

LRSCA AGM 2022

Chairman's Report

2021-22 has been quite a momentous year, as befits our 25th Anniversary. On the water, it is good to see that there are a number of new scows sailing and in build, some going to clubs in the Chichester area. Our racing calendar began with the first leg of the Travellers Trophy which was held at Beaulieu. We were able to join in their annual Down-river Race from Palace House to Needs Ore. Beaulieu River Sailing Club was most welcoming and hospitable. The other two legs, at Keyhaven and Lymington, provided some very exciting racing, the trophy being won by Nick Griffin in Scarlett.

Following the rule change agreed at the February EGM, we welcomed to the Annual Championships the first ever scow to race in them with the WS logo on her mainsail. Michael Doherty in Trailblazer lived up to his boat's name and is all set to encourage others from BRSC to enter. The Championships themselves were a great success, even though racing was cancelled on the second day. Many thanks to Vince Sutherland, his race team and all volunteers, both afloat and ashore, not forgetting those who produced a spectacular afternoon tea on the first day.

The Association has not been idle on land either. Thanks to Nick Griffin, an agreement has been signed with the builders, thus bringing some certainty for the future. A great deal of work is going into ascertaining the specifications of the hull, spars, sails and equipment. We are also seeking permission from the membership to produce a Trust Deed; this is an agenda item.

Finally, I would like to thank all the officers and committee members for their support and hard work over the last year. That we have been able to fulfil all our planned events and other activities is entirely due to their dedicated service. Many thanks, also, to Brendan Nellis, our Webmaster, for all that he has done and to Dorinda, his wife, for the assistance that she has given to me and others. We have an army of superb volunteers who all help to make our class so special, happy and successful

Christopher Knox.

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