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Commodore's Report

Happy New Year all and welcome to the 2018 sailing season.

I begin with some good news – as some of you may have seen, over the winter the club house has had its roof repaired and the chimney rebuilt.

The plan is now to commence works on other parts of the clubhouse including re-wiring and new windows to replace the old wooden windows. These two jobs are the most vital to make the building safe and fully water-tight, but thereafter I would like to hear members thoughts about what improvements and changes they would like to see being made to the clubhouse.

We'd also like volunteers who may be able to get involved in the works to keep the cost down for the club.

The Snowball series is well under way and is currently tightly contested with those who are braving the cold weather. We've also got some visitors from other clubs who are enjoying the sailing.

After last year's very successful Open Day we are planning on holding another Open Day on Saturday 19th May. This is part of the RYA Push the Boat Out initiative to get more people participating in sailing.

Last year's was a big success thanks to so many people getting involved and visitor numbers being high.

We will be looking for Club members to volunteer some time at the Working Party on Sunday 4 March to help out prepare the club to make it tidy and presentable prior to the day or getting involved on the day. Please let me know if you can attend.

On the social side we are planning to hold the mid-Summer Sleepover (camping), Fireworks evening and also the Dinner Dance.

Paul Cornish
Commodore

Sailing Captain's Log

Happy New Year everyone! I would firstly like to thank Ian Turrell for his commitment and dedication over the last two years as Sailing Captain. Also for the support and encouragement he gives personally to me as I step in to his shoes for the next two years.

Thank you to everyone that turned up for the Freezer Open on 27th December and my congratulations go to Ian Lees on winning this event, well done.

The Snowball Series is now well under way with some good competitive sailing being seen by all.

This series will run until the end of February - volunteers for duties are still required, if you are able to help, please let me know.

This series will be followed by the Working Party on Sunday 4th March where your help would be very much appreciated in ensuring that the club is ready for the new sailing season.

There will be a few jobs to – including many outdoor jobs such as fixing the OD hut, gardening and getting the Club boats ready for the new season - so all help is welcomed.

We will be holding the following four Open meetings this year:-

Supernova Open – 13th May;

Youth Open – 16th June;

D-Zero Open – 15th July; and

Laser Open – 2nd September

Scammonden will be represented at Southport this year on 8th and 9th September. If anyone is interested in taking part, please let me know.

I look forward to another exciting year sailing with you all.

Derrick Jackson
Sailing Captain

Training 2018

Last year we had over 50 people take part in a Powerboat, Safetyboat, Sailing or First Aid courses at Scammonden. We hope to continue that success in 2018 and the courses in the table have been confirmed so far – open to members and non members. If you know someone who would like to take part in a course get in touch with our Training Centre Principal Ian Turrell on ian_turrell@hotmail.co.uk

Course Dates	Course Type	Member Price	Non-Member Price
9/10 April	PB L2	£80.00	£150.00
14/15 April	PB L2	£80.00	£150.00
20-May	PB L1	£35.00	£75.00
26/27 May	Safety Boat	£80.00	£150.00
9/10 June	Sailing L1	£80.00	£150.00
30 June/1 July	Sailing L1/L2 (Dependant on interest)	£80.00	£150.00
7/8 July	Sailing L2	£80.00	£150.00
21/22 July	Safety Boat/PB L2 (Dependant on interest)	£80.00	£150.00

The Committee

At November's AGM we welcomed some new Committee members. The Committee elected is as follows:

Commodore: Paul Cornish

Vice Commodore: Ian Turrell

Rear Commodore: Sophie Yates

Sailing Captain: Derrick Jackson

Training Centre Principal: Ian Turrell

Treasurer: Chris Lancaster

Secretary: Alan Goodrum,

General Committee Members:

Daniel Bargh, John Hutchinson,

Mike Goodwin.

Thank you to Joanne Douglas and Gemma Steele who stepped down as Secretary and Training Centre Principal respectively.

Trustees continue to be Phil Davies, Ben Ratcliffe and Steve Webb.

Committee members meet once a month and discuss the running of the club, so if you have ideas and feedback please speak to any Committee member.