

Vice Commodore's Report

Operations Group 2020 2021

This has been my second year of being the Vice Commodore and leading the operations group. The year started in a very sad way with club stalwart Barry Grant passing away after a short illness. Barry had led the club winter parties for many years and was always the smiling face that greeted everyone on cold Sunday mornings to give them jobs to do. We miss Barry's wisdom and insight. It was with great relief that Phil Tysoe and Colin Munz stood in to manage the club maintenance and we all need to be very grateful for their continued efforts to keep the club in great condition.

Covid was with us over the winter making club maintenance complicated however we did manage to repair the slipways and finish off the pontoons- thanks to Colin for leading the work parties and Nigel for leading the group who finished the pontoons. Keith led a team who maintained the boats which all looked beautiful when they were launching May.

With lockdowns and Covid infections the normal run up to lift in was very tricky. With the sand building up around the East slipway Colin and Nick Browning led a team to dredge the sand as well as sort the car park and move some stones. The pressure was also on for Clive and Rob and their team who were managing the moorings. They had just taken over the role and needed to understand where moorings were and where they were not! Who had which mooring- not easy after 18 months. They have put in a phenomenal amount of work sorting the moorings and all the yacht owners need to thank them. Congratulations then went to Graham and his team for getting the boats in the water which seemed to occur without a hitch and left the sailing club looking great after 18 months of uncertainty and the yachts being on the hard.

Before lockdown finished Stephen managed to connect the solar power to a boiler which continues the club use of solar power and maximizes the return from the panels.

In May Tony Dobbs stepped down as Media office which he had done for 3 years. This has left a hole, luckily Richard Bowers has been supporting the website and Facebook however we really do need a couple of people to step up and support the club communications.

Derek Abbott continues to keep the club Site Master Plan spreadsheet up to date. In June we did a walk around and identified the Jetty and Slipways and long term projects for attention. Otherwise it was generally agreed we were getting on top of jobs although I am sure that by this winter the list will have grown again.

Malcomb Spicer continues to support the club with ingenuity and ability. This year Malcomb has been instrumental getting some new moorings made up which has supported the mooring team to replace some old ones and some lost ones. Additionally, he is currently supporting Keith and a team to maintain and repaint Grafters.

Rose Spicer has continued to lead a team of gardeners that keeps the clubs green spaces green. We are very lucky to have such a well tended garden and regularly I see Rose and her team on a Monday night with watering cans before they enjoy a meal at the club.

The last two projects that I have had the pleasure to support have been the New Members BBQ and the investigation of Sailing Club Manager. The new members BBQ held in September welcomed new members to the club in the last two years. Over 60 people turned up to meet and greet and then many tried to go sailing in almost no wind! Thanks to Phil Tysoe and Paul Westward for helping out.

Sailing Club Manager has now been approved by the GC and will become the administration hub of the club. It will replace Marusa and various spreadsheets with one central database and management system. The plan is to move onto it in 2021 such that the 2022 membership will be via SCM. Everyone will be getting details of their login and the expectation is that this will be a much easier process for all the club officials to manage.,

Lastly I need to thank ALL the members of the operation group. They all give there time and energy selflessly. We need people with enthusiasm for communication and SAS management going forward so if you want to get involved please let me know and I am sure we can find a role to fit your time and energy.