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What's on....

Still to come in May....

Spring Cruise: 27th May - 11th June

Destination: South Wales via PY, Aberdaron, Fishguard, Solva etc.

Cardigan Bay is one of the best places to see and sail with dolphins.



All subject to weather conditions - please check the website for the latest information.

And the start of June....

This isn't the return trip to Dulas: 3rd (see Denise Jago's article on page 6) and my personal favourites, Llandwyn: 10th ; Rhoscolyn: 17th and again Llandwyn: 24th.



There is also a Lifeboat Day in Beaumaris on 3rd June and the All Wales Boatshow at Conwy from 9th to the 11th

When are you going in?

"When are you going in?" has been the battle cry over the last month. Being pressed by the boats in the cheap seats on the back row but many had jobs to be done and all sorts of repairs in the cold wind though it was mainly dry thank goodness, apart from when I open a can of varnish!

The last few months has been challenging for the Management Committee with regard to legal matters but as most of you probably know it had a successful outcome with a few outstanding items that are in the process of being addressed.

But I do confess the team has had a breather over the last few weeks from club matters apart from the Sailing Captain who has been preparing the sailing programme.

The first few dates on the programme are always difficult as the "weekend wind phenomenon" is a curse to organise anything, but a few hardy souls managed some trips with modifications to the original destination.

There are probably some sailing plans that won't work for everybody and the sailing

captains job is not a easy one but it is not a business and people are not paid and we don't run a Trump organisation. So if you have any amendments to the printed version just have a word with Marie, I am sure she would be very grateful of any useful input.



May: North East wind in The Straits



It just leaves me to say hope we have a good sailing season, thanks to the management team and to extend a hearty welcome to all our new members. Don't hesitate to call me or any of the management team if you need any help or advice.

**Paul
Commodore**

Vice Commodore's Contribution Mike Butterfield

I have had a quiet time recently, and need to plug back in to Club matters. I need to learn to contribute to the Blog, and re visit my notes on development for the Club. As you will know we appear to have a falling membership, and our potential "customers" boats in the bay, appear to be on the decline owing to the success of local Marinas. The question is how will this impact on the club in the long term, and how we can change/advertise our offering to continue to be relevant. I have a page of notes I will be working through, but if you feel you have anything I should be looking at please get in touch on pmbutterfield@msn.com or 01248 810300.

I have been attending several meetings with the RYA recently and am always shocked at the work done in the background. My inbox is full of applications for renewable energy sites off the coast, together with work on the coastline.

The RYA have policies on renewable energy both tidal and wind to ensure the sites retain navigation without hazard. The office pick up matters and there are at least 3 of us in Wales who comment on each application to ensure boating is protected.

I have also heard of work being undertaken on policies for end of use boats which is a problem in the future.

A lot of the regulation for Boating is considered through the EBA (European Boating Association) and not the EU so a lot of the work will continue but RYA are considering the effects of Brexit. No answers can be given as the questions on such as port access in EU countries, have not even been formulated yet.

Mike Butterfield. Vice Commodore



View from the Rear Jen Barcroft , Rear Commodore



So what's been going on since March? Well the talk by Michel Kaizer of Bangor University was very well attended and really captured our attention a very fluent and knowledgeable speaker, it was particularly interesting to hear about the history of the Prince Madog and her predecessor.

The Boat Jumble on March 25 got off to a slow start and actually turned into quite a nostalgic event- the end of an era as both John and

View from the Rear Jen Barcroft , Rear Commodore continued

Jenny Partington, and Shirley Dwyer and Don Marshall were selling all their sailing gear, both assisted by members of their respective family's. There were some good bargains to be had, a dinghy, life jackets, waterproofs, even John Ps trailer.

But as such enthusiastic and longstanding members of the Club I know that we will be seeing them at all the Socials as always and enjoying their company. In the evening Joy and Lee gave an illustrated talk on Avalons passage around Ireland.

The Shoreline Skiffle band with a little help!



The Spring Work party was for once a fine day, and all the usual participants plus a lot of new faces set to on the grass cutting, exterior paint (very neat job Marg), sorting out the engine store and refurbishing the picnic tables. We now have a new and more stable barbecue the weed killing is done -- all ready for Summer!

The American Themed Start of Season Party brought out lots of check shirts and neckerchiefs and we dined on spicy chicken, baked spuds and salads. As we only had 34 people booked in we made a decision to cater for 50

and it's a good job we did as 50 turned up!



The entertainment was by The Shoreline Skiffle band, who are mostly members of Traith Coch Club were brilliant, only 4 or 5 were expected but about 12 turned up and they appeared to enjoy the evening with us too. The surprise of the evening was when Paul Lawrenson cantered in astride a blow-up stallion, straight from a visit to the Polo pony field- he'll tell you the story!

Plans are underway for the Winter season of socials. If you have any good ideas or special requests just let me know.

The work party and End of Season are booked in for October 21, your AGM and Members

forum are on Nov 4 followed by the Bonfire. Last, but not least, the Annual Dinner Dance and Awards Presentation will be held at The Bulkeley Hotel on DECEMBER 2nd.

As you probably know by now, a block of 12 rooms are being held at the Bulkeley- 5 still available at £90 and 6 at Liverpool Arms £60 held until May 29 so if you will need

accommodation book now and mention NWWC

**Have a safe happy sailing season. Cheers...
Jen, Rear Commodore**

Membership Roundup Sue Beetlestone

New members

We welcome new members Chris and Jayne Trueman from the Wirral. They sail Crystal, a Moody 31 and their membership has been supported by Paul Morton and Des Founds.

Chris has owned a speed boat for 10 years, kept at Port Dinorwic but has always wanted to sail. Last year he decided it was now or never and started looking for his ideal yacht.

He found it in Crystal, a Moody 31 Mark II. He liked her lines and the accommodation she offers. He travelled down with Jayne to Poole, Dorset to see her in October last year, put in a cheeky offer and bought the yacht there and then. Crystal was transported via low loader to Gallows Point.

Chris has completed a competent crew course but would welcome advice and a helping hand from members in his first season sailing with us. Jayne will be joining Chris as soon as

we get a sunny weekend with the sea 'smooth to glassy' and the wind slight for a gentle first sail. Let's hope that's very soon.

New Member John Wilkinson keen to get started in April!



Renewed Member

A very warm welcome back to Marie Baskeyfield who has rejoined the club and plans to sail Melita with us.

Another Wedding!

Congratulations to Terry Walkden and Kath Hunter who have recently got married. They bought Papoose and joined us last year and they are looking forward to sailing with us.

Dulus 6th May By Denise Jago.

Saturday 6th May, 2017 the planned club trip was to Dulas, but with the wind direction coming from the North it was decided to go South.....

Friday, 5th May, 2017 saw us arrive at the clubhouse to be faced with a strong Easterley wind – and we had to get on the boat!!

The only boats that showed an interest in the club cruise, was Avalon, and Laras, and Laras were in Victoria Dock.....so dinghy blown up, taken to the shoreline, with quite large waves rolling in, we set off, rowing for dear life, until we were far enough out to start the engine.

Once aboard Ocean Mood, no time was wasted, and the mooring dropped, due to the weather the plan was to go through the swellies late, and pick up a mooring in the



shelter in Rowan Bay, so not such of an early start on Saturday morning.

Once through the Bridges, the wind subsided, and Jerry decided it would be a good time to calibrate the new autohelm. We did this

outside Plas Newydd, and very successful it was too. By the time we had finished playing with autohelms, Lee and Joy had already picked up their mooring in the peaceful setting in Rowan Bay. Lee shouted over and offered us the use of his 'new pick up stick'. This I am afraid was far too complicated for me, and after doing a few circles around the mooring, decided the best option was to go back to the original plan of a lasoo....then we used the stick to thread the rope though the mooring loop – very clever piece of kit.

After picking up the mooring and making safe, Lee came over to give us instructions on how to use the stick, and to ferry us over for drinks on Avalon.



A very peaceful night was had in Rowan Bay, and we set off on Saturday morning, the destination was Rhoscolyn for lunch and then back to Llanddwyn overnight depending on the wind.



Laras had been in contact and said that having the children on board, they would probably only go to Pen Y Parc.

From leaving the moorings, we sailed all the way, over the calm bar, and set sails for our destination. By this time the wind was picking up, reefs and reefs put in, and me doing quite a bit of 'sofa sailing'. We arrived at Rhoscolyn, and set anchor (not too well) after lunch and a little disturbed rest with a dragging anchor, Jerry and I decided to go and do a 'recky' at Rhosneigr, as Jerry was to be OoD there later in the year.

Completing this, we sailed back to Llanddwyn. By this time the wind was dropping and we decided to stop here overnight, Laras also

came back here for the night.

The mixture for a mad dog tea was served on Ocean Mood for Lee and Joy and us, and a very enjoyable evening was had.

Sunday morning was a 5am start, light winds and a wonderful sunrise, saw us heading back over the bar, motor-sailing back to the moorings. Lunch in the Liverpool Arms and a sneaky ice cream from the ice cream parlour.

A leisurely walk back to the club in the glorious sunshine was a lovely end to a wonderful weekend – thanks for your Company



Your Editor needs YOU!

If you have a tale to tell of your latest adventure on the water, or perhaps you have overcome a problem on your yacht and don't mind sharing your experience with fellow Club members - I would love to hear from you.

We need articles on technical yachty subjects to the positively mundane to help and interest every member of the Club.

Ladies (and Gentlemen of course) I would like to reinstate the 'Galley Rat' section. If you have tried and tested tasty recipes to share please send in your recipes (with a photo if possible). I would particularly welcome recipes with an ingredient that can be harvested for free on a sailing trip, or sourced within walking distance of a harbour or anchorage. (once you have dingied ashore obviously!). Sometimes a sense of humour is definitely required to put a smile back on the faces of your crew. Let's have those yachty jokes. Cartoons are especially welcome, so if

you have a flair for quick sketches we might even find a prize for the 'cartoon of the month'.

If you have other ideas on what you would like to see in the next Venturer - don't hesitate to let me know.

I will publish the deadline for articles in the previous month's Venturer (see front page here). You can email text and photos to:

hello@ap-design.co.uk or editor@nwvyc.org.uk

Many thanks and look forward to hearing from you.

Ed. (Jan Lomas)

A few words from the Sailing Captain

It's been a good start to the 2017 sailing season, with several club yachts venturing north and south of the island on short cruises despite the mixed weather conditions.

Cruises so far include a trip to Rhoscolyn when Avalon and Ocean Mood braved the strong wind to be rewarded with a beautiful sunrise.



Hwyl Dda also enjoyed some sunshine at Rhoscolyn as part of a longer trip which included a visit to Llandwyn Island and Rowan Bay.

More recently, several boats cruised in company on a trip to oelfe for a BBQ on the

beach. It was great to see our new members out enjoying their first cruise on board Crystal. Well done lads.



We hope to see more members joining in as more boats launch and the weather settles down.

The Spring Cruise is due to commence on 27th May until 10th June, with the planned trip to cross Cardigan Bay for a tour of a few of the spectacular Pembrokeshire harbours. All members are most welcome to join in - the more the merrier! We can be flexible with the destinations to suit both bilge and fin keeled boats.



Anyone interested or wanting more information please call Marie on 07919 655485 or email sailing@nwvyc.org.uk

**See the latest
Caernarfon Bar Boys
charts on
pages 11 and 12**

50 CLUB UPDATE

Feb 2017

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| 1st | No 34 | Simon and Rowena on Saltarello |
| 2nd | No 41 | Don Marshall |
| 3rd | No 38 | Dave on Elise |

March 2017

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| 1st | No 48 | Mij and Trevor Shirley on Hindsight |
| 2nd | No 39 | John and Jan Lomas |
| 3rd | | |

SOS Party Mega Draw

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| 1st | No 36 | Richard and Charlie on Pearl |
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April 2017

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| 1st | No 48 | Mij and Trevor on Hindsight |
| 2nd | No 36 | Richard and Charlie on Pearl |
| 3rd | No 24 | Mij and Trevor on Hindsight |

Many thanks to all of you who participate in the 50 Club – we still have seven available numbers which are priced at £50 each if paid by cheque or BACS or £52 if paid by PayPal (additional cost to cover the PayPal processing fee) – if you would like another number, please contact me directly.

Joy Downes

Strange Lights

While on the mooring we sorted loads of small jobs that have been bugging me for a while and after we decided to go to the Sailing Club to have a meal with a few people that had turned up on Friday night but we were down at Menai Bridge on the mooring. It was pouring with rain and the dinghy needed topping up with fuel and air and all the things you do when you intend to come back to your boat after dark.

So after a nice evening having a meal and a few drinks (not the driver I must say) we went back to the dinghy which we had left on the Princes pier.

The night was dark, no moon but the sea was flat as we started back to the boat against the tide. As we passed the moored boats and looking at them for the position with reference to our own, it takes about 10mins to reach our position. We passed the last boat before ours and I was looking for our mooring light - the type used in the gardens that recharge over the daytime. But instead of our light we saw navigation lights coming towards us, showing Red, then showing Green, thinking this was oncoming vessel that is out of control I was just about to hail the oncoming vessel when it changed to Blue. Panic was about to set in as I throttled back expecting this strange vessel coming through the moorings to collide with us.

Then looking harder I noticed that the light was emanating from our boat. In fact it was our mooring light that was turning Red, Green and then Blue.

Doing Jobs in the day I had fitted a new mooring light as the old one had died and thinking I was fitting a similar garden replacement type in the day we hadn't seen it in the dark and expected it to be just white !!!

It was removed on getting aboard so as not to cause some other poor soul to have a heart attack

Commodore

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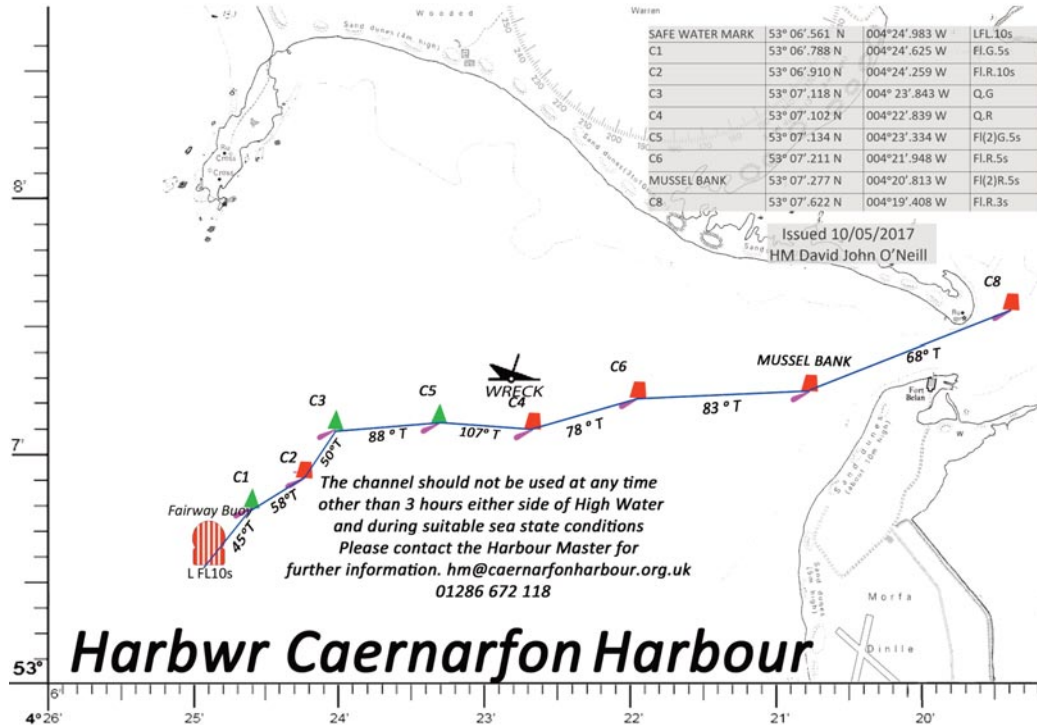
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Caernarfon Bar Bouy Information

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