

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

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What's on....

15th December 2018

Christmas Party (*informal*)
bring plate of food and a game!

19th January 2019

"Surveying Shipwrecks around Wales"
talk by Dr. Mike Roberts

16th February 2019

National Coast watch Institution



16th March 2019

Sue and Graham Beetlestone:
Cruising Ireland

6th April 2019

Work Party and Hog Roast
Start of Season Party

Much more information on all of these events in 'Social dates for your Diary' on page 3.

COMMODORE'S CORNER PAUL MORTON



This year I have been very happy to see new members joining the club and to welcome some to the AGM. On the water, members have sailed far and wide and reached destinations in Ireland, Scotland, South Wales, and the East Coast.

Paul and Marie Lawrenson delivered their new Moody 31, Panache, from the South coast, to add to the fleet in the bay.

Some of last year's committee have been re elected to the club and I am very happy to welcome some new faces. Back with us, as Vice Commodore, is a very enthusiastic Marie Lawrenson and co opted onto the committee to help Marie co ordinate the sailing is Sarah Crawford.

Andy Stevenson was elected to the committee and, along with social committee member Dave Calvert, is helping with Rear Commodore's roles. Both are berthed in Victoria Dock which gives us a closer connection with a large number of our active sailing members. In Beaumaris we have a New House Officer Richard Adams. Many thanks to the retiring House Officer, John Wrench.

Weekend sailing is always difficult to predict because it is dependent upon the weather. The 2019 programme will support members new to sailing, and provide for social interactions in the summer. As long as a programme is in place, members will always choose what they want to do themselves - and I am happy if they are happy.

The Members' Forum after the AGM, was very clear that the Venturer should be paper-based. It's reports are seen as vital to the health of the Club. Outport members in particular have told me that they miss stories of members' exploits, both local and offshore. Whatever you are doing there is a story to be told and members who would love to hear it.

Please send your articles, photos and views to the Venturer Editor (venturer@nwvyc.org.uk).

This will be my final year as Commodore, and I am looking forward to another season and will, with your help, keep improving communications within the club.

Lastly I would like to thank, most sincerely, the management team who have supported me over this year and been working hard to ensure the efficient running of the club. Especially Jen Barcroft our Rear Commodore who is retiring this year

Paul Morton



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

SUE BEETLESTONE

We welcome new members **Rob & Marjorie Leigh** who are the new owners of **Meganza**. They have been active in the club over this season and though experienced in other watery activities, Meganza is their first cruising boat so they, like so many of us in the past, have been on a steep learning curve.

We also welcome **Dave and Rosetta Welling** with their **Thames Marine Mirage, Tranquility** (a new red sister for Chinook, just to confuse some of us). Dave and Rosetta have been busy in the boatyard through the summer and we look forward to seeing them on the water next season.

Sue Beetlestone

OUR 2019 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Our Management Committee, elected at the AGM on 3rd November 2018 to serve from 1st December 2018 for a period of twelve months, are as follows: -

Position	Name	Club Email Address
President	John Lomas	president@nwvyc.org.uk
Commodore	Paul Morton	commodore@nwvyc.org.uk
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Hon Secretary	Margaret Hopkinson	info@nwvyc.org.uk
Hon Membership Secretary	Sue Beetlestone	members@nwvyc.org.uk
Hon Bosun	Graham Jones	bosun@nwvyc.org.uk
Hon Sailing Captain	Marie Lawrenson	sailing@nwvyc.org.uk
Hon House Officer	Richard Adams	house@nwvyc.org.uk
Venturer Editor - Ex Officio	Jan Lomas	editor@nwvyc.org.uk

Committee Members

Liz Andrews
Noreen George
Ralph Morris
Brian Oulton
Andrew Stevenson

Co-opted Members:

Mike Butterfield
Sarah Crawford

We thank all of the above volunteers for their time they give to run our club and encourage you, our members, to support them in whatever way you can.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you were at the AGM you will know that no-one stood for election as Rear Commodore.

The Rear Commodore (with the help of the Social Sub-Committee) organises social events, looks after the bar and (with the help of the House Officer) is responsible for the maintenance of the clubhouse and the running of it's facilities.

Currently we have in place:-

- **House officer** – Richard Adams
- **Bar Manager** – Andrew Stevenson & Dave Calvert
- **A Social Sub-Committee** – small in number, very committed, but needing reinforcements.

The Social Sub-Committee has already made most of the arrangements for the Socials during the rest of this winter and next spring.

We really need to recruit a Rear Commodore and would love to hear from you if you feel you can do this (with the help of all the above).

Other ways to help:-

Could you offer

- to organise just one of our social events?
- to cook a main course dish for one of our socials?
- to help with preparation and serving of food at a social?
- to organise speakers or activities at one or more of our socials?

If you can help with any of the above the Committee would love to hear from you!



THE VENTURERS' FOLK BAND!

WRITTEN BY MARIE LAWRENSEN

It all started at the 3rd November social, which was quite well attended despite the cancellation of the Beaumaris firework display due to awful weather conditions. Weather conditions which didn't stop us lighting the BBQ and making the most of our socialising opportunities. The surprise of the evening came when Dave Welling entertained us with some great folk songs on his accordion. This, combined with copious amounts of liquid courage, prompted a few members to mention that they had various instruments at home and thus the NWVYC band began to form! We ended the evening with keen plans to meet up on the following Saturday 10th and to bring along anything that could make a noise - to play after the rescheduled Beaumaris display.

And what a great night it turned out to be!

Dave and Rosetta Wellings brought along two friends from their folk group; between them, they had a couple of drums, a tin whistle, tambourine, shaky eggs, accordion and guitar- not to mention their great singing voices.

I resurrected my much forgotten melodeon, flute and tin whistle and Paul Morton showed off his talent with his banjo. Jen Barcroft was once again the percussion princess and played a mean cheese-grater. Liz Andrews and Reece Lea also brought a couple of friends who sang the blues and strummed beautifully on guitar. Liz's teaching skills came into play as she got us all to try singing a Welsh song about multi-coloured goats ascending a hill. I don't think we got the words quite right though.



The club came alive that night, everyone joined in either singing or trying out the instruments. It was brilliant! We had great fun and I am looking forward to more musical events in such good company.

The instruments will be coming with us on the summer cruise, so I will have to get practicing. If you have an instrument at home or just fancy a good old sing along, bring them along the next time you're coming to the clubhouse for the evening, and watch out on the Facebook closed group for notifications of other events. Skill level really doesn't matter, if you're a beginner or a professional then you are welcome. It's all about having a bit of fun together.

SOCIAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY BY JEN BARCROFT

December 15th is the date for our **informal Christmas Party**, just turn up with a plate of food to share, a 'good game, good game' and a musical instrument if you have one.

January 19th is the date of our first Social event of the New Year and we are delighted that Dr Michael Roberts has agreed to talk to us. He is Seacams R&D Project Manager at the Centre for Applied Marine Sciences at Bangor University School of Ocean Sciences. **You will have seen Dr Roberts on the Island Strait TV series and he will talk to us about Wrecks around Welsh waters** and the use of multi beam to study the sea bed. Menu for the evening will be Fish pie, Chilli or Vegetarian option Your host for the evening - TBA!!!!!!

On February 16th we have a talk by a member of the National Coast watch Institution, Point Lynas' Station Manager, Ged Trelford. He is going to give us some insight into their operations and the support they are able to provide.

Offers please to host and organise booking etc for this event.

Saturday March 16th and the highlight of our St Patrick's weekend event is a talk by **Sue and Graham Beetlestone about their cruise to Ireland on Mentor**. There will be a supper of Irish Stew and no doubt some Guinness!

Hosted by Sue and Liz Andrews Soc.Committee

Completing the Winter programme, **on Saturday April 6** we have the **WORK PARTY** followed by a **HOG ROAST** at the **START OF SEASON PARTY**, hosted by Denise Jago. We will need a minimum of 50 people to make it possible so put this date in your Diary.

At all events, the Bar will be opened at each event at 18:00 hrs by our new Bar tenders Andy Stevenson and Dave Calvert. Suppers will be served at 19:00

If you feel you could help by hosting any of these events, please let Jen Barcroft know right now!

We need your support.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Renew before the end of December and get a discount!

Membership subscriptions and Dinghy Store fees for 2019 are due before the end of this month (except for those new members who have joined since the 1st September 2018).

You can pay your subscription by BACS, cheque or Paypal.

	Entrance fee	2019 Subscription after 31.12.2018	Discounted subs if paid by BACS or cheque before 31.12.2018	If paid by Paypal before 31.12.2018	If paid by PayPal after 31.12.2018
Family	£70	£139	£128	£133	£145
Single	£55	£101	£93	£97	£105
Outport	£50	£65	£60	£63	£68
U25	£40	£35	£32.50	£34	£37
Anchor	n/a	£21	£20	£21	£22

Dinghy Store fees are £52. Outboard storage only £26.

By BACS into the club bank account

Sort code 09 01 28 Account No 81867052

If you pay by BACS please let the membership secretary know that you have made a payment and let her know the reference you used. **Email - members@nwvyc.org.uk**

By cheque payable to NWVYC and posted to:

Sue Beetlestone, 6, Monmouth Way, Boverton, Llantwit Major, CF61 2GT

By Paypal from the members area on the club website

VENTURERS' DINNER AND AWARDS PRESENTATION

BY JEN BARCROFT

Numbers for a formal Dinner & Dance have dwindled over the years and November 17th saw a re-scheduled Dinner at the Victoria Hotel in Menai Bridge. Thirty people were booked in and although we may have been short on numbers, we were certainly not short on enthusiasm. It was good to meet up with friends from Traith Coch, members who are berthed at Victoria Dock and long standing Venturers who always come along to our Social events. As many of us were staying at the Hotel it turned into a late night and we finally drifted off to bed at midnight.

President John Lomas kept us in order and announced the List of awards. He doesn't get to use his gavel very often these days!

VENTURERS CUP
COMMODORES CUP
JUNKETTE BOWL
MELLOR MUG
ROCK TROPHY.

Paul and Marie Lawrenson in Panache
Des and Lin Founds in Stargazer
Derek and Jean Lumb in Nightsong
Lee and Joy Downs in Why Knot
Des and Lin Founds in Stargazer

The Rock Trophy is awarded by the previous year's winner. This year Des Founds, unfortunately had to award it to himself as Stargazer managed to come into contact with a large rock. Des is insistent that it jumped out in front of him at Millport. As always he entertained us with a very amusing poem about how it all happened, I think Gem, the canine crew may refuse to sail again!



There were quite a few photos for the photo competition and a decision as to the winner will be made in due course. We also sold quite a few Raffle tickets and members will be given another opportunity to purchase at the Christmas Party when the Draw will be made.

Once again our thanks to all those who came along to give us their support.

We hope to see many of you on December 15 along with a plate of food and a game to start the Festive Season. Best wishes to you all.

