

Commodores Report 2015

This report will be the first that you will read online. It is a triumph for the Club to have so quickly got the system “up and running”. This, however, was not achieved without an awful lot of hard work on the part of the sub-committee and certain individuals who drove the changes forward. After the AGM last year when the membership voted to except the proposals of the Committee Doug Williams and Em, Club Manager, set about sourcing a Company that would fulfil our needs. The work was extensive and ultimately the system that we have today was instigated. My thanks go to all those involved in any way with the new internet system. Please make sure that all your details on the system are correct!

Meanwhile it is business as usual at Clwb Cychod Trefdraeth. I write this report the day after the annual Dinas Head Challenge. This year 30 rowing boats of various descriptions took part ,Staff and some Committee members ensured that all our visitors were well catered for. Thanks go to Pete Fletcher for organising the rowing and rowers catering .Thank you to Em and Bar Manager Di for making sure staffing levels were in place to cover all eventualities, all in all we had 8 members of staff on duty. Safety cover was provided by a fleet of volunteers including the 3 Club Safety Boats that were all manned by Club Members.

The Club was the centre of the local Christmas Celebrations again last year. The event seemingly getting bigger with a much larger marquee and over 100 children visiting Father Christmas. The Commodores Lounge is used for various functions out of season from Exhibitions to Book Launches. Many local Clubs and Societies hold their meetings there and we encourage its use when not open in the summer.

The Club, yet again, seems to be on a stable financial footing, this being due to the work put in by Huw Baker and Andy Stokes. Looking after the finances of the Club is a most important job and this is done on a voluntary basis and involves many hours of work to ensure our accountants have the right facts and figures. We should all be very grateful to this team for keeping the Club on the straight and narrow.

Improvements to the Club are undertaken as and when financial constraints allow and to this end work has been carried out on the western side of the Club. This area is very weather susceptible and to this end lintels above the balcony patio doors needed replacing. The paving to the ground level has been completed in an effort to stave off winter storm damage.

All in all my three years at the helm of the Club have been a rewarding adventure which I have, in the most part, enjoyed. Now, hopefully, it is someone else's turn and I wish them well.

I have been greatly honoured to have worked with staff who are very supportive of the Club. I feel that sometimes we do not always show them, that the loyalty they show this Club is appreciated. Without them and their support the atmosphere within Newport Boat Club might be very different. I would especially like to thank Manager Em who has stepped into a much greater administration roll. This is as a consequence of a change in working practices that now govern all small businesses. Di is now Bar Manager and has taken on responsibility for rotas and ordering and it is encouraging to see that as the Club grows so staff step up to the mark.

Final thanks go to the General Committee who have provided some frank and sometimes heated discussions on the running of the Club.

Monthly meetings are held in a bid to keep your Club well maintained and provide what you want in your time here. If we are not doing this please find a Committee Member and let him/her know what you think or even better stand for Committee yourself and have a direct input!!!!

Good Luck Newport Boat Club and Thank you.

Pete Smith Commodore