

# *Whitehaven Sailing and Boating Association*

## *AGM Minutes 2019*

January 19, 2019

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

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### *Commodores address*

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David Fletcher began by wishing everyone a Happy New Year and welcoming those present to the meeting.

He stated that 2018 has been a progressive year of sailing and the race programme was well supported. The fleet had increased and the year had also seen a successful group cruising event to N.I. and Scotland in the early season.

He thanked the committee members for their work and commitment in making sailing at and from Whitehaven a most enjoyable experience. He thanked Sarah for keeping members informed of events, Margaret for her continuous help and for taking on membership duties. Bill for his experienced overview, Hughie for looking after the purse strings and Bant for keeping us in the local press which is not without its frustrations. Karen for her efforts organising social events, Sean for his bosuns duties, David Bulloch for auditing the accounts and all sailing members for sailing and taking part in our events. David also thanked Derek for his sterling work throughout the season without Derek most of the programme may not have happened. He has worked hard to make sure everything comes together.

As a result of the winter workshop a number of new people had helped with Race Officer duties including Nick Morgans did an excellent job at the start of the year.

This did not mean that there was no room for any further help with the running of the club such as helping with the BBQ's talking to prospective members at our club open day and all help would be appreciated. David mentioned that he had been looking for an owner of a motor vessel who would be prepared to help with a few on water duties.

There is also a position vacant on the committee for a Cruising Secretary to co-ordinate sailing plans with social events

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### *Treasurer's report*

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Hugh Price reported that the club now had a record 105 members and the bank reserves were £4622. The race fee totals of £549.60 includes £201.00 collected from all skippers and crew entering the Bart's Bash charity race and it was decided by the

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Committee to increase this sum out of club funds to £250 and to donate this amount to the Whitehaven Sea Cadets.

The profit on the Presentation Night was £521, which was split equally between the two local RNLI stations.

In 2017 the club played catch-up with a lot of engraving and purchase of new trophies and spent over £600 in that year, but in 2018 the figure of £244 probably represents a typical year's engraving costs.

The figure of £226.69 for Racing Sundries expenditure is made up of: Friendship Race prize £25; buoy inflator pump from Maiden Marine £26; Racing result system from Halsail £80 and Website Hosting by 34SP.com £95.29.

Our Lloyds bank charges are nil and none of the Committee has claimed any personal expenses in the year.

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### *Sailing secretary's report*

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Derek O'Reilly began by giving a quick summary of the season just gone, commenting that we had had great weather and brilliant turnouts for our events. The spring workshop for Officer of the Day training had gone well and the new OD's did a good job during the year. There were lots of good courses and the new racing buoys were used to make both short and long sections which made for exciting racing.

Derek had printed out the new calendar for 2019 and this was distributed to those present. The events are spread though out the season with 30 entries over 52 weeks.

The Cruiser Forum meeting in early 2018 had led to the creation of a Whats App group of 7 boats all cruising to similar destinations around the same time. Whats App is a private messaging service which enabled the group to share videos, texts and pictures of their adventures. Members of the group could ask for guidance from more experienced members and various boats met up in Banger, Glenarm and Ratline Island. Ideas for cruising will be discussed and shared at the Cruiser Forum meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

Derek explained that some of the Duty Officer slots were blank in the programme and he would be looking for volunteers for those races.

Ian Davison will be running one theory and one practical race preparation event in March. There are a few dates in the programme for the practical but only one of these

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will be selected, this will give the flexibility of selecting an appropriate day regarding the weather. The dates are;

Saturday 2nd March 2019 – Shore-based Theory session

Sunday 3rd March 2019 – Practical session afloat (weather dependent)

9th, 10th, 16th, 17th March 2019 – alternative dates for practical session afloat

The aim of the event is to prepare ourselves for a competitive season through practicing and developing racing skills.

Outline of Shore-based theory:

Race Starts; Information gathering; Positioning and timing; Who gives way?  
Racing Rules of Sailing; Port/Starboard tacks; Windward/Leeward; Overtaking;  
Nearing a mark; Rounding Marks; Overlapping – who gives way; Tactics for wind, tide and next leg; Crew briefing; Tack and Gybe; Judging the layline

Outline of practical session afloat:

Warm up exercise; Micro races – start, mark 1, finish; Race starts; Mark rounding;  
Feedback; Repeat; Upwind and downwind tactics

The Irish Sea Challenge has been moved from its usual slot in August to 6<sup>th</sup> July, this is in part due to frustrations in previous years of unsuitable weather in August and it is hoped that July will be a better time. Derek suggested there was an opportunity for boats to also sail on to Dublin after the race since two club boats have entered the Dun Laoghaire Regatta which is on 11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a number of social events that members may wish to join in with and this is an idea that could be discussed at the Cruiser Forum.

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### *Committee*

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- **Commodore**                      **David Fletcher**
- **Vice Commodore**              **Margaret Trotter**
- **Secretary**                        **Sarah O'Reilly**
- **Sailing secretary**              **Derek O'Reilly**
- **Treasurer**                        **Hugh Price**

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- **Social Secretary**      **Karren French**
- **Press officer**        **Ian Banton**
- **Cruising secretary**    **Vacant**
- **Advisor**                **Bill Hurst**

With Sean Collins as bosun.

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### *Any other business*

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Sarah O'Reilly had brought the display boards for an interesting new project proposed for Whitehaven. The project is called The Edge at Whitehaven - Cumbria's Coastal Activities Centre and it has been initiated by Whitehaven Harbour Commissioners but will be run by a local Community Interest Company. The boards showed an artist's impression of the building, a plan of the layout and a map of where the Centre will be. Sarah gave an outline of the project and invited members to look at the boards and to give feedback for the Harbour Commissioners.

Comments raised during the meeting were that it would be good if the Centre provided sail training for young people and brought new events to the area.

There was then a general discussion by the membership with interesting points raised such as lobster pots near the harbour entrance. Andy Sugden agreed to raise the issue at the RYA North West Cruiser Forum on the 27 February.

Phillip Sherwood said that Nick Morgans had had an idea about inviting all birth holders to go out at the same time and perhaps space in the programme could be made to accommodate this.

David Bullock informed members that John Lorrie was unwell at present and our thought went out to him. He also thanked those involved in organising the presentation night but felt the singer was too loud. There was a general discussion about possibly changing the venue but no discussion was made.

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