Rear Commodore Sailing Report to the AGM 2021

In short, after a year of relative stagnation returning to 'normal' has not been easy but, thanks to the efforts made by everyone, we have come pretty close.

Our Ferry Driver team of Bruce, Andrew, Tim and Bob is led and rotored by Paul Cottrell, our thanks to Paul and team for providing a reliable and much valued service for us throughout the season. Our Mark Laying and race safety team sees Andy and Mick looking after weekends, and Nick covering weeknights with the help of a 'second ferry/ safety boat' on Wednesday evenings. We are safer on the water thanks to our Ferry and Safety teams.

In the background much takes place to look after and maintain our safety boats and work boats. Maintenance on club boats is headed by Keith Williams and Bill Barker, and Mike Conroy for Imogen, supported by many other members who contribute their skills and time to help keep everything running. We notice when a boat stops working but note less the many hours of trouble free service we have from our boats thanks to the efforts of our Boat Committee and their helpers.

Our Sailing Secretary provides a separate report but without the Sailing Programme, put together by, and often run by, members of the Sailing Committee, life would be dull indeed. Thank you to Richard Bowers and all our representatives from the sailing classes, Ladies Sailing, Sail4All and Cadets, who together make up the Sailing Committee; we look forward to what you come up with for 2022.

Thank you too to the General Committee, and my fellow Flag Officers, what we have achieved this year we have achieved together.

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