



The Venturer

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

Forthcoming Events

31st January.

RYA Day Skipper / Yachtmaster theory. **OoD Richard Forder**

18:00 Winter Event. Cruising Scotland – Maria and Jon Stanley. **OoD Dave Clough**

14th/15th February – Day Skipper / Yachtmaster theory. **OoD Richard Forder**

21st February – TCSC Social at their clubhouse to which NWVYC are invited (see details elsewhere in this edition).

28th February.

Day Skipper / Yachtmaster theory. **OoD Richard Forder**

18:00 – Winter Event. Graham Clark – Controller – Holyhead Operations Centre. **OoD Dave Clough.**

14th/15th March.

RYA Day Skipper / Yachtmaster theory. **OoD Richard Forder**

28th March – Winter Event – David Rainsbury – Cruising Norway. **OoD Dave Clough.**

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Cosy....

I'm pleased to say that our new windows and doors have finally been installed, and very nice they look too.

I'm sure you have all had the instructions for opening the new entrance door, and it even talks to you to tell you that the wrong number has been put in..... Sorry, I meant the door is now open

We also have a new fire exit door with a small window. So now the only question is, do we need to fit curtains or blinds to the main galley windows - or leave them plain and decorate ?

Hope you all think it's money well spent and a big thank you to all who helped to make the cogs turn so we were ready for the installation date.

Lee Downes.





Commodore's Corner

Happy New Year to you all, I hope you have had a good Christmas and new year, and all your presents were sailing ones..

So another season commences for the North West Venturers Yacht Club, if you have been a recent visitor to the club house, you will have noticed how quite and cosy it is now due to the new double glazed windows, French doors, entrance door and fire escape door and very nice they look too. We may well be asking for members to give the walls a lick of paint before the next working party, so many hands make light work as they say :-)

Now that the windows have been replaced we will need to replace the window coverings, either with new curtains or vertical blinds, the latter I would have thought was a better option.

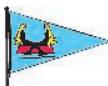
The two windows in the lounge that face onto the yacht storage yard have been made into high level windows, both with openers for ventilation on club social evenings.

Input is still required for the development committee for the heads and dinghy store, so if you could help out and haven't already volunteered, please do come forward and put your name down.

On the subject of volunteers, we still need a Sailing Captain to make his or her mark on the club - I must say that when I did this post, I found it very rewarding helping new members to enjoy sailing and also sorting the sailing programme for the season. Your club will support you in this role so please do get in touch if you are interested.

All that's left is to thank all the members who have worked at the club over the past few months to improve our facilities whether it be the septic tank or the clubhouse windows - your help is much appreciated and helps to make our club what it is.

Lee Downes
Commodore.



SUBS AND NEW MEMBERS

Subscriptions Reminder 2015

Cut-off date 31st January for inclusion in the Yearbook

Thank you to all those of you who have renewed your subs so far – many of you took advantage of the discount before the end of 2014.

The rates for 2015 as agreed by November's AGM are:

	Entrance Fee	Membership Fee 2015
Family	£70.00	£112.00
Single	£55.00	£81.00
U25	£40.00	£31.00
Outport	£50.00	£60.00
Anchor	N/A	£16.00

Dinghy Store fees are £45

You can pay in any of the following ways:

By internet banking (please contact Sue Beetlestone beetle.sue@gmail.com for account details)

If you pay by internet banking, please use your surname and boat name as ID on the payment.

using the Paypal link from the Club website (<http://www.nwvyc.org.uk/members/RenewSubsDiscount.html>)

By cheque made out to NWVYC (please send to Sue Beetlestone at the address below)

Please note, if you pay via Paypal, the Club will incur charges for this, so **we'd prefer the Internet Banking (or cheque) option**. If you have any changes to the details held by the Club, please send relevant changes to Sue Beetlestone, 6, Monmouth Way, Boerton, Llantwit Major CF61 2GT or change them via the website (there is a button at the bottom of this page <http://www.nwvyc.org.uk/members/RenewSubs2015.html>)

New members to welcome are :-

John & Jean Hollows who sail a MacGregor "M" trailer sailor, named Lady J

Stephen Brown who sails a junk-rigged Corribbee, named Lily Ella.



A VIEW FROM THE REAR

As the weeks tramp past and were nearly into our second social of the year finally you can take a look at the 2015 Sailing Programme. This year has given us some interesting tidal challenges given the distances some members travel from but think you'll agree there are some exciting ideas and events being held.

Starting with the Cruises, For those how just fancy visiting an anchorage they have tried to get to before but never managed it or learning a little about the tidal gates around Anglesey we have a week for you . Those who may given the right conditions might want to go a little further in conjunction with the first week, a two week sling shot cruise is offered which might take in Liverpool to see the Cunard Queens, go over to the Isle of Man or even across the Irish sea to Howth or Carlingford Ireland giving some members their first taste of distance cruising but eventually will round Anglesey.

Cruise Dates for 2015

May 23rd – May 31st Anglesey Exploration

May 23rd – 7th June Sling Shot Mini Cruise

July 25th – 9th August Summer Cruise

In a break from the normal we have decided a change in tack when visiting other clubs. Going back some years the Venturers would cruise in company rather than spend a weekend going to a local yacht club or them coming to ourselves. We have planned three cruises in company with the R.W.Y.C, T.C.S.C & N.W.C.C where with some extra activities we can enjoy a BBQ and some good company.

Yet again the Venturers have managed to procure an R.N.L.I training weekend, not only does this give us an opportunity to practice are MOB drills, set up a Tow etc. but give the Lifeboat crew a chance to be on board a yacht in a non-emergency situation. Provisional plans are to meet in the morning at the lifeboat house for a briefing, bacon butties and a look up close at the lifeboat, before we go out onto the water for our training session. We will follow this by hosting the Lifeboat crew in the evening. So watch this space for more information as it comes.

Finally comes a new edition to the program and those with a keen eye will have spotted the letter "N" in the events section.

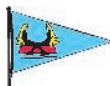
"N" is for Night Sailing Opportunity.

Over the last few years it has become customary to include a specific weekend in the sailing programme to accommodate a "night sail" in order to provide an opportunity to members not familiar with this aspect of cruising to participate in company with more experienced "moon-crews" – and to test their navigation lights for real!

However, although the destinations are chosen to maximise the additional time available and to allow sufficient recovery (sleep) time, the weather often intervenes with consequent cancelling of the event.

Therefore, this year the sailing programme includes a number of weekends where a night sail option is included (Highlighted by the presence of the letter "N") These are generally those with Saturday departure times around lunchtime and offer the opportunity for a departure approximately twelve hours earlier i.e. in the early hours of Saturday morning.

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A VIEW FROM THE REAR

The intention is that the programmed destination will remain the same, subject to weather conditions of course with any changes to be noted on the club noticeboard on Friday evening as is normal practice.

Since these events are very much reliant on settled weather conditions, it is likely that a “night OOD” will be only be nominated once it becomes clear that the option is confirmed. Thus, if you are keen to participate it is recommended that you make this clear to the scheduled OOD and/or the Rear Commodore in advance so that you can be kept informed of developments as the weather pattern becomes clearer.

From reports of previous successful night sails, comments like “it all looks so different in the dark”, fabulous starry night” and “absolutely magnificent sunrise over the mountains” are common – it also invariably allows you the first choice at anchoring spots at the destination!

Please do not hesitate to contact Mike Hollingworth, Mark Suffield or John Hull if you want further information.

So here's to a Good Breeze and a Calm Sea.

Mike Hollingworth
Rear Commodore

FANCY A DANCE ?

WINTER SOCIAL WITH TREATH COCH SAILING CLUB

Graham Keeling, Commodore of Treath Coch Sailing Club, has kindly invited us to join them at their “Dancier Mon” winter social event to be held on Saturday 21st February 2015 at their clubhouse.

The event starts at 2000 hrs, with dancing starting at 2030 and there will be a hot buffet provided at 2130 hrs, the cost being £5 per head.

Graham has indicated that would love to welcome about 20 of us and those of you who went last year will remember what a good night it was!

If you are interested in coming along, please contact Lee Downes for more information and to reserve and pay for your place.



2014 - 2015 VENTURERS COMMITTEE

Your New Committee and Flag Officers

The following people were elected to serve the club on the Management Committee from 1st December 2014 – 30th November 2015

President	John Partington
Commodore	Lee Downes
Vice Commodore	David Clough
Rear Commodore	Mike Hollingworth
Hon Secretary	Joy Bennett
Hon Treasurer	Ray Wilton
Hon. House Officer	Paul Morton
Hon Membership Sec	Sue Beetlestone
Hon Bosun	Steve Maclean
RYA Training Principal	Richard Forder
Racing Handicap Officer	Mike Butterfield
Venturer Editor	David Calvert
Committee Members:	Pauline Hughes Christopher Hughes Brian Oulton
Website Gurus	John Creasy Carolyn Warburton

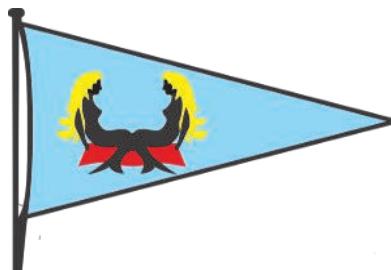
Our Trustees, who have the property of the club vested in them for legal reasons, are appointed by the Management Committee and act under the direction of the commodore are John Partington, Gordon Rutter, Derek Lumb and John Lomas.

Thank goes to all these individuals for giving up their time to serve the club. Should you need to contact any of them, please do so via the details in the yearbook or on the website.



HOW TO GET INTO THE CLUB !

January Update



New Doors & Windows

The New doors and windows have now been installed at the clubhouse - you need to know the following:

1. The code is 4 digits ONLY.
2. The sequence (unlike the old lock) is fixed (so, for example, **1432 cannot be entered as 1234**).
3. To enter the code, the lock must first be initialized by pressing the bottom left hand button (the standard symbol for 'Power On/Off').
4. After entering the code, the Power button must be pressed again to activate the release mechanism.

Voice messages from the lock tell you what is happening!

To get out of the Clubhouse ...

1. Slightly lift the handle and press the black button in the handle.
2. Press the handle down (as you would!)
3. The VOICE tells you if you've managed to release the lock.
4. **The code is XXXX IN THAT ORDER (sorry correct numbers , members only)**

Editorship of The Venturer



In a rush of blood at the last AGM , I "volunteered" to take over the editorship of the The Venturer newsletter from Ed Hopkinson, having no idea what it entailed, or what software was used in its production! The only proviso being he produced the December edition as his last. Later, looking back at the past editors work, it was obviously going to be a hard act to follow, but here it is, thanks to generous help and advice from all I asked. However, the newsletter can only be as good as the information supplied from members, so keep up reports of social and sailing adventurers, photos, and anything that might be of interest to fellow Venturers.



On behalf of all members I would like to thank Ed Hopkinson for all the hard work he has done over the last number of years

Regards Dave Calvert.

Please send any input to :- editor@nwvyc.org.uk



Membership and Training Courses

Membership renewals Reminder

Thank you to all those of you who have renewed your memberships.

If you still haven't renewed you need to do so before the end of this month to be included in the Yearbook. Cheques payable to NWVYC to the Membership Secretary please, pay by Paypal on the club website: <http://www.nwvyc.org.uk/members/RenewSubs2015.html> or email: beetle.sue@gmail.com for bank details to pay by BACS

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the Clubhouse on the 31st.

Sue

Training Courses

Richard needs to know urgently if you would like to undertake one of these excellent courses.

RYA Day Skipper /Yacht master Theory

4 weekends

31 Jan/ 1 Feb 2015

14/15 Feb 2015

28 Feb/ 1 March 2015

14/15 March 2015



Cost: £250 (depending on numbers)

Booking cut off date: Mon 12 Jan 2015

RYA Sea Survival

1 day course, part in the classroom and part in a local swimming pool

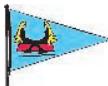
Date – a Saturday at the end of March beginning of April (a possibility is Sat 28th March 2015)

Cost: £85 - £90 (depending on numbers)

Please contact me asap if you are interested in this course. We need a minimum of 8 participants for the course to happen.

Further details:

Richard Forder, Email: training@nwvyc.org.uk Mob 0774 500 8338



BOSUNS STORE

Bosun's Store 2015

I hope all club members had a great Christmas and New Year and that you are all eager to get yourselves some new gear for the 2015 sailing season. The Bosun's Store will be available at each of the organised club social events and we have a few new products to tempt you this year, as well as the essentials like pilot books, almanacs, polish and wax products.

New Products.

We had some comments from members last year about the Bosun's Store selling 'the same old stuff'. So we'll be adding some new products for 2015. We will have a few samples on offer for you to look over and once you have made your choice we will order your chosen items. Please, please, let us know if there is anything you would like to be able to buy from the club... We are always looking for things that might be of interest to members.

Planning a cruise for 2015 and need some charts and pilot books?

Get all your Imray products from the Bosun's Store. All Imray products can be found on their website (www.imray.com) or why not view a range of samples at the next club social and place your order. If you buy these through your Bosun's Store you'll get a decent discount - you won't buy cheaper. However, following on from last year I don't intend to hold a stock of charts in 2015 so plan ahead for some great prices. If you're in a hurry, ABC also have a stock of charts but these will be at RRP

As with all Bosun's Store Orders you can pick up your ordered items at the next social event or you can have them posted to your home at extra cost to cover postage.

You will likely see some new faces helping out in the Bosun's Store this year as the different strands of the role can take a lot of work and I don't always have the time that's needed. If you would like to do something for the club but only want a small job email me at :-
bosun@nwvyc.org.uk.

See you soon, Steve.



RYA CRUISING CONFERENCE

VIC DOCK IN WINTER



2015 CRUISING CONFERENCE
RYA NORTHWEST
THE CENTRE
BIRCHWOOD PARK
WARRINGTON
SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2015
1000-1615



SPEAKERS

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BROADCASTER AND YACHTSMAN

VVV COX
ENGINEER AND YACHTING MAGAZINE
CONTRIBUTOR

DAVID MOSS
FLEETWOOD WOODEN BOAT BUILDER

IAN LOFFHAGEN
ROWLANDS MARINE MD AND ELECTRONICS
EXPERT

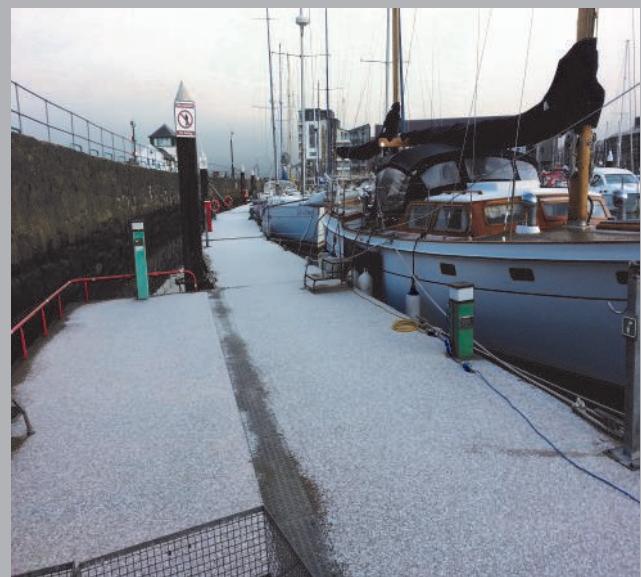
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Watch for more details on the RYA Northwest website
www.rya.org.uk/regions/northwest



Roll on the Summer!

Hopefully scenes like this of Victoria Dock with a coating of snow are over until next winter - we will keep our fingers crossed.

WANT TO USE FACEBOOK ?

Information from Denise Lewis

If you're a bit like me - a Facebook geek, you maybe interested to know (if you didn't already) that the Venturers DO have a Facebook page. I have used it over the last few years to post photos of our lovely weekends, to try and encourage others to join us. It's easy to use, if you have a FB account, just do a search on NWVYC, like their page, and you are good to go. There are some stunning photos on there, from Anglesey to outer Hebrides of Scotland - have a look, join in and post your photos, it's so interesting to see other places that members have been. It's not meant to replace the NWVYC website, but it does enable you to post photos, and an easy way of sharing some of the fun and photos that we enjoy.



FANCY A BOAT IN THE MED ?

FOR SALE

1/5TH SHARE - GIBSEA 302 - BAGGINS



£4500

Length Overall 31.5 ft (9.6 m)

Built 1995

Fin Keel

Lying Poros, Greece

General Features:

Lying Saronic Gulf south of Athens at Poros – Built 1995 with light airy interior. Long established and friendly syndicate. 1/5 share gives minimum of 5 weeks use usually in 2 and 3 week blocks allocated at AGM in November each year.

Sailing Equipment:

Mainsail – New 2013 with in mast reefing

Genoa – New 2009, roller reefing

All lines lead to cockpit

Tiller steering

Engine & Services:

Yanmar 18 hp Diesel, injectors and injector pump refurbished 2012/2013

New exhaust injection bend 2012

2 batteries with split diode charging from alternator

Mains charger

195 litre water tank

Holding tank, water cooled fridge

Accommodation:

Fore peak twin V or double

Large double aft cabin with hanging locker

Saloon with drop leaf table and eating for 6 (which may be used as 2 single berths)

Galley with double burner cooker

Deck Shower - Shore power

Bimini - Cockpit table

Navigation & Safety:

Steering compass - Log speed depth

Garmin 160 GPS with built in charts

VHF Radio & H/VHF – Navtex - Tiller pilot 2000

Horse shoe - Flares

Fire extinguisher and fire blanket

Bruce main anchor with 55 mtrs chain and 30 mtrs warp

Kedge anchor and rope warp

Warps and fenders

Dinghy (new 2010) - Outboard

Contact: Dave Calvert 07769 723732 or Colin Parsons 01446 772077
Email: baggins@brg-wk.demon.co.uk



FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Cont. from front page)

3rd April.

First official club organised sailing weekend (Easter BH).

25th April.

10:00 - Working Party. **OoD Paul Morton**

18:00 – Start of Season Party. **OoD Dave Clough**

Due to changes in the diaries of the presenters, the Winter events have been shuffled and are now as follows;

31st January. Winter Social. Cruising Scotland.

It's been nearly 2 years since Arabella left the Strait for Scotland, and Jon and Maria will be talking about their experiences. Jon has indicated this may be an innovative talk, so please come along. This should whet our appetites for our own Summer Cruises in 2015. Catering with a Scottish theme by the Social Sub Committee.

21st February.

Traeth Coch SC have extended an invitation to NWVYC members to their social function, which features the Welsh Dancing group we were entertained by in June last year. Only a limited number of tickets are available – please contact Lee Downes or myself if interested. Start time is around 20:00rs with a hot buffet – cost about £5.00.

28th February – Holyhead Coastguard.

Graham Clark, Maritime Operations Controller at the new Holyhead Coastguard Operations Centre will provide members with an insight into the new structure of Coastguard Operations. Holyhead Coastguard itself was shut down for 2 weeks in December to allow the new technology to be installed that will see Holyhead supporting the other Operations Centres around the country. Graham himself has only been with the MCGA for 3 years – his CV is fascinating, and will I suspect have many stories to tell as well. Catering by the Social Sub Committee.

31st March. Cruising to Norway.

In 2013 Dave Rainsbury went to Norway and back from Beaumaris – combining it with a honeymoon. Dave is an interesting and informative speaker, and as many of us know some of his photography is amazing. Catering by the Social Sub Committee.

At all of our Winter Socials the Social Sub Committee, assisted by volunteer chefs, will be providing food at about 19:00, and the bar will be opening at 18:00. If you would like to contribute by acting as one of our volunteer chefs please let me know.

25th April – Start of Season Party

Full details will be provided closer to the event, but this is the official club kick off to the sailing season, so we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Dave Clough

Vice Commodore



50 CLUB

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For those who have been members of the 50 club over the past twelve months, a big thank you for doing so. Our winners in December were John and Sue Bowles on Symphony and Ralph and Mary Pierce on Glas-y-Dorlan.

This month is the last month for those of you who renewed in February last year and I will be sending renewals out via email (where possible) or by letter for those who have advised that they have problems accessing their email. As in previous years, the cost will be £50 which entitles you to 14 draws (12 monthly draws and a one off prize of £150 for the start and end of season party draws) and you can pay for this either via internet banking (which we would prefer) or via cheque or cash. As a last resort, we can accept Paypal although the administration costs from Paypal are not insignificant! The renewal letter will provide more details of how to make your payment. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to help.

Joy Bennett - 50 Club Co-ordinator

Scranbag

In the members area on the club web site you will find Scranbag. As its coming around to that time of year when bits and bobs are being sought in readiness for the new season, why not have a look at Scranbag to see what's on offer, and also for you to get rid of those surplus items cluttering up your cupboards, lockers, sheds and garages? Its recently been cleansed of old adverts, so it should be pretty up to date, albeit a bit sparse of adverts at present. If you do sell anything you have advertised on Scranbag, please remember to update your entry, or delete it.

THE THREE QUEENS IN LIVERPOOL

May 2015 will see Cunard return to its spiritual home in Liverpool, to celebrate its 175th anniversary. Cunard's three Queens – Queen Mary 2, Queen Elizabeth and Queen Victoria – will meet on the famous Liverpool waterfront in a spectacular one-off event from the 25th of May that will draw tens of thousands of people to the banks of the Mersey. Queen Mary 2 will then return to the cruise terminal on 4th July to recreate the voyage of the first Cunard ship, Britannia, from Liverpool to New York.

When QE2 arrived in the Mersey for the first time in 1990 more than a million spectators turned out to see her and the 15 visits made by Cunard Queens since then have always received warm and enthusiastic welcomes by the people of Liverpool. Having three Queens together on the Mersey is an event that will live long in the memories of all who witness it.

For more information, please visit <http://www.cunard.co.uk/Liverpool>



DRAFT SAILING PROGRAMME FOR 2015

Start Times are Indicative to Yachts. All Times are LOCAL::Spring/Neap Range 6.0/3.2

	Start	Destination	HW Dover			Notes and Social Events
			am	Range	pm	
April						
03	0845	Caernarfon	1142	5.2	2356	A Four Day Shake Down Cruise for those in the Water
04	1130	Porth Dinlleian		5.4	1210	
05	0840	Llandwyn	0024	5.4	1237	
06	0800	RTM	0050	5.5	1302	
11	1345	Abermenai	0336	4.3	1605	Time for our First Bonfire
12	1345	RTM	0437	3.6	1721	
18	1130	Bull Bay	1136	6.3	2355	Alleged Poor Holding
19	0900	RTM		6.6	1218	
25		Start of Season Party	0420	4.0	1649	Working Party 1000
26			0518	3.4	1749	Start of Season Party Bar Opens 1800
May						
02	1100	Holyhead	1105	4.9	2319	Carmel Head Slack 1600
03	1030	Llandwyn	1135	5.2	2349	
04	0930	RTM		5.4	1206	
09	1240	Porth Trebastell	0239	5.1	1505	N
10	1030	RTM	0329	4.5	1602	
16	1030	Porth Eilean via Cemlyn	1032	5.6	2250	Watch the Arctic Turns
17	0800	RTM	1118	5.9	2337	
23	1300	Llandwyn	0310	4.9	1533	Anglesey Exploration (1 Week) incorporating Slingshot Mini Cruise (2 weeks)
24	1300	Rhoscolyn	0357	4.3	1621	
25	1100	RTM	0448	3.6	1713	
30		Scratch	0944	4.3	2159	
31		RTM	1024	4.7	2238	Return Anglesey Exploration
June						
06	0900	Beaumaris	0149	5.6	1414	Training Weekend Inc. RNLI (Briefing Saturday Morning 0900 Lifeboat House)
07		RTM	0234	5.3	1502	Return Slingshot Cruise
13	1020	Dulas	0917	4.7	2138	Host the Beaumaris Lifeboat Crew
14	0800	RTM	1013	5.1	2233	
20	1345	Porth Wen	0210	5.3	1429	N Cruise in Company with the Traeth Coch S.C & Cocktail Competition
21	1030	RTM	0250	4.9	1509	
27	1115	Abermenai	0805	3.5	2023	Low Water Slack Passage (1215)
28	1800	RTM	0859	3.9	2116	Treasure Hunt
July						
04	1215	Cemaes	0055	5.9	1319	Cruise in Company with the North Wales C.C
05	1000	RTM	0139	5.9	1405	
11		Moelfre	0742	4.2	2007	Lunch at Moelfre
12		RTM	0854	4.2	2120	
18		Conway	0115	5.5	1331	
19		RTM	0151	5.3	1408	
25	1545	Caernarfon	0542	3.2	1822	Start of the Summer Cruise – Ireland
26	1615	RTM	0715	3.2	1938	
Aug						
01	0915	Llandwyn		6.1	1221	N Family Pirate Weekend
02	0820	RTM	0042	6.3	1305	
08	0800	Beaumaris	0551	4.1	1819	Practice Sailing up the Channel, Fishing Competition with a DIY BBQ at the club
09		RTM	0708	3.8	1939	Return of the Summer Cruise
15	1235	Moelfre		5.5	1235	Moelfre Life Boat Day
16	1030	RTM	0055	5.4	1310	
22	1345	Porth Dinlleian	0345	4.1	1611	N Cruise in Company with the Royal Welsh Y.C.
23	1100	RTM	0434	3.4	1710	
29		IOM	1120	6.0	2342	Classic T.T Race
30				6.3	1204	
31		RTM	0025	6.7	1247	
Sept						
05	1410	Caernarfon	0420	4.7	1647	Walk the Town Walls (A Historical Tour of the Town)
06	1430	RTM	0522	3.9	1752	
12		Conway	1138	5.3		
13		RTM	0000	5.4	1211	
19	1230	Abermenai	0233	4.8	1453	Watch the Sunset Kiss our Isle
20	1230	RTM	0310	4.2	1534	
26	1015	Moelfre	1015	5.4	2240	
27	0900	RTM	1101	6.2	2324	
Oct						
17		End of Season Party Bar				Working Party 1000?
Nov						
07		Bonfire Night				D.I.Y. BBQ
		AGM				
21		Dinner Dance				Buckley Hotel, Beaumaris



HELP US WITH CATERING

Club Socials

The majority of club socials run without the need to book in advance, apart from events such as the Annual Dinner Dance, or events that may be catered for by the Bishopsgate. That's one of the benefits of the Venturers – it's a fairly relaxed approach. However, it does mean that the Social Sub Committee has to strike a balance between ensuring that we have enough food prepared to go round, and also that we don't waste food by producing too much. It really would be very useful for the Winter Events if as many members that can could let the Club know if they are intending to come along either by using the web site event Notice board, or contacting the Vice Commodore by e-mail or phone call. It's not compulsory, and we understand that members plans may change at short notice but it would be really helpful.

Many thanks

Dave Clough



Our President – an update.

As some of you may be aware our President, John Partington, underwent knee surgery in December. I am pleased to report that he is progressing well (although not as quickly as he had hoped) and that he is looking forward to being back in the thick of it with us very soon. I am sure that you will all join with the Committee in wishing him a full and speedy recovery.

The Northern Boat Show Launches At The International Mersey River Festival

The Northern Boat Show is an exciting new consumer show at the heart of the International Mersey River Festival, on Liverpool's Waterfront from 5 to 7 June in 2015. Endorsed by Liverpool City Council, this three-day boat show will put sailing boats, power boats and marine products, systems and services in front of serious boat buyers and more than 200,000 visitors to the Festival.

For more info, and details on how to buy tickets go to "Northern Boat Show" on the web. This event is a couple of weeks after the arrival of the Three Queens in the river .



IMPROVEMENTS TO THE CLUB

On the 30th December, a small group of members set about altering the two windows in the Lounge facing the yacht storage yard in preparation for the replacement double glazed windows to be fitted in the New Year.



All of the materials were brought up from Stafford as most of the builders merchants were closed or didn't carry what we needed for the work.

All of the existing structural timbers were in excellent condition, along with the protective membrane to keep the weather out.

They were treated with wood preservative whilst we had the chance.

Existing timber sizes were 125mm by 50mm and faced off with 12mm plywood.

The timbers we used to fill in were 150mm by 50mm, cut down to match the existing 137mm, covered in breathable felt with a 100mm insulation board in the voids, and 12.5 mm plasterboard to finish the inside.

We managed to find an excellent match for the cladding, so once it's had a few more layers of paint, it should begin to blend in nicely.

So a big thank you to John Wrench, Des Founds and Paul Morton for all your help on the (cold) day.



Lee.

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