

Tamar Canoe Association

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NEWSLETTER



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EVERYONE'S INVITED TO

Tamar Canoe Association's Annual General Meeting
On 10th April 2006 at 7.30pm at Tideford British Legion Hall

Tideford British Legion hall is located a short distance off the Saltash to Liskeard road. Coming from Saltash if you turn right in Tideford by the Bare Necessities Post Office you will find the hall in about 100 metres on your right small parking area in front of hall but big car park beside. Light refreshments will be available.

We look forward to seeing you on the night!

Committee members required if any of you are interested in joining the committee please contact Chris we are particularly interested in anyone that would like to become Chairman or Newsletter editor. Many other Officers have been in post a long time and would like a break so please come forward and help take your club forward.

A big Thank you to Chris and the other retiring officers your efforts are very much appreciated, the club would not be what it is today without the contributions from people like yourselves.

Club Nights 6.45p.m. At Saltash Slipway.

If there are any budding Sergeant majors out there that would like to help get club nights off to a smooth start please make yourselves known to Allen.

Please check the notice board each week to see what is on offer that night and see if there are any late news.

Start dates.

6 th April	Coaches + 3 Star
20 th April	2 Star and above
27 th April	As normal

Please let Coaches reach the Boatsheds before bombarding them with questions doing so will help the evening run more smoothly.

Coaching

The club is hoping to run a Level 2 Coach Training Course this Summer if you are interested you need to speak to Peter asap so that any pre requisites can be quickly acquired

- ❑ min 3 Star
- ❑ You need to be over 16
- ❑ canoe safety test.
- ❑ a valid first Aid certificate

We also hope to run a Level 1 Coach training course in the Autumn subject to interest.

Duke Of Edinburgh Award

Are you up for a challenge?

Nearing your 14th birthday or under 25?

Then the Duke of Edinburgh's Award could be for you!

The TCA successfully registered itself to run the award last year and is looking to add to those already working towards their awards. The award can be purely based on things to do with the canoe club if you wish or it can include any other activities that you are involved with.

At Bronze level, the award is split into 4 sections:- Service, Skills, Physical and Recreation. Each of this need to be undertaken for 3 months with one being followed for 6 months. There is also an expedition to consist of a 2 day trip with an overnight camp which can be walking or canoe/kayaking.

One possible path to gaining the award could be helping out with club activities, gaining the next star test up, another hobby e.g. playing music, football, cricket or photography and by training for and undertaking the expedition. Silver and Gold awards work along the same lines. The **cadet leader** award could be undertaken for your service section.

If you want to know more speak to Peter or visit www.theaward.org

Left out or unable to qualify for the D of E award above? If you want something more besides the BCU Star Tests then there is 'Paddlepower' for the younger members and 'Coach Training' or 'Community Sports Leader' awards for the not so young.

For Sale

Liquid Logic Vission 44

Riot Turbo 47

Reasonable offers considered contact Adrian on 01503 264468

Bidarker Sea Kayak.....£400

Huntsman Sea Kayak£400

Knordcap sea Kayak£600

Reflex £150

If interested in any of the above contact Peter or Steve

Camping

if you are interested in a trip to the **river Wye** for the second May Bank holiday or have a better suggestion please let Peter know if there is sufficient interest we will arrange a trip.

Isles of Scilly there is a possibility of a trip Sea Kayaking at the end of August as a group of interested friends not an officially lead club trip if you would like to know more please contact Peter.

Email

To save money and to be more environmentally friendly, future issues of this newsletter will be distributed primarily in email form and be available for download from the club website. Please write you email address clearly on the Membership Forms, or send an email to peter.crago@totlise.co. If you are unable to receive email or access the Internet, quarterly newsletters will continue to be posted. Newsletters are issued quartly March, June, September and December, mini updates and newflashes will only be emailed, posted on the website or on the boathouse doors.

CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

As the white water season draws to a close, we start looking forward to warmer weather (hopefully), restarting club nights and surfing and summer trips. Thanks to Pete for again putting on a trip most Sundays over the winter and to all those who have helped out as organisers. Congratulations to John, Allen, Jamie and Ted for passing their Level 3 Coach in January. This should take the pressure off Pete as far as next year's white water trips are concerned, as he won't feel obliged to paddle come hell or high water or when feeling under the weather.

Pool sessions are also drawing to a close and have been popular with those who prefer their water a little warmer! Thanks to John Campbell for taking on the booking for the sessions and to all those who have assisted both in the pool and in the transportation of boats and equipment.

Our Christmas/New Year's meal at the Spaniards, Cargreen, was well attended and enjoyed by most participants, so we might go back there next year. Thanks to Bridget for organising things and coping with all the last minute (almost literally) bookings.

Details of the AGM are elsewhere in the Newsletter. Please come along and be involved in voting for next year's Committee. Most of the Committee members have held positions for several years and continue because nobody has been prepared to take over. New blood (not literally) and new ideas are welcome, so give a thought to getting involved - there are several positions which need filling as people have moved or changed jobs, in particular we need someone to take over the Newsletter, as Pete has ended up adding this to his responsibilities this year.

Arrangements for club nights are elsewhere in the Newsletter. A reminder that Membership subscriptions are due on 1st April (not a joke) and will probably go up at the AGM - so renew early and get this year's rates

Hope to see you at the AGM and on the water.

Chris

TCA Diary Dates

March	18/19 th	Canoe Exhibition NEC	Allen
	25 th	Junior & Women Surf development day need to book early	Simon
April	6 th	Club night Coaches + 3 stars	
	13 th	Club Night, Saltash - Coaches + 3 Stars	
	20 th	Club Night, Saltash - 2 Star and above	
	22 nd	Shoreline Surf handicap need to book early	Simon
	23 rd	Junior Surf development day need to book early	Simon
	27 th	Club Night, Saltash - As normal	
	28-30 th	Duke of Edinburgh 60 th Celebrations camp Cornwall	Peter
May	1 st	Bank holiday	
	4 th	Club Night	
	7 th	Tamar – Calstock circuit need to book early	Peter
	11 th	Club Night	
	14 th	Exe Circuit	
	18 th	Club Night	
	21 st	Introduction to surf junior	Allen
	25 th	Club Night	
	28 th	Hayle Sea race	Peter
29 th	Bank Holiday Mon		
June	1 st	Club Night	
	4 th	Junior & Women elite Surf Training	Simon
	4 th	Looe trip	Allen
	8 th	Club Night	
	15 th	Club Night	
	18 th	Introduction to surf adult	Allen
	22 nd	Club Night	
	29 th	Club Night	
July	2 nd	Bigbury paddle	Allen
	6 th	Club Night	
	13 th	Club Night	
	16 th	Introduction to surf junior	Allen
	20 th	Club Night	
	27 th	Club Night	
	30 th	Wadebridge	Allen
August	3 rd	Club Night	
	10 th	Club Night	
	13 th	Introduction to surf adult	Allen
	17 th	Club Night	
	24 th	Club Night	
	27 th	Looe paddle	Allen
	31 st	Club Night	
September	3 rd	TCA Junior surf handicap	Allen
	7 th	Club Night	
	10 th	Calstock to Saltash	Allen
	14 th	Club Night	
	17 th	TCA adult surf handicap	Allen
	21 st	Club Night	
	28 th	Club Night + End of season Barbeque	

Additional trips will be posted on boatshed doors and emailed / placed on website if time permits. Summer trips are open to anyone with one star or above. Additional restrictions are applied as necessary to cope with expected conditions on the day. If you are not sure if you are up to a particular trip please do not be afraid to ask as there may be the chance of gaining valuable experience in the club double so you are up to the trip another time, some trips have numbers limits. To book contact person who's name is against trip.

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