

STOKE GABRIEL BOATING ASSOCIATION

SGBA is a charity governed by its Constitution and the Charity Commission rules. It was founded in 1970.

It is members' organisation (with modest subscriptions) but we also seek to provide access to the water for local children who would not otherwise have boating opportunities.

We have 331 active memberships representing 925 individual members (adults and children)

Charitable objective:

“The object of the SGBA is the promotion of community participation in healthy recreation, in particular by the provision of facilities for participation in the sports of sailing, kayaking, canoeing, and rowing.”

The main activities undertaken in relation to charitable objectives during the last year were :

- ② delivering an extensive programme of on and off the water training courses, for members, as an RYA accredited training centre, 170 RYA certificates issued for passing accredited course in Junior and Adult Dinghy Sailing, Power Boat Helm, Safety Boat Helm, First Aid, Short Range VHF Radio, Dinghy Instructor and Assistant Instructor.
- ② running a weekly youth race training programme with participation at open events on the River Dart and in Torbay,
- ② providing a programme of events for members throughout the season: ‘Sunday Boating’ (communal boating in a supportive environment with safety cover), family boating picnics, kayaking trips, annual low tide sand bank ball games, and BBQs,
- ② enabling members to venture afloat in SGBA’s +50 craft (sailing boats, kayaks, rowing boat, and paddle boards) and their privately owned craft at club events and independently,
- ② providing safety boats (3) to support club events and training, as well as other events on the river
- ② providing land-side facilities at SGBA’s base at Mill Point, Stoke Gabriel: the clubhouse (changing rooms, training room, showers, toilets, kitchenette, storage space and workshop), outside and amenity space,
- ② taking part in the RYA grant funded ‘Together Programme’ introducing children to boating who would otherwise not have the opportunity to participate in boating, and
- ② maintaining a programme of winter talks on subjects of general boating interests and specific local issues.

SGBA’s focus in 2024 is to widen the appeal of SGBA with:

- ② additional courses (e.g. Advanced Dinghy sailing for Juniors, VHF Radio, Navigation, more adult beginner courses, and Power Boat level 1 specifically for young persons),
- ② continuing to support new and returning boaters through new members’ induction, instructor supported ‘sailing experience’ sessions in club sailing boats and supported social / confidence building kayaking expeditions on the river,
- ② a more flexible membership structure to accommodate more effectively increasingly diverse family groups and households,

- ☐ greater collaboration with other clubs with similar objectives to deliver courses for which there is demand but challenges in gathering enough participants in Devon & Cornwall to put on courses (e.g. Dinghy Instructors, women only beginners sailing), and
- ☐ the local primary school 'taster' session resuming having missed last year with the demand of the Together Programme.

SGBA owned fleet, which members can use at any time when they are not being used for courses:

- ☐ 36 Sailing Dinghies
- ☐ 2 larger sailing – day boats
- ☐ 2 rowing skiffs
- ☐ 4 stand-up paddleboards, standard size and 2 giant family size
- ☐ 3 Canadian Canoes
- ☐ 5 single and 3 double sit on top kayaks
- ☐ 2 sit-in kayaks

Total 54 craft

There are also 3 powered safety boats 2 of which are available for hire when not being used for training or events for which members must have received training and pay a fee to cover fuel and maintenance