

Ski News April 2016

Well it certainly was changeable weather this Easter to start the season. The rafts at Tregonce and Old Town Cove had been put in place, in preparation for those wishing to brave the still rather chilly waters (9° C).

Good Friday was beautiful and sunny and although the water was quite rough by the Club, the south westerly wind provided some lovely calm water over the other side of the estuary, especially later in the afternoon on the higher tide at Old Town Cove. Apart from numb fingers and icy forehead it was very enjoyable!

The weather deteriorated over the Easter weekend but between the heavy downpours, there were some glimpses of sun and, if prepared to get wet from spray while negotiating the choppy water getting out there, again, the other side was skiable.

Those venturing out on the water will have possibly noticed the plastic raft at Cant has not survived the winter winds and is in two parts. It is obviously out of action and will be recovered soon for repair. **Anybody who can help with a working party to dismantle the damaged parts and rebuild it ready for being returned into service would be greatly appreciated. Let us know if you are able to help and we will contact you when the raft is back at the club so that we can get it back out ASAP.**

Remember, this year you will need to **collect your Ski numbers from the Club Bar**. If your form was filled in correctly and the owner or named driver has the SBD2 /A then collecting them will be straight forward. However if there is something that needs to be checked or signed, it may take a little longer so please bear with the person giving them out. Your numbers will have been allocated in readiness if the yellow form (or a separate letter) was sent in by the end of January otherwise numbers will be 100 +.

Charlie at the Ski School is getting well organised with 'full' and 'top up' ski boat driver's courses so that everyone who needs to, will have the correct qualifications for driving in the ski area this year. Courses run as a group are more fun and can reduce the cost a little. Don't forget to mention you are a Club member.

For those new to power boating, the RYA powerboat level 2 is a great start and provides the boat handling skills needed for gaining the SBD2 (Ski Boat Driver Level 2) later on.

We are hoping to keep Club skiers up to date with any happenings throughout the season this year so please check the web regularly, there could be something of interest to you.

Also check out the Club notice boards, and Facebook page for info. The Padstow webcams are good and CSS are about to install one as well.

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