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# On the wind ...

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## Spring opening hours - March

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### BHA Team:

Ken Oatley - Office  
Manager

Gordon Wight - Operations  
& Safety Manager

### Berthing Staff:

Sarah Simmonds  
Cameron Hudson

### Facilities:

Norman Forrest

## Diary Corner

The next meeting of the  
**Bembridge Harbour Advisory  
Group (BHAG)** will take place  
on 22nd March 2018 at 0930 at  
the Harbour Office.

### Sunday 22nd April

Our **Gordon Wight** will  
be running in the  
**London Marathon** to  
raise much needed funds for the  
**Make a Wish Foundation**. If  
you'd like to donate to this very  
special cause please go to his Just  
Giving page:

justgiving.com/fundraising/  
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## The Beast from the East!! - March 2018

Despite widespread reports in the national press, we couldn't actually skate from one side of the Harbour to the other!! But there was certainly a lot of ice around and conditions were atrocious, especially on the Fisherman's pontoon. Pontoons were declared out of bounds on safety grounds, including for Harbour staff, who did everything they safely could, as soon as they could, to mitigate the effects of the weather, including moving boats, dealing with lines and clearing ice off engines.

Locals reported not experiencing such conditions for years, if ever. We are pleased that not more damage resulted, and hopefully the few boats which did incur damage will be repaired very soon ready to enjoy the forthcoming season.

## 2018 Harbour Events ...

**Jazz on the Quay - Saturday 16th June** - with an all new line-up in the form of the **Jim Thorn Quartet**, specialising in modern jazz from the 1940's to 1960s' era, followed by **Toca Bonito**, with their special blend of Salsa and Latin Jazz - fusing Afro Caribbean rhythms and vocals with the energy of a Jazz Horn Section.

**Family Fun Weekend - 27th - 29th July** - back for another round of egg and spoon, sandcastle competitions, crabbing, paddleboarding and kayaking, Paper Boat Races, Dance on the Duver and Harbour Fireworks to name but a few ....

**Oktoberfest - Saturday 22nd September** - with its distinct Island twist on a German beer festival theme. Featuring locally produced and sourced food, beers and ales. The **Jukebox Jazz Trio** will be performing upbeat covers of Old Time Jazz and Skiffle tunes with banjos, cornet, tubas, trombones, followed by **All Washed Up** with their eclectic mix of banjo, mandolin, ukulele, guitar, bass, harmonica, washboard and tea chest bass! Guaranteed to be noisy, lively and lots of fun!

Tickets now on sale on line for Jazz on the Quay and Oktoberfest - charity events in support of **The Sophie Rolf Trust - KissyPuppy**

## Bembridge Point Beach - Sea Buckthorn Clearance

Partial clearance of Sea Buckthorn on Bembridge Point Beach took place on 19th Feb. in order to manage its encroachment across the sand dune habitat of this SSSI area.

Our grateful thanks to Nigel Bennett for providing the digger, with Ant at the controls, and to Mike Samuelson and volunteers James, Michael and Robin - a tremendous effort, much appreciated. Many thanks also to Natural England for their advice and consent.



## Internal & External Storage - Servicing - Maintenance Valet - Shrink Wrapping - "Rent a Rack" DIY

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