

The Venturer

North West Venturers Yacht Club



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

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Commodores Report

Well here we are again, March already, it's time to finish those winter jobs and for some, time to get ready for launching. The dreaded Covid that has played havoc with our lives and sailing for the last two years is almost behind us. Hopefully, the terrible situation in the Ukraine will be resolved and not prevent us from getting back to the sport we love. Jerry Jago has kindly prepared a summer sailing programme, which includes all of our favourite anchorages, so I hope that everyone will make every effort to take part. Finding Officers of the Day (OOD) has always been difficult. Asking someone to commit to a specific weekend, months in advance is fraught with problems so this year we will try a different way. A couple of weeks before each event we will advertise it on both the Closed Facebook page and WhatsApp and ask for a volunteer to take on the OOD role. For those of you unfamiliar with the role, guidance can be found in the member's area of the club's website, but basically the OOD is the point of contact.

The destinations for our Spring and Summer cruises has still to be decided, so if you have a yearning to visit somewhere special let us know.

There is still some uncertainty about travelling to the EU, in particular Ireland and Northern Ireland but to help us understand the complexities, our President Derek Lumb, who is also President of the Cruising Association, will give a short presentation at the Start of Season Party on Saturday 26th March 2022.

As things stand at the time of writing, I believe that the Isle of Man is open for business and the TT will be taking place this year. This has often been a popular destination for many of our members and of course we wish Team Founds well. If you would like to support them financially or buy some merchandise, contact Des Founds.

Last year was our club's 60th Anniversary but due to Covid, celebrations were postponed. We hope to commemorate the occasion this year so look out for further information in the coming weeks.

Richard Adams our House Officer is making a list of jobs for the Working Party and Rear Commodore, Liz Andrews is preparing for the Start of Season Party. Please make every effort to attend. It will be great to see you all again.

Thank you for your support.



Andy Stevenson. Commodore.

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

Future dates for your diary:-	Start of season party and work party	26th March
	End of season party and AGM	8th October
	Bonfire night party	5th November

Rear Commodores Report

Liz Andrews

Our Christmas Party event was very enjoyable, and made successful because of all the help and support I had. I asked members to book in advance with me, but no need to pre- order food as it was more of a buffet style menu. 34 meals were served with some last-minute cancellations and bookings, but I had planned enough food for everyone to have a choice of mains and various sides with vegetarian options including roast beef with Christmas spices, orange glazed chicken, various quiches, and spinach and feta pie (cooked by Jen Barcroft). Brian Oulton's huge Serrano ham was expertly carved by Des; Brian brought some Chilli and baked potatoes as well to swell our feast. There was a good variety of donated desserts as usual.

The galley was a hive of activity during the day preparing the dishes from scratch and thanks to help from Sarah, Jen and Lyn, everything was ready on time. This was despite a malfunction with the hob which could have been disastrous but was resolved with a little ingenuity (and a spare camping gas ring!!) Andy and Paul tried to fix the problem and even contacted the manufacturer's help line but to no avail.

The clubhouse was festooned with fairy lights thanks to Reece and Lyn. Ed and Margaret brought a Christmas tree and decorated it beautifully. Jen set up the tables and made them look very festive complete with Christmas crackers. Sarah prepared delicious Glühwein served warm, and a non-alcoholic fruit punch to serve to members on arrival. Andy kept the drinks flowing at the bar too. John Lomas entertained us with a fun Christmas quiz after the meal.

Ed and Margaret were presented with the 'Venturers of the Year' award which we all agree is very well deserved. There was also an impromptu musical performance when I gave out some unusual Christmas crackers containing hand bells. I was very impressed with the participation from our 'willing' volunteers. We rounded the evening off with some Karaoke style singing and of course some dancing.

The next morning – after a rest overnight, the hob decided to work again so at least everyone had breakfast. Thank you to everyone who made this event such a fun evening. Thank you also to all those who helped with the clearing up.



Ed and Margaret receiving their well deserved trophy



Hard at work in the galley

Reece and I were unable to attend the winter social on February 19th, but I have had some lovely feedback about the event and I'm sure it was a very enjoyable evening.

Start of Season Essential Maintenance Day and Evening Social

Saturday March 26th

This is always a popular event, and an ideal opportunity to come along and support our club. Richard Adams will be organising the jobs to do during the day starting at 10:00

The bar will be open from 18:00

Supper will be served at 19:00 with a variety of dishes to choose from, including a vegetarian option. I will send out further information about the menu via the usual communication channels.

I am really looking forward to seeing you there, and hope the weather will be kind to us.

Liz Andrews

Rear Commodore

Beat the Winter Blues February Social

Well, the weather was truly against us all with Eunice blowing in on the Friday with red and yellow weather warnings up and down the country. 'Shall we go, shall we stay' we thought. There were three storms in the offing that could have stopped us...but we decided we had to go.

Friday brightened a little and so did our spirits, so we headed off, looking forward to our get together over a meal on Saturday. Before the meal, we watched a couple of episodes of the Welsh Brothers sailing around Britain. I think Andy was trying to encourage us to go further.

Brian took on the mantle of chef and made the most delicious Chilli and Lasagne supported by Rosetta who made a vegetable Paella. 21 members braved the elements to gather at the club on the Saturday night. We were all snug in the club house as the weather drew in. Everyone ate and drank plenty and a good time was had. The evening was capped off by some good music from Dave, Rosetta, Marie and Jim. The star performer was our Commodore, Andy, who stole the limelight with his inaugural public performance on his Ukulele which went down a storm.

Another lovely evening with the club members was had.

Dave and Rosetta Welling



Start of Season work day 26th March

The SoS work day gives you the chance to feel you've really earned the party in the evening! But no guilt trips here – we begin at about 10 am but come when you like and go when you like, it all helps. Here's a list of what's likely to be on the programme for the day:

- Continue to refurbish and re-erect the flagstaff
- Clean outside windows
- Weeding the paved and gravel areas
- Mending/replacing boundary chains
- Strimming grass and weeds

Touching up painted surfaces (there aren't many)

We try and provide any materials and a range of tools needed, but if you have a particular job in mind, please bring whatever tools you can. Phone or email me if you have questions or suggestions, all input is welcome!

Richard Adams

Hon. House Officer

NORTH WEST VENTURERS YACHT CLUB



50 CLUB DRAW
Numbers still available



HOW IT WORKS

- You pay **£50 per year** for a number
- If your number is drawn 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the last Saturday National Lottery Draw of each month, you win a prize
- Prizes are awarded in the order in which the numbers are drawn
- Prize values are **£50 (First prize), £20 (Second prize) and £15 (Third prize)**
- A special draw will take place at the **Start & End of Season parties**, the first number drawn in that evening's National Lottery Draw wins a **prize of £150**
- Subject to availability of unallocated numbers, you may purchase more than one number

HOW TO ENTER

- Check your email for updates on available numbers
- Pick a number
- Email secretary@nwvyc.org.uk with the number(s) you require
- Numbers allocated on first come first served basis and if the one you choose is taken you will be offered the next available number
- Once you are allocated a number, pay before the 21st of that month to: **Sort Code 09-01-28, Account Number 81867052, Reference 50Club**
- Renewal is due thereafter annually on the 21st of the same month each year

Obituary to Roger Willcock

Roger started sailing at West Kirby years ago helping the local Sea Rangers sailing a West Kirby Class Star. This was towed each year with other boats to Beaumaris for the Menai Straits fortnight. Roger would transport the Rangers camping equipment in his Land Rover and help them set up their camp at the back of Beaumaris for the two weeks. He sailed with them during the regatta's. He then bought a Westerly 30 called 'Sonkara' from a fellow West Kirby member. This he sailed to the Straits regularly until in very bad weather in the Dee she broke away from her moorings and was wrecked on Caldy cliffs. He then bought 'Corazel' an Atlanta 28 he found in Holyhead, which he kept at Beaumaris, and about this time joined the NWVenturers. She spent most of the summer up the beach in front of the Venturer's Clubhouse while Roger indulged in his other passion, steam trains! Either the Welsh Highland or the Severn Valley which ever took his fancy. He became a regular visitor to the Isle of Man in 'Corazel' spending a lot of time in Port St Mary. About 20 years ago he moved from Heswall to live in PSM where he was regularly on the Steam trains. He would return to Anglesey for a few weeks each year in a Campervan which he parked alongside the Clubhouse. He was a quiet rather reserved individual which stood him in good stead in his role as a Primary School teacher after a number of years in the Royal Navy. He was one of those characters who will be missed by those who knew him but not by those motorists overtaking him as he took his daily exercise on his bike from the Clubhouse to the Bakery in Beaumaris .
RIP.