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Commodore's report

Hello and Happy New Year to all our members.

This is my first report as Commodore and I want to firstly thank Sophie Yates for her work as Commodore over the last two years.

With the help of the Club's Committee and wider membership, I hope the next two years will see some great sailing and times at SWSC.

Firstly, the Snowball Series is underway with sailing every Sunday at 1pm - if weather permits.

We'll be running a Working Party on Sunday March 5 which will give us chance to get the Club ready for the season. It'll mean members spending a few hours doing jobs around the Clubhouse, the grounds and getting the Club boats ready for use. We can also run training sessions on the Powerboats so members can get some tips and practice at using the ribs ahead of the season.

In May we'll hold an Open Day on Saturday May 20 so we can welcome the wider community to look round our Club and have a sail. I ask for everyone's help to make it a success. We'll need people to volunteer to make and serve refreshments and snacks; take people for trips around the bay on the Club boats, help us advertise it by spreading the word so we attract a lot of visitors, and bring family and friends along for the day.

In 2017 we'll have Opens, the Saturday Club, Club racing and trips away to the Birkett in Ullswater, Abersoch Dinghy Week and the Southport 24 hour race.

Further ahead, the committee is looking at improvement options for our clubhouse facilities. It's a slow process and we'll rely on Sport England funding but we are exploring options.

Finally, it's time to renew membership, which can be done online or by printing the membership form in this edition of Telltales – please return it and fees as quickly as possible so we can post your Yearbook out which features the Sailing Calendar and more about what to expect at SWSC in 2017.

Paul Cornish
Commodore

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Sailing Captain's Log

Happy New Year all!

Firstly, I would personally like to thank all of our members for your hard work to ensure the smooth running of the club in 2016, whether this is turning up for OD or rescue duties, assisting in the bar and galley, helping with general maintenance around the club and assisting the Saturday Club with their training throughout the year. The club really would not succeed without your help.

Sailing in 2017 is underway, with a number of brave souls coming to join the Snowball Series at the club. This runs until the end of February, so please come down and have a sail at this start-of year event.

We once again hope to continue to provide competitive racing for all of our club members. As with previous years, we will continue to offer training courses and we are looking to provide a number of exciting social events for all members to join in – we hope to see you all there!

Our Open events for 2017 include the first D-Zero Open to be held at Scammonden, the return of the Supernova and Laser classes, plus the Yorkshire and Humberside Youth Sailing Association, so our young members get the chance to sail in an Open against other competitive youngsters. To make them a success, please volunteer to help on one or more of the days.

We are also holding our annual Working Party at the beginning of March, and would ask as many members as possible to attend on this day to assist with preparing the club for the year ahead. Keep your eye out for details of time and dates for this over the coming weeks.

Ian Turrell

Sailing Captain

Committee 2017:

Commodore: Paul Cornish

Vice-Commodore/Sailing Captain: Ian Turrell

Vice Sailing Captain: Derrick Jackson

Rear Commodore: Sophie Yates

Training Centre Principal: Gemma Steele

Treasurer: Chris Lancaster

Secretary: Joanne Douglas

Trustees: Phil Davies, Ben Ratcliffe, Steve Webb

General Committee: Daniel Bargh, Mike Goodwin, John Hutchinson.

SWSC is using WhatsApp to send group text messages – it allows people to say when they're sailing, see if others are sailing & communicate easily as a group. To join text Paul on 07717 203935 or Ian on 07795 807265



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Training Centre update...

SWSC hosted a Safetyboat course over the winter and the following members passed the course: Ian Turrell, John Horwood, Daniel Bargh, Sally Ratcliffe.

If you are interested in taking a Powerboat L2 course or Safety Boat course register your interest by emailing gemmasteele@hotmail.com.



SWSC's Annual General Meeting took place in November.

Full notes will be issued ahead of the 2017 AGM, but here's some details.

Successes in 2016 included SWSC being awarded a £10,000 Sport England grant to put towards four Picos for the Training Centre; plus £1,000 from Kirklees Council for new equipment for the training centre boats.

Our thanks go to Steve Yates for his work as Training Centre Principal over the years. Welcome to Gemma Steele who has taken on the role.

Mark Clarke, our chief powerboat instructor, will continue to run Powerboat & Safetyboat courses.

Members heard about the committee's work looking at the costs of refurbishing the current clubhouse vs a new-build. This work is ongoing and dependent on Sport England funding. Sailing: Saturdays have struggled for sailors attending to race. All members are reminded that there will be races on Saturdays and then from April, when the Saturday Club resumes, there will be 1 race each week. More details in the Yearbook. Members can make use of WhatsApp/Facebook to communicate with each other to see who is sailing.

A Non-Sailing Membership has been reintroduced. Full details are on the Membership Form in this edition of Telltales.

Working Party @ SWSC

Sunday March 5

Members are asked to volunteer a few hours to help get the Club ready for the full sailing season. There will be some gardening, cleaning and maintenance jobs to do, plus the Club boats need setting up. There will be a free lunch for all who attend.