

Newsletter No.3 - 1st July 2005

Hello Members and Users of Westminster Boating Base

Welcome to the third edition of our e-mail newsletters which are released on a regular basis to keep you informed of developments and news at the Base.

We would welcome your feedback on whether you think this is a useful service and any suggestions you may have regarding its content. Please respond by e-mail or access the new Forum, details of which are given below.

Please feel free to forward this e-mail onto any friends or colleagues who may be interested in the Base in the coming year. They will have to send us an e-mail to register as recipients for the Newsletter:

Volunteers – We Need Your Help!

If you wish to become a WBB volunteer, we will help and advise you in gaining watersports teaching qualifications. An added bonus is that there is no charge/donation necessary for membership. It would be preferable if you had some prior experience but this is not a prerequisite.

In particular, this month we have lots of visiting groups booked in for kayak taster sessions on afternoons during the week and would welcome any assistance our more experienced kayak helpers could give us.

The dates, times and groups are...

Monday 4th July, 13.00 – 17.00, Hill House School.

Wednesday 6th July, 14.00 – 16.00, Chelsea College of Art.

Thursday 7th July, 14.00 – 16.00, Cardinal Hume Centre.

Sunday 10th July, 14.00 – 17.00, South West Fest Beginners Kayak Session

Thursday 14th July, 14.00 – 16.00, Cardinal Hume Centre.

Tuesday 19th July, 11.00 – 15.00, Oak Lodge School.

Wednesday 20th July, 11.00 – 15.00 Oak Lodge School.

Thursday 21st July, 14.00 – 16.00, Cardinal Hume Centre.

Please give one of the instructors a call if you think you can help or e-mail us at – enquiries@westminsterboatingbase.co.uk

Upriver paddle to Kew - Sunday July 3rd, 10.00 – 17.00.

Available to all (youth and adults) members and users with BCU 1 star as a minimum. All the usual kit is needed plus a packed lunch which will be taken in very pleasant surroundings close to Kew Gardens.

RYA youth training session - Sunday July 10th, 10.00 – 13.00.

A three hour sail training morning. Very good for those working towards their RYA level 1 & 2 certificates. Booking required.

Beginners Open Kayak Taster Session - Sunday July 10th 14.00 – 17.00

A three hour open kayak taster session for adult and youth beginners which is part of the South West Fest.

Help from our experienced kayakers would be gratefully received.

Singlehanded Thames Estuary sailing - Sunday July 17th, 10.00 – 17.00

Ever sailed a singlehander at WBB? Why not come with us to try sailing on the Thames further downriver where the distance between the banks is ten times that of Nine Elms Reach?

Available to youth and adults.

Numbers are strictly limited, so book your place ASAP.

Summer Project - Monday 25th July

The summer project starts on Monday 25th July with four days of visiting youth groups from all over London coming to try their hand at kayaking.

***These days are also open to all our regular youth member.
So why not come along and to 12.00 - 16.00 afternoon session
The normal evening sessions will remain unchanged throughout
the summer.***

Check the programme or visit the web site for full details of all the courses and trips that we're running throughout the summer. You'll need to book yourself on all these activities as numbers are limited, but hurry and make your mind up soon as places are running out fast!

Wye River Trip - 1st to 4th August

Please note there are now only 2 places left on this.

29th August to 2nd September – Youth Sailing Trip to the Lake District

This has proved to be a very popular trip as we have just a few places left. We are offering this trip (at the subsidised price of £95) to the Tower Wood Outdoor Education Centre on Lake Windermere. This is for full board and lodgings and includes travel. We need your confirmation and a deposit of £20 by the as soon as possible. For more information there is a short brochure for this trip available on the web site, give us a call or look at www.tower-wood.co.uk

**2005 Youth Membership Competitions - £50 of Watersports
Clothing/Equipment to be Won!**

Sami Diab was the winner of our June competition. He is now the proud owner of some seriously good kayaking equipment. Pictures of Sami and his kit will appear on the web site soon. Well done Sami!

July Competition

The competition is open to all youth members.

Please answer all three of the following questions (via e-mail please to enquiries@westminsterboatingbase.co.uk) to enter the draw:

1. Kevin Burke is our Chief Instructor. What is his middle name? It begins with M!
2. When was the Grosvenor Pier opened? (Note: this is the walkway at WBB which takes you onto the pontoon on the river)
3. How many concrete pillars support the Pavilion Room over the river at WBB?

The winner will receive £50 worth of watersports equipment of his or her choosing and will be picked from all correct entries received by end of Friday 29th July. The draw will take on the 1st August.

Youth Membership Form can be found on the web site under Downloads. Please remember a signature of your parent or legal guardian is still required before you bring the form in on your first visit.

You are also very welcome to pay your donation via the web site.

www.westminsterboatingbaseforum.co.uk

We now have a forum for all users to communicate with each other and with us about watersports and other matters of interest. There are links on the web site or you can go direct to it using the address above. It's already in use with some interesting themes already developing.

Donations

We now have the ability for your donations to the Charity to be made securely on-line via our web-site.

Student Discounts

If you are a mature student over 23 we are offering a discount on the season and annual memberships of 25%. Proof of attending a full time educational or vocational course is required.

Web Site

Further improvements to our web site in recent months and have plans to further refine it in the coming months. The web-site will be a key component in our plans to keep you up to date with activities and events but of course we are not forgetting the users who are still reliant upon the post.

For up to date information regarding all activities at the Base please look at "This week @ WBB".

<http://www.westminsterboatingbase.co.uk/>)

We are looking forward to seeing you all again over the next few weeks.

If you have any queries on any subject please give us a call or send an e-mail.

Regards

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