



WEYMOUTH AND PORTLAND CRUISING ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday 29th March 2021
20.00 via Zoom

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WPCA Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending 31 December 2020

You will all be aware that there was nothing 'usual' about 2020 and that fact is reflected in our accounts for the year. Our inability to use the Club House at CCSC meant that our expenditure was greatly reduced so the year end figures show an unusual excess of income over expenditure. Our spend on use of the Club House would normally be approaching £1000; we should not, however, become complacent about our financial position.

The total worth of the Association ended the year at £24669. Of this, £20000 was held in an investment account with the Hampshire Trust Bank and will realise interest of 1.61%. This interest will appear in the 2021 accounts as it will not be paid until January 2021. An interest of 1.61% might not seem particularly good but rates have been very much reduced in recent years and few banks or other financial institutions will deal with non-commercial associations like the WPCA unless they have charitable status. This rate of interest will not be attainable in the coming year. Income from members' subscriptions has reduced again from the previous year, down by over £100.

Looking to the future, it is difficult to contemplate the budget for the coming year, without knowing when we will be able to use the Castle Cove Sailing Club facilities, again. We do, however, anticipate our costs rising during the coming and following years. CCSC had announced an increase of 5% in our fees for use of the club-house prior to the lock-down and this will become a reality once we start meeting there again. The Committee has also increased its spend on Winter Talks so that we can engage high quality speakers and so that we can use internet technology both to reach the members and to enable the Committee to hold 'virtual' meetings. To that end, we have made donations to those speakers who are engaged in charitable activities and, of course, have had to pay a subscription for the use of the on-line Zoom application. This inevitable increase in expenditure means that the Committee will need to consider an increase in subscriptions for 2022 to cover the expected increase in costs.

Finally, I would like to extend my grateful thanks to Tim Stockley who has, again, inspected the accounts and verified their accuracy.

Martyn J Simmons
Hon Treasurer WPCA

Membership Secretary's Report

At present we have a total of 112 members. That's made up of 69 First Members, and 43 Second Members. One fewer than at the time of the AGM in 2020.

We have 55 boats on our Boat List, again one fewer than last year.

New Members

Since the AGM in 2020 we have welcomed Duncan Cameron & Susan Cameron-Laxton to the club. Welcome Duncan and Susan!

Direct Debit

Well over half of our members now renew their membership in January by Direct Debit. It is a safe and easy way to do it. It certainly makes it easier for the Membership Secretary as all subs come in on the same day. And there is little chasing to do.

Please consider Direct Debit if you are not already renewing that way.

Peter Anderson

05 March 2021

Mooring Report for year 2020

We currently have 3 Moorings in use, 2 for members and the club mooring

One mooring (N6) was restored from winterising by the owner, and used for his boat (Finn King) for most of the season. It was subsequently winterised when the boat was removed in September 2020. The club mooring was left winterised and hence will not require inspection in March 2021. The remaining mooring (S7) was left with a support buoy in place, but no boat – which means it will require inspection in March 2021 if the owner plans to use it.

Take up of club moorings continue to be low for the reasons previously mentioned – ie lack of tender storage and lack of parking. An additional problem is that potential mooring holders tend to approach me in Feb/March asking for a mooring. This is far too late as inspections will either have been completed or well under way. I basically need to know of interest and a commitment to take a mooring in November/Early December in order to get the inspection booked and all necessary equipment (Chains, ropes and buoys) ordered to have them fitted during the inspection – which the potential mooring holder has to commit to and pay for in advance. All of these problems are caused by us having sea-bed chains whose maintenance and implementation require the use of a commercial dive company. Health and Safety regulations imposed by the Portland Harbour Authority require a dive-boat and dive team costing around £2,000 per day. For this reason, we have to co-ordinate our inspections with the other mooring organisations in Portland Harbour and have all of the moorings inspected at the same time. It is totally impractical to have individual moorings inspected in isolation.

A change in the contract conditions by the Crown Estate agents means we will be invoiced £60 for at least one mooring every May even if no moorings are taken up. In the event we have at least one mooring, then the charge will be just for the usable mooring.

At present we (the club) make a charge on each mooring holder of £50 per season for making use of the large sea-bed chain, which the club installed in 2001, and for the club administrating the mooring inspections and maintaining a register of the mooring details. It is not planned to change this fee.

As a result of the club mooring remaining in its winterising state during 2020, and not requiring inspection in 2021, it will be restored in the spring 2021 for club members to use providing the Covid restrictions permit.

We will continue to assist any club member who wants to use our moorings, and also to look very carefully each year at the financial viability of the club mooring.

Michael Gregory
Mooring Officer
08 March 2021

Cruising Report for the 2020 Season

For the 2020 season the planned cruising programme included a Spring Rally to Lymington, monthly day cruises, a cross channel cruise to Cherbourg, a West Country cruise, and an Autumn Solent Cruise. Then Covid happened. Staying away overnight was not allowed until 4th July and Crossing the Channel risked quarantine so the Spring Rally, Cross Channel cruise and West Country Cruise could not take place. Day sails were allowed from early May so this is a report of the club cruises that took place and of the Autumn Rally which went to Lymington. A feature of the cruises was the presence of up to 8 anchored cruise ships in Weymouth Bay and the fleet of trip boats from Weymouth taking sightseers.

Day Cruise Sat 11 April (Easter Sat) Cancelled

Spring Rally Lymington 30 Apr to 4 May. Bookings were made for this for 8 boats but then had to be cancelled due to lock down 1.

Sun 24th May This was the first cruise of the year and 2 boats, Monterey and Cornish Lady departed on the 10:00 bridge lift bound for Mupe Bay with a F5 Westerly wind giving a run to Mupe arriving at 11:55. We beat back to Newtons Cove with 1 reef in the sails and anchored to wait for the 18:00 bridge lift.

West Country Cruise 4 June Cancelled (no overnight stays permitted)

Tues 9 June Cruise to Lulworth. On a beautiful sunny day 8 boats took part departing with the 10:00 bridge lift and a light wind giving a broad reach to Lulworth Cove. After lunch at anchor departed Lulworth for a beat back to Weymouth in a F3-4 wind.

24th June Ad-Hoc cruise to Lulworth Cove. A good forecast with a wind of ESE F3 led to a cruise that departed Weymouth with the 10:00 for Lulworth Cove for Monterey, Madeleine, Stella, Pennyroyal and Aquamist returning for the 16:00 inbound bridge lift.

Monday 6th July The restriction on staying away from home overnight was lifted on 4th July so Monterey headed round Portland bill to Dartmouth. Monterey was joined 1 week later by Madeleine and cruised on to Fowey together, where Madeleine turned to cruise back to Weymouth with Monterey continuing Westward.

Thurs 9 July No takers

Fri 7 August (Barbecue) 10 boats took part in a day sail to Worbarrow. It was a windless day and all boats motored to the Bay then went ashore to enjoy a barbecue. Stella, Cornish Lady and Eleanor stayed overnight and had an uncomfortable night at anchor when the wind got up. All three boats decided to leave for home early in the morning and the reward was a great sail back to Weymouth arriving in time for the 1400 bridge.

Sat 5 Sept 12 boats took part in a cruise to Mupe bay for a picnic on the beach. 10am bridge lift outbound. Run to Mupe with a F4 beat back to Weymouth. Monterey was caught on a pot marker on the return trip and had to be released by a team from warship Dragon.

Autumn Rally Yarmouth 11 to 14 Sept. 10 club boats with 20 club members gathered for the Autumn Cruise to Lymington. Stella had already had some days away

visiting Swanage and Yarmouth before arriving at The Dan Bran pontoon in Lymington on Thursday 10th September. Osprey, Eleanor and Minnehaha left Weymouth on Thursday with enough wind to sail as far as Old Harry Rocks. Minnehaha stayed at anchor in Studland Bay overnight whilst the other 2 boats carried on to Lymington. Happy Wanderer, Madeline, Monterey, Aquillo, Penny Royal and Thyia left Weymouth on Friday morning with very light winds so motoring was the only option as far as St Aldhelms Head when the wind filled from behind so cruising chutes were deployed. Once settled at the pontoon the crews had an enjoyable meal at The Mayflower in socially distanced tables of 6!! Saturday was fine and sunny so most set off to walk to Keyhaven with a bus ride back. In the evening we were able to support a pop up restaurant at the Bath Road recreation ground which had outlets that would normally have been at festivals. Some boats left for Weymouth early on Sunday to make the most of the tide across Christchurch Bay. Eleanor went across to Yarmouth with 4 boats remaining for a further night in Lymington. Stella, Osprey and Madeline made an early start Monday to break the journey home in Swanage. Monterey departed at noon bound for The Medina River for a few days. It was good that so many supported the rally and that Lymington Harbour were able to accommodate us safely in these difficult times.

Chris Reid

Cruising Officer

Social Secretary's Report for 2020

Here is my third report as Social Secretary to the WPCA.

Due to coronavirus restrictions I was only able to organise one event in 2020 and that was the Christmas Quiz on 15th December. We commenced with 15 questions and answers, all put up on the Zoom screen, thanks to Peter Anderson. This was followed by a cocktail competition complete with prizes and the evening finished with the second half of the quiz questions and answers. We had a good turn out on Zoom and it was a very enjoyable evening with Christmas hats and a lot of laughs.

I had lots of ideas for last year including trips to the Tank Museum at Bovington, the RNLi College at Poole and also maybe Monkey World at Wool. These would be in addition to the beach bbq and the Fitting out Supper in April and the Laying Up Supper in the Autumn/Winter. Hopefully at least one of these events will take place when restrictions are lifted. Please contact me if you have any comments, the brewery trip idea came after discussing it one Tuesday at the social evening.

Jacquie Crawley
Social Secretary

Change in Annual Subscriptions

Explanation and Reasoning

It has been some years since the Club's annual subscriptions have been risen and after much discussion the Committee feel that the annual subscription should be increased from January 2022.

The present subscriptions are £30 for single membership and £35 for family membership and it is proposed to increase these to £32 and £37 respectively with an extra fee for those not paying by the last day of January and for new members.

The reasons the Committee feel this increase is necessary is that the cost of running the Club has been rising slowly and it is anticipated that the charge made by Castle Cove Sailing Club for our weekly use of their Clubhouse will rise next year. The Club has also been making donations to speakers most of whom willingly give their talks without charge but request a small donation for their nominated charity. Other annual expenses include the Cruiser magazine, the cost of which is partly offset by advertising, web services, insurance, the Christmas party and in normal times the buffet after the AGM.

I feel that the Club gives good value for the annual subscription and I hope you will accept this proposal.

Sara Lloyd
President

Proposal by the Committee

That the annual subscription be increased from January 2022 as follows:

Family Membership	£37 increasing to £40 for those paying after 31 January and for new members
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Single Membership	£32 increasing to £35 for those paying after 31 January and for new members
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This change to take effect from 2022 Renewal.