

The Venturer

North West Venturers Yacht Club



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

Gallows Point, Beaumaris, Anglesey. LL58 8YL

Commodores Report

Happy New Year Everyone! Let's hope 2024 will be a magnificent sailing season. The Annual General Meeting took place at the Clubhouse and via Zoom on Saturday 4th November 2023. I'm pleased to say that a full Board of Directors (Committee) was voted in, with me back in the role of Commodore. The full list of directors is to be found on page 2. The Draft Minutes of the AGM will be published on the club website.

The member's Forum took place immediately after the AGM and those present were asked how we can take the club forward and increase member participation in sailing activities, as well as attract new members. Several suggestions were made including trying to attract members interested in other waterborne activities, that might find our club facilities of benefit. As well as increasing membership, it might lead to them developing an interest in sail cruising. The existing Articles and Bye Laws allow such membership as Associate Members. The Board of Directors will consider how best to implement these suggestions.

A few of our long standing members have decided to give up sailing recently and have sold their boats. We wish them well in the future and thank them for their contributions to the club over the years. Some of them have decided to keep in contact with the club and become Anchor members, so hopefully we will see them from time to time at club functions. In contrast, we have had several new members join the club and I look forward to seeing them out on the water and getting involved in club activities.

We have such a lovely bunch of friendly members, who make everyone welcome and are willing to share their experiences with those new to sailing or to the area. The Social Events at the club have been well attended and the Christmas Party attracted a total of 46. That's the most we have had for a very long time. The Christmas Meal prepared by our Rear Commodore, Sarah Crawford and her 'Galley Crew' was excellent and everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable night. Keep a look out for future events!

The 2024 Sailing Programme is being prepared and I sincerely hope that members will join in the cruises in company both at the weekends and the extended summer cruises. Now that the festivities are over, I hope that those of you with boats out of the water are working feverishly to get them ready for the season ahead and looking forward to getting some enjoyment out of them. Fingers crossed we get some good weather!

Andy Stevenson
Commodore



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Commodore	Andy Stevenson
Vice Commodore	Ed Hopkinson
Rear Commodore	Sarah Crawford
Honorary Secretary	Roy Connolly
Honorary Treasurer	Dave Welling
Membership Secretary	Dave Calvert
Honorary Sailing Secretary	Graham Jones
Honorary Bosun	John Wilkinson
Honorary House Officer	Tim Kirby
Director	Brian Oulton
Director	Fred Santos
Director	Liz Andrews
Director	Reece Lea
Director	Noreen George

Rear Commodore's Report

It was a rotten summer of sailing with high winds curtailing a lot of plans, and a few Venturers were stuck in foreign Ports, or onboard waiting for a lull in which to escape. Some sailors camped in cars at the club for a few days whilst waiting to get aboard in the bay, and a merry time that was too!

On the 7th October the club held the End of Season Party. 27 Venturers came along, and we had a whole Roast leg of Shropshire bred pork and coq au vin.

Mike, our Honorary Quiz Master, gave us an entertaining quiz with some thoughtfully bizarre questions. e.g. The colour of French loo paper? (Answer: - 'pink' - just in case you didn't know.) Our band played on into the night and folks were in fine voice as usual.

The AGM was held on 4th November and the members' forum led us to vote in a full Committee. Thank you to all the volunteers who put up their hands.

The evening was planned as a 'bring-your-own meal'. We had hoped to barbecue, light our prepared bonfire, and enjoy the fireworks. The bonfire was stacked down the beach after 15.30 hrs to fit in with the receding tide, then rain and high winds made it impossible to light, so we all watched the Beaumaris spectacle across the bay through sheeting rain. The bonfire had to be brought up the beach again and is still stacked ready to go again on New Year's Eve....with the fireworks and bring your own barbecue food.

The 9th December was the Christmas Party. The club house was decorated in fairy lights and trees, and a wonderful turn out of festive happy members, 47 in all. The Galley Crew rose to the occasion and produced an amazing choice of starters, followed by turkey with all the trimmings, and a vast array of flaming Christmas pudding, trifle, mince pies, cheese and lots of volunteer washer uppers.

Our House Officer Tim had worked hard to fit a new induction Hob, which works a treat, and has a new set of complimentary pots and pans. Thank you, Tim and Caroline, for that great feat and Liz for buying in some catering pans for the night.

The Bar was run by yours truly, Commodore Andy, and he was thrilled to have 4 recycling boxes full of empty bottles on the Sunday morning to take away, after doing his sums.

Mike provided a thought-provoking quiz, and the Band entertained us, adding a skiffle-band player to wash-board the tempo and entertain us.

Forthcoming events:

The new year brings us to the club house on 27th January for Burns Night. Traditional haggis will be served with a menu to be made.

The 24th February will see a pie night.

The 26th March social, and menu, yet to be decided.

The SOS weekend will be 13th April, to have a cracking party to celebrate the sailing season ahead and the end of winter.

Sarah Crawford, Rear Commodore.

House Officer's report for 2023.

Here's a quick summary of the jobs done around the club this year.

1. The Saga of the Hob(it), or, Bored of the Rings. Well, we finally got rid of the old, faulty hob and got a shiny new induction one. It's, bigger, better, works properly and had a good test run at the Christmas do. It's so much faster in response than the old one that it's almost as quick as gas. It's pretty powerful too, and can draw over 11kW, so we are going to need Wylfa 2. We got some new pans too, as some of the old ones won't work on an induction hob.

If you haven't used one of these, there is an instruction booklet in the drawer below it. It's pretty simple; finger on the 'on' symbol for a couple of seconds, select the ring to match the pan size and set the slider for the power needed. There is a small 'b' symbol at the end of the slider, this is a boost for rapid heating. I'm not sure we'll need it, its already faster than a kettle for heating water. It'll do other tricks too, like pre-set temperature, timers, etc: if you want any of these, they're in the manual. It displays energy used at the end of each session too, which can be pretty scary.

Finally, a warning. Induction hobs can affect pacemakers, so if anyone has one, the advice is to keep at least two feet away from the hob. So you'll either need long arms or let someone else do the cooking for you. But that doesn't get you out of washing-up duties (so I have been told).

2. The outside bin has a padlock, to stop non-club members using it. The lock only covers the existing triangular latch, which still needs to be used to open or close the bin. The keys for the padlock and the latch are on the wooden fob in the galley cupboard. The bin is emptied monthly, or on an 'as required' basis, so if anyone sees it full, please let me know.

3. The dinghy store now has a couple of air vents to disperse the fumes and keep the temperature down a bit. I'm not sure if they are enough, so could users let me know during the season if they are working, please? Ta.

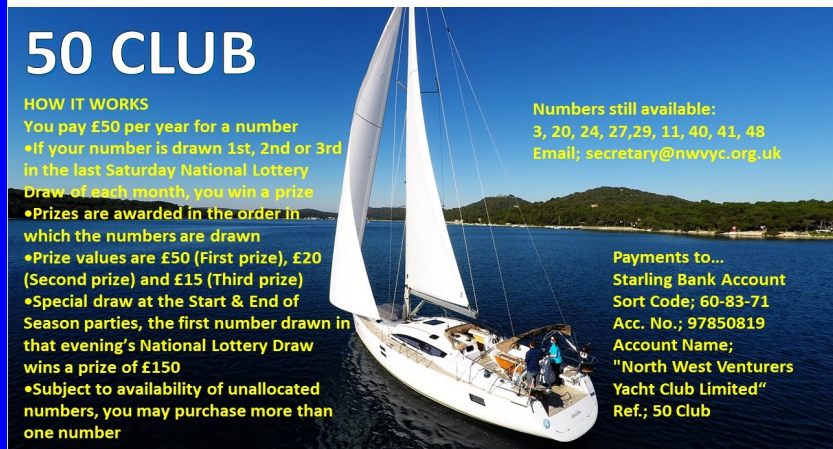
4. The inner door (to the galley) now has a new electronic lock, which uses fobs like the old one did. New fobs will be issued on membership renewal; please leave the old ones in the plastic box on the counter.

5. The main stopcock (behind the galley bin) started leaking and flooded the floor. It's been fixed for now and the floor dried out, but it's quite old so I'll probably fit a new one. If anyone notices water there in the meantime, please let me know.

6. One of the shower switches in the gents packed up and was replaced; they take a high current and don't seem to last long, so we can expect the others to go in time. If they start playing up, let me know.

7. The Great Mouse Slaughter continues apace, we're easily into double figures already. Blocking the hole hasn't stopped them, they can get through tiny gaps, so we'll just have to keep, er, 'discouraging' them. There are four traps under the bench seat by the galley, which regularly catch them. If you are in the club and it doesn't look like anyone has been there for a while, please lift the seat and check the traps. The bait is a paste in a small red and yellow tube in the tall galley cupboard, just put a small dob on the plastic plate and re-set. It doesn't need much and they seem to like it, but I haven't tried it myself yet. If we ever run out of Marmite.....

Tim Kirby, House Officer



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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)
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Numbers still available:
 3, 20, 24, 27, 29, 11, 40, 41, 48
 Email: secretary@nwvyc.org.uk

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 Starling Bank Account
 Sort Code: 60-83-71
 Acc. No.: 97850819
 Account Name:
 "North West Venturers
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 Ref.: 50 Club

Hi all,

Just to say that the new way to pay your 50 Club renewal is to set-up a Standing Order for £4 a month then there is no confusion on when your renewal is due and giving you a £2 discount on the year!

If you are not sure of your numbers or renewal dates please feel free to contact me.

There are also some numbers still available and they are;

3, 20, 24, ,29, 11, 40, 41, 48, 33.

If you'd like one of these numbers, again feel free to let me know.

Thanks and best regards,

Roy Connolly, Secretary



Recent winners of 50 Club Prizes

26th August

13, Ian Warren
 42, Mike Butterfield
 12, Jerry and Denise

30th September

40, Marie Law-
 renson
 14, Liz and Reece
 8, Lee Downes

28th October

42, Mike But-
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 50, -
 25, Richard
 Adams

25th November

9, John and Jan
 Lomas
 5, Ed & Marg Hop-
 kinson
 46, Roy Hughston

Just a reminder that your annual subscription is due this month. The rates are the same as last year.

If paying by bank transfer (preferred) please remember to use the new Starling account.

New fobs for the electronic galley door will be issued after your renewal.

2024 Subscription Rates

Family: £140

Family with dinghy store: £196

Single: £70

Single with dinghy store: £126

Outport: £48

Anchor: £20

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CLUB BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

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