

ALDERNEY SAILING CLUB AGM – 27 FEB 2025

Commodore's Report

Last year's highlights were discussed at the Laying-Up Supper, so I will not repeat them and I look forward to this year. The club refurbishment is finished, so let's enjoy the club, and given the bar takings and, considering we were shut for nearly 3 months, we obviously are!

Looking forward.

On the water we want to expand on the successful Tuesday evening sailing, with maybe a race or two and even try to encourage some sailing at the weekends. Something for the new committee to get their teeth into.

At the same time, we will expand on the successful motorboat rally. With the help of Les Stewart we are planning a 2-day excursion to both Dielette and Carteret, more details to follow.

We will be welcoming a number of rallies from other clubs over the summer and already have enquiries. As our regatta we are in discussions with the clubs in the Channel Islands. Currently they are proposing that the racing yachts come in mid- August and will encourage their cruising members to join us for our Regatta at the end of August. This needs thinking about, as racing is usually excluded from insurance policies for cruising boats and as such we may have to have a Round-the-Island rally to encourage other clubs to join us. More on this in the next few months. We will also plan early for the club's Round-the-Island race.

Off the water we need to look at our social calendar, plan the Laying-Up Supper, a summer event and get the club suppers back up and running.

We also need to look at our boats and get them shipshape. We need volunteers to help with repairs etc. please, and we must decide on a policy of renewal and replacement so that we always have suitable boats for our members to use.

Looking at the membership, at the last AGM, family membership was rejected and the committee was asked to come up with other ideas. We did approve an increase in junior membership fees to £20, although in the absence of any ideas to encourage families to join and use the club we have left the fees at £15. I will ask the committee to look into how we encourage families and the younger generation to use the club and its facilities. It is important that this addresses the demographics of the club.

Also need to now thank the committee, especially Peter who stepped up on the Treasury side. Rosa and her team running the club, not just the bar. The tea ladies lead by Heike and Lesley, Nigel Clarke and Hugh Harrison for continued support with the RYA and sail training, and all the volunteers who have helped put the boats out and back again and the many others who make the club the club it is today.

I would also like to thank the Rules Committee for the club's new rules which were adopted last night

Regards Nigel
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