



Watermouth Yacht Club

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Newsletter September 2014

Commodore's Column

Dear Members,

As another season draws to a close, no doubt we are all wondering how and where time goes! Already the early mornings are very much in darkness and the early evenings have drawn in. We have been fortunate with good weather this year, apart from August when the weather changed almost to autumn but then flipped back again to summer in September.

Thank you for the support shown to the club, and whilst WYC will have to continue to 'count the pennies', it remains viable for the foreseeable future. That being said, we have to keep asking for your support, for the bar generally but also the social functions. Your committee organises all of them for the financial AND social wellbeing of the club.

Any who have enjoyed the spring carveries appreciate not only the food, but also comment on the friendly and lively social atmosphere which develops. Personally, I find that that THAT is especially gratifying.

So please don't stop coming to the club, bring your family, friends, neighbours and any other bod you care to, we don't bite and will definitely welcome everyone.



You will see later in this Ahoy that we are planning a storage 'shed' to be located at the back of the clubhouse and are now costing materials. We have seriously considered shipping containers, garages, portacabins, ebay, gum tree, freecycle, plant hire companies, storage companies and others besides, so now we are thinking of a self-build! A storage facility will allow us to use the clubhouse more fully, as a clubhouse.

Once again this year WYC attempts at Club Cruises have failed to materialise. The weather, tides and commitments seem to conspire against us, perhaps we are too restrictive in our choice of weekends, or destinations or..... please give us your feedback.

In 2015 we plan to see some fishing activities reported in the Ahoy from our fishermen members, some competitions too.

I have attempted to set WYC up on Facebook – watch this space..... no! watch Facebook!
Go to <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Watermouth-Yacht-Club/361849013980506?fref=ts>
Or log into your Facebook and search for Watermouth Yacht Club

Moira

**We don't stop playing because we grow old;
we grow old because we stop playing.** George Bernard Shaw

Treasurer's Report

As another boating year slips by and into the memories scrapbook, I hope that this year's entries are many and pleasant.

I am happy to report that attendance at club functions so far this year has been exceptional. At the time of writing, there are still more to go and I am optimistic that the current momentum will continue. If my hopes are realised, the result of the hard work necessary and the support it receives will see the club on the path to financial recovery. Figures available at the moment, although fluid, indicate that we are approximately £3.4k ahead on the year. Income from the remainder of this year's events and bar stock depletion will add to the total carried forward to the next financial year.

Calls upon the club's resources have been constrained over the last 2-3 years; a necessary measure as we recover from the outlay that brought us our new galley and showers. However, I am conscious that a number of improvements, including lighting and furniture, will soon be required. I anticipate that the club will be able to sustain some modest improvements in the coming months, without jeopardising the longer term aim of rebuilding our reserve.

A suggestion has been made and accepted that the club opens for perhaps one Saturday night per month throughout the winter. Although the probable cash benefit to the club will be small, it will help air the building and keep members in touch. I do hope that members will make the effort to keep Keith busy!

Headline figures at the moment are as follows:

Cash brought forward:	£4,132.50
Income	
Subscriptions (inc mooring premiums)	£4,145.00
Social	£1,371.71
Bar	£1,159.60
Expenditure	
Insurance premium	£1189.73
Mooring fees (inc replacement buoys)	£ 778.20
Misc (inc liquor licensing costs)	£ 208.00
Maintenance	£ 299.83
Sailing and RYA subscriptions	£ 157.00
Utilities	£ 368.30
Cleaning	£ 342.00
Cash at bank	£7,565.99

For a full snapshot of the account, please see the club notice board.
Thank you for your support and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Steve Barron

Club Maintenance

I hope everyone has enjoyed the much better weather this summer, it has been good to see more people supporting the club.

I am pleased to say the grass seed on the bank at the back of the club did germinate and Keith has given it its' first trim.

I have spent some time clearing the moss off the roof and have examined the approximate area where water is coming in. I am in the process of making repairs to the valley which is the only area I can find a possible fault. Time (and the winter rain) will tell.

On the subject of rain, the soak away on one of the downpipes appears to be blocked so I (hopefully with some help) will dig this out before the boats come out of the water.

Other than that there is nothing to report, the club season will soon be drawing to a close and I hope to see you at the last social events.

Simon

Chablis Celeste ?

On 29th July, I came across what appears to be an abandoned Chablis halfway between Watermouth and Tenby, but no sign of Steve. A virtual beer for best suggestion to 'Where is Steve?'



New Members

Welcome to new members:

Jason Bevan with Larina, whose hull is being rubbed down and repainted.

Rob and Laura Lake with Blue Moon, a motor/fishing boat.

Mr and Mrs Robert Karlsson and Nigel Davison with Obsession 2, a Warrior 19.5 fishing boat.

Some of you we have seen in the club, but all please call in if you are around and the club is open, we look forward to meeting you.

Carol

Social Events

Please note:

Because the following functions are 'Ticket Holder Only' evenings, the club house will be closed to non ticket holders

Saturday 4th October; Speaker and Buffet Dinner

Speaker Sq Ldr Hugh Pierce – Search & Rescue Chivenor

To book contact please Moira. allsford388@btinternet.com / 07870229886 / 01271865001

Saturday 25th October: Dinner & Dance - Ceilidh band, Fully booked.

The club house usually closes through the winter as there are so few people around, however, this year the Club will be open on the 2nd Saturday of each month from November through to March - so why not come along and stay in touch.

Oops!

Anyone spot the mistake I made typing Dave Gough's article for the last Ahoy?

Like most of Combe Martin's menfolk, Billy spent many years at sea in a variety of roles and served in Minesweepers during the war – some, I am told, were converted to Paddle Steamers

No, minesweepers were NOT converted to Paddle Steamers, it should have read

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Sorry Dave, makes more sense how you wrote it 😊

Geof Pierce

Watermouth Yacht Club Sea Angling Section



As some Members may be aware, I am planning to arrange some boat sea angling competitions for the Summer Season of 2015. Competition dates are still to be arranged but Members will be advised of these in the 2015 Ahoy Magazine.

It is proposed that the competitions will run the format of best fish (I.e. Best specimen fish) as per NFSA specimen fish sizes, and also the heaviest total bag of fish. There will be trophies/cash prizes. The entry fee for competitions is yet to be decided and it is proposed that there will be a 50/50 split of entry fees 50% for cash prizes and 50% to WYC funds. This will be discussed at the next committee meeting. Club competitions will be open to any club members also other boat users will be more than welcome to enter ten competitions. Will give you more info in the 2015 magazine.

So tight lines for the Winter Season,

Colin Goodyear

Cello Re-launch

After 12 years of restoration, Mike Jarvis put Cello back in the water in August and she looks really good. Mike celebrated the launch at the August BBQ by treating everyone to Champagne and Canapés. Thank you Mike.



On an evening in August after a very enjoyable BBQ, our Commodore, Moira, very kindly allowed me to show my appreciation for the complete friendship that this small but very devoted community of boat owners has shared with me over the years. There is really no need to 'name names' – everyone in their own way has contributed to putting Cello back into her rightful setting.

As an engineer, the project has been a most enjoyable experience with, as some as you will know, occasions marred by sadness. Life for any of us can be a challenge indeed and yet it propels us forwards to complete a lifespan that our loved ones would have wished for us. All brought about by two persons who shared a vision of a happy life together.

I am proud to know you all and look forward to sharing the beauty of sailing and the serenity it brings.

Thank you for your enormous support. Thank you for your wonderful friendship. Quite simply, thank you – stay safe.

Mike Jarvis

Confessions

I said I would go first, so here goes

I take the tiller off Chaser when she is ashore for the winter to protect the varnish and to make it easier to climb aboard.

Just before Keith lifted Chaser to relaunch her, I refitted the tiller; it fits on to a square section of the rudder post, so all I have to do is ensure the tiller is pointing towards the bow, like this



Unfortunately, I hadn't noticed the rudder was at 90° to the tiller, like this
Now that would have made it interesting getting off the mooring

Ok, don't be shy - who's next?

Keith's Chandlery

Looking like a proper shop now!



Open when Keith is at the harbour - so that's 7 days a week 😊

There is new stock, so probably worth a look