

Dear members.

It has been a pretty good season overall with lots of yachts out racing this year and I have to thank our racing deck team, particularly Alan and Howard, for their hard work in organising this.

The Children's Training School has been running again this summer with great success for our students. Seven cadets took part; four (Martha, Saffia, Logan and Taliesin) getting stage 1 four, (Bradley, Sebastian, Logan and Taliesin) achieving stage 2 and two (Bradley and Sebastian) stage 3. One, Katie, not only gained stage 4 but also her seamanship skills and is now an assistant Dinghy Instructor. Congratulations to all of them for their success and hard work.

We have been fortunate enough to acquire some more dinghies and a grant from Valeo to fit out the containers for changing and racking. We also have achieved an agreement with PCC to lease the disused disabled toilet on the Front Street car park but, like all things PCC, it seems to have stalled. Thanks are also due to all those who have helped out on training evenings and especially Joe Musson for all her hard work as chief instructor.

The Clubhouse purchase has made very little progress. I have been trying to negotiate with Pembrokeshire County Council but it is proving very tedious! Getting any sort of response takes numerous emails and telephone calls which, by and large are just ignored. I did think we had achieved a breakthrough in April when our offer to purchase the freehold reversion was accepted by the then Head of Property. He said he would instruct the Legal Section to prepare a "heads of agreement" – I am still waiting.

I would like to thank the members who helped this year with the work parties and particularly, social events we enjoyed, notably Jenny and Maggie. I must especially thank Jenny for her many, many years as Social Secretary. Ken, with considerable help from Linda, has kept the bar running smoothly. As bar manager, he keeps prices as low as he can, but it is the bar takings that keep the club afloat. Our financial security depends upon everyone supporting the Club by coming along for an evening, perhaps with friends instead of going to a pub, and supporting events and social evenings

To my fellow Directors, I would like to say thank you for your support over the last three years. You have been unfailing in helping me and I could not have done the job without it. Unless people do volunteer, then those few that do so end up with several roles which can present difficulties in finding the requisite amount of time. So please would everyone take a turn!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Club and I would like to thank you again for the honour of being your Commodore. Pauline and I wish you all a very good Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Emyr Williams
Commodore