



BCU Lifeguards

Newsletter

May 2007

A plea - it takes more than a hand full of committee members to keep BCU Lifeguards running, it needs everyone to pull their weight so please will you all do your bit and at least pass this newsletter onto as many people you know within the life guarding movement. Thank you from vice Chairman

Convention 2007 — Took place at Weymouth again, as in past years the weekend offered something for everyone from lifeguard training, lifeguards awards, radio courses, first aid and specialized topics. A new event was included this year “ an exercise” with local rescue units inc. the rescue helicopter. I understand that everybody enjoyed the exercise except one poor paddler who suffered from a little seasickness, (don't forget we would love your stories for the next newsletter). The venue for 2008 is yet to be agreed although Aberavon, South Wales is a possibility.

Torpedo floats - we now have our own BCU Lifeguard logo floats, these are available through our supplies dept at £45 each, contact Gavin Hollis 07876 351764 or supplies@bculifeguards.org.uk

Bursary - due to our rapidly dimensioning funds the committee at their last meeting have reluctantly withdrawn the facility to purchase rescue canoes through the bursary scheme. However should you have any projects that you believe would benefit Canoe Life guarding then why not apply for bursary assistance to help fund the project? See web site www.bculifeguards.org.uk

BCU/UKCC and Lifeguards - A working party is finalising award updates and new modules which should put our awards scheme in line with the new UKCC 's systems and terminology. Our Dave Wyatt is due to meet with Mike Devlin in the near future to progress this further.

Leaflets - we have now released our new flyer advertising the work of the BCU LIFEGUARD, bundles were given out to all units attending the convention, however should you require more please contact Dave Wyatt on 01473 415073 or chairman@bculifeguards.org.uk You will find a space on the reverse to put your own contact details so they can be a usefully advertising tool for the individual units as well.

New Members – due to the interest shown by members of Globe 360 and others from Hereford area we held a mini convention at Upton warren in April to assist in the training of new Lifeguards. I understand a great weekend was had by all with many passing CST and Assistant Lifeguard awards.

New unit - Globe 250 is a canoe club based in the Gloucester area and have now affiliated to BCU Lifeguards. As a starting hand BCU Lifeguards have donated 3 old sharks previously owned by GAFIRS and given to BCU Lifeguards. We look forward to seeing them develop. Their web site is www.globe360.org (worth a visit to see photos of their lifeguard training etc)

Championships 2007 - Bibblins Centre on the Wye, South Wales is the location for this year's event. Nigel Whitehead (NTO) is the organiser and shall be sending out full info packs etc in due course. The info will also be posted on our web site. And just to put everybody's mind at ease, this event will be on "moving water" not "white water".

Other Dates – **Next committee meeting 1st July** (*items for discussion to Phil Quinn – Eskimo@wyebother.org*)

Bournemouth regatta 8th July (*cover required for more info contact Squirrel- treerat@BCUlifeguards.freemove.co.uk or 01409 253495*)

Sherbourne Ironman 18/19th August (*training Saturday, race cover Sunday, more info contact squirrel*)

BCU Lifeguard Champs 15/16th September (*more info to follow, watch web site for update*)