**2018 AGM COMMODORE’S REPORT**

The Club has had quite a full year with some considerable successes

**Sailing**

In **March** the RYACW Regional Optimist Squad had their training day to which 10 boats came.

In **April –** RYACW National Topper Squad training. There were some 10 boats involved from as far afield and the Isle of Wight and Pwllheli. Those from the Isle of Wight were delighted with the venue, and I hope that they will bring more when they return next year.

RYACW National Optimist Squad also trained here.

At the RYA Welsh Youth Championships Pwllheli Finn Robarts came 1st in the Laser Radial class, Freya Terry & crew came 13th in theGeneral Handicap Class

At British National Youth Champs at Largs Tom Renny came 2nd in the Laser Radial

and at the same event Finn Robarts came in 35th out of 85 boats

**In May** – At the RYACW Push the Boat Out event in which both the sailing and rowing section took part. Some 32 people registered and 6 – 10 people were interested in joining the rowers and 5 showed an interest in sailing. A successful event

In **June** TheRegional Optimist Squad came to train again They liked it so much the first time!!

**Tom Renny** attended Keil Week in Germany, and came 12th out of 174 boats

In **July** The CYRC was held here. There were 15 boats (22 sailors) and 7 club members took part:

In the general Handicap race- sailing RS Fevas Gabriel Bingham & Seth Reed,

came 4th , Freya Terry & Mia Childs 5th, and Huw Davies & Tomos Davies came 6th

In the Optimist Gold Fleet Amelia Grant-Jones came 2nd

In **August** – Tom Renny attended Laser Radial Youth Worlds 2018 championships in Kiel, and came 34th out of 269 boats

**September** – Welsh Open Laser Championships held at the club – 10 entries (3 club members) - Francesca Murphy was first woman

Radial Finn Robarts was second

Standard Tom Renny was first

A number of boats took part in Bart's Bash on 15th where £55 was raised

Welsh Regional Champs held at the Pembrokeshire Yacht Club - Finn Robarts came 1st in Laser Radial class

Tom Renny is training with the British Youth Squad

Finn Robarts is training with his Laser in the Welsh Squad

One of the most difficult aspects to achieve are sufficient volunteers to do all the essential work, without which the club would not be effective

Principal amongst these are Dinghy instructors, Safety boat drivers and crews Beachmaster, Race officers, tallyclerks. I am delighted and thankful that Nicola Cleary has taken over the responsibility of RYA duties from Trevor Morris. We are very grateful to all those who fulfil those duties and give their time and dedication

**Courses** that have been attended this year are:

First Aid

PB Instructor which was completed by Richard McDonald who now can teach power boat courses

Dinghy Instructors completed by Freya Terry, Finn Robarts, Evie Jones. This is particularly heartening for such young people to give back so generously to the club and I congratulate and thank them for their efforts.

Race Officer course – Geoff Turner

Safety Boat Course – Mark Owen

**Rowing**

7 members competed in the Indoor Rowing Championships in Cardiff. All had personal bests.

4 people did PB course with Matt Pritchard

The rowing club have bought a Yole

Push the Boat Out day resulted in 6 – 10 new members.

**June** – Fishguard Rowing Regatta - the club entered an under 14, under 16 and under 18 team, the first club to have an entry in every event. All three teams won their event.

**September** - Sculling Open Championships – Theo, Jerry and Rob participated.  
Jerry and Rob were 5th overall, this is the first time they have raced together.

Jerry and Theo are at present in Vancouver to represent Fishguard in the International Sculling Championships.

**Fundraising**

We have been very fortunate to have received grants of £!3,100 as a capital grant a further £800 from the local sports fund from the council. The money has enabled the club to buy a new RIB and nearly new Toppers and equipment and helped to pay for courses.

I should say at this stage that I suspect the reason that we have managed to be the recipients of this capital grant funding is because of the success of the club in general but also how well individuals have done. Tom Renny has reached international status, Finn Robarts is on the way as is Freya Terry. Historically Ngaire Strawbridge achieved National status, Ellie Meopham on the way to Olympic status and Lowri Boorman as a member until 2014 and who began her training here, as reported in the Western Telegraph when she was first female at the topper championships in Weymouth on August 2nd and Inland champion at Grafham in July this year.

A very special thanks to Jim Dale who was instrumental in obtaining a grant from the big lottery fund of £10,000 to help the refurbishment of the toilets.

So overall nearly £24,000 Which means that over the last 12 years we have received in the region of £50,000.

Annual Duck Race went ahead and raised £700

Fitting Out Supper was held on 5th May.

Other activities on the social side have been Bingo and Quiz nights and café events.

In the last few years the Club has become more integrated with the rest of the community hosting some of the musical events and of course the café has also contributed to that. The Life Boat events have been well supported also. This integration that has been achieved over the last few years has meant that we have been able to be successful in obtaining the big lottery fund grant.

It is not easy to get grants, organisations have to demonstrate the ability to achieve what is required. This is a clear demonstration of the gratitude we owe to Matthew Pritchard and Trevor Morris, as they have sustained the enthusiasm in teaching sailing over the past 12 years. Trevor has decided to drop out of the committee and I would like to thank him for all the work he has done. He will continue to help out with all the behind the scenes things that he does for the club.

Gail has decided to resign as Secretary. It took two years to persuade her to take up the role, she set up the website and maintains it and will continue to do this as a committee member.

I would like to thank you for the privilege of serving as Commodore for the next year which I am sure will be a successful one for the club.