



## **WELCOME** to the first issue of our new style Newsletter

We have now completed our first full year and as always there's been a mixture of Highs and Lows. In the past year the Association spent too much time concentrating on berth holder's complaints rather than pursuing the social and far more enjoyable side of boating. This year that's all going to change, we plan to hold regular social events, monthly Newsletters and we've already got a website up and running and you will even find us on Facebook.

Of course to make all this happen we need your support - we want to hear from you, amusing anecdotes, practical tips and exciting or simply pleasurable sailing experiences.

Much has happened in the Docks in 2013 with pontoons replaced, security improved, trolleys, a much improved Marina Office etc.etc. and the Marina has enjoyed some exciting events - The Classic Boat Festival and the Round the World Clipper Race to name but two. We are sure 2014 will see many more new and interesting changes as well and we look forward to sharing them with you so don't forget to tell us and we will endeavour to put it in the Newsletter.

We hope you will like the new style SKDBHA but for us to succeed we need your help so make sure you come along to our social events meet other berth holders, both long and short term. Spread the word, tell everyone you know about SKDBHA and encourage them to join in. The more members we have the more fun and help we will all have.



### FEBRUARY SOCIAL EVENT



Tell your neighbour, tell your mum, tell your friends, tell your children Go ahead and TELL THE WORLD! We're having a

#### **SOCIAL EVENING**

SKDBHA is very happy to announce the first 2014 social get together.

Come and join us in **The SLUG & LETTUCE**

**THURSDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY @ 7.30 pm**

## *SKDBHA goes WWW !*

[www.skdbha.org.uk](http://www.skdbha.org.uk)

### USEFUL LINKS

[~SKDBHA WEBSITE](#)

[~SIGN UP AS A MEMBER](#)

[~CHECK THE WEATHER](#)

[~MEMBER DISCOUNTS](#)

[~LOCK TIMES](#)

[~FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK](#)

SKDBHA has launched its very own web site thanks to all the hard work of our new Co-Opted Committee Member Charlie Andersen (Citizen Kane).

It's packed with all sorts of information about the Association and the Docks generally. Take a look by clicking on the links (left) and let us know what you think and if there is anything you would like added.

We have also joined facebook so LIKE us and share your pictures and thoughts.

## *ABOUT THE ASSOCIATION*

The Association was formed in 2012 by a group of like minded boat owners to promote a local community of long term berth holders. The primary aim of the Association is to focus on promoting safe and enjoyable boating. You will have already seen in the details of our first Social Event, which we hope will become the first of many. We also want to build on the community spirit where we all help each other not only in practical ways but also in simple ways such as keeping an eye out for strangers on the pontoons or boats - any genuine visitors will not object to being asked - or loose mooring ropes on unattended boats. We also intend to form a closer relationship with the Marina Management and seek to help them in keeping the Docks looking good and be welcoming to visiting boats.

As you will also see in this newsletter we've been active in obtaining discounts from local shops and restaurants for Association members, all you have to do is show your membership card (up to 2 named membership cards per boat).

Membership only costs £15 per year per boat

## *WANT TO JOIN US*

Among the many benefits you get in becoming a member of SKDBHA are

Social Events, Discounts in many Local Restaurants, Contractors recommended by members,  
Regular News Letters

Cost for annual membership is just £15 and for Visitors £5 for 1 months membership

## *ALREADY A MEMBER*

Then now is the time to renew your membership

To join or renew please log on to <http://skdbha.org.uk/membership> and fill out the online form  
Or see one of the committee members

## ***Finally we want to hear from you***

Your suggestions for an event, comments about the Association, an idea to improve boating or just a picture or story that you would like to share. Just email them to [skdbha@dknz.net](mailto:skdbha@dknz.net) or post them to us on facebook [www.facebook.com/skdberthholdersassociation](http://www.facebook.com/skdberthholdersassociation)

### **HINTS AND TIPS**

We want to hear your hints and tips that make boating easier and more fun so please let us know what you've learnt that isn't in the text books.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

As every boat owner knows a good contact for an Electrician, Engineer, shipwright etc is sure to come in handy so please let us know who would you recommend?

### **Advance Notice**

The Annual General Meeting will be held during March (full details will be in the next newsletter)

If you would like to play an active part in the Association please contact the Hon.

Secretary by email to [roger@rogerfox.com](mailto:roger@rogerfox.com) or phone on 07973 327 485 for a Committee Election Form



### **St Katharine Docks Berth Holders Association**

#### **Committee**

Chairman	David Morris	Gwaihir
Treasurer	Julia Frazer	Watchmaker
Secretary	Roger Fox	Ambre
Members	Valerie Austin	Flamant Rose
	Charlie Andersen	Citizen Kane

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## LOYALTY SCHEME

Thank you to all the wonderful local business who have so kindly signed up to the SKD BHA loyalty scheme and a special thank you to the newly signed up businesses as well as those making their discounts to us even better

	<p><b>30% OFF</b> FOOD</p>		<p><b>25% OFF</b> FOOD &amp; DRINK <b>10% OFF</b></p>
	<p><b>25% OFF</b> FOOD</p>		<p><b>15% OFF</b> FOOD &amp; DRINK</p>
	<p><b>15% OFF</b> FOOD</p>		<p><b>10% OFF</b></p>
		<p><b>5% OFF</b> Dry Clean &amp; Wash</p>	

### GET READY FOR THE SEASON - SPECIAL SKD BHA MEMBERS OFFER

**GRPro-clean (Thames) Berth Holders Association Discount Package**

## GRPRO-CLEAN® THAMES

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We have been trading on the Thames from London to Oxford for the last 14 years and also cover most of the south and east coastal marinas.

Currently we are busy in St Katherine Docks providing a regular monthly wash-down service to a number of boats in the marina including bilge cleaning, internal valeting and full clean and polishing work and the cleaning, reproofing and repair of canopies and covers.

We are very keen to expand our services within the docks and for all enquiries made throughout January 2014 we will be offering a 15% discount to all members of the St Katherine Docks Berth Holders Association.

You can either give John a call on 07736 434234

or alternatively you can email us at [grpro-anthames@cleanthatboat.com](mailto:grpro-anthames@cleanthatboat.com)