

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

With this month's Venturer, you should have received your membership card with the new door code and this year's sailing programme produced by our Sailing Captain, Graham Jones. The new door code will take effect on 13th April 2024, when we will have the working party and Start of Season Party. Our House Officer, Tim Kirby is preparing a list of maintenance jobs and our Rear Commodore, Sarah Crawford will steer the Galley Crew to produce a delicious evening meal. Further details will follow but please make every effort to attend and join in the fun.

The weather over the last few years has not been as favourable as we would have liked and it has affected the sailing programmed events. Hopefully, this year will be different and we need to make the most of it by getting as many members as possible to sail in company. The weekend sailing events are the backbone of the club and are what we are all about. Sharing knowledge and experiences, helping newer members navigate the waters around Anglesey, building confidence, getting to know and catching up with each other, whilst having a drink, a laugh and a BBQ on the beach. We are extremely lucky to have a fantastic sailing area in a beautiful part of the country, let's make the most of it!

Andrew Stevenson, Commodore.



**50 CLUB
WINNERS FOR JANUARY**

22. MIKE BUTTERFIELD
18. NOT TAKEN
34. ALAN HOLLINGWORTH

**STILL AVAILABLE
11, 13, 18, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, 37, 41, 48**

A Date For Your Diary

The time is passing quickly and thoughts are turning to The Start of Season Party. As per tradition, the Clubs Start of Season party will be held this year on the 13th of April. See Sarah's report on page 3 for details.

Rear Commodore's Report

The winter has blown itself away and the Club socials are now gearing for the SOS on 13th April. We had a very jolly Burns Night in January with home-made Haggis and a Scottish themed quiz from Caroline. Thank you to the Galley Crew for making such an event possible and our stoic Venturers for turning out on such a foul wet and windy night.

The November bonfire was at last dragged down the beach and lit in a strong Southerly, and we watched from the comfort of the Club house, only to be storm-trooped by the Fire Service arriving at the door and checking on our activity after a helpful member of the public had called them!!

The morning after Burns night - our intrepid swimmers.



Commodore Andy impressed them with his safety, and careful knowledge of wind and tides, and we were given polite advice to please inform them next time we light a bonfire.

February brought a Pie and Mash night to Club with Andy's famous farm house pies, a quiz and a very good social evening in the Club house. It is so good to see members supporting our winter gatherings and keeping the general rapport going between sailors and land lovers.



I aim to have some social events through summer so we can meet and use the club BBQ and relax on the terrace with a beer or wine. Perhaps tempting those who have swallowed the anchor onboard.

My thanks to all of you who help and keep the club functioning. I look forward to seeing you at the Start of Season in April.

The Start of Season party on 13 April will bring us together for those jobs at the Club which will secure a good club house base for our comings and goings this summer.

The North West Ventures Yacht Club is quite unique in offering us its amenities and freedom to come and go as tides and weather allow and a Club to use as and when we wish throughout the year.

The SOS evening on the 13th of April will provide members turkey, bacon and mushroom pie, new potatoes, side dishes of salads, bread and cheeses. The BBQ will also be going for you to bring anything you wish to cook in addition. If you wish to make a pudding, please do in good Venturers' tradition, and it will be very much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you and sharing plans for adventures on the water this season.

Yours aye,



Sarah Crawford

Rear Commodore

House Officer's Report

The galley tap has been fixed (I hope); please let me know if it works loose again.

The main stopcock fix appears to have worked but if anyone sees water on the floor by the galley bin, please let me know.

The mouse slaughter continues apace, you'd think having an address at Gallows Point would give them a hint. Perhaps I should make a miniature gibbet out of lolly sticks and hang a small, furry corpse on it, as a warning.

Start of Season work party.

There isn't a massive amount to do, mostly the usual tidying up tasks. If anyone can think of any others, please let me know. I'll bring a lawn mower and strimmer (mine, if I can't get the club ones fixed). The current list is:-

Mow the grass,
Strim the edges,
Clean the windows,
Fill and paint the hole in the galley wall where the old entry pad was,
Maybe paint the flagpole base, weather permitting,

Door Code.

The new code will be set on the day, and will be printed on your new membership cards.

The new door code is printed on the new membership cards and has been chosen so that members can remember the connection even if they forget the number. And if they don't know the connection, they aren't sailors!

The visitor code has been kept unchanged as it hasn't been used yet, and we can just keep incrementing it if it needs updating.

Burn's Night success.

We took the name literally and used the opportunity to get rid of the wood pile that had been there since the November 5th washout. We made a pile at the bottom of the beach and got a decent fire going. All went well until a concerned citizen told the fire brigade that the boatyard was on fire. I had gone inside to clean up, only to come out and see blue flashing lights reflecting around the site, and a

man in yellow waterproofs and helmet giving our supreme leader a stiff wiggling. Andy followed him back to the fire engine, head bowed in shame, to be given a lecture. Pity I didn't have my phone!!



Tim Kirby

House Officer

