

Dovey Yacht Club / Clwb Hwyllo Dyfi

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Annual General Meeting

Held in the Club House, Aberdyfi. Friday 3rd August 2018.

Present

Commodore Des George and 37 members.

Apologies for absence

Francis and Fiona Peate, Andrew and Linda Scott, David and Gay Richardson, Robert Longworth, John Derry, Rob and Sally Gillespie, Betty Gillepsie, Andy Baker, Sue Mason, David Rooley, Benedict and Enya Collier, Mark Crossley.

Minutes of the AGM held on 28th July 2017

No matters arising from these minutes.

Acceptance of minutes proposed by Steve Hardman, seconded by Helen Hardman and agreed by the meeting.

Commodore's report

I was told by David Richardson amongst others that the commodore's role should really be a ceremonial one; meeting, greeting, shaking hands at prize giving's. Strangely after a year the reality doesn't seem close to that. I now have a much greater knowledge of the clubs sewage system, how the urinals work, requirements of building control, the legalise of leases, licences and heads of terms and most importantly how to run the bar!

So what has been achieved? Sadly, most things are works in progress.

1. We still haven't got sign off for building control on work done a number of years ago, however a lot of progress has been made and we are nearly there. We have the ramp, new ventilation system, fire seals etc in place. We need a new front door and various bits and pieces. So hopefully by mid-October all should be good.
2. DYC lease with Gwynedd Council. Various drafts and terms have gone back and forward all I can say is we are getting there!

3. Fabric of the club: new decking, ladies changing room has a hair drier, galley has a new freezer, hot water supply and washing up sink. Some brightening up with large format photos of real club sailors in action. All good stuff but still very much work in progress, its an ongoing project.
4. The dinghy park at last resembling some sort of order.
5. Sailing? Isn't that what we are all here for? Like the curates egg its been good in parts. Overall numbers are down on previous years but great strides have been made to rekindle, nurture and develop. We had a great open day producing lots of new members and interest.

So some 'thank you's': Bob Usher and Wendy for continuing to run the Bar and for always being there when needed.

- Mark Caldwell for giving me a crash course in property law and shaping some very important requests and requirements for the lease.
- Terry Loftus for voluntarily installing the new sink etc in the Galley.
- Pete Benson braving the Beast from the East to rebuild the shed and doing the decking.
- Josh Cooper for large format photos and for masterminding the dinghy park reorg (All boats now are fee paid).
- Mike Ball for bosuning the lasers and Mark Crossley the Toppers.
- Sue, Lynne, Helen and others personing the Galley.
- Phoebe for Topper week stuff and Social programme.
- Don sorting all the racing stuff, staff and systems.
- Steve and Helen Hardman, Notice Board Gurus.
- Phil Morgan for his exceptional tenacity in pursuing and securing a substantial grant for our new training boat plus coordinating the training along with Rhian's help.
- Plus loads of others doing their bits keeping the good ship NYC on an even keel.
- Liz for stoically doing secretarial stuff. Su Gillespie for all the Trophy management.

Some sad good byes this year were David Tildesley, Di Derry and Margaret Brookes.

Two retiring Committee members Steve Lister and Andy Baker thanks to them for their contribution over the years.

And Congratulations to up and coming young star James Crossley who has done exceptionally well in the 4.2 Topper Nationals in Weymouth. A couple of years ago he was crewing for me, he astutely said "hmm I don't think that's going to work" when I asked him to gybe the spinnaker my way. I should have asked his advice an 11 year old intuitively knowing how it should be done when a 66 year old had failed to learn.

So onwards and upward another year of good sailing friendship and fun ahead of us.

Treasurer's report

This was presented by Des George as Steve Lister wasn't present.

see attached.

"Management accounts covering the year ended 31 December 2017"

Some questions were asked to clarify the accounts.

Could we earn more interest?

Do we have the cheapest options for utilities? We are not spending on light and heat?

Do we have a high enough balance ongoing?

Some members found the format hard to follow.

Des answered questions as well as able, but stated that next years treasurer will be looking at some of these.

It was proposed that the accounts be accepted.

Proposed by Josh Cooper
Seconded by Liz Ball

The meeting voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Sailing Secretary's report

Mr Commodore, Ladies and Gentlemen

My report is again in 2 parts, the first covering the period after AGM 2017 to the end of the sailing programme, the second 2018 to date.

Part 1 Sailing 2017

The second week of Dovey Fortnight was well supported, the largest fleet being 23 boats competing for the Teasmade / T Cup Trophys. Unfortunately It was not possible to go offshore this year.

All the usual suspects arrived for the Open Day/ Open Week event, as we welcomed back 10 visiting boats in the 7 Solo, 8 GP and 13 Laser fleets and it was again possible to race a Menagerie Fleet for 5 non- class DYC boats.

Topper Week in the afternoon played host to an entry of 20 sailors. Team Crossley were very much to the fore with Phoebe organising, Ed Race Officering with Mark assisting, and James and Thomas racing in the Gold fleet.

Rebecca Green won the event with 10 straight bullets in the 10 race series.

The 3-trophy Bank Holiday Regatta saw an average of 15 boats competing, whilst numbers were encouraging (15) for the September programme helped by some favourable weather.

The October Prize-giving was again well supported by 40+ people. Trophies and cups were won by 14 different sailors and crew, but it was Richard Parsons who had to call Securicor to help him home with his haul of 12 for the season.

Part 2 The 2018 Sailing Season to date

Easter sailing started with light airs at the end of March and instead of attracting a dozen or more boats as last year, only 7 could be tempted onto the water.

As the season progressed through the Spring Series, Spring Cup and Spring Series, numbers of competitors reached double figures but as this coincided with exam time, inevitably fleet sizes were reduced.

We welcomed Chelmarsh SC for their annual visit in mid May. They brought 19 boats, and were joined by 6 from DYC for the weekend race series. Sunshine and F2/3 breeze produced good race conditions in the estuary.

My thanks to the people who peopled the Committee Boat, Safety Boats, Galley and the team who prepared and served the Saturday evening meal.

Dovey Fortnight has seen many sailors enjoying racing and social events.

In the first week respectable numbers competed for the Bucket/Goblet trophy in the mornings, July/Juliette in the afternoons, and, for those Juniors with seemingly boundless energy, the combined Hulton and Plater series.

James Crossley made a clean sweep of all 4 Junior trophies this week prior to heading to Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy to compete in the Topper Nationals competition, and Richard Parsons swept up the 2 Adult trophies in his first season before

jumping into a club GP14 to win the Marie Rose single handed race to show the older folk the way round.

Wily Meryl Gover took up the Ladies Challenge which was to find the dying wind and see off half a dozen Laser radials to be the only finisher.

Quiz night with Freddie and Juli Collier was as competitive and enjoyable as ever, and the 3 Peaks Kayak tour presentation illuminating. The Nautical but Nice disco organised by Meg and Natalie Green plus helpers was another great success and a 'Marge Special' Coastal Supper was very much appreciated by all.

We lost the middle weekend due to low pressure wind and rain storms marking the end of the 'Indian Summer' but hope to reclaim the one- off trophies tomorrow. A Race Officer and assistant are needed in the morning and afternoon for these events to take place. Please see me after the meeting if you are available.

The second week started with stronger winds and cloudier skies, but as the week progressed winds have become lighter as tides have slackened off. Numbers for the morning and afternoon race series have been rather lower than week one but competition has been hard fought. Richard Parsons wrapped up the Penelope Tray and Teasmade trophy and Natalie Green the Nancy Ladies Series, while junior sailors Rebecca Green won The Penny Plate, Jack Benson the TCup and Shaw trophies.

Social activities have seen members enjoying the Games and Chilli evening thanks Lynn & Pete Benson and Robert & Judy Longworth, Pimms o'clock thanks Bob and Bar staff, Horse race night thanks Steve Lister and Wendy Usher and tomorrow a bbq.

On the Training front this year, our main objective this year was to recruit and retain new sailing members.

To this end, a partial clearance of the dinghy park coordinated by Josh Cooper has created more space, and we have welcomed 9 new boat owning members in addition to the 51 renewing for 2018, in addition to the fleet of Club Toppers, Fevas, Lasers and GP14s.

Phil Morgan continues to use his wide range of contacts to run RYA L1/2/3 courses for Juniors and adults over the Whitsun holiday. These were all fully booked.

Phil and team surpassed themselves in attracting prospective new members as he organised a Sailing Taster Day on Bank Holiday Monday at the end of May.

A total of 70 members of the public took up the invitation- we thought 46 last year was good! - and an encouraging membership deal has seen 12 new family members join the Club. The Guinness Book of Records have been notified of the achievement and we await the Certificate!

A big thank you to all volunteers who made the event so successful.

Phil has put a further 2 RYA L1/2 courses on as a result of the visitors enthusiasm and commitment. A week dedicated to beginners improving their skills with coaching advice is scheduled for the week beginning Monday 13 August. In total, 24 Juniors and 8 adults will have attended sailing courses.

Plans are underway to apply for grants to fund the purchase of a Wayfarer dinghy which will be the adult training boat for the future.

On the Power boat front the New RIB has again been earning its corn as a teaching boat, and by the end of the season 18 members and non members will have taken part in PB2 or Safety Boat courses. There have been many more enquiries from people who are keen but couldn't make the dates. Thanks to Steve Hardman for organising and leading these courses.

To retain new members we have given 1:1 help with rigging Club boats, advising of sailing areas wind and tidal conditions, helping with launching and recovery. Safety boat crews have been advised of new members on the water and at least one boat has been tasked with supervising them to give coaching points as required. Their progress on the water is

closely monitored from the Race office and balcony. Also 1:1 coaching sessions have been arranged on a limited basis.

In addition, they are encouraged to use Clubhouse facilities after sailing and are alerted to social events planned.

Whilst numbers on the water have been slightly down on previous Reports, dinghy and family membership have increased, and with strategies in place to encourage new sailors, give them time on the water in Club boats, and with supervision, we expect to 'Bridge the Gap' and welcome them back for the 2019 season.

The Sailing Secretary's Report was accepted by the meeting unanimously. Acceptance was proposed by Liz Ball and seconded by Des George.

Election of Officers

Commodore: Des George.	Proposed by Liz Ball Seconded by Don Gillespie
Vice Commodore: Don Gillespie.	Proposed by Steve Hardman Seconded by Bob Usher
Rear Commodore: Phil Morgan.	Proposed by Liz Ball Seconded by Don Gillespie
Company Secretary and Treasurer: David Inman	Proposed by Des George Seconded by Liz Ball

Election of Directors.

Bob Usher	Proposed by Don Gillespie Seconded by T. Whitburn
David Mason	Proposed by Sue Mason Seconded by J Mason
Steve Hardman	Proposed by Liz Ball Seconded by Don Gillespie
Alan Woodbridge	Proposed by Liz Ball Seconded by Des George
Mark Crossley	Proposed by Diane Parsons Seconded by Paul Parsons
Phoebe Crossley	Proposed by Diane Parsons Seconded by Paul Parsons

All officers and directors were elected unanimously.

Roles remain as:

Secretary: Liz Ball

Membership: David Mason

Child Welfare: Phoebe Crossley

Bar: Bob Usher

Re-appointment of Auditors

Des asked for a proposer and seconder to re-appoint Major and Evans as Examiners of our accounts.

Proposed Don Gillespie, seconded Bob Usher. Agreed by the meeting.

Des George concluded the formal meeting and announced that there would be an informal Q and A session after a short break.

Informal Q & A meeting.

An interesting discussion followed about various things:

How can we publicise the club better? Can our signage be better?

How do we ensure that it is a members club and rules aren't being broken by non members attending? Could we have membership cards that have to be produced to buy drinks? Could the cards be preloaded with money to save cash carrying?

Can the bar be open more often, especially in the summer. Can we publicise when the bar is going to be open more effectively?

How can we get and retain more members?

Should we be looking at other categories of water sports membership?

Will the club remain financially viable?

How do we maintain volunteer enthusiasm and encourage new volunteers?

Could we have more for women and older sailors?

The committee promised to look at all suggestions over the next few months and to work on as many as they have time for!