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COMMODORE'S REPORT

It gives me great pleasure to report on the Club activities during 2014.

1. On the water.

a) Sailing.

i) Club Youth Racing Circuit [CYRC].

The Pembrokeshire "Circuit" comprising of Dale, PYC, Tenby, Neyland, Saundersfoot and FBYC have had a busy and successful season this year. Our Club hosted the final event in September, with junior members Luke Morgan, Dan and Ellie Cleary plus Amelia Grant-Jones taking part.

The CYRC overall winners for this season were: - Toppers – 1st Ed Prickett, 2nd Finn Robarts and Lowrie Boorman; General Handicap – Ffion Thomas [Laser 4.7] all FBYC members!

ii) Club Dinghy Regatta.

This took place on the 2nd August with the following results: Senior General Handicap - 1st Mathew Pritchard [Laser], 2nd Gill Chilton [Topper], 3rd Nic and Nicola Cleary [RS Feva].

Junior Toppers – 1st Dan Cleary, 2nd Ryan Foot, 3rd Ellie Cleary, 4th Cregan Foot.



Mathew Pritchard winning the Seniors race in fine style.



Creagan Foot takes a dip.



Ellie Cleary rounds a buoy.

iii] FBYC participation at other events.

Our young sailors have been extremely busy this season, competing against highly skilled opposition and achieving excellent results.

At the Welsh Youth and Junior Championships at Pwllheli, where 65 boats competed, Tom Renny achieved 3rd place in the Toppers event and Ffion Thomas in 40th place. Also competing were Lowri Boorman, Ffin Robarts and Evie Jones. In the General Handicap race Megan Boorman finished in 12th place.

The National 5.3 Topper Championships, also held at Pwllheli, where Tom Renny finished 10th in the Gold Fleet; Ffion Thomas and Ed Pricket competed in the Silver Fleet; and Lowrie Boorman gained 18th position in the Bronze Fleet with Ffin Robarts, Evie Jones and Cerys Blockwell also competing.

Another important event hosted at Pwllheli was the Topper World Championships. A great performance by our sailors, with Tom Renny gaining

14th place in the Gold Fleet; Ffion Thomas 24th and Lowri Boorman 34th in the Silver Fleet.

Cardiff hosted the Welsh Laser Championships in July with Ffion Thomas outstanding in gaining 2nd place in the women's race and 1st place in the junior event.

The Craftinsure 5.3 Topper National Series attracted 236 competitors with a good turnout from Club sailors including Ffion Thomas, Lowri Boorman, Ed Pricket, Evie Jones, Emily Staunton, Cerys Blockwell and Ffin Robarts.

The Topper Inland Championships were held at Grafham Water, Cambridgeshire with 176 sailors competing. Tom Renny achieved a very credible 6th place. Also competing were Lowri Boorman, Ffion Thomas, Evie Jones, Ffin Robarts and Cerys Blockwell.

The Laser 4.7 Qualifier Series No. 1 was held at Datchet, River Thames, Berkshire in August. Ffion Thomas did well to finish in 27th position.

At the Acorn OnBoard Regatta at Llangorse in August, the Topper Gold Fleet race was won by Ed Pricket with Emily Stanton finishing in sixth place.

PYC, [Gellyswick] hosted the Welsh Zone Championships in September. The Topper race was well represented by our sailors with Tom Renny 1st, Ed Pricket 5th, Lowri Boorman 8th, Ffin Robarts 10th, Cerys Blockwell 18th and Evie Jones 20th. In the General Handicap event, Ffion Thomas finished 12th. In the OnBoard Optimist Fleet event Amelia Grant-Jones gained a very credible 9th place, her first competitive race.

iv] FBYC Squad representatives.

Congratulations to the following Club sailors who have been chosen to represent the following squads:-

GB Topper Squad – Tom Renny.

Welsh National Topper Squad – Tom Renny and Ffion Thomas.

Welsh Laser Transitional Squad – Francesca Murphy and Megan Boorman.

West & South Wales Regional Squad – Evie Jones, Cerys Blockwell, Finn Robarts, Ed Pricket and Emily Stanton.

v] FBYC training venue.

Our Club has hosted training weekends during the winter months for the Welsh Topper Squad and the Welsh Laser Transitional Squad, and have been asked to host in 2015 Open Winter Regional Training, Welsh Optimist Squad and the Welsh Topper Squad training.



vi] RYA Training Centre.

Training Centre Principle – Trevor Morris, Senior Instructor/Examiner – Mathew Pritchard, Child Protection Officer – Kate Meopham, Administrator – Gail Strawbridge. During this first operational year, 15 Level 1&2 Certificates have been issued.

The RYA Accreditation status requires the Club to undergo a thorough annual RYA inspection. On completion of our first such inspection, the inspector commented that he was very impressed with the Club set up and that this was the easiest inspection he has done for ages!

vii] Thanks.

Another great year for our sailors thanks to the enthusiasm, dedication and commitment of Club members and parents. The “beginner” and “intermediate” sessions have been run by Mathew Pritchard and Trevor Morris, and the “advanced” sessions by Ellie Meopham and Brian Murphy. Much of the “organising” of sailing sessions and events have been undertaken by Mrs. Gail Strawbridge.

b] Rowing.

i] Officers. Chair: Jo Hewitt, Secretary: Emma Philips, Membership Sec: Amanda Griffiths, Treasurer: Rachel Davies.

ii) Events.

The 8 mile “Dinas Head Challenge” from Goodwick beach to Newport beach took place 26th July. Two of our crews competed, the Men’s and the “Vikings”.



The 21 mile “Great River Race” on the Thames London Docklands to Richmond took place on the 27th September with 339 boats competing. The Ladies Crew, competing in the Longboat class and comprising of Candy Tanseet, Emma Philips, Jo Hewitt, Rebecca Williams and Eva Rees, completed the course in 2 hrs 51 mins. The Men’s crew, competing in the Skiffs class and comprising of Peter Kedward, Mike Hughes, Derek Miles and Eifion Griffiths, finished in 26th position [an improvement of 6 places on last year’s result] in 2 hrs 41 mins.

iii] Welsh Sea Rowing Association League.

The Club hosted the 2nd event of the season on the 8th June with an excellent turnout of 69 crews competing in 5 races. Our Ladies crew finished 13th, Men’s Senior Veterans 4th, and both the Novice Men and Mixed Super vets came in 1st.



Rowing regatta helpers end the day with a well earned drink.

The final South Wales League positions are Men’s Seniors 16th, Men’s Senior Vets 8th, Ladies 24th, Mixed 25th, Novices 4th, and for the second year running our Mixed Super Vets are “Champions”. In the combined North and South

Wales League the Mixed Super Vets finished in second place, closely behind Porthmadog.

2. In the Clubhouse.

a] Communications.

Please note that in addition to our website the Club operates a Facebook account [www.facebook.com/FishguardBayYachtClub] and a Twitter account [twitter.com/FishguardBayYC]. Both are full of interesting information, including photographs on sailing/rowing/social events. These accounts can also be accessed via the Club website. Many thanks to Gail for managing these important communication channels.

b] Entertainments Committee.

Members: Gwinnie Cross, Gay Oliver, Rohini Kedward, Amanda Griffiths, Ann Davies, Cath Bannister.

Thanks to our wonderful ladies of the Committee for their management of various social functions including the Fitting Out and Laying Up Suppers, visits of cruisers, the Dylan Thomas walk and catering for local music events.

c] 200 Club.

Thanks to Cath Bannister for taking over the responsibility for running the 200 Club. Bi-monthly draws have taken place and a very successful annual social event in September.

c] Planned improvements to the Club house.

i] Showers/Toilets.

The architects' design/drawings have been completed and bids/estimates received.

ii] Dinghy Shed.

Full planning permission has been granted to rebuild the shed to a higher specification with increased size. An engineering survey has been completed and final plans have been drawn showing the new internal layout of dinghies and rescue boat. The plans will now be subject to a tender process to obtain

costs, thus completing the documentation required to submit for grant application.

d] Forthcoming events

Junior Sailing Presentation Night – 24th October

Laying Up Supper – 1st November

Christmas Party – Date to be announced

Christmas Eve Nibbles – please bring a plate.

Tony Davies,

Commodore,

17th October 2014.

Thanks to Rick Maybe for his excellent photographs. Here are a few more examples:



Hey Eifion, who's that little bloke sitting behind you?



Excuse me, has anyone seen one Opti, ten Toppers and eleven Lasers?



“They don’t like it up ‘em”