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Please send material for consideration to:-

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## Pleas for HELP

**WORK PARTIES** will be required from time to time. The main way of letting people know what's going on is by way of the notice board. John Walker will be looking for volunteers every now and again.

**OPEN WEEK-END** this is the club's main event and is without doubt the biggest opportunity to raise funds. Andy & Kim (**Amalfi**) are co-ordinating the event this year and they want to have a more pro-active and inclusive feel to the proceedings. Although there are already some volunteers in place, I am sure that Andy & Kim would welcome early ideas and input from anyone who has a bright thought or two.

**CLUB NIGHTS** are often a great laugh and always entertaining. Please support your club by turning up and joining in. This is a good way to have a few bebies, catch up with friends old and new and from time to time, just be plain silly!

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## New Members Section

It hasn't been all that long since Stephanie and I were new members ourselves, not only were we new members at SYBC, we were new to boating as well.

I know that a lot of long established members will know all this stuff but, for new members it might be helpful to know where you can get to within a couple of hours.

Why not try a trip to Sykehouse down the New Junction Canal, you can moor a short way down the cut, just before the first lift bridge and wander to the Old George where you can get a good pint and a great Carvery Sunday Lunch from 12pm—6pm. Journey time is around 2 hours or so with only one lock and an aqueduct. Great one for a day trip with guests.



The George & Dragon at Pollington has re-opened its doors as a pub. There is no food on at the moment but I am told that there are plans to get this up and running soon. If anyone finds out, then please let us all know. This would be a good one for a half hour jaunt one evening.



JD Wetherspoon pub the City & County in Market Square.

If you want a longer trip with an overnight stop over the cruising on offer from Heck is very varied. You can visit Goole with its Boat Museum and dockyard. The Charity Shops too are pretty good I'm told and the town has a

On a sunny day, Stanley Ferry is a great destination too. You can moor close to the family friendly waterside pub where there are opportunities to set up a bank-side BBQ, sit back and watch the world go by. The journey is one of contrast as you use both canal and river courses.



## Immediate Past Commodore's Signal

The economy looks even more bleak than it did two years ago and we all seem to be feeling the pinch. Few people can say they haven't been affected, but we need to carry on supporting our club and maintain its superiority in the region.

I am proud of our club, what could be better than being around boats, in a lovely setting, with nice people and be able to socialise in our impressive club house? We get all this at a lower price than a BW (Canal and River Trust) linear mooring, which gives no security, no nice surroundings, no club house and no social life. Let's hope we continue to be successful. That's my last rant on the subject because this is my last signal, just make sure I don't get the opportunity to say I told you so.

I would like to give a big thank you for all your support over the last two years. We have had some amazing times, our social committee and entertainments department (which it seems to have become) have been working in overdrive and laid on some unforgettable events, and the people that didn't support us, that's your loss.

I am not going to bore you with a load of "thank-you's," as I could go on and on, but to all those I have mentioned in previous signals and my regular Saturday night announcements, you know who you are, so "well done."

There are two exceptions, I feel that a special mention should go to Norman and Sharon, so thanks for putting up with us at the weekends, the bar is run to a high standard and the reintroduction of food has been a great success and has greatly boosted footfall in the bar.

I wish good luck to Stephen and Caroline Evans who will be Commodore and Social Chair next year. I hope you enjoy yourselves as much as Joanne and I have over the past two years. I would like to say at this point, that Stephen and his committee and Caroline and hers are all volunteers and are not to be taken for granted or abused, it is their pleasure time and hobby as well as yours.

I hope you all have a happy and trouble free boating season and thank you for being there.



**Steven Loy. Commodore. Double Helix OUT!**

## In-Coming Commodore's Signal.

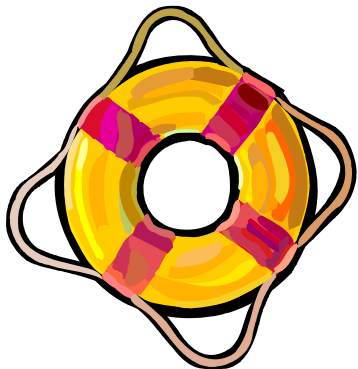
Welcome to my first signal as Commodore, - a position that I really feel honoured to be in. I look forward to the coming year and hope that this one may be the one that the weather will be kind to us all.

As I sit and write this report on Good Friday, I am looking out of the window at a still day, blue skies and most of all SUN. The kind of sun that is starting to show its springtime strength. I know that of all weekends this is the one where everyone is looking to get out and about and make the break from the long winter that we have endured.

Last year the club saw major improvements with the upgrading of the clubhouse electrics, the insulation of the cellar and the new coolers. The electric gates also seemed to have settled down. This year at first glance there doesn't seem to be any major outlay on the horizon but there will obviously be the normal day to day running of the club and basin. It is also envisaged that we may be able to improve the coverage of the WI Fi, something that a few years ago seemed unnecessary, but is now becoming part of normal life.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome the new committee and particularly Sam who has taken over the role as Treasurer. I hope you will give this band of volunteers your full support.

And finally, I would just like to say 'May the coming year bring you good boating, good weather and good memories'.



**Stephen Evans, Commodore.**

### "What time is it?"

A Canal & River Trust Warden was patrolling at night along the tow path. He sees a couple in a boat, with the lights on.. The warden carefully approaches the vessel to get a closer look. Then he sees a young man behind the wheel, reading a computer magazine. He immediately notices a young woman in the cabin, knitting. Puzzled by this surprising situation, the warden walks to the boat and gently raps on the cabin window.

The young man slides open the window "Uh, yes, officer?"

"What are you doing?"

"Well, isn't it obvious? I'm reading a magazine, sir "

Pointing towards the young woman in the cabin the officer says:

"And her, what is she doing?"

The young man shrugs: "Sir, I believe she's knitting a sweater."

Now, the cop is totally confused. A young couple. Alone, in a boat, at night in a quiet, romantic spot. And nothing obscene is happening!

"What's your age, young man?"

"I'm 25, sir."

"And her ... what's her age?"

The young man looks at his watch and replies:

"She'll be 18 in 11 minutes."

*Here's a guy with only seconds to live...*



"Did you name it after me,  
like you said you would?"



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### 2013 / 2014 MAIN COMMITTEE

|                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Stephen Evans</b> | <b>Commodore</b>      |
| <b>Andy Taylor</b>   | <b>Vice Commodore</b> |
| <b>John Walker</b>   | <b>Rear Commodore</b> |
| Brian Burgin         | Eric Pearson (Ellie)  |
| Phillip Gill         | Geoff Lee             |
| Jennifer Haley       | Peter Greenwood       |
| Jeff Arnold          | Sean Duggan           |
| Ron Sawyer           | Graham Moverley       |
| Michael Cauley       |                       |

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

|                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| Sam Williams – Chair | Jeff Arnold            |
| Stephen Evans        | Andy Taylor            |
| Eric Pearson (Ellie) | Joanne Loy (Secretary) |
| Phillip Gill         |                        |

### BAR COMMITTEE

|                      |             |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Phillip Gill – Chair | Geoff Lee   |
| Steve Loy            | Mick Cauley |

### BASIN COMMITTEE

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| John Walker - Chair        | Geoff Lee   |
| Stephen Evans              | Ron Sawyer  |
| Mick Cauley                | Terry Ideson (Ex Officio)                         |
| Peter Duckels (Ex Officio) | Eric Pearson (Grace Mary) Ex officio Grass cutter |
| Electrics                  |   |

### OPEN WEEKEND COMMITTEE

|                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Andrew Taylor(Chair) | Sam Williams   |
| Caroline Evans       | Jennifer Haley |
| (Social Chair)       |                |



## Other Committee Duties

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <u>Mooring Officer</u>                      | Eric Pearson (Ellie)                         |
| <u>Assistant Mooring Officer</u>            | Michael Cauley                               |
| <u>Slipway Officer</u>                      | Graham Moverley                              |
| <u>Assistant Slipway Officer</u>            | Peter Greenwood                              |
| <u>AWCC</u>                                 | David & Christine Hobson                     |
| <u>Basin Gen</u>                            | Simon Tibble & Kevin Hooson<br>(Ex Officios) |
| <u>Duty Rota</u>                            | Jennifer Haley                               |
| <u>Probationary Member Liaison</u>          | Eric Pearson & Mick Cauley                   |
| <u>Cruising – Inland</u>                    | Peter Greenwood & Phillip Gill               |
| <u>Entertainment</u>                        | Andy Taylor & Sean Duggan                    |
| <u>Collection of Electric Bills</u>         | Ron Sawyer                                   |
| <u>Children's Liaison</u>                   | Caroline Evans (Social Chair)                |
| <u>Security Officer</u>                     | Brian Burgin                                 |
| <u>B W Licence renewals</u>                 | Margaret Malpass & Jo Craven                 |
| <u>Boat insurance &amp; Licence Officer</u> | Jeff Arnold                                  |



**Arctic Corsair** was converted to Pelagic fishing in 1978 before being laid up in Hull's St Andrews Dock in 1981. In 1985 she was converted back to conventional fishing and made a record breaking return to trawling. However by 1988 she was laid up in dock once again. This wasn't the end for this gallant local ship though as a new life lay ahead

After lying idle in Hull for 5 more years she was purchased by Hull City Council in 1993 and is now moored on the River Hull as part of Hull's Museum Quarter. Volunteer guides, many with connections to the heyday of the fishing industry, run the ship on behalf of Hull City Council. One of this stalwart crew is none other than our own Peter-Greenwood who has **Tobermory** berthed in our basin

Visitors can view the original crew's quarters, the bridge and skipper's accommodation and the engine room. The fish hold has been converted into a substantial display into the work of the trawler and crew at sea, and life in the fishing community of Hessle Road.

Why not go and take a look at this important vessel and use your imagination to capture a bit of local fighting spirit. She is open to the public for tours on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00am to 4:30pm and again on Sundays from 1:30pm to 4:30pm

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## Tales of War and (Cod) Peace



Being a relative new comer to Yorkshire and the boating scene, it never ceases to amaze me that our local area has seen some pretty heavy action over the years. Not least in the Cod Wars of 1976.

The **Arctic Corsair** pictured above is the last surviving member of the once thriving fishing fleet based in Hull and is a Sidewinder Trawler. She fished mainly for Cod and Haddock during her "Deep Sea" days and often spent up to 24 days at sea. Built locally in Beverley and launched in 1960 by Cook, Welton and Gemmell she is a record breaker. In 1973 she landed the world record largest catch of Cod and Haddock from the White Sea.

The extension of Iceland's fishing limits to 200 miles in 1975 saw **Arctic Corsair** involved in the cod wars, during which she was rammed by an Icelandic gun boat. Hull's fleet of over 150 side-winders was hard hit by the loss of traditional fishing grounds and the fuel price increases of the early 1970's. A few of the more modern and efficient Stern Trawlers continued to fish out of Hull during the final years of the decline in Hull's deep sea fishing industry.

## The Meaning of Liff

By Douglas Adams and John Lloyd

*In Life\**, there are many hundreds of common experiences, feelings, situations and even objects which we all know and recognize, but for which no words exist.

On the other hand, the world is littered with thousands of spare words which spend their time doing nothing but loafing about on signposts pointing at places.

Our job, as we see it, is to get these words down off the signposts and into the mouths of babes and sucklings and so on, where they can start earning their keep in everyday conversation and make a more positive contribution to society.

\* and also in Liff

So here goes - some are local place names, some not. Some Scottish, Welsh, Irish and further afield for those of you that are well travelled....

### ARDSLOGNOSH (adj.)

Adjective which describes the behaviour of Sellotape when you are tired.

### BAUGHURST (n.)

That kind of large fierce ugly woman who owns a small fierce ugly dog.

### CROMARTLY (n.)

The brittle sludge which clings to the top of ketchup bottles and

### DUNTOSH (adj.)

### FULKONG (participial ob.)

Pretending not to be in when the carol-singers come round.

### GLENHOLLY (n. Scots)

A small tartan pouch worn beneath the kilt during the thistle-harvest.

### GRONSTEAD (n.)

The state of a lady's clothing after she has been to powder her nose and has hitched up her tights over her skirt at the back, thus exposing her bottom, and has walked out without noticing it.



## SYBC

### Life Vice Presidents and Life Members

At the club Dinner Dance on 2nd March 2013 a well kept secret was revealed to four very surprised club members who were made Life Members. Firstly, Dorothy and David Netherwood who joined the club in 1980 along with David and Christine Hobson who joined the club in 1986.

All four members have spent most of the years since joining SYBC in various positions and offices on both Main and Social Committees. Following the presentations to the new Life Members, David Netherwood was further honoured by the Club with a Life Vice Presidency. This award was in recognition of David's outstanding commitment to the club having held the office of Treasurer for no less than eleven years.

Over the years the following people have been recognised by SYBC for their contributions to club life and administration:

#### Life Vice Presidents

Antony Slater—Founder Member who joined the club in 1967

Shirley Sandom—Member since 1970

Morgan Edwards—Member since 1970

David Netherwood—Member since 1980

It is sad to note that the first two Life Vice Presidents, Alan Mann who joined the club in 1968 and Ken Brown who joined in 1970 have both now passed away

#### Life Members

Antony and Pat Slater

Morgan and Dorothy Edwards

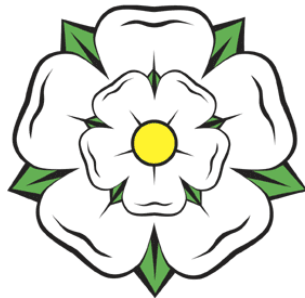
Ken and Shirley Sandom

Will and Kath Akeroyd

David and Dorothy Netherwood

David and Christine Hobson

It is interesting to note that all the medallions worn by the President, Flag Officers and Vice Presidents along with insignias worn by the Treasurer and Secretary were donated to the club by Roy Rich and Ken Sandom.



## THINGS BRITAIN GAVE THE WORLD

The Mariner's Compass (1187)

**The Slide Rule (1621)**

The Pressure Cooker (1679)

**Vasectomy (seventeenth century)**

The Machine Gun (1718)

**The Chronometer (1735)**

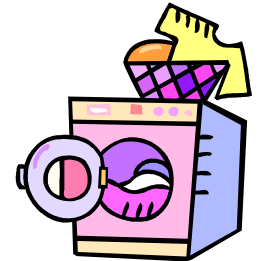


Modern Flush Toilet (1775)

**The Power Loom (1785)**

Clothes Washer and Dryer (1800s)

**The Electric Light (1878)**



## CONFIDENTIAL

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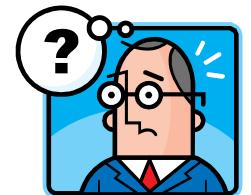


**PFO** - Pissed and Fell Over

**FLK, FLP** - Funny Looking Kid,  
Funny Looking Parents

**GOK** - Goodness Only Knows

**TMB** - Too Many Birthdays





## Editor's Bit

As most of you will know, David and Christine Hobson retired from editing Basin Gen earlier this year, so this is the first edition under a new Committee and new editorial team. It falls to me therefore to thank David and Christine for all their work and efforts in bringing Basin Gen to this point in the Club's history. Thank you both.



Basin Gen is the Club's printed window on the world. It is your magazine and as such should reflect the vibrancy and spirit of the club.

Those of us involved in producing this first edition hope you like the new format, and trust that it hasn't come as too much of a shock to the system!

We would like to retain "Jase and Ben" but for this we need your anecdotes and experiences. It hasn't been possible to put this feature in to this first publication because no one has told me any stories and they can't be made up, so it's all up to you...

If you have any favourite recipes, "Pets on Boats" pictures and stories, local history or cruising knowledge, please do let us know. I am sure your knowledge is more far reaching than mine and to be honest, I need all the help I can get at times!



Please do have a go at the Photography Competition. Your committee wants to have a more inclusive feel to the Open Week-end this year and this is the first initiative to come from Andy Taylor and his team. Please do your best to support the day, it is our major fund raiser and helps to keep mooring fees low. If you have any ideas, please let Andy or Kim (**Amalfi**) know. Preparations are already underway. There will be updates by notices and website, so please keep your eyes peeled.

Lastly, I would just like to say that I am looking forward to the job of producing this magazine and hope that you all enjoy it.

Feedback is always welcome on e-mail at [spbtibble@gmail.com](mailto:spbtibble@gmail.com)

## South Yorkshire Boat Club Photo Competition



This year sees the inaugural South Yorkshire Boat Club Photo Competition. This is an opportunity for everyone to get involved and have some "Artistic Fun" and add an extra dimension to the Open Week-end. To take pictures you can use your Phone, Zoom, Digi Camera, SLR, Box Brownie — anything... JUST HAVE A GO!



### Classes

Open to all members in two classes, one for adults and one for juniors up to age 16.

### Subjects

The subject matter should be boating related with scenes from canal and river side. Those who are "going coastal" why not record your voyage. You could include boats, dockside machinery, historical buildings, wildlife, river courses, weirs, locks, anything related to your club boating activity this season.

### Display and Judging

It is envisaged that there will be a display of the best pictures in the Club on Open Week-end

Judging and prize giving will be finalised at the Open Week-end with a special "visitor's choice award" given to the picture voted as Best on Display.

You can start taking pictures right away... Digital, or Film it doesn't matter, but it is the photographer's responsibility to get 8"x6" prints for judging to Simon Tibble on **Sherry Lady** or Andy Taylor on **Amalfi** by Saturday 31st August 2013. Please ensure that all pictures are carefully marked with a title, date taken, camera used and photographer's name and age. The judges will be looking for originality, artistic composition and imaginative use of subject matter. Consideration will also be given to the type of camera used.

Good Luck and **GOOD SHOOTING!**

Look out for updates in future Open Week-end communications.



# Simple Thai Noodle Soup



## Ingredients

- 1 good knob fresh root ginger peeled and roughly chopped
- 1-2 red chillies, seeds removed (optional), roughly chopped
- 1-2 stalks lemongrass, tough outer layers removed, roughly chopped
- 2-3 garlic cloves, peeled
- 1 handful fresh coriander, a few sprigs reserved and chopped
- a glug or two vegetable oil
- Coriander seeds
- 1-2 pinches ground turmeric
- small jug vegetable stock
- a couple of handfuls rice noodles
- 1 x 400ml/14fl oz can coconut milk
- 1 large handful raw, peeled tiger prawns (the shells and heads can be reserved for making stock in another recipe)
- a few splashes Thai fish sauce, to taste

## Preparation method

- Finely chop the ginger, chilli, lemongrass, garlic and coriander adding a little vegetable oil if the resulting paste is too dry.
- Add the paste you have made to a large shallow pan and cook for a few minutes to release the aromas, stirring frequently.
- Roughly crush some coriander seeds with a pestle and mortar and add to the paste with a pinch or two of turmeric and the vegetable stock and simmer for a few minutes.
- Meanwhile, pour some boiling water over the rice noodles in a bowl and let them sit until they have softened, about 4-5 minutes, then drain and set aside.
- To soften the heat of the sauce, add the coconut milk to the pan and bring back to the boil. Reduce the heat and simmer for a few minutes while you de-vein the prawns by cutting along the back of the prawn with a small sharp knife and removing the black 'thread' using the point of the knife. (or buy some ready prepared ones...) Add the prawns to the pan and cook for 2-3 minutes, or until pink and tender, finishing off with splashes of Thai fish sauce, to taste, and more chopped fresh coriander, to your taste.
- To serve, divide the drained noodles between two bowls and ladle over the aromatic soup with the prawns and serve straightaway. Chicken, scallops or mushrooms are a great alternative to the prawns.
- This would be great with some proper crusty bread and a glass of chilled white wine.

ENJOY!!!

