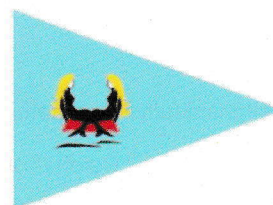


The Venturer

North West Venturers Yacht Club



The Newsletter of the North West Venturers Yacht Club Ltd (NWVYC Ltd)

Gallows Point, Beaumaris, Anglesey. LL58 8YL

Commodores Report

Another sailing season has come and gone and although not perfect, it was better than last year. Many but not all members were able to launch and some of the sailing programme events were attended by members including several new members. The Spring and Summer Cruises did not take place, partly due to Covid Restrictions and the uncertainty of being able to visit the Isle of Man and Ireland. A few of us did manage an extended cruise, calling in at the IOM but not going ashore then onward to Northern Island and the West Coast of Scotland as far as the Caledonian Canal. Later in the season, the IOM eased restrictions and allowed visits after following a booking in procedure.

We were finally allowed to open the clubhouse fully for members to use and the new galley got its first full use at the end of season party organised by Liz Andrews, our Rear Commodore. During the day, a good number of members attended the working party and the clubhouse and grounds were soon looking neat and tidy again after months of inactivity. Thank you to everyone that helped.

The AGM took place on the 6th November 2021 and was another first in the club's history. Last year was the first 'Virtual' AGM held on Zoom and this year it was the first 'Hybrid' meeting with members attending in person but also via Zoom. There were a few technical problems to begin with but lessons have been learnt for future meetings.

The election of officers took place and although not all of the positions have been filled, I am pleased to welcome some new faces on the committee and look forward to their input in taking the club forward.

The new management committee is as follows:

President—Derek Lumb	president@nwvyc.org.uk
Commodore - Andy Stevenson	commodore@nwvyc.org.uk
Rear Commodore - Liz Andrews	rear.commodore@nwvyc.org.uk
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Committee -

Brian Oulton
 Richard Bumpus
 Sarah Crawford
 Reece Lea
 Rosetta Welling
 Mike Butterfield (Co-Opted)

Many thanks to our retiring committee members for all of their hard work.

Andy Stephenson. Commodore.

Rear Commodore's Update

Well thankfully I have something really positive to write about as we have had two social events since my last article for the Venturer.

On Saturday 9th October our End of Season Essential Maintenance Day and Evening Social thankfully went ahead, as restrictions had been lifted enough to enable us to hold the event. The working party was very well attended and I know Richard Adams was very pleased with the number of jobs the willing helpers completed. The club environs are looking so much tidier. Vivien Burke joined us during the morning with cards and gift items from the RNLI shop in Beaumaris.

For the evening social, the committee decided to use the outdoor space for catering as much as possible and Margaret kindly updated the risk assessments accordingly, to reflect how the event would be managed. I decided to try a 'Street food' themed menu which together with my fantastic team of galley helpers we prepared the various dishes and sides accompaniments during the day. Two large gazebos with fairy lights and bunting housed the different food stations. Fred Santos prepared his authentic Portuguese dish in the galley. It was quite an ambitious task, but 46 meals were served and I hope everyone enjoyed the slightly different slant on the catering.



Andy Stevenson entertained us with his adventures aboard Seagem in Scottish waters for two months with various crews this summer. The lovely photographs and detailed charts gave us a good insight into the trip and I know how much Reece and I thoroughly enjoyed our 'leg' of the journey. I hope this will encourage more members to share their sailing ventures with us at future club events.

Thank you also to Dave and Rosetta Welling and Jim for their lively musical entertainment which we all thoroughly enjoyed – and participated in enthusiastically. What talent we have in our club.





The Beaumaris Firework display and Bonfire was cancelled once again this year, but this certainly didn't stop our intrepid Venturers turning out for our event on 6th November. The bonfire was duly stacked during a rather wet and windy afternoon. It was quite an impressive construction thanks to the wood donated by various members and, as usual, Richard Zalot. Reece and I were constantly checking the weather – and various weather apps, hoping that the squalls would subside. Luckily the wind was a South Westerly giving us some protection, and meant it would be safe to light the bonfire and the fireworks.

The barbecues were lit as the daylight faded and the delicious aroma of Dave and Rosetta's enormous pot of spicy pumpkin soup wafted out from the galley making everyone hungry. Thank you both for your donation which fed all of us. I was impressed with the variety of food that people had brought along to cook (and also the lovely selection of cakes to share). Thank you, Sandra and Geoff, for bringing goodies for the children.

Thankfully the coals lasted long enough for everyone to prepare their meals. We were still unsure if we would all get a thorough soaking, but as if by magic, the rain stopped and the wind dropped so the bonfire was lit, and the firework display started in earnest. Why do sparklers always make me feel like a child again? Did I see people on Beaumaris pier looking across at our display???

Thanks to Andy for manning the bar all evening and I'm sure this helped with our singing, joining in with Dave, Jim, Rosetta, Paul Jen, and a little help from me. I even persuaded Reece to join me in a rendition of a Pirate Song with verses added by us about being a Venturer. The real star of the evening had to be young Roberto who surprised us all with his very accomplished guitar playing and singing, and in particular his own composition. It was so beautiful that it reduced me (and others) to an emotionally tearful moment. This young lad is a rising star for sure – and a Venturer!



Articles for the Venturer

Members who have anything of interest that might be included in future editions of The Venturer please forward to
editor@nwvyc.org.uk

Dates for your diary

Christmas Party Night at the clubhouse - Saturday 11th December

We are planning a Christmas Festive Feast for you to enjoy. We will be catering 'in house' this year with a selection of dishes, including a vegetarian option, prepared by our Catering Committee. We would also be very grateful for donations for the dessert table. Further details and cost of the meal will be sent out via the usual communication channels.

Bar opens at 18:00

Supper served at 19:00

Christmas Quiz and more...



There are also some preliminary dates for events next year, but they may be subject to change if restrictions are once again imposed, which may limit travel or numbers allowed to meet. Once again, further details about these events will be circulated.

Saturday January 22nd - In Praise of Burns Night. Celebrating a little earlier than the poet's actual birthday, but always a popular event at the clubhouse.

Saturday February 19th - Beat the Winter Blues with a hearty supper and a chance to chat about sailing plans for 2022 and share some past sailing experiences and stories.

Saturday March 26th - Essential Maintenance Day to tackle various jobs around the clubhouse followed by our evening Start of Season Party.

As always, I would love to hear from you with ideas for future events.

Liz Andrews

Rear Commodore



Christmas Party night and food

For details of the menu and booking details please see Liz Andrews email to you all sent on the 25th November.

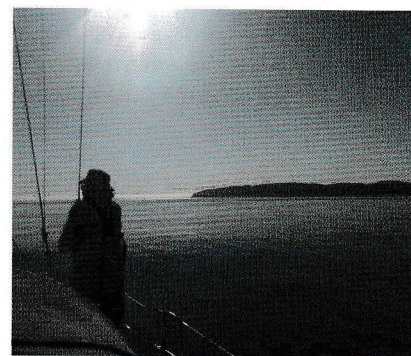
Inevitably the clubhouse didn't get much use in 2020, and a part of that meant that, while there wasn't much wear and tear, it wasn't possible to do more than basic maintenance. Which meant that some aspects, especially the grounds, felt a bit neglected at the start of the 2021 season. It has been great to see the place being used properly again, which has included people helping with maintenance and repairs. The start of season work day didn't actually happen as a day, but people were really helpful in tackling individually the list of jobs that I put out at that time, without the reward of a party in the evening. We had some problems keeping on top of the grass etc. over the summer, but come the end of season and a proper working day together in October, a lot of jobs were tackled really thoroughly and the place looks in very good shape again – many thanks to all who took part, whether for an hour or a couple of days. There have been no major repairs needed, and our cleaner Simona has continued to keep the interior looking good throughout the year.

South-western Scottish Isles, July 2021



We had a magic 10 days in July, joining Jean & Derek Lumb aboard Nightsong for 10 days during their circumnavigation of Britain. We met them at Holy Loch, and left our car with Dave & Georgina Clough in Dunoon. Via the Kyles of Bute, we headed round Kintyre and visited some of the beautiful and secluded corners of Gigha, Islay, Jute, Coll, Ulva, Muck etc. The weather was kind – mostly enough wind to sail comfortably, a bit of motoring, and nothing too rough except for a bumpy hour or two round the Mull of Kintyre and a bit of fog at times. We finished in very warm weather at Tobermory and then Oban. Dave and Georgina were very kind and picked us up from there to return to Dunoon and their generous hospitality for a night, before heading back home.

Richard & Gwyneth Adams



The Clubhouse

Now that the Club is open again, members are reminded to follow signing in procedures and comply with the Risk Assessment for track and trace.

Members using the galley are reminded that the fridges are for everyone to use and should only store food to be used the same day. Cool packs for your vessels can be frozen overnight in the freezer compartments but should be marked with your name and not left there indefinitely.

House Officer

Victoria Dock Harbourmaster

As members will know, we have had a new harbourmaster at Victoria Dock for a number of months now and as a way of introducing himself Iwan has kindly written a brief history of himself below. It is encouraging that the post has been filled by a keen sailor and we look forward to a good relationship with him.

Ed.

Just a quick thank you to all of you that visited Doc Fictoria over the summer months, It was lovely meeting all of you and I hope I will see you again in the near future.

I was very fortunate to take the Role of Dock Master in May this year and have loved every moment since, I have met a lot of interesting people and been very lucky to have shared stories with many of you.

A bit about myself,

At the age of 10, I started sailing at Port Dinorwic Sailing Club and my love for the water has kept growing ever since. At the age of 14 I became an Assistant Dinghy Instructor and was down at the sailing club most weekends. Then at 17 I passed my Dinghy Instructor Course at Plas Menai where I was very lucky to have secured a position on the Instructor Development Programme where I passed a lot of my instructional qualifications, including Multihull Instructor, Keel boat Instructor also my Powerboat Instructor. After I finished at Plas Menai I started working with a company called Neilson Active Holidays and went to Syvota in Greece for 7 months at the age of 18, where I taught sailing and Kayaking. Then in 2019 I was in Corligiano Italy for 6 and a half months teaching Sailing, powerboating and Multihull Courses. I also gained my Advance Dinghy Instructor with Neilson. I then went to work for a company called Zephyr Yachting in Antibes France in February 2020 and was meant to be out there until October, my time in Antibes was cut short as the French Government were locking down France mid-March and I had no other option but to leave and return home.

Having returned home unexpectedly, I spent some time in more traditional employment, whilst always missing my love of the water.

I saw the position of Dock Master at Victoria Dock advertised and applied straight away. I was very happy to have progressed to the interview stage of my application and gave the interview all I had. My passion for being on or around the water came through I'm sure. One morning I received an Email from David O'Neill The Harbour Master saying " Could you give me a call I may have an opportunity for you" I called David within 10 seconds of receiving this Email. And it was that morning at the beginning of May I was made Dock Master at Victoria Dock, and still to this day, I love every bit of it.

I am very excited to be able to impart my vision for the future of Victoria Dock, I want to uphold the excellent reputation it has achieved, while making sure any improvements, where possible, are made. "If you can't walk your own path in life, at least be sure you leave your own footprints." As the Dock has this week seen the successful completion of a dredging campaign, I want to encourage as many visitors as possible to come make use of the facility to the benefit of the Town of Caernarfon. I see a big part of my roll as being the welcoming face of Dock Fictoria. I would like to help promote marine based activities, I also intend to modernise and streamline the Docks users experience.

I can be contacted on

Dockmaster Office: 01286 672346

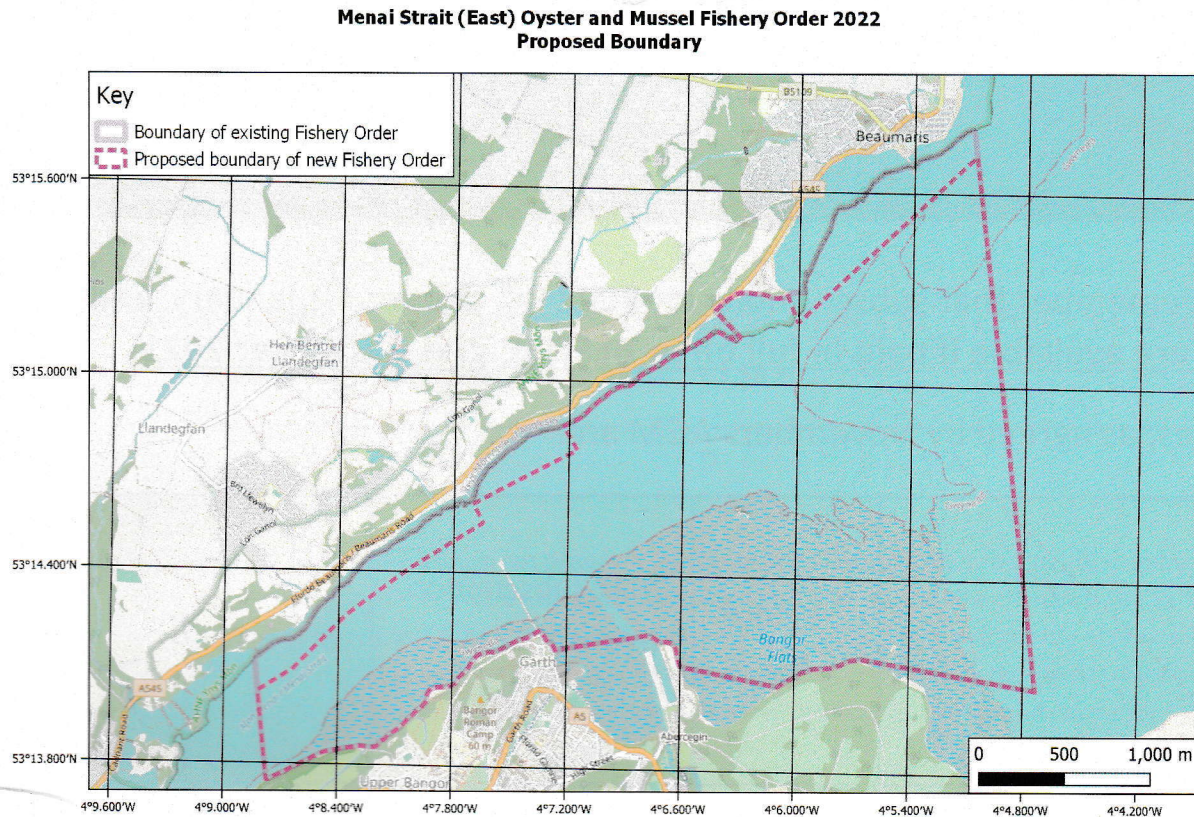
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The following numbers are available for the monthly draw :- 4, 6, 18, 20, 24, 30, 31, 40, and 41.

To enquire or buy a ticket please email secretary@nwvyc.org.uk for details

Update to Menai Strait fishery order



Menai Strait East Fishery Order 2022

The Eastern Menai Strait Fishery order is due to be renewed on the 1st Of April next year 2022. The purpose of the new Fishery Order is to allow shellfish farming to continue in the Eastern End of the Strait.

Whilst members of the NWVYC recognise the importance of the Fishery to the economic well being of the area and support the renewal of the order in principal, we have held concerns for some time relating to the moorings in the Eastern Straits which are situated within the Fishery. This includes all the deep water moorings and some of the drying ones.

NWVYC was invited to contribute to the consultation and argued the following points in support of our proposal to remove areas leased to moorings from the designation of the order before it is renewed.

- Our club base is situated at the Eastern End of the Strait and many of our members lease moorings within this end of the Strait. The availability of moorings is essential to ensure the sustainability of our club into the future. The location of the moorings also helps to attract new members to our club. In addition, our members' moorings are used by visitors to the area when they are vacant.
- Uncertainty over the areas leased to moorings could inhibit investment, both by our club, related businesses and more widely. Our members, and others in the boating community support the businesses on Gallows Point and contribute to the wider local economy.
- The mussel fishermen are not currently cultivating, and never have cultivated the ground within the Fishery leased to moorings, nor do they maintain it in any way. In fact they have promised not to lift the moorings. This begs the question - Why does the fishery wish to retain control of an area they have no intention of farming?

I am pleased to tell you that the Welsh Minister and the Menai Strait Fishery Order Management Association (MSFOMA) have agreed to remove the areas of sea bed leased to moorings on the Anglesey side of the Straits from the jurisdiction of the fishery. The pink dashed line on the map shows the new boundaries to the fishery.



reminder

Subs now due!

Please remember that subscriptions for 2022 fall due on 1st January, and that **discounts are available if paid in full on or BEFORE 31st December 2021.**

The rates, as agreed by Novembers AGM are:

	Entrance fee	2022 subscription. (From 1/1/22 onwards)	Discount	Early payment discount (if paid before 31/12/21)
Family	£35	£140	£12	£128
Single	£35	£70	£6	£64
Outport	£35	£48	£8	£40
Anchor	n/a	£20	£4	£16

Dinghy Store fees remain unchanged, i.e. Dinghy plus outboard £56, engine only (or dinghy only) £28.

You can pay in any of the following ways:

- By internet banking (Sort Code 09-01-28, Account Code 8186705)

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

- using the Paypal link from the Club website (<http://nwvyc.org.uk/members-area/club-resources/>)

- By cheque made out to NWVYC.

Please send to Dave Calvert (NWVYC Membership, 306 Prescott Road, Aughton, Ormskirk, Lancs, L396RR

Please note, if you pay via Paypal, the Club will incur charges for this, so **we'd prefer the Internet Banking (or cheque) option.**