitation	Training	
			FEBRUARY						
Sat 6 Feb		Committee Meeting	Worcester	Colin Knight	Committee Meeting only	Colin's House			
				MARCH					
Wed 23 Mar	Mon 28 Mar	COBNOR Easter Weekend	Chichester	Tim & Trish Hewitt	No Boards, Catamarans or Boats over 16'. Harbour, Tidal		3	N	
				APRIL					
Fri 15 April	Sun 17 April	Millennium Centre,	Dunham, Notts	Diana & Colin Knight	AGM Saturday	Stewards Seminar Saturday	2	N	
Th 21 April	Tue 26 April	PAXTON LAKES	Cambs	Beric & Pauline Thrupp	No Engines - No Catamarans	Small sailing craft and canoes. Sailing Club	2	Y	
				MAY					
Th 19 May	Tue 24 May	BEWL WATER	Kent	Richard Goring		Sailing Club	2	Y	
Fri 27 May	Sun 5 June	THS RUTLAND WATER	East Midlands	Steward Needed	No Canoes or engines	Campsite by Sailing Club, Large Reservoir	3	Y	
Sat 28 May	Sat 4 June	THS SAUNDERS-FOOT South Wales	South Pems	Kevin & Sue Hilton	Small craft can launch over shingle/sand beach	Sheltered Coastal / Commercial Site/ Electric Hookups	1	N	
Sat 28 May	Sat 4 June	THS PARROG	S Wales	Tim & Trish Hewitt		Coastal / Slipway	2	N	

1. Full Facilities – Commercial Site or Similar	2. Own facilities desirable	3. Own Facilities essential
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Start Date:	End Date:	Venue	Location	Stewards	Restrictions	Type	Sanitation	Training
				JUNE				
Fri 17 June	Sun 19 June	COBNOR	Chichester	Martyn & Ann Holder	Harbour, Tidal. No Catamarans Sailboards or boats over 16'		3	N
Fri 17 June	Sun 19 June	DORCHESTER SC	Oxon	Mike & Lynn Wooldridge	No Multi hulls or engines	Sailing Club	2	Y
				JULY				
Fri 1 July	Sun 3 July	BARTON TURF	Norfolk Broads	Steward Needed	Broads Licence Required	Outdoor activity centre off Barton Broad.	2	Y
Th 21? July	Tu 26? July	PAXTON LAKES	Cambs	Pauline & Beric Thrupp	No Engines	Sailing Club	2	Y
Sat 23 July	Sat 6 th Aug	THS BALA	Wales	Lindsay & Nick Nightingale	Tents only. No Engines	Large Lake	2	N
Sat 30 July	Sun 7 Aug	THS BARTON TURF	Norfolk Broads	Di Smith	Broads Licence Required	Outdoor Activity Centre off Barton Broad.	2	Y

1. Full Facilities – Commercial Site or Similar

2. Own facilities desirable

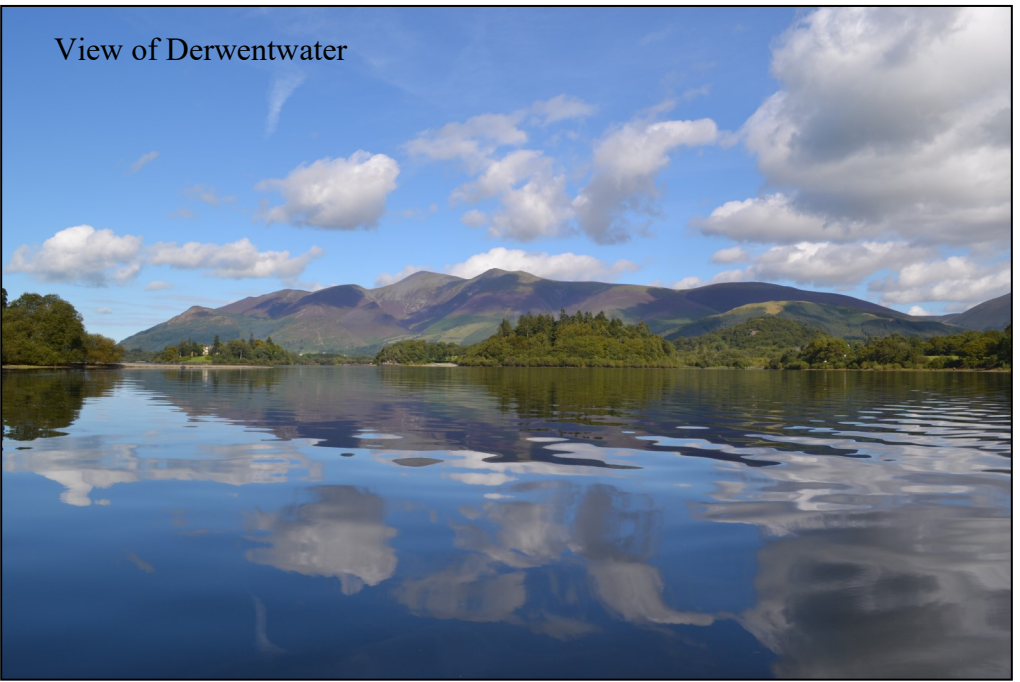
3. Own Facilities essential



Meet log 2016

Start Date:	End Date:	Venue	Location	Stewards	Restrictions	Type	Sanitation	Training
				AUGUST				
Sat 6 Aug	Sat 20 Aug	THS BEWL WATER	Kent	Richard Goring	No Engines	Sailing Club	2	Y
Sat 6 Aug	Sat 20 Aug	THS PARROG	S Wales	Steward Needed	Tidal		2	N
Sat 20 Aug	Tues 30 Aug	THS WEYMOUTH	Dorset	Steward needed	Boating in Portland Harbour, 5 mins drive from site additional charge. Canoes can launch from small local cove free of charge (walking distance)		2	Y
Fri 26 Aug	Mon 29 Aug	NFoL, Malvern Show-ground		Margaret Thompson & John Bolton	No Boating	MAJOR CLUB EVENT	3	N
				SEPTEMBER				
Th 1 Sept	Tu 6 Sept	RUTLAND WATER	E Midlands	Steward Needed	No Canoes. Campsite adjacent to Sailing Club Large Reservoir		3	Y
Fri ? Sept	Sun ? Sept	COBNOR	Chichester	Tim & Trish Hewitt	Harbour, Tidal. No Catamarans Sailboards or boats over 16'		3	N
Th 8 Sept	Th 15 Sept	THS KESWICK	Lake District	Margaret Thompson	Canoes and small dinghies	Club Site launching from site	1	N
				OCTOBER				
Fri 7th Oct	Sun 9 Oct	Wolverley CCC Site	W Mids	Bookings to Tracy McLaughlin	Committee meeting on Sat	Canoeing with BCU or EA licence	1	N
1. Full Facilities – Commercial Site or Similar			2. Own facilities desirable		3. Own Facilities essential			
STEWARD REQUIRED . CAN YOU HELP? If so please contact Beryl Ireland or Maggie Poulson ASAP, otherwise this event may have to be cancelled								

View of Derwentwater



Many thanks to Alvin Barber for the fantastic photos of Keswick.

Many of us visited the Boatyard & had a 'cream tea' —a meal in itself!!!!



STEWARD'S CONTACT DETAILS

For other meet contacts see Committee pages

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Thompson, Margaret and John Bolton,	margaret.thompson@gmail.com	...01142 301623 07782 209189
	or (johnbolton265@googlemail.com)	
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**AGM of Boating Group to be held on
Sat 16 April at Dunham on Trent,
Notices of motions & nominations for committee must be
sent to Hon Sec Nigel Delbarre**

4 Rylstone Way, Saffron Walden, Essex CB11 3BS

nigel.delbarre@ntlworld.com

by 31st March 2016

SHORT MEETS 2016

Cobnor

Wed 23rd — Mon 28th April: (M 6616 / 2016)

Fri 17th June— Sun 19th June: (M /2016

Fri ?th— Sun ?th Sept; (M / 2016)

Map ref: 197/791024

Postcode: PO18 8TE

Cobnor is a minimum facility site for all units and your own sanitation is essential. There are good launching facilities for boats up to 16' into Chichester Harbour. But regrettably no boats larger than this, multihulls or windsurfers are allowed to launch. Chichester Harbour offers some great sailing, canoeing or small craft under engine with locations such as Dell Quay or Bosham being ideal destinations. There are also a variety of picnic destinations for expeditions out. Lovely walks from the site and also great country lanes for quiet bike rides.

To find the site, turn off the A27 on to the A259, turn left into Chidham Lane, almost opposite the Bosham (Beefeater) just *before* Nutbourne, if travelling west. If travelling East, it's just after ,at the end of Chidham Lane (1.2M) turn left into a private road marked **Cobnor Farm and House**. The site is through the farmyard past Gerald Daniel and Cobnor Activity Centre, then 50 yards on the right.

Booking not essential but phone call or e-mail to stewards would be appreciated.

**Cost £6.50 p / adult £3.50 / child p/n Harbour Fees to pay
Tim and Trish Hewitt (April & Sept) - Martyn & Ann Holder (June)**

Millenium Centre (Village Hall), Dunham (AGM Sat 16th April 2.30pm)

Fri 15th —Sun 17th April (App Code M9506 / 2016)

Postcode: NG22 0TY (Grid reference Map 121 /SK 812747)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Camping is on the field behind the hall , this is a minimum facilities site, although we have the use of the Hall during the day. Pets are permitted (but please keep them under control and clear up any mess

The AGM will take place in the Millennium Centre on Saturday 16th April at 14.30, and will be followed by a Members Meeting and Open Forum; an opportunity for you to discuss your thoughts as to how the group is progressing. After this at 19.00 we will be having an American Supper (bring along some food for your unit which will be pooled and shared by all)

Bookings essential , but it can be any time up to Thursday evening.

Day visitors welcome for the AGM and evening supper.

Cost £6.50 pun grass no electric.....Launching fees N/A

Stewards : Diana & Colin Knight

SHORT MEETS 2016

Paxton Lakes

Thurs 21 – Tues 26 April (M / 2016)
Thu 21th — Tues 26th July (M /2016)

Map ref: 153/191636

Postcode: none

The Boating Group are holding two meets at Paxton for 2014. Both meets are for full 5 days, opening at **1:00PM** and closing at **1:00PM** on the last day. You are welcome to attend for all or any of these days. Sailing is on a small lake with two islands to add interest. No motors allowed, or catamarans. The site is set in attractive countryside suitable for dog walking and cycling. In April, the nightingales singing are a special treat. There are toilets and showers available but own sanitation is recommended (green chemicals).

Site is set in a nature reserve and this is a reasonable cycling area. Dogs are allowed but please keep on leads on site.

Sorry there is no postcode and site is off a private road which may not appear on satnavs.

Training can be arranged with the Sailing Club for sail or power boating. The club has won the Honda RYA Youth Rib Challenge four times in recent years.

Bookings are Essential; for further information, please contact the Stewards.

Cost approx £ 12 pupn

Launching fee included

Beric and Pauline Thrupp

BOOKING ESSENTIAL



SHORT MEETS 2016

Bewl Water Country Park

Thursday 19th May— Tuesday 24 May
Map ref: 188/677338 Post Code TN3 8JH

(M / 2016
Booking Essential



Bewl Water is set in a country park with a 13 mile cycle/footpath round the reservoir which is the largest in South East England with multiple attractions for all ages on site and near-by. Bewl Water Country Park:

www.bewlwater.co.uk

There are grassy banks around the reservoir, some accessible by foot or cycle and one by vehicle, to stop for a picnic or walk to a nearby pub. The campsite is spacious although the field is sloping but attractively situated with a view of the lake. The nearest large town is Tunbridge Wells and picturesque and historic Kent including Scotney Castle (National Trust) on the doorstep, '1066 Country' (Hastings) and the Bluebell Railway are also not far away. Own facilities are recommended although the sailing centre changing rooms, showers and toilets are open during the day.

Sail Training can be made available from the Kent County Council Outdoor Centre adjacent to the site. Slipway (with pontoon) launching for sailing boats up to 6 m and beach launching for canoes/kayaks and windsurfers.

KCC Outdoor centre: www.bewlwater.org.

For further information, please contact the Steward;

Cost £15 pupn Launching fee £10 per day if / when req'd.

Stewards Richard and Sally Goring

SHORT MEETS 2016

Dorchester Sailing Club

2pm Friday 17th June 2016 – 3pm Sunday 19th June.

(App Code M /2016) Post code: OX10 7LP

Map ref: Oxford. Sheet 164 / 570954

Booking Essential

Camping & Sailing for a weekend on Dorchester sailing clubs 40 acre picturesque Lagoon, leisure sailing on the Saturday with the club safety boat on stand by & friendly racing on Sunday for those interested in proving their skills! Temporary membership is included with the camping fee's so you have the use of changing rooms & showers. With the village of Dorchester on Thames a short walk down the road & Oxford a 20 minute drive away, this is an ideal location for all. Own facilities advisable as club house will be locked at night. Quiz with Tea, Coffee & cakes planned for Saturday evening.

No power hook up available. Max boat length 16 foot, mono hulls only, no engines.

Cost **£24** for weekend.

Stewards: Mike & Lynn Woodridge, Duncan & Kim Mc Laughlin.

For bookings & full details: Tel. Mike on 01344 422028 evenings or email mike.o.wooldridge@gmail.com

STEWARDS REQUIRED

We seek them here, we seek them there
DO YOU know anyone who would like to:-
volunteer to join our committee??

If so, contact your committee, they could even arrange for you to sit in on a committee meeting to find out what is involved.

or steward a meet???

If so contact Beryl Ireland or Maggie Poulson, Meet Management have put together a handbook and spreadsheet to take care of all the hard work.

SHORT MEETS 2016

Barton Turf

(App Code M /2016) Map ref: 152/881503 Postcode: NR12 8AZ
1st - 3rd July 2016

This is a local authority sail training establishment. The site consist of a number of small, gently sloping fields, enclosed by hedges. There is a school room with kitchen and shower/ toilet blocks, several workshops for boats etc and a large fleet of boats. It also includes 13 acres of wetland between the site and the edge of the broad. which is a Nature Reserve with wide variety of wildlife. There is a hard track (less than 100 yds) down one side of the site along the edge of the staithe to a good well maintained slip into the water. Beside the slip there is ample decking to moor a fleet of boats, so you can sail without getting your feet wet..

Barton Turf is an original cargo staithe served by a wide (30-40ft) inlet from the broad. The campsite is one side of this inlet and a commercial boat yard the other. At the mouth of the inlet is a small island, with sailing in either direction. Once out on the broad there is plenty of interesting sailing in either direction.

The cost of camping will be in the region of
£26 per unit,+ £1 per day launching fee.

In addition a Broads licence is required which needs to be obtained from Wroxham.

More Information from the steward

Bookings Essential,

We only have a limited number of pitches,

Bookings to Maggie Poulson

Steward Required



Some of the Boating Group members of
Working Party at 2015 NFoL



B G Pennon at NFoL
closing ceremony

SHORT MEETS 2016

NFoL

Worcester Show Ground, Malvern

Booking Essential

Fri 28th Aug — Sun 30th Aug (but it is possible to extend this for an extra day before & after)

There's plenty of additional free entertainment throughout the week for all to enjoy – from live music to dog shows, NFoL has something for everyone! We looking forward to celebrating with you in 2016.

Please see article in January's C & C Club magazine for more details.

Also see NFoL 2016- website....For booking & further details contact the stewards.

The theme in 2016 is 'Come to the Movies'.

Cost not known at present time. –See NFoL website for latest information.

All entertainment is included.

No water activities .

Booking form available from C & CC Magazine in February/ March

But PLEASE send to BG stewards if you wish to camp with us —& I hope you do.–

Stewards : Margaret Thompson & John Bolton





Setting up displays before it gets dark.



The Boating Group



A treasurer urgently

Rutland Water

Thurs 1st Sept — Tues 6th Sept
Map ref: 141/922054

Postcode:LE15 8HJ

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

This is one of the best sailing venues in the country. Boats can be left in the Club's grounds, which are locked at night. Training is available with Rutland Sailing Club by prior arrangement. Local attractions include the market towns of Oakham and Stamford.

A great area for cycling and walking with a path around the reservoir. This is a minimum facility site with only a cesspit, water and skips.

Canoes and kayaks are not allowed on the reservoir but electric motors are allowed on sailing boats.

Cost approx £ 8.50 pupn

Launching fee applicable

Steward: Carol & John Goddard

SHORT MEETS 2016

Wolverley (App Code HS /2016)

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th October.

Postcode DY10 3PX

Map Ref

This meet will be held at the Club site at Wolverley (subject to confirmation from the Club). The Staffordshire & Worcestershire Canal runs near the back gate of the site - BCU membership or a Canal and River Trust licence required. There is plenty to do in the area with walking and a variety of attractions including the Severn Valley Railway, Black Country Museum and Merryhill shopping Centre not far away. The Boating Group Committee meeting will also be held on site on Saturday.

**Bookings to Tracy Mclaughlin required
before 24th September.**

Steward required.

Fees will vary according to pitch type etc but likely to be a max of £30 for the weekend



THS MEETS 2016

Rutland Water

Fri 27th May — Sun 5th June

Map ref: 141/922054

Postcode:LE15 8HJ

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

This is one of the best sailing venues in the country. Boats can be left in the Club's grounds, which are locked at night. Training is available with Rutland Sailing Club by prior arrangement. Local attractions include the market towns of Oakham and Stamford.

A great area for cycling and walking with a path around the reservoir. This is a minimum facility site with only a cesspit, water and skips.

Canoes and kayaks are not allowed on the reservoir but electric motors are allowed on sailing boats.

Cost approx £ 8 . 50 pupn

Launching fee applicable

Steward: Carol & John Goddard

THS Saundersfoot

(App Code HS9506 / 2016)

Sat 28th May - Sat 4th June

Map Ref: 158/147670: Postcode: SA69 9AU

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

A great site, right beside the beach, easy walk into

Saundersfoot village. The Pembroke-shire long distance footpath runs past the site gate. Beautiful area for boating, walking or touring and generally having a great time. Launching from the beach (shingle and sand) or

larger boats can be launched from the slipway in the village. A commercial site with full facilities, including showers, toilets, launderette, shop and pub.

Full programme of social events provided throughout the week. A limited number of pitches so book early.

Cost £105 pupw

No launching fees

Stewards: Kevin & Sue Hilton

THS MEETS 2016

Parrog,

Newport, Pembrokeshire

Sat 28th May—Sat 4th June (App Code **HS977 / 2016**)

Sat 6st - Sat 20th August (App Code **HS /2016**)

Map Ref:145/050397

Postcode: SA42 0RW

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

This popular coastal site welcomes all units and is an excellent area for all types of water sports. Launching is easy at most states of the tide and the boat park is next to the slipway and the beach. Fine dinghy sailing can be enjoyed in the sheltered waters of Newport Bay and also on the estuary at high tide. Both river and sea canoeing can be indulged as can windsurfing either on the estuary at high tide or across the estuary off Newport sands for the more experienced.

The site is a small family owned commercial one, popular with coastal path walkers, with toilets and shower facilities and café, but unfortunately no hook-ups. There will be a social tent and dogs are allowed. Newport is just 10 minutes walk away, with a bank, Post office, several restaurants, small shops and pubs.

No launching fees commercial website <http://Newport-pembs.co.uk/cmb>

May £151 pupw, Tim & Trish Hewitt

August £24 pupn / £168 pupw Steward required.

To book for August contact Maggie Poulson

Bala North Wales (App Code **HS 985 / 2016**)

Sat 23rd July – Sat 6th August

Map Ref.:125/906324

The site is a basic site for tents / trailer tents only. A good toilet and shower block is available in the adjacent camping field but many people find their own facilities more convenient. The nearest shops are at Bala. Situated on the shores of the lake, the venue provides excellent sailing, windsurfing, canoeing, and fishing, and is also an excellent base for hill walking. Dinghies can be left on the lakeshore adjacent to the field, where there is an easy sloping launch into the water. Powerboats are not allowed on the lake. For those that wish, there will be a varied programme of social activities for adults and children, including suppers, quizzes, walks and model boat competition.

For further information, please contact the Steward;

Cost £ 170 pupw

Lindsay & Nick Nightingale

Launching fees £ ?

THS MEETS 2016

Bala at dusk



Barton Turf Sat 30th July– Sun 7th August
(App Code HS1000 / 2016)

Map Ref: 134/TG339217 Postcode:NR12 8AZ

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

This is a local authority sail training establishment. The site consist of a number of small, gently sloping fields, enclosed by hedges. There is a school room with kitchen and shower/ toilet blocks, several workshops for boats etc and a large fleet of boats. It also includes 13 acres of wetland between the site and the edge of the broad. which is a Nature Reserve with wide variety of wildlife. There is a hard track (less than 100 yds) down one side of the site along the edge of the staithe to a good well maintained slip into the water. Beside the slip there is ample decking to moor a fleet of boats, so you can sail without getting your feet wet.. There is a possibility of boat hire and sail training - details on request.

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In addition a Broads licence is required which can be obtained from the centre at a reduced rate.

Cost £ 15 pupn
Steward: Di Smith

Launching fees £ 1 per day

THS MEETS 2016

Bewl Water

Sat 6 to Sat 20 Aug 2016. (/2016) Map ref: 188/677338 Post Code TN3 8JH
Booking Essential

For full site description see the short meet entry on page 18.

Bewl Water is a 700 acre reservoir set in a country park with multiple attractions for all ages on site and nearby. Sail Training can be made available from the Kent County Council Outdoor Centre adjacent to the site.



Participants will be welcome to contribute to a programme of social events and light refreshments. Own facilities are recommended though the clubhouse is open during the day. Sail craft and windsurfers only please.

KCC Outdoor centre: www.bewlwater.org,
Bewl Water Country Park: www.bewlwater.co.uk

Cost £ 15 pupn,
Launching fee £10 per day if /when required.
For further information & booking please contact the stewards.

Richard and Sally Goring



THS MEETS 2016

Weymouth, All Saints School. Wyke Regis

Mon 20 Aug — Tues 30th Aug (Apps Code /2016)

MR 194/666775

Postcode DT4 9BJ

The Group camp in the grounds of All Saints School, Sunnyside Road, just off the Portland Road. This a nice flat site with far reaching views across Portland Harbour. Weymouth town & main beaches are a short bus ride or a 15 minute drive away, or around 40 minutes walk with views along the cliff tops. There is usually a fireworks display in the bay. Shops etc and bus stop 5 mins walk. Boating activities take place a 5 mins drive from site with launching from a sand and shingle beach. Great for sailing, sailboarding or canoeing in Portland harbour, home of the 2012 Olympics. Varied social program. Breathable ground sheets only. No dogs. Toilets and showers are available at school although you may prefer to use own facilities..

Fee £13 pupn,

Advance bookings required

Stewards: required.

Bookings to Maggie Poulson



THS MEETS 2016

Derwentwater Keswick CC Club Site

Thurs 8- Thurs 15 Sept

(Apps Code HS3578 / 2016)

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Map Ref 89/258234

Postcode

CA12 5EP The Boating Group have arranged a THS at this very popular Club site making a great autumn break. The site has excellent facilities as you would expect from a Club Site. There are a limited number of pitches available, all with hard-standing and electric hook up. Launching of canoes and small dinghies is possible direct from the site into Derwent Water (a small daily launching fee is charged). It may be possible to launch larger boats from nearby marinas or hire a mooring.

The site is a short easy walk to a large supermarket and the centre of Keswick, from here there are frequent bus services to many other areas of the lakes. Keswick has banks, specialist outdoor shops, outdoor market, many eateries and other shops. There are a number of National Trust properties in the area. The area is also great for walks, several of which are available direct from the site. The hop on hop off ferry also runs round Derwent Water so this makes for a great day out. All in all this makes a particularly good THS for motor caravans. Site requirements are only one vehicle per unit per pitch, pitch sizes are strictly enforced Advance booking required. This THS is always popular so get your booking forms off now.

Cost £91 per week £13 per night (Less than 2015!) Launching fees see YBS .

Steward: Margaret Thompson



YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR 2016 PROGRAMME

This is the time of year your Committee plan the Programme for 2016. Without your help in volunteering as a Steward a number of our favourite events may not be able to go ahead in 2016. **So go on get in touch with your committee and put your name forward NOW.** It is not hard work, can be a lot of fun and could mean your favourite location continues. Interested in helping with any of the following?:

AGM weekend in Lincolnshire , Rutland Water
Barton Turf weekend , Parrog THS in August
Wolverley Club Site in October..... Weymouth.

To volunteer or find out more about what is involved contact any member of the Meets Management Committee

Sue sailing her canoe at Keswick



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The advert will be inserted for one issue, but may be repeated (space permitting) if you notify the editor before the next copy deadline. Please quote your CCC/BG membership number with all adverts.

NB: *Unless instructed otherwise, adverts will also appear on our Web Site with just Christian name and an e-mail address. If you do not have an email address, all contact will be via the Editor*

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Next meeting of the Boating Group Council

Saturday 6th February 2016 at Colin's house in Worcester at 10.30 am. NOTE REVISED DATE

We need new committee members –if you think you may be interested please contact any member of the committee.

URGENT

We desperately need a new treasurer –Phil Barber will be finishing at Christmas—we need to find someone IMMEDIATELY—so that they could ‘shadow’ Phil for a few months before taking office.

Without a treasurer the Boating Group will have to close at the AGM

There are other members of the committee who have been treasurer before so there would be plenty of help available.

Please contact Colin Knight if you would like to join us.

We are a very friendly bunch.



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