

Whitehaven Sailing and Boating Association

AGM Minutes 2018

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Six members had sent apologies due to holidays or other commitments but there was a good turnout of other members.

Commodores address

Derek O'Reilly welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly those who had travelled a fair distance and their effort was appreciated. Derek mentioned it had been our 50th Anniversary year for the club and to celebrate we had held our annual presentation night at the Beacon. He thanked members of the committee for all their efforts in organising the event and the membership for joining in and making it a well attended and successful night.

4 members had stepped down from the committee during the year and Derek thanked them for their contribution.

We have seen an increase in participation in racing, cruising and social events and this was partly due to our arrangement with the Marina. The membership now stands at 116 with 9 new boats last year. We also had a successful open day despite the awful weather. One member who joined last year as crew now has his own boat!

Derek reminded members that we have a crewing list of 28 members and anyone looking for crew should contact the Club Secretary and she will forward the details on to the crewing members. These members are keen to race, cruise or just day sail.

The new calendar of events which David has put together now has the committee meeting dates added so members can contact the Club Secretary if they would like anything added to the agenda. Derek also reminded members that they are welcome to sit in and observe committee meetings.

Derek also spoke of the committee's decision to change the club racing handicap system to the RYA NHC (National Handicap for Cruisers). Derek said that they system should be fairer for cruiser races and should suit our fleet better. WSBA will implement this system for this season and review it at the end of the season.

Derek explained that the rules had not been reviewed for some time and were out of date. He proposed that the new rules, which had been circulated, should be adopted by the membership. Hugh Price seconded the motion and the motion was carried by a membership vote.

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Treasurer's report

Hugh Price reported that the club had purchased inflatable buoys and upgraded the trophy cabinet by making sure all the engraving was up to date. Membership subs are up and raised £1086. Income from race entry fees has also increased and the club continues to have a healthy reserve fund. There were no banking charges. The Presentation Night had higher overheads but still managed to raise a respectable sum of £600 for the RNLI.

Sailing secretary's report

David Fletcher said that the season had provided some eventful sailing due to the weather and his own trip with new boat Phoenix in the Clyde had had its up and down with plenty of wind.

There were 2 races not raced but the cruise to Kirkudbright had been a successful event with 12 boats taking part. The club open day does still bring people into the club and generate new members.

The 3 day events such as the Maiden Marine and Marina Trophy have proved to be a popular edition to the sailing programme and will continue for 2018.

WSBA continues to provide both cruising and racing events and are committed to giving members as many opportunities as possible but would welcome feedback from members.

In the Events Programme the races which form the Championship series are numbered SR1 to SR10, each race will be awarded a trophy and there is a trophy for the series winner.

There will be 3 opportunities for anyone who wishes to cruise in company. The first with Phoenix in May, the second with Poppy in June and finally with Tranquility in September.

The last column of the programme shows who is Officer of the Day (OOD), these are the names of members who have raced and there is a workshop on 28th January at Harrington. David explained that the workshop will cover OOD duties and what needs to happen and that the OOD is the co-ordinator for the weekend's events. David said no one should be afraid of coming to the workshop and no OOD will be left on their own. A committee member will also be on hand to help out.

David concluded by wishing everyone a good and enjoyable season.

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Committee

- **Commodore** **David Fletcher**
- **Vice commodore** **Margaret Trotter**
- **Secretary** **Sarah O'Reilly**
- **Sailing secretary** **Derek O'Reilly**
- **Treasurer** **Hugh Price**
- **Press officer** **Ian Banton**
- **Cruising secretary** **Steve Benn**
- **Advisor** **Bill Hurst**

With Sean Collins as bosun.

Any other business

There was a general discussion by the membership with interesting points raised. New member, Valerie Ship spoke of a tall ship race she is participating in, on the 14th July, on board a classic sailing yacht. As part of the trip she aims to raise funds for Greenpeace to help their campaign to reduce the amount of plastic going into the oceans. Valerie circulated a sponsor form and received a number of donations.

Tanya Moxon suggested a photo competition, perhaps a prize for the best photos. The photos could be taken from Facebook.

The topic for a clubhouse was raised for the second year in a row and after some debate Gary Moxon agreed to research the idea of an awning which could be fitted under the Marina building balcony.

After the meeting closed, most stayed on at the Waverly for supper and a convivial evening's chat.