



the Venturer

Newsletter of the **North West Venturers Yacht Club**
Gallows Point, Beaumaris, Anglesey, LL58 8YL

Forthcoming Events

- Sat 8th November** **10:00 Outboard Maintenance at the Club House**
14:00 Car Boot Boat Jumble in main Club car park
18:00 Club Bonfire and DIY BBQ
- Sun 9th November** **11:00 AGM (am) followed by Members Forum**
- Sat 22nd November** **18:30 Dinner Dance at The Bulkeley Hotel**
- Sat 13th December** **Christmas Party at the Club House**
- Sat 31st Jan 2015** **18:00 Winter Social and talk – David Rainsbury (Norway)**
- Sat 28th February** **18:00 Winter Social and talk (subject tbc)**
- Sat 28th March** **18:00 Winter Social and talk - John and Maria Stanley (Scotland)**

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The 4th version of the summer cruise - **this time it's Elise, Whispered Secret and Sarico** who travelled to Isle of Man and Northern Ireland.
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Commodore's Corner

Welcome to another Venturer! The 2014 season has passed us by with, as far as I know, no incidents of a serious nature (not even for the Rock Trophy :-)) but then I'm sure we have a few members who may know better..?

I hope your lift out went as smoothly as you had hoped and your bottom was as clean as you had wished, with nothing missing, or anything added for that matter!!

Talking of Bottoms.... Works to the Septic Tank have been completed, along with the supply and fit of the new club cooker, (more of this later in this edition...), the new double glazed windows are ongoing and we are awaiting quotations to come back in so a decision can be made as to who will supply and fit them. It is hoped that this work will be completed before the weather turns too cold so that we can benefit from the new glazing this winter.

For those who use the clubhouse through the winter, it is planned that some day/evening activities will be sorted in addition to "official club" events in or out of the club house - details will be finalised later, so keep you eye on the notice board if you would like to participate.

Our next big event on the years calendar will be the AGM and Members Forum on November 9th, so please come along and have your say and for those down for the weekend, we have the bonfire and DIY BBQ on Saturday evening, Nov 8th, so please bring some wood and fireworks, along with your burgers and buns :-)

I'm looking forward to this years' Dinner Dance which is to be held on Saturday 22nd November at the Bulkeley Hotel, Beaumaris which gives us an excuse

to don our glad rags and enjoy each other's company. Presentation of club trophies and awards will take place as well as the judging of our photograph competition, so please bring your wining photo.....Tickets are now available either directly from the Rear Commodore (see page 11 for form) or via the club website.

Clubhouse Development

The Committee have already authorised a project to replace of all the external wooden doors and window frames, and members will be pleased to hear that the Club have submitted an application for pre-planning advice from Anglesey County Council for the Heads, Dinghy Store and clubroom/bar area. This is not a planning permission application - merely a formal request for the Council Planning Department to comment on some of the outline proposals we have worked up, and advise us on the appropriate process to follow.

We have an indication of the development costs which will focus on the Heads and Dinghy Store, and within the AGM paperwork you will find a proposal for expenditure authorisation for discussion at the AGM. Further details will be provided then – and if we can get something out earlier via the web site or with a clubhouse information pack we will do. Development of the clubroom / bar area will follow at a later date.

Please remember that we currently have vacancies on the Development Sub Committee, so if you wish to make a contribution please let any member of the Committee know, or preferably contact the me or the Vice Commodore directly.

*Lee Downes
Commodore*

New cooker

We are pleased to inform club members that a new range cooker has been purchased and installed to replace the two existing cookers. This new cooking range gives us four ovens and five ceramic rings with a warming facility on the right hand side.

Many thanks go to Lee Downes and Mike Hollingworth for their time spent in researching availability and to Mike for delivering the cooker to the clubhouse. Thanks also goes to Mick Green and Chris Hughes for moving it into position, helping to level and removing the old cookers from the clubhouse and last but not least, to John Creasy for repairing the rodent damage which was discovered when the old cookers were removed!





VCDC

The sailing season is over for most members, but Victoria Dock appears to be well populated with Venturers wintering there – I know Avalon, Starkicker and Sarico will be out and about during the winter.

We are in the process of planning the winter events or 2015 – you will see the proposed dates in the forthcoming events section – further details in the next Venturer.

Your Vice and Sailing Captain (subject to being re-elected in the frenzy of other applications at the AGM) will be working on the Sailing Programme over December, so if you have any ideas for destinations, or want to put yourself forward for the Sailing Sub Committee then please let us know.

*Dave Clough
Vice Commodore*

NWVYC Winter Training 2014/2015***RYA First Aid***

1 day first aid course
Sat 13 Dec 2014

Cost: £70 - 75 (depending on numbers)
Booking cut off date: 22 Nov 2014

RYA Day Skipper/Yachtmaster Theory

4 weekends

31 Jan/ 1 Feb 2015
14/15 Feb 2015
28 Feb/ 1 March 2015
14/15 March 2015

Cost: £225-250 (depending on numbers)

Booking cut off date: 10 Jan 2015

Booking forms and further details:
Richard Forder
Email: training@nwvyc.org.uk

Sue Lynskey

It is with much sorrow that I pass on to you the sad news of the death of Sue Lynskey. She had been a member of the Venturers on and off for many years, as is her husband Mike, both being keen sailors.

When they first joined they lived in the Wirral, but did most of their sailing from Anglesey, moving to live in Llanfaes around 2000. They raced a Squib (with that other club in Beaumaris!) as well as a succession of cruising yachts.

By the time I got to know them they owned Woodbird, a Contessa 32, who was moored to seaward of Ynys Gaint and not far from Adela. Both boats were visible from my bedroom window in the Old Foundry. One morning on looking out I was horrified to see Woodbird on the rocky foreshore of Ynys Gaint! A quick phone call to the Lynskys - they already knew but thanked us anyway.

On another occasion Woodbird and Adela met up in Tobermory hiding from bad weather. A few days later we moved to Loch Aline where we joined them for a pre-prandial drink, followed the next night by drinks on Adela in Pulldoran. Very jolly occasions.

I also knew Sue as a fellow member of Menai Bridge Ladies Lifeboat Guild, where she was always ready to help with Fund raising activities. She was an active member of Penmon Church, a helper with the local Meals on Wheels Service and a great organiser. She was also a very pleasant, happy and sociable person who will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Shirley Dwyer



Septic Tank repairs

I'm pleased to say that the works to the septic tank have now been completed.

A date had been set for the 25th September going into the 26th if required. An early start of bacon butties for Dave Clough and myself and bagels for Paul Morton, followed by a couple of cups of tea enabled an early start with the delivery of the mini digger at 07:40, which then gave us a good hour to remove the septic tank lid ready for the skip and tanker which had been booked for 09:00.

Friday started as a dull overcast day, progressing to light drizzle, but this was forecast to stop around 09:30! The slabs were lifted and stacked, followed by the steel plate that covered the tank and there it was in all its glory, just over 3000 litres in all. The tank had settled by about 50mm towards the sea and tilted to starboard slightly as well which was why the slabs in the corner by the outboard tank were sinking from when the tank had been overflowing.

The skip was on time, the tanker a little late, but so far we were doing well! The tanker driver emptied the contents of the tank (I have crossed slurry tanker driver off my list of things to Do, phew....:-(). and we could see what we were dealing with.

So with one side of the tank empty, we found that we had two chambers, the first with a baffle, leading into the second, which after being drained of liquid was full of cobbles and smaller stone at the bottom. Most of this was removed by the digger, but as we couldn't remove the last few buckets Dave Clough volunteered to remove the remainder by hand (shovel) and surprisingly, all agreed with him, so we'll done Dave.

Now that the outlet pipe in the bottom of the chamber could be seen, the next job was to clean it with a power washer and flexible lance to a distance of 9m down towards the sea. The outlet of this pipe on the beach will need locating at a later date, along with clearing the outlet area and refilling with clean stone to improve the efficiency.

A new top was installed to the tank in the form of Bison beams and concrete blocks, leaving spaces for two inspection covers. The new covers were set to finished slab level ready for the slabs to be laid, we then concreted around the edges of the beams and blocks to secure and seal. This brought Friday's works to a close and with the time getting on for 19:30, all were ready for a very nice Menai Balti.

Saturday morning saw the new tank cover being levelled with hardcore and compacted, the slabs being re-laid to a finish and the site tidied and rubbish removed to the skip.

So a big big thank you to Paul Morton, who more than helped me on both days, followed by Dave Clough, Trowell, John Creasy, Tim Downes, John Wrench and finally Liz Reece for the tea.

On a final note regarding the septic tank, the golden rule is the same as the heads on your Yacht.

IF HAS NOT BEEN EATEN OR DRUNK FIRST.....don't flush it down the toilet (toilet paper is ok) BUT NOT the blue paper for drying your hands on.. NOTHING ELSE should be flushed down.

Regarding sinks in the galley, only washing up water, NO FAT, this should be mopped up with the blue towels and placed in the bin. Basins in the heads should be for WASHING ONLY.....and this does not mean paint brushes.....

So here's to the septic tank doing what it should...

*Lee Downes.
Commodore*

See back page for exciting action photos :-)



Forthcoming Events - Sat 8th November

Car Boot Boat Jumble – Saturday 8th November – 14:00 until 15:30

It's been a number of years since we had a boat jumble, and several people have expressed an interest in getting rid of some surplus gear. Because of the time of year, rather than have large pitches on the patio (as per picture) and having problems if it rains, we are going to have a car boot boat jumble, so everything stays in or near the boot of your car – if it rains you shut the boot!

So gather up all of that surplus kit you have been meaning to get rid of, put it in your boot and bring it down to the club. Park in the main car park – please could non sellers park elsewhere that afternoon to keep the car park clear for sellers. We will circulate local clubs to encourage some more potential buyers to come down. This isn't being formally organised – sellers just turn up and sort yourself out.

Steve Maclean or Dave Clough will answer any queries. There will be an honesty box in the clubhouse for sellers – the suggested donation to club funds is 5% of takings.



BBQ and Bonfire – Saturday 8th November – 18:00hrs

It's our annual BBQ and Bonfire at the Clubhouse on Saturday 8th November. Please bring along as much combustible material that can be legally burnt for the bonfire – if you can't make it that afternoon you can leave any suitable material on the beach side of the dinghy cross tree. The Point is now so much tidier than it used to be that local resources are not as plentiful as they once were.

Paul Morton has kindly agreed to be C in C Bonfire building and lighting. The Club BBQ's will be lit around 18:00 (same time as the bar opens :-)) for members use. Note the Club won't be supplying any 'trimmings' like salad, so the galley area will be open for anyone not wishing to BBQ but prepare something else.

The Beaumaris bonfire is due to be lit about 19:00, with their fireworks at 19:30. Remember that traffic into Beaumaris will be very heavy, and a lot of people either park on the Point or use it as a freebie viewing point, so don't leave it too late to come down. Because of limitations on the Club Insurance, the club will not be providing or organising fireworks – members who wish to bring their own should ensure they are lit a safe distance from the Clubhouse.

Saturday morning 8th November



A welcome return of the Outboard wintering session at the Club House. This will take place outside of the clubhouse on the patio (under the canopy if it's raining). Bring your outboard along with you, along with some rags and spanners and a tin to put your nuts and bolts in. The club will have a container for residue fuel and old oil. New gearbox oil (and engine oil for 4 strokes) will be available for a nominal charge – the club buy a large container and sell it on at cost – much cheaper than buying the small containers.

Mike Hollingworth is leading the session, so come along and join in. Little engines only please – we cannot deal with Mercruisers! Everyone does their own outboard so arriving at different times isn't a problem. Start time – whenever Mike is ready, but 10:00 latest. There is a possibility of some bacon butties being available as well.



North West Venturers Yacht Club

Notice of the 53rd (Annual) General Meeting

To be held in the clubhouse on
Sunday 9th November 2013 at 11.00 hrs

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Approval of the minutes of the 52nd AGM 2013 and EGM (22nd February 2014). Minutes are available from the Club's website. Members should print off their own copies as only a small number of paper copies will be available at the meeting
3. Commodore's Report.
4. Vice Commodore's Report.
5. Rear Commodore's Report
6. Hon. Treasurers Report
7. Approval of Hon. Treasurer's Report.
8. Election of Officers
9. Election of Committee members.
10. Amendments to subscription rates
11. Proposals to change the constitution
12. Resolution to specify a one-off financial year for 2014/2015
13. Proposal that members agree to redevelopment expenditure.

Election of Club Officers and Committee (Agenda items 8 and 9)

The following nominations have been received to date and in accordance with the Constitution are offered for election to the Committee of Management for the year 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2014.

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
Commodore	Lee Downes	John Lomas	David Clough
Vice Commodore	David Clough	Bernie Hobart	Bob Scott
Rear Commodore	Mike Hollingworth	Denise Lewis	Nick Lowther
Hon. Sailing Captain	Vacancy.	Nominations required	
Hon. Secretary	Vacancy.	Nominations required	
Hon. Treasurer	Vacancy.	Nominations required	
Hon. Membership Sec.	Sue Beetlestone	Pauline Hughes	Denise Lewis
Hon. House Officer	Tony Rowell	Lee Downes	David Clough
Bosun	Steve MacLean	Richard Forder	Mike Butterfield
Committee Members	Mike Butterfield	Derek Lumb	John Partington
	Richard Forder	John Lomas	Derek Lumb
	VACANCY x 3	Nominations required	

Nominations will be invited from the floor at the meeting for the vacant positions.

Amendments to subscription rates (Agenda item 10)

The Club is faced with increasing costs.

It is a basic premise that Subscriptions need to cover the running costs of the club (£11,246 in 2013/14 excluding depreciation) – any contribution from other sources is welcome, but cannot be relied upon to sustain the Club. Subscription and Joining Fees income in the same period was £13,587.

It is therefore proposed that subscriptions are increased at least in line with inflation (CPI rate excluding Food and Fuel rounded up to nearest whole percent) of 2%. 2015 rates (rounded) will therefore be:-

	Entrance fee (no change)	Current 2014 Subscription	Proposed 2015 Subscription	Discount	Nett (if paid before 31/12/14)
Family	£70	£110	£112	£11	£101
Single	£55	£80	£81	£8	£73
U25	£40	£31	£31	£3	£28
Outport	£50	£60	£61	£6	£55
Anchor	n/a	£16	£16	n/a	£16

Anchor memberships should reflect the cost of the “Venturer” – each issue this year has cost £1.53/copy, and so there is no reason to increase costs of Anchor memberships.

No changes to the joining fee are proposed.

Proposed, Derek Lumb. Seconded, David Clough

Dinghy Store fees are a matter for the Committee of Management and the Committee has decided to increase these for 2015 to £45.00 for both dinghy and engine and £22.50 for engine only.

Proposed changes to the Constitution and Rules (Agenda item 11)

Constitutional Changes

The text provided under “**For Information**” is extracted from the current constitution to place the proposed changes in context.

Corrections

- Clauses 11.2 , 11.3, 11.6 and 11.9: Remove 7.4 and replace with 7.5 and 7.6

The above clauses relate to the eligibility of Full Members of less than 2 years standing, Outport Members, Anchor Members and Associate Members to serve on the committee.

For information

7.4 *No one shall, without the express authority of the membership in General Meeting, pledge the credit of the membership.*

7.5 *If a casual vacancy occurs on the Management Committee, by death or resignation, the Committee may co-opt a full member to fill the vacancy.*

7.6 *The committee shall have the power to co-opt any additional members as they think fit up to a limit of six provided only that the co-option is not rejected by a general meeting called under 15.3 or by a majority of a special committee chaired by the President and consisting of the President and club Trustees. The club Commodore and Secretary may attend but not vote at a meeting of this special committee.*



- **Clauses 11.4 and 11,5**

Replace "an Honorary member" in the final sentence with "Honorary membership"

For Information

(11.4) and 11.5 *Should an Honorary (Founder) member die, his/her partner will continue to enjoy the benefits of an Honorary member, but will be considered to be a Full member for the purposes of the Club record.*

- **Clause 11.5**

Para 11.5 change 10.4 to 10.2

For Information

11.5 Honorary Members

Honorary Membership of the club may be awarded by the Club to any person whom the Club wished to recognise for services to the club or for such other reasons as the Club may determine, subject only to the conditions of Rule 10.4. An Honorary member shall be entitled to enjoy the same benefits and privileges as Full members and spouses of Family members who have been elected to Honorary membership should enjoy the same Club benefits as their partners. There shall be no Fees due from an Honorary member or his/her partner. Should an Honorary member die, his/her partner will continue to enjoy the benefits of an Honorary member, but will be considered to be a Full member for the purposes of the Club record.

10.2 *The Club, on the recommendation of the Committee of Management, may in general meeting elect Honorary members but Honorary members shall not be elected if so doing increases the number of Honorary members beyond 5% of the total number of Full and Outport members.*

(there is no clause 10.4)

Changes

- **Clause 15.4**

Add a final sentence "Where members have provided e-mail addresses such information can be delivered electronically"

For Information

15.4 *The Honorary Secretary shall, at least 14 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting or of any general meeting, post or deliver to each member notice thereof and of the business to be brought forward there at.*

- **Clause 16.1 (c)**

Replace "eight times" with "four times"

For Information

16.1 *Members may introduce guests subject to the following conditions*

c) The same guest may not be introduced into the Club more than eight times in any one year.

- **Clause 16.6**

Remove "1984" and replace with "1998"

For Information

16.6 *Membership of the Club and acceptance of these rules by the member will be deemed to constitute consent to the holding of relevant personal data for the purposes of the Data Protection Act 1984. Such data shall not be made available to non members except insofar as the data contained in the Club Yearbook shall not be unreasonably withheld from any person.*

- **Clause 6.2**

Delete "to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting" (contradicts 6.7 which is correct)

For Information

6.2 *The Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Club and five members, elected in General Meeting to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, provided that not less than two thirds of the members of the Committee of Management shall be owners of sail cruising boats. The Editor of the Club Newsletter shall be an ex officio member of the Committee of Management.*

Accounts

- **Add new clauses 8.5 and 8.6** as follows and renumber remainder of the section and adjust any consequential changes to cross references

8.5 The club's accounts shall cover the period specified in clause 6.7 or such other period that an AGM shall decide by resolution.

8.6 A copy of the audited accounts shall be displayed in the clubhouse and sent to all members within 3 months of the end of the financial year.

For Information

The committee consider that the way the club prepares its accounts is made much more difficult than it need be because the officers responsible for expenditure change part way through the financial year and so we are heavily reliant on a significant number of handovers (Treasurer, Rear Commodore, Bosun and Membership Secretary as a minimum). They understand why we have the current arrangement but now think it is becoming unworkable and so would like to propose that we change the financial year to match that of the term of officers. We could then ask Officers to produce simple profit and loss accounts for their area of responsibility which could then be rolled into the main accounts. With the present period of office we would need to treat December renewals as pre payments but we could avoid this if we changed the year of office to 1st December to 30th November. As this is after the AGM it would be workable and would have the advantage of getting new officers involved in planning upcoming events at an earlier stage. With the exception of sorting out the following year's sailing programme and a possible scratch Christmas social nothing much happens in December. The sailing programme is technically the responsibility of the sailing sub-committee so any difficulties with the earlier change over could be resolved by having both sets of officers on the sailing sub-committee.

One consequence of this would be that the accounts could no longer be presented to an AGM soon after the end of the financial year so it is proposed that a requirement be introduced for audited accounts to be distributed to all members within 3 months of the end of the financial year, prior to approval at the following November AGM.

If these proposals are accepted we will need to produce a set of accounts which cover a period of more or less than 12 months as a transition. It is proposed that the accounts should be for 15 or 16 months depending on the meetings decision regarding clause 6.7 (1st December start or 1st January start).

- **Clause 6.7** – replace 1st January with 1st December .

For Information

6.7 *The term of each Officer and Committee member shall commence on 1st January and shall run for one calendar year.*

- **Add to clause 8.4** “and to present the accounts for which he or she has been responsible to the (Annual) General Meeting.”

For Information

8.4 *It shall be the responsibility of the Honorary Treasurer to keep a complete and accurate account of the Club's finances.*

Proposal to change Financial Year for 2014/2015 (Agenda item 12)

In accordance with clause 8.5 this AGM resolves that the financial year 2014/15 shall cover the period 1st September 2014 to 30th November 2015.

Proposed, John Lomas. Seconded, Derek Lumb.



Proposal that members agree to redevelopment expenditure (Agenda item 13)

The Committee have now agreed proposals to develop the Clubhouse in phases, so that we can remain focused on priority jobs. The most urgent of these are the replacement of the floor in the heads, the building of a new dinghy store, and replacement of the wooden framed windows and doors. The latter is in hand, and is being dealt with under current Committee expenditure authorisations. However, it is being included within this proposal to allow any other large value incidental expenditure that may occur during the current financial year to be dealt with under those authorisations.

The estimated costs amount to a sum of approximately £63,000, plus a 10% contingency – total £69,300. The rough split is as follows:

CATEGORY

Building works – Heads	£20,000
Heads materials	£18,000
Heads installation	£6,000
New Dinghy Store	£10,000
Windows and cladding	£8,000
Enhancements	<u>£1,000</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATE	£63,000
Plus 10% contingency	<u>£6,300</u>
TOTAL ESTIMATE	£69,300

The Committee believes that the £69,300 identified is sufficient to deliver the project as a whole – the breakdown of costs is an indication only.

Further details of the proposals will be made available at the AGM. A further proposal will be made at a subsequent GM covering the development of the clubroom / bar area.

Proposal – that the General Meeting authorises the expenditure of a sum of £69,300 for the development of the heads area, dinghy store and replacement windows.

Proposed – Lee Downes – Commodore

Seconded – David Clough – Vice Commodore

17th October 2014

Member's Forum

After a short break, the formal meeting will be followed by the Member's Forum at which any member may raise issues of interest or concern. This meeting has no agenda but notes will be taken by the Hon. Secretary and published.

Minutes of the last meeting are available from the Club's website. Members should print off their own copies as only a small number of paper copies will be available at the meeting

NWVYC Annual Dinner

Bulkeley Arms Hotel, Beaumaris

22nd November 2014: 6.30 for 7.00 pm

Select your choice of starter, main course and sweet and indicate your preference(s) in the appropriate column of the booking form. Enter "V" for any of your party who requires a vegetarian meal and/or describe any special dietary needs.

*A Medley of Sweet **Melon** with a Duo of Fresh Fruit Coulis
and Sugar Scented Fresh Fruit Garnish*

or

*Goats Cheese, Caramelised Red Onion and Roasted Fig Bruschetta
with a Beetroot Glaze*

or

*Honey Glazed Roasted Parsnip **Soup** with Beetroot Croutons*

*Grilled **Sea Bass** Fillets drizzled with a Prawn and Herb Butter
and a Lemon Wedge*

or

*Roast Rack of Welsh **Lamb** set on a Honey and Mint Sauce*

*Mixed Berry **Bavarois***

or

*Warm Rhubarb and Apple **Crumble** with Ice Cream*

Cheese & Biscuits

Names of members and guests	Starter	Main	Desert
Tables seat 8 or 10 people. Please PRINT the names of anyone with whom you would like to share a table:		<p><u>Bookings by</u> <u>14th November</u></p> <p><u>Will also available online</u> <u>at £31.50</u></p>	

Order tickets from: Derek Lumb, 3 Bulkeley Terrace, Beaumaris, LL58 8AU, Tel 01248 811022

Please post the tickets to me (I enclose a SAE) / I will collect the tickets, please email a confirmation. (Delete as appropriate)

Please send me tickets at £30 per head. I enclose a cheque for £..... made payable to NWVYC

Name:

Address:

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Post code: Tel: email:

Local hotels and inns offering B & B to members and guests - contact numbers below. Please mention NWVYC when making your booking.

Bulkeley Arms Hotel	01248 810415	B&B: £80 / double room
Bishopsgate Hotel	01248 810302	B&B: awaited
Liverpool Arms Hotel	01248 810362	B&B: £50 standard double / £60 large double



Summer Cruise #4 (Elise, Whispered Secret and Sarico)

In the last *Venturer*, you read about the other 3 parts of the Club Summer Cruise. 3 other yachts also set off that Cruise – late, so it's appropriate that this write up should also be an edition late.

Elise (Dave and Moira), *Whispered Secret* (Jan, Oscar and John) and *Sarico* (Georgina and I) left Victoria Dock on the Sunday afternoon, and picked up moorings that evening at *The Gazelle* ready for the crossing to the Isle of Man. Monday morning saw an early departure – we watched the sun rise over the mainland, and set sail for Peel. The engine came on just after Calf Sound.

We arrived at Peel just in time for a gate opening – WS opted for a pontoon berth, with Elise opting for a rusting fishing trawler, and we opted for Elise! It was going to be an early departure the following morning, so the priority was a docker followed by some excellent Fish and Chips. We were keeping in touch with the advance party by text and e-mail, and were hoping to catch them up at some stage.

We had a bridge swing at 05:30 on Tuesday morning, and watched the sun rise again. The seas became somewhat confused, and I went through various musings of turning and heading for Ardglass or just teleporting myself to somewhere else other than the Irish Sea. We motored on into a headwind, and the seas gradually became less confused and slightly more tolerable, and we arrived at the entrance to Belfast Lough just about dead on low water – ideal for going into Bangor, but not necessarily so good for going onto Glenarm.

Following a quick VHF audio conference, we all agreed to press on to Glenarm. Elise and *Sarico* opted for a very close passage inshore to avoid the worst of the tide, with WS taking a slightly more direct route. Perhaps surprisingly, we found that close inshore we either had no tide, or tide with us, so there are various back eddies close in. Our GPS gave an ETA at Glenarm of 16:30 – and at 16:30 we entered the harbour. It's not a route I would recommend in the dark – far too many lobster pots for that.

There was plenty of room in Glenarm, and we all berthed up together. That's when I found *Sarico's* engine bilge with water in – refer to the last *Venturer*. Elise and WS decided to stay in Glenarm with us despite us suggesting that they car-

ried on to join up with *Avalon* and *Ocean Mood*. It was a very pleasant stay in Glenarm – for those that haven't been before there isn't much in Glenarm – 2 pubs, a well-stocked convenience store and a café that's open from about 10:00 till 16:00 – no evening meals from anywhere other than the burger van in a car park. But there are good walks up the Glen, and Glenarm Castle to visit.

The weather forecast was not good, but both WS and *Sarico* had set their hearts on a meal at the Restaurant at Rathlin Island - the fresh lobster a special attraction for Jan and Georgina. Elise made a decision to head for Belfast City, where we intended to rendezvous 24 hours later. It was an excellent sail up to Rathlin, despite the NW winds and rain. Upon arrival at Rathlin after numerous tacks up the Antrim coast, Georgina headed off in full wet weather gear to book a table -only to return to advise it had shut the year prior. We opted for a Safari supper on-board WS.

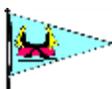
For those that can remember Bob and Julie Roper, we spotted John North on the opposite pontoon so went over – and found Gerry Lomax, another NWVYC member from a number of years ago on board as the new owner, on his way back south intending to move off to Glenarm the following morning to ride out the weather. Greetings and pleasantries were duly changed.

Another early start and sunrise on Saturday saw us heading at great speed close hauled down the Antrim coast back to Belfast – marvellous sail in sunny conditions. We called in at Carrickfergus for fuel, and joined Elise in Belfast City. For those that haven't been it's well worth a visit – perhaps not the most scenic trip through the current / old docks, but once in its well sheltered with excellent facilities, an entertainment centre and the Titanic Experience all adjacent.

We spent the next 3 days there, and were joined by *Andy on Sea Gem* with Nick Lowther and a 3rd crew



Sarico and Elise in Glenarm Marina



Summer Cruise #4 (Elise, Whispered Secret and Sarico) (contd)

member bringing Sea Gem back to the Strait from Scotland. With the forecast still poor, they took the ferry back to Liverpool – if you intend leaving a 40 foot plus yacht somewhere what better place than a marina with a flat rate charge of £16/night! Georgina and I also managed to spend 6 hours at Belfast A and E diagnosing my inability to walk during 2 days of our stay – they gave me a full MOT, and declared me fit for the return journey – I can thoroughly recommend their services!

There was a break in the weather for the Thursday / Friday/Saturday, so WS and Sarico moved own to Bangor to make the trip to PSM slightly shorter, plus we had hoped that Avalon and Ocean Mood may have been stopping off. We found Dave Bridges of TCSC who was heading north – we gave him the tip about staying close inshore against tide to give him some more time to get to Gigha - subsequently confirmed to be valuable advice.

On Friday morning we rendezvoused with Elise off Bangor at 10:20, and headed off through Donaghadee Sound. We were pretty much on a dead run for Calf Sound with a reasonable swell running. WS arrived half an hour before the tide turned south at Calf Sound – with about 18 knots of true NW wind – needless to say they reported back some hair raising conditions. Elise followed, and Sarico went through about 10 minutes

after the tide turned – and once abeam Thusala Beacon all became calm.

The wall at PSM was untenable in the strong NW winds – we were getting gusts of in excess of 30 knots as we all picked up moorings – interesting to watch 3 marina berthed boats in strong winds picking up moorings! I recall that we managed to carry on watching the other 2 despite arriving last.

Elise were going round to Douglas the following day for the Manx GP – Sarico departed about 06:30, with WS setting off an hour later. I had developed a minor migraine overnight – combined with the sea conditions (still a NW wind but not as strong) resulted in a very unpleasant first few hours. We were half way across when it became clear the engine was required, and we motored sailed into the Strait. The NW wind picked up, so we charged down the Strait, being rapidly overhauled by WS who passed us just off the Pier.

Overnight on moorings Saturday and a return to Victoria Dock in the morning. Some good sailing and excellent company. Just a pity we didn't manage to catch up with the other parts of the club cruise.

Dave Clough
Sarico

Front cover exposure for your photographic skills: The Dinner Dance Photo competition

*I am sure there are some Club members who thought nepotism had a hand in Whispered Secret being featured on the front cover of our Club Handbook. **Not true!***

It just happened to be the winner of the photographic competition in 2013, but I have to say having it to hand made it an easy task to incorporate into the front cover of the handbook at the time.

So if you would like recognition for your photographic skills this year there are a few things you need to do:

- First: Enter the competition!
- Second: Provide a digital copy of your entry
- Third: Wait and see if you win.

Things you need to know:

To be able to use a photograph on the front cover of the handbook the photograph needs to be high resolution. If the winning photograph of the competition is not good enough quality to print (by that I mean the quality of the digital file rather than the subject) then it cannot be used and I reserve the right to choose an appropriate alternative from the entries.

For those in the know, the photograph needs to be at least A5 size at 300 dpi. If you can't attend the Dinner Dance but have a great photograph why not submit it in advance or get someone else to bring it along?

Don't let these techy considerations stop you from entering.

Good luck!

Jane Lomas



Bosun's Locker October 2014

Sadly it's that time of year again and some of you are already out of the water and creating those never ending 'to-do' lists to fill those long winter weekends. Well just to get you started, the sail laundering and life raft servicing are easy hits and can be crossed off your list as you're writing them.

Sail Laundering and Repair

After an active and salty season your expensive canvas and dacron (kevlar for the posh people) items need a little attention to ensure they look their best but most importantly, last as long as possible!

Stephen at TheBoatShed will be making his laundry pickup early November from the clubhouse. If you require your sails, sprayhood, dodgers, sail covers etc washing and/or repairing during the winter then you need to bring your items to the clubhouse 'AFTER' the 18th October, but before end first week November. There will be a stack of forms by the signing in book and each item MUST be clearly labelled with your name, boat name, and contact number. You only need complete one form per customer but make sure you list all your items on the form. Your items will be professionally laundered, dried, stored over winter, and returned to the clubhouse before the start of the 2015 sailing season. Please contact me if you are one of the lucky ones staying in for a little longer and require a little more time.



Notice to Members

Sail Laundering and Life Raft Servicing

Sail Laundering:

Sail Laundering forms are by the signing in book. Bring your sails to the clubhouse before 9th November to benefit from the special price. All sails MUST be clearly identified, and the completed form to be placed in the top of one of your sailbags.

Liferaft Servicing

All liferafts for servicing must be clearly identified with your name and contact details and brought to the clubhouse before 9th November.

bosun@nwvyc.org.uk



Notice to Members

Do you shop on Amazon.com?

Do you know about the Amazon donation scheme to RNLI?

Here's how you can help:

Visit www.rnli.org.uk;

Select the 'How To Support Us' link;

Select the 'Other Ways To Help' link;

Select the 'Shop To Save' button on the Amazon.com section.

It will not cost you any more on your order.

The RNLI will benefit from your Christmas purchases.

Sadly, Amazon will be deprived of some profit but then life's not fair! Easy. Don't forget to tell your friends.

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Alternatively, I will be organising a quick turnaround service early next year if you prefer to keep your sails in use over the winter months. I will provide further detail of this service nearer the time but do please contact me if this is of interest so I can gauge interest and make the necessary arrangements.

OK, the best bit. If you have your items laundered through the club then you will benefit from the price of £5.00/kg (sails only), cheaper than last year, how often do you get that these days. Alternatively, you can take you items direct to TheBoatShed (details on p68 of your 2014 handbook) but the club discount will not be available, the price you pay is £6.50/kg (sails

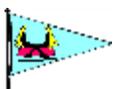
only). Spray hoods and covers are £11/kg but this includes reproofing. Check out the 'Sail Laundry NWVYC Prices' poster for further services and details.

Life Raft Service

Again, Norwest Marine will be doing the life raft servicing and storage over the winter. You will need to bring your raft to the clubhouse between 19th October and end first week November. Each raft will be individually priced depending on how much time expired equipment requires replacement. However, the basic price is £60, plus cost of time expired equipment, plus VAT - note, the basic price has not gone up in years!

NWVYC Dinner Dance

If you are planning to attend this year's soiree at The Bulkeley Hotel but don't fancy staying on your yacht in the muddy boatyard then make sure you check out your 2014 members handbook. We have several local businesses who have supported our club with their paid adverts and all waiting to welcome you for a relaxing weekend. Please



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consider these people before making alternative arrangements and always mention that you are a NWVYC member - it makes the arduous task of signing up advertisers so much easier. If you do use a different establishment then please do mention that you are a club member, and that you did not find them in your handbook and most importantly, tell me so I can help them to see the value in advertising in 2015.



Notice to Members

Do you sometimes think 'I would have done that differently!'?

Are you likely to have a few hours to spare in 2015?

Do you feel you could help out?

Then why not have a hand in helping to keep our club well oiled and running smoothly. The role of Bosun can easily support more than one person at certain times of the year. If you could spare a few hours during certain months in 2015 then drop me a line to discuss how a few hours of your time could make a valuable difference.

Club Products

Dreary winter evenings are so much better when spent at the clubhouse with friends. The Bosun's Store will be available at each of the organised club social events and we have a few new product to tempt you this year, as well as the essentials like pilot books, almanacs, polish and wax products. Yes, don't leave your hull neglected until the spring, get it polished and waxed and protected before the harsh winter weather and it's so much easier to bring the shine back ready for launching in the spring.

See you soon, Steve.

Pen y Parc - 20th/21st September

The weekend of the 20th/21st September saw a small group of us heading to Pen y Parc. The tide was such that a moderately early morning was necessary on the Saturday, Swellies slack at about 07.45. Ocean Mood and Davico both passed Mentor still preparing to leave our mooring.

A very light wind saw a sedate procession down the Strait with varying amounts of sail up. As we headed for Belan Narrows the wind began to pick up and by the time we were crossing Caernarfon Bar all were sailing in fine style with a North westerly wind.

It being still early in the day there was no rush to reach our destination, a variety of routes were chosen. OM set off out into Caernarfon Bay to go for a proper sail, Davico made good progress tacking efficiently past Llanddwyn. Mentor also tacked making good progress on the starboard tack but not making anything on the port, however, as I'd been a bit late taking the Stugeron and there was starting to be quite a swell her skipper (probably anticipating mutiny) decided to take her closer inshore and to motor-sail. This strategy was further justified by the need to check the amount of swell going into the anchorage before the others arrived!

With Davico and OM we were joined in the anchorage by Safari (and a visitation from the Vice Commodore who sneaked in while we were having an afternoon nap).

Darkness begins to fall early at this time of year so by 17.00 the crews of Ocean Mood, Davico and Mentor were lighting barbecues, collecting firewood and flying kites with usual Venturer enthusiasm. We were joined by the crew of Safari who had dined on board and a convivial gathering around the bonfire followed, interrupted from time to time by the need to tend dinghies.

Sunday morning really was an early start for Ocean Mood and Davico who needed to get up to the Swellies in time for slack at around 08.30 They left us sleeping peacefully; Safari opted to return on the evening tide and Mentor, having the luxury of not needing to return for some days headed for Llanddwyn for the night and then on to Aberdyfi for a few days.

Thanks to the crews of Ocean Mood, Davico and Safari for making it such an enjoyable weekend.

*Sue Beetlestone
Mentor*



The great Septic Tank story (plus rather moody sunrise photo)



There was a hole where the septic tank should be - so we had our experts look into it :-)

The answer was a new lid for the tank, and a determined crew set to work on it. —See Page 4 for the story



Job Done! Well done chaps, and thanks, I was getting desperate :-)



Tim taking a well-earned breather



Peel Sunrise - on Sarico's summer cruise - see page 12