



Yealm Yacht Club

January 2016 Newsletter

Happy New Year!

Dear Members,

A Message from:

The Treasurer

I start the year with an apology! Many of you will have received your membership renewal notice and letter from the Commodore twice! Unfortunately a SPAM attack on our email disrupted the system just as the letters were being sent out, the result of which was that we had to do a complete re-run. The newsletter is later than usual to allow the system to clear itself completely, so hopefully there will be no further problems. Once membership payment has been received, your card(s) for 2016 will be sent out.

You will have seen from the Commodore's letter that we are asking for a voluntary donation of £25 per member (or whatever you can afford) towards the ongoing projects at the club. Thank you to those members who have already kindly made their donations. You are welcome to make your contribution by **cash or cheque** over the bar. Please put it in an **envelope marked Project Fund**. You can also pay by **BACS - Sort Code: 09-01-53 Account No: 08765486 Ref: Project Fund**.

The Sailing Committee

The **Sailing Programme** for 2016 is near completion and it will then be posted on the club website and emailed out to members. In addition, we are pleased to say that card copies will be available over the bar. We will let you know when they are ready.

Please note that the **Weather for Sailors Course** is now fully booked and indeed has a waiting list.

The next two talks in our **Winter Programme** promise to be fascinating:

On **Wednesday, 24th February**, **Stephan and Madeleine Strobel** will give a talk entitled '**To Lofoten the Long Way Round – A Norwegian Cruise**.' Starting at **2000** there is a **Sailor's Supper** available beforehand. Please book.

We are delighted to announce that our local, well known sailor **Conrad Humphreys** is going to give a talk entitled '**Against the Odds**' – **Official Story of the 2004/5 Vendee Globe** on **Wednesday, 16th March. 2000** start with a **Sailor's Supper** available beforehand. Please book.

The Social Committee

Abi and the Social Committee are delighted with the positive comments made about the 'new look' bar. It has certainly changed the whole feel of that area and it's been very pleasing to see the club busy over the Christmas and New Year period. Hard work has gone into **planning social events across**

2016 and an **outline Social Programme** is attached for you to be able to note important dates in your diaries.

The Thursday Quiz has started again and will run through to when the clocks change in March.

And now, a few dates to whet your appetite!

Wednesday, 20th January – John’s Masterclass – Cheese – how to make it and creative ideas for cooking with it. **1900** with **supper afterwards. £8-50pp** – please book

Wednesday, 2nd March – Ladies Who Dine. This was very much enjoyed in November and we hope to see even more of you this time!

Tuesday, 8th March – YYC/U3A Event – Wine Tasting – WBS of Roscoff will be educating and entertaining us as we have opportunity to taste a variety of wines. Supper will be available beforehand.

Tuesday, 4th April – Burger Fest and Beetle Drive – it’s the Easter holidays so bring the family along whatever their age for some yummy food and lots of fun!

Saturday, 16th April – Shake Down Dinner – Black Tie – start the sailing season with a delicious dinner in the Bistro with your friends and fellow members.

Saturday, 12th June – Queen’s 90th Birthday Celebrations – Parade of Boats – HW1110 – timing and arrangements to be announced. BBQ at the club. Always a spectacle to enjoy, let’s make it extra-special for HM!

Saturday, 26th November – Sparkle Party – a chance to dress up, sparkle and dance the night away!

New Year’s Eve – a different way to welcome in 2017! Whole club party with buffet and disco – maybe even a kilt or two in sight!

The **AGM** will be on **Sunday, 24th April at 1115.**

As you may well know, Ann Provenzano has not been very well. However, she is making good progress and hopes to be back at the club in the near future. All good wishes go to her for a speedy recovery and we look forward to seeing her soon.

Very best wishes,

The Management Committee

Abi, John and the Team

