

## AGM 2021 Chairmans Report

After a year out due to covid restrictions we returned to Keyhaven Yacht Club for the 2021 Championships. The forecast promised a full mix of conditions and a pleasant dose of sunshine, and indeed that's what we got.

Racing in the double handed fleet was very competitive. The final results seeing the first three boats tied on seven points with the Championships being won by Catherine Maguire and Robyn Stock on count-back, Rory and Alex Paton second, and Jo and Elsie Hutchinson third.

The single-handed fleet was more affected by the weather with only three boats completing all three races on Saturday. Overall, Sarah Richards secured a convincing championship win followed by Jon Harvey in second place and John Chaundy in third.

Many thanks to KYC for a very enjoyable championships and sincere thanks to all the volunteers helping shoreside, and in race management and administration whose assistance is so important in ensuring a successful event.

The 2021 Travellers Series was run over three legs. KYC hosted a blustery event which was won by Chris Cecil Wright with Mike Urwin second. BRSC served up a challenging mix of light zephyrs and river currents. Thankfully the rain gods held off the torrential downpour until after we'd packed up the boats. The results were honours even between Mike Urwin and Jon Harvey. Royal Lyminster combined the TT with their figure of eight Race, Mike Urwin finishing fourth to secure the 2021 TT with myself second and Jay Devonshire third. The Travellers events rely on the efforts of the hosting clubs to facilitate so many thanks to BRSC, KYC and RLym for hosting the events

## Membership

Despite the ravages of Covid its very pleasing to be able to report that membership stands at 240 (180 full members and 60 associate Up from 215 at the last AGM

## Turning to administration

Carol Canning is standing down this year having performed a pivotal role in keeping the association functioning during the challenges of the Covid disruption. She hands over the associations records in good order and has provided invaluable service to the association over the past three years

Brendan Nellis has continued to provide excellent support in administration of the website

Chris Knox has worked diligently on the marathon task of preparing the draft constitution which will be considered later in this evening's agenda, and has continued to oversee production of our annual yearbook

David Carslaw is standing down after three years as honourable treasurer ensuring we have robust financial systems, reporting and accountability.

I would also like to mention the work done by Nick Griffin in leading negotiation with John Claridge regarding future production of LR scows and the ownership of tooling.

I would also like to thank the other members of the committee; Allan Hill, Jay Devonshire, and Jo Edwards for their support and efforts over the last two or more years.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the wise council and welcome contribution of our honorary president Sebastian Chamberlain.

## The Future

In my 2019 report I was pleased to confirm the association had invested in and secured new foil moulds which along with ownership of the hull plug significantly enhanced the security of supply of new boats and spare parts. I am now very pleased to report that thanks to an effort led by Nick Griffin we are very close to reaching agreement with John Claridge which will provide a revised builders licence and will transfer ownership of the moulds to the association, thus further enhancing the long-term security of the class.

Thanks.

I'd like to end my report by thanking the members for having me as Chairman and to wish Chris Knox and the incoming committee every success in the future.