



Annual General Meeting Held via zoom and in person: 28th October 2022

Present Dave Bartlett, Debbie Bartlett, David Mason,, Meryl Gover, Josh Cooper , John Tildesley, Huw Jones Williams, Peter Benson , Dianna Parsons, Phil Morgan, Sue Mason John Alcock, Frank Nickless, Stephen Bedder, Des George, Karen Lloyd, Darren Lloyd

Zoom Rob Gillespie, Robin Druett, Freddie Collier, Brian Davies, Alan Woodbridge

Apologies Judy and Robert Longworth, Don and Sue Gillespie,

1. Prior to the meeting the Commodore's report (which included sailing report and finances) had been circulated to the membership.
2. The final accounts were also circulated. All were invited to the meeting and also given the opportunity to submit a question.
3. Minutes of the AGM held in 2021 No matters arising from these minutes. Accepted unanimously
4. Commodore's report and Treasures Report This is the report for 2021 January 1st to December 31st
5. Accept the minutes and no matters arising.
6. Accounts – accept accounts Proposed John Tildesley and David Mason
7. Commodores report – questions

Meryl – omission of Des award

David – membership lost during pandemic recovered recently

Question over surplus income this year. Answer - Bar turnover increased plus outgoing on bar 21k spent time this week on quickbooks – reasonably promising modest surplus.

Question can we consider bringing AGM date earlier. Answer Yes. For 2022 we didn't have accounts in time. Plus due to pandemic this summer we didn't feel confident at the time that the structure and support was in place. This has now been resolved with the proposed appointment of a new management committee.

8. membership report David Mason. – pre 243 memberships – down to 220 – during 21 back up to 238 and 2022 back above the level in 2018 – 3 enquiries for new memberships during this week – 40 new memberships this year. No of boats 60. A Success has been improved Direct Debits – 1/3 DD stability in terms of finances and administration. Social membership 35% of total members.
9. Election of other directors – Proposal and seconders - all agreed

Des prepared to stay on for the next year, Mark – another year, David – membership

4 new Board members – coopted and already working

Jo Hickson and Karen Lloyd –

No objections

No abstentions

Appt of auditor steve b and phil seconded for 2nd year



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12. Broader structure – allowed to make sub committees etc. Invited Steve B to give an update on the structure on future management of the club. Steve said that of the 14 jobs/tasks for DYC to function that Des doing 9 of them. To support Des and ease the burden there will be a team which sits below the board – on the water team, on the shore team

13. On The Water and On the Shore teams

Frank – SS

Paul H – SS I

Dan – S PB I

JohnT - premier events, RS300

Kate C – junior

Steve – safety

Huw – dinghys and maintenance

Des – financial offier

David – Membership

Huw and Jo – safeguarding

Karen – marketing

Jo – social events

Terry – property repairs

To be filled – Beverage manager

Proposal to accept – frank proposes seconder Phil



This is the report for our financial year 2021 January 1st to December 31st with a follow on for Jan 2022 to the present.

Year 2021As with 2020 the covid cloud cast a continued shadow over our operations. As the year progressed it was with some relief that the club had survived. This was with some significant support from Welsh Government and Gwynedd Council grants and most importantly with the support of loyal members and indeed new members coming on board.

We reported at 2021 AGM that it had been delayed from its normal slot towards the end of July because of the difficulty in hosting in “person meetings”, plus complying with rapidly changing Covid Rules and advice. Jan to end of March 2021 the club was in enforced inactivity. Since April the club opened (with restrictions) and was active as a Club both on and off the water. Though reduced in the scope of a “normal year” since April the club was fully open .

- Memberships were renewed and new members joined giving reasonable working capital
- Good and occasionally great racing happened
- The bar was open every weekend and virtually every day in August. Booking tables and bringing food worked well
- Powerboat training had happened.. Adult sail training had happened.. Junior sail training had happened.
- We did a lot of essential external maintenance

However, we

- Had no big events such as Chelmarsh, or the GP14 Welsh championships (postponed twice rescheduled for 2022)
- Had no catering in the club or big social events
- Had no events such as the Wolverhampton Police Bike ride

In the autumn of 2021, we found ourselves financially in the black and not having had to touch the £27K Bounce back loan that we had on deposit. As interest rates are very favourable, we decided to keep this a buffer whilst hopefully building up reserves.

By year end 2021 finances were tight and the accounts do record a loss of £4784 however factored into this is are depreciation and other amounts written off amounting to £9775. Again during the year, we benefited from government support. £9500 from Welsh government business support grant and £4195 from the Job retention scheme. As a buffer we have kept the bounce back loan which we are paying off at a modest rate whilst keeping the capital in a separate account

At the 2021 AGM we also reported that

- **We hoped our membership would continue to support us as they have done over the recent past.** We are happy to report that we have managed to retain most and attract new members.
- **The harbour area was scheduled for major refurbishment work.** As you know this has finally started and is a major project. To our relief it was delayed and finally started in



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September and hopefully will be complete for us to resume activities with enhanced facilities in April 2023

- **There was an increased traffic through the website of those wanting to learn to sail or drive a powerboat.** This has increased. Many thanks to Steve Hardman Chief Instructor Power and Phil Morgan Chief instructor Sailing who gave many years of support. Dan Stevens and Paul Hoad have taken on these roles and with others are planning for the future. With single minded determination and support from the RYA Huw Jones-Williams submitted a bid to Sport Wales which resulted in a grant of £24,080 which has added two lasers a Feva, a Neo and updated our topper fleet plus providing training opportunities for instructors. Thanks also must go to Trevor Brettell who has donated his very fine laser to our fleet. So going into 2023 we hope to be well placed to provide more and better-quality training.
- **Ongoing management of the club posed some problems.** A lot of discussion has gone on in dark corners by many members and I am delighted to announce that a plan has emerged. So far this has been met with enthusiasm though some concern that we are losing our traditional roles. This is not the intention and not the case. With the recommendation from the RYA legal department DYC changed from being an unincorporated organisation to a Company limited by guarantee some years ago. No longer a committee now a board of directors. Many members are daunted by the perceived burden of being a “Director” but happy to help out. This is now reflected in the structure published on our website and being presented to the 2022 AGM This is compliant with our articles. As can be seen by the documents the roles have been separated out. More volunteers always needed, who are key to future.

2022 Activities during this year to date:- Easy to miss some sorry if I do but Big thankyou's go to to:-

- Since January the spreadsheet king has been hard at work cajoling scheduling publishing our active programme of events then making sure they happen both on and off the water. So a big thank you to Steve Bedder. He also spent many a happy day with Frank Nickless and others grinding polishing refurbishing club boats
- In full support of all things DYC, Huw Jones Williams along with securing a large capital grant for new sailing boats was consistently there race officering sorting securing saving so big thanks to him.
- We had (after numerous false starts) the GP National Championships. Big thanks to John Tildesley for fronting this and the numerous helpers he managed to draw in.
- Clemarsh friends returned in good numbers Many thanks to Robin Druett for fronting this and the many helpers.
- The Police bike ride returned in reduced numbers but still substantial volume. Many thanks to Bar helpers bottle collectors and others who helped especially Dan Stevens Terry Loftus and Kate & Phil Knight. Big thanks to Team Green who did all the catering and a big thanks to the Aberdyfi Advertising and Improvements Committee who donated £2500 towards our new cooker. We now have a well-equipped galley making meals easier to cater for.



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- Mike and Liz Ball and Phoebe Crossley need a special thanks for their service on the board making things happen.
- Team Caldwell Crossley need numerous big thanks for Easter/Fortnight/ Topper week events and training. Plus sorting the logoed clothing.
- The Queens Jubilee was celebrated in style with a grand Flotilla and royal tea party Cakes Galore big thanks again To “Masterminds” Steve Bedder and Jo Hickson tea party queen with her hoard of happy helpers.
- Social media has taken a leap into the 21st Century Big thanks to queen of the keyboard Karren Lloyd.
- A PAT testing Frenzy took place in the spring checking all our electrical stuff. Big thanks to Darren Lloyd loaned his lads who certified hundreds of bits of kit condemning a few in the process keeping us safe.
- All the many club trophies are under new curatorship. So big thanks to Team Fisher/Hickson for taking this on.
- The harbour wall project produced many a pondering, not the least was” will it /won’t it/when will it start”. It was a relief that when it rescheduled to this Autumn. At the time of writing things are progressing well. The building is in the firing line of potential damage and we are monitoring things closely. More big thankyou’s to the boat movers who did sterling work shifting hundreds of craft racking and accumulated junk into the car park.

Finance

As with 2021 funds raised seem to have met the needs of costs arisen. As seen globally the energy crisis has placed its demands on DYC. We fortunately have a reasonable tariff, but some inefficient systems are putting pressure on the coffers. The bar cooling system is scheduled to be replaced but is delayed because of difficulty in gaining access due to the harbour works. What was just a notion is now turning into a wise thing to do. We are ideally situated for photo voltaic panels. We are currently getting quotes and doing the maths. A wise use of part of the Bounce back loan funds could be to install maybe 10KW capacity which should handle the baseload of ventilation and beer cooling needs with ease. Though nothing is being commissioned without the figures to back the decision.

Membership Overview

From a pre-pandemic peak of 243 memberships, dropping to below 220 in 2019, numbers are now increasing and we are back to a membership level of 238 for 2021. A successful 2022 will see the level above the 2018 figure. Members paying boat fees follow a similar trend. This follows an improvement in our structures with better communication channels and specific targeted events to encourage membership. The level of our Social membership continues at approximately 35 to 36% of the total. Big thanks to David Mason for continually having his finger on the membership pulse.

The successful introduction of payment by direct debit, used by 33% of our membership, has helped the club both in financial and administrative terms. Please consider this alternative to help us further.



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2023 Going into next year we find ourselves with lots of projects on the go

- Enacting the planned management structure of the club, :- spreading the load and getting things done
- Building the training section :- More on the water
- Developing the social base :- More enjoyable events
- Managing rising energy and other costs :- Cutting cost saving waste
- The harbour wall :- reaping the benefits of improved facilities
- Refurbish and improve the fabric of the clubhouse

All these will help us maintain and develop our membership of a thriving club.

I hope that at the end of next year I will be able to fully hand over the baton of commodore and treasurer and but will, if re-elected, be happy to continue in 2023.