

LRSCA AGM 2023

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

It has been another eventful year for the Association. On the water, both the Travellers Trophy and the Annual Championships were completed. The latter were held at Keyhaven this year. In spite of very light winds and one of the highest tides of the year, five races were completed over the two days, the maximum allowed for. Many thanks to our Race Officer, Cy Grisley, and his team, to Stuart Rowney and Colin Dunford for organising the event so efficiently and to all the volunteers both on and off the water. Special thanks as well to Dorinda Nellis who ensured that everything ran smoothly over the weekend, putting in a great deal of work, largely behind the scenes. Very many thanks, also, to Fiona Bruce and her army of helpers who produced a superb afternoon tea for everyone to enjoy after racing on both days.

Five members and four scows went over to West Wittering Sailing Club in May for two days of pottering and racing in Chichester Harbour. The club has 14 scows and a class captain. We were royally entertained, both on and off the water. A return match is planned for next year, probably at Keyhaven. The two days forged closer links between the East and West Solent clubs.

Off the water, much has happened. A Technical Group has been formed, composed of John Doerr, John Evans and Mike Urwin. They have been hard at work, particularly with codifying the building specifications. Our heartfelt thanks to them, Also a newsletter is now being published three times a year, edited by Allan Hill and Jose Nieves

Sadly, Sebastian Chamberlain comes to the end of his term as Honorary President. We have benefitted enormously from his knowledge, enthusiasm and wise counsel. Very many thanks to him and also to Jo Edwards at the end of her three years on the committee. She has been a voice of calm moderation and will be much missed, as will Sebastian.

Meriel McCarthy is retiring after ten years as Class Measurer. She and Dan, who retired a couple of years ago, have done a superb job and we thank both of them for all that their hard work and dedication.. They are being proposed for Honorary Membership of the Association.

My thanks, also, to the officers and members of the committee for their dedication and support over the last twelve months. The class is in very good shape, with a record number of members and new scows continuing to be built, bringing new blood into our flourishing Association.

Christopher Knox.