



Watermouth Yacht Club

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Newsletter November 2020

Commodore's Column

Hello Everyone,

Here's our end of season Ahoy after such a short boating season, sadly missing the good weather at the start of the year. It is good to see a lot of new faces, hence fresh membership and on behalf of WYC, I would like to express a very warm welcome.

So far to date the majority of boats that required lifting out are now on the hard, awaiting their winter maintenance. Many thanks go to everyone who got stuck in and helped throughout the process and to Laura for keeping us all fed and watered. In particular thanks to Rob for sharing his birthday cake (as if he had a choice!).

I would like to express my appreciation to all of our unsung heroes involved in the upkeep of our club and during the winter months the Clubhouse will be undergoing a major revamp, hopefully acquiring a wow factor which we can all enjoy next season.

I look forward to seeing the boats afloat next season and in the meantime stay safe and though a little early, I would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas.

Kind regards

Robert Johnson, Commodore

Treasurer's Report

Whilst at the club a few days ago, I was reminded of an episode of the much loved sitcom Yes Minister, wherein the hapless Jim Hacker MP was on a publicity stunt visiting a newly opened hospital. So new was the hospital it was still in fact devoid of medical staff and patients. However, administrative staff were beavering away in sight of the incredulous Hacker, who was determined to address this apparent anomaly and political embarrassment. As ever, Hacker soon found himself in even deeper trouble from which only his trusty civil servants could rescue him. Only a couple of years before this episode, I had been a lowly civil servant myself and saw a certain reality beyond the amusement.

And the message buried in my ramblings? Fast-forward many years and despite the decidedly unamusing necessity to close our doors this year, even a dormant club requires much of the unseen

work that takes place ordinarily and that work continues. In addition, as will probably be explained in more detail elsewhere this issue, I am pleased to say that refurbishment is now in progress. A silver lining perhaps and one that I hope goes some way to repaying members for their support during these troubled times. Let us all now hope that we can open as usual next year to enjoy some long overdue fun and perhaps even some suitable frolics! Oh, and civil servants aren't bad folks really!

Headline figures at the time of writing are as follows:

Subscriptions (inc mooring premium)	£ 1,773.00
Bar	£ 0,000.00
Social	£ 0,000.00
Grants & Donations	£10,040.00

Expenditure

Insurance	£ 1,042.68
Moorings	£ 690.00
Sailing and RYA subscriptions	£ 180.00
Utilities	£ 434.51
Maintenance	£ 2,821.06

Cash at bank (current account)	£ 6,916.84
Cash at bank (reserve account)	£20,000.00

The most notable figure going forward will be Maintenance and I am expecting a steep rise as refurbishment progresses.

May I wish all members and their families a safe and happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all in the better times that will come.

Steve Barron, Treasurer

Social Events

Not surprisingly we haven't had any social functions this year but with the recent news of a possible Covid 19 vaccine, hopefully we can start looking forward to a normal season next year with all club activities happening again.

Date for your Diary

We were unable to have our AGM this year due to the Covid 19 restrictions but it is looking likely we will be able to have our AGM next year - maybe wishful thinking is more realistic ! All being well, it will be on Easter Saturday, as usual, which will be 1st May 2021. Please give yourselves an early reminder and be sure to come along.

Membership

What an extraordinary year we are having?

We have had some new members over the summer and autumn joining us, they are:

Mark and Helen Rumson with "Allsort" a Westerly Konsort

Nicholas Smith with his "Atlantic Princess"

Howard Whitehouse with "Bam-Bam" a Mariner rib

Colin Thomas with "Bembridge Rover" a Colvic Sea Rover 28

Jason Clark with "November Fox" a Westerly Pageant

Mark Poole with "Camelia" a Mirage 28

David Poole with "Morawelon" a Westerly Pageant

James Szymanhiewicz who has since bought "Allsort" from Mark and Helen, who bought her from Richard and myself

David Percival with "Bob" a Newbridge Navigator

Owen Rolfe with "Oasis II" a Merlin 855

Robin Townsend with "Amanda Decrey Treffry" a Picfron/Sea Ram

Allan Thompson with "Cnicus Joann" a Snapdragon 21

Martin and Angela Burton with "Bluefin" a Warrior 165

Michael and Julie Turton with "Bonnie" an Orkney Orkadian 20

We welcome you all and hopefully will have a much better season next year.

A happy Christmas to everyone and we will see you next year.

Carol Gell, Membership Secretary

In Memoriam

Sadly, two old friends are no longer with us.

I have sold Chaser and has a new home on the East Coast where I'm sure the new owner will get the same enjoyment as I had with her and for those who don't already know, Keith's crane is 'hors de combat' having failed it's last safety inspection.

At the moment it is unlikely it can be repaired or will be replaced.

Keith has arranged with Nick Sampson to do the lifting in & out for the foreseeable future but please be aware you will have to arrange it with Keith well in advance and there will have to be a minimum of six boats at a time whether launching or coming out so it won't be so flexible as when Keith was operating his crane.



Geof Pierce

Hello from Teacup

Well, what a year!

Thank you all for your very much valued custom this season, it has certainly been appreciated!
We have been lucky to trade in the circumstances, and even though it was very different with reduced menu, staff and seating, it's worked out well.
Onwards and upwards for next year!
So looking forward to seeing you all and the harbour buzzing again with boat activities!

Thank you, keep well and see you all soon.

Best wishes, Laura



Fire Alarm

Can we remind members to take care when cooking in the Galley. There has been a recent incident when the fire alarm was set off when someone was cooking in the Galley. We were not able to reset the alarm and had to call out the Service Company. They found that although the alarm may have been set off by the heat sensor in the Galley, the alarm could not be reset because the 'manual point' by the back door has been 'mistreated'.

WYC has now been invoiced £138 for the call out.

For everyone's information, the Service Company advise that if the Galley heat detector is set off, the audible alarm will automatically be silenced when the temperature has fallen below the activation point, so there shouldn't be a need to call anyone - just open the windows and doors to get rid of the heat and smoke !

There is a notice in the Galley advising what you should do.

Geof Pierce