



# Watermouth Yacht Club

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## *Newsletter June 2018*

### ***Commodore's Column***

Well, summer really has arrived now, this settled weather and lack of wind has made the sea incredibly clear like the Mediterranean; I don't think I can remember the sea being this clear, on Sunday I could see the bottom at the harbour entrance through 6M of water!

Talking about the harbour entrance can I remind Club members about the use of the outer moorings, they are for temporary use when not able to get on/off your own mooring.

I don't want to be alarmist but there was a discussion recently about whether your insurance would pay out if you made a claim for any damage whilst on an outer mooring if it was being used contrary to WYC's terms. I've had personal experience of an Insurance company finding the most tenuous loophole to avoid paying out so I think it's worth mentioning.

On that note, I wish all members a super summer and many happy hours afloat.

***Geof Pierce***

### ***Membership***

Welcome to new members:

Michael Maslen who now owns "Wayward" a Westerly Centaur which has been at Watermouth on the hard for some years. Michael is doing a lot of work on Wayward's hull, I am sure she will look really good when finished.

Peter Evans has recently arrived at Watermouth with his Sadler 25 "Sheba" which he purchased at the beginning of the month and Rodney Thorne who has recently bought "Kwafie" a Pegasus 800. Kwafie has been at the harbour for a couple years now so you will probably recognise the boat.

Hopefully this beautiful weather will continue into the summer and there will be many good sailing days.

***Carol Gell***

### ***Treasurers Report***

Business as usual is probably a fair description of where we are at the moment. Membership subscriptions are for the most part collected and the small churn normally experienced is similar to previous years. Income from our early season carveries has been good and future BBQs will also help. Bar custom is following a familiar trend and returns are maintained through careful buying.

I have mentioned in previous reports this year that expenditure on maintenance projects is likely to be high. Some spend has already taken place and I am expecting further bills for the recently started tree surgery along with, as yet undecided, works to the external fabric of the building.

Balance sheet headline figures at the time of writing are as follows:

### **Income**

Bar	£ 582.42
Subscriptions (inc mooring premium)	£ 4,030.00
Social	£ 857.65

### **Expenditure**

Insurance	£ 1,027.68
Maintenance	£ 1,033.53
Moorings	£ 690.00
Sailing and RYA subscriptions	£ 175.00
Utilities	£ 174.86

**Cash at bank** £22,226.20

Summer is finally here and I wish all members, their families and friends, a safe and enjoyable season.

**Steve Barron**

### **Social Events**

**Bar Be Que's**  
**Saturday 14th July**  
**Saturday 4th August**  
**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> September**  
**7.30 pm**



**We will be there whatever the weather, everyone welcome**

Booking not normally necessary but I'm sure Moira would be glad of some idea about numbers  
[watermouthyachtclub@gmail.com](mailto:watermouthyachtclub@gmail.com)

The Quiz Night & Pool Night are still to be arranged and we are looking into the possibility of having a guest speaker (or two) for a Supper Evening, more info later.

## **General Data Protection Regulation**

WYC is required by law to advise you what personal data we hold, how it is used and if it is shared with any other organizations. Below is WYC's GDPR Policy; the Membership Application & Renewal Forms already require your consent to display your name on a Membership List in the Clubhouse.

**WYC General Data Protection Regulation Policy** This policy explains when and why Watermouth Yacht Club (WYC) collects personal information about club members, what we collect, how we keep it safe and members' rights in relation to it.

- 1) WYC may collect, use and store your personal data as described in the policy.
- 2) WYC reserves the right to amend this policy without prior notice. However, all members will be advised of any such amendments and the revised policy will be displayed on the club notice board.
- 3) WYC will always comply with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) when dealing with personal information. Details relating to the GDPR can be found at the website for the Information Commissioner ([www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)). For the purposes of the GDPR, WYC will be the 'controller' of all personal information WYC holds about club members.

### **What personal Data do we require from Members?**

Member's name, Partner's name, Postal address, Contact Number(s), email addresses, Boat name & Type, MMSI number.

### **Why do we need this Data?**

For WYC administrative purposes only, eg to Advise Members of events & Meetings, Distribution of Newsletters, Notice of Membership Renewal.

### **Where do we keep this Data?**

Completed Membership Applications and Renewals are held by the Membership Secretary. Some of the information from the Application & Renewal forms is incorporated into spreadsheets for WYC management/administration and stored in a secure online storage.

### **Who has access to this Data?**

Committee Members who have been given access, eg Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer.

### **Do we share this Data?**

This Data is used solely by WYC and is not shared with or accessed by any 3<sup>rd</sup> party.

### **What Data is Public?**

A list of Members names, contact numbers and boat names is displayed in the Clubhouse.

### **Why do we display this information?**

To enable Members to be aware of other Members and which is their boat.

### **Can you opt out of having your name on this list?**

Yes, Membership Application & Renewal forms require Members to opt in to having this data displayed in the Clubhouse but you can request to have your Data removed from this list at any time.

If anyone has a concern about this, please do not hesitate to contact a Committee Member

### **Club Maintenance**

You may notice one of the large trees by the clubhouse entrance has been felled and the other has been pollarded. This was necessary because a branch was broken off in strong winds earlier in the season and narrowly missed adjacent Power and Telephone cables, (for which WYC would have been liable). One of the trees was deemed to be unsafe by the tree surgeon which is why it was necessary to have it taken down. There are two more trees which are WYC's liability and these will be examined in the near future for remedial work.

The Club exterior is still causing us a headache as to the best course of action; we had originally considered cladding the front of the building under the hanging tiles but this requires Planning Permission and the cladding is likely to stand proud of the hanging tiles which may be difficult to seal against water ingress when it rains.

Cladding the whole building is an option but likely to make too big a hole in the Club's finances and give Steve too many sleepless nights so we are now considering if it is viable to cut out the rusting rendering beads, replace them with stainless steel beads, re-render the beads and then apply one of the 'thick' coatings that will cover rendering imperfections and provide a long lasting water resistant finish. If anyone has any thoughts about this, we would be pleased to hear from you.

**Geof Pierce**

### **Caption Competition No 15**

I have been assured that it is a 'photo-shopped' picture and that no boats were harmed in the process.

Amanda Hildred: ***I said ready to go - not let go.....***

Richard Hildred ***He did say he wanted it on the starboard side of the harbour.....***

And the winner is Amanda, chosen by Simon Kemp

I don't have a photo for this Ahoy and as suggestions have tailed off, maybe it's time to take a break.





Another stunning photo of Watermouth Harbour, this was taken by Nick Dee, who most certainly has an eye for composition - just wish my photos came out this good !



***Wintering on Rio Guadiana, more from Andrew and Rika***

Sailing south from Galicia with northerly wind was fast and smooth and once Brillig turned the west corner of Europe, Cape St. Vincent, water calmed down without Atlantic swells, like being in a lake. Not interested in staying in marinas, we kept going 60 miles east on Algarve coast and arrived at the south border of Portugal and Spain – Rio Guadiana, we like there.



British sailing vessels used to go about 35 miles up this river to a village called Pomarão to load copper ore, shipping back to south Wales.

River water is tidal and blackish, its' colour becomes brown. There are numerous catchment areas and alluvial plains are formed by repeating floods.

Agriculture was more serious before but now it is rather for gardening. My marmalade made of fruits from our friends' garden is flavourful. River is rich but local people are poor and small from mal nutrition.





Cruising the river is peaceful, passing scattered villages and ruins and our eyes catching wild life. 20 miles from the entrance, there are 2 villages side by side, Alcoutim in Portugal and Sanlúcar de Guadiana in Spain, we anchor between them. Looking at 3 castles from the boat, 1 hour time difference between 2 countries and we wake up with bird songs and sheep bells.

Contrabando – smuggling - was common here to survive, in late 19 century there used to be as many as 26 custom offices to control it on this river. Sculptures set around in the village of Alcoutim tell the story; one in a Kiosk is a policeman looking out and another is a smuggler avoiding him. Recently a big festival was taken place; “Contrabando ” 2 villages were connected by a 200 meters bridge, people walk to cross the water tying a bandana on their neck. Music, jugglers, food and crafts stalls were all over in 2 villages, it was an exciting and interesting event.



These 2 villages provide basics, Internet, boat pontoons with water, laundry facility and showers, very nice anchorage for yachties. Local people welcome migrating foreigners, it’s an International community. Many of us are musicians and artists; concerts, gigs, jam sessions and exhibitions are frequently organized.



It’s been helpful for Andrew that acquaintances offering a part of their house to be his studio. He goes and works on paintings while Rika can practice piano on board. With his and hers dinghies, we can move freely without disturbing each other’s daily activities.

Settling down in winter here, we socialize to exchange stories with friends and work on projects for next summer. We like to return here again but the river seems to fill up with more moorings and empty boats, our anchoring space may reduce in future.

***Rika Shortland on Brillig in April 2018***  
***37°28’ 1N 7°28’ 1W***