



The Season's Greetings to all of our members.

It's been a busy time, with the end of season sailing events, the AGM, plus the start of the winter social and shore based events. Read on for what's been happening and what's in store.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place 11 November. The minutes will be issued to members shortly.

Your elected Committee for the coming year is:

Maurice Elford – Commodore

Vacancy – Vice Commodore

Roger Davis – Membership Secretary

Graham Eaton – Secretary

Teresa Scott – Treasurer

Matthew Longbone – Social Secretary

Richard Mitchell – Buddy Scheme Coordinator

Alan Turnbull – Publicity Officer

Shirli Gaston – Bosun

Bill Wates – Committee Member

A post AGM fish supper was enjoyed by everyone present, followed by the annual awards ceremony.

Trophy winners were

Matthew Longbone – Frostbite and Gannet Cup (Sovereign Light)



Nigel Cooper & Ann Headon – Cruiser Cup & Tapping Cup (7 Ports)



Shirli Gaston – Kittiwake Cup for outstanding nautical achievement.

Roger Davis – Cock up Kettle, Helping Hands Trophy and Peanpa Photographic Cup.



Selsey Sunrise from Hunky Dory

The 2017 Peanpa Cup winner

This year the Cock up Kettle was decided by popular vote of AGM attendees. 3 scenarios were outlined but Roger's effort won by a unanimous decision. Essentially he was



checking Hunky Dory's navigation lights like good skippers do. He turned on the masthead tricolour then went ashore and walked a way up the pontoon to observe it – nothing! Back to the boat, turned off and on – still nothing. Back to boat – instruments showed current draw but still no light. Out comes multi meter, off comes control panel – wiring is OK. Muttering and confused walks back along pontoon – Tricolour is on!! Been looking up at wrong mast. Doh!!

Had it come down to a tie breaker no doubt Matt Longbone, last year's winner, would have chipped in that he saw Hunky Dory trailing a fender for 30 miles en route to Dieppe in July!!

2018 Sailing Programme

Your committee is starting to build next year's programme for both the regular local rallies and possibly a longer one in the summer.

At the post AGM session members were asked to consider their preferences of dates and destination for a summer rally. Post meeting the committee decided to obtain a broader membership consensus in the hope of increasing the turn out. Commodore Maurice Elford has recently emailed a questionnaire all skippers, *please do respond to help the planning process (even if it's just to say you're not keen on long rallies.)*

Membership Matters

We're approaching the end of 2017 which can only mean that the 2018 subscriptions will be due next month!!

Most of you pay renewals by Standing Order. If this is your first renewal, or you've been paying by cheque, please consider setting one up as you'll obtain a £5 discount. This makes the renewal process so much easier to administer. Reminders will be sent out after Xmas.

Welcome Aboard

Since the last issue of the Newsletter we're delighted to report a mini boom in membership numbers.

Please welcome:

Chris Thompson, who's restoring his LM27 at Peter Leonards

Nicky Ransome-Lewis and Anne Fuller who've joined via the Buddy Sailing Scheme.

New members are essential to maintain a vibrant club so please, as ever, keep promoting NYC to non-members whenever you can.

Forthcoming Events

Skills Forum – 9 January

Venue and Subject TBA

Quiz Night – 27 January

At Riverside Hall. Caterers will be providing a meal. Full details to follow.

Tom Cunliffe is back!

Tom Cunliffe, sailor, writer, broadcaster, and thoroughly entertaining guy is returning to regale us with his unique take on matters nautical at Riverside Hall on **17 February** next year. Members who saw him last time will remember what a great evening it was. Put the date in your diaries now!!



Club Website newhavenyc.org.uk

If you've not looked at the site recently then do. We are continually tweaking it to keep it up to date and relevant. It's the "go to" place for the latest news.

The diary of events over the 2017/18 winter season are all there so please get the dates into your diaries now.

NYC Clothing



A wide range of items in all sizes is available. For further details and how to order check out the Merchandise drop down menu on the NYC website.

Please note our supplier is now trading under a new name; **management, premises and telephone numbers remain the same.**



Events Round Up

Solent Rally – September

The rescheduled rally attracted 5 boats; Otter, Freo, Hunky Dory, Freeway and Beaumaris.

The weather was kind all week and provided some very good sailing interspersed with some occasional motoring in light winds. Skippers met up at Gosport and then did their own thing, visiting different places independently, occasionally meeting up to socialise when needing to top up the G&T levels.

For the return leg at the weekend the forecast predicted westerlies late Friday fading early Saturday morning then going east. Not fancying a long motor home Beaumaris and Freeway set off from Gosport on Friday evening intending a night sail and early hours arrival at Newhaven. As it turned out the wind dropped earlier than predicted resulting in a motor through the night. Hunky Dory's and Freo's skippers, not being keen on Looe Channel pots in the dark left very early Saturday and had a cracking sail all the way back – HD taking the prize winning photo at dawn off Selsey en route.

Paella Night

October saw our first social of the 2017/18 winter season at Riverside Hall.



Members enjoyed a very Spanish evening with Paella being cooked in pans outside on a relatively balmy evening. What would have happened if it had chucked down is still



unclear!! Muchas Gracias to Matt & Jacqui for organising the event and providing lots of Spanish music.

Skills Forums

Rampion Wind Farm

A report from Alan Turnbull

About 20 NYC members met up for a Skills Forum at the White Lion, Seaford in November to listen to a talk by Chris Tomlinson (Development Manager).

The presentation covered topics such as the initial contract start back in 2010, the anticipated area for the site, the transportation of the equipment from Holland and the route of the cabling ashore at Brooklands Pleasure Park in Worthing to the final substation at Twineham.

The whole project is an amazing piece of engineering when you consider that each of the 116 turbine structures were individually manufactured with consideration to the fluctuation depth of the seabed. A great deal of care has been taken to reduce the impact on the physical, biological and human environment of the site. There has even been seeds harvested from the cable route on land which are being kept in the Royal Kew Gardens seed bank and available for use if required.



There was plenty of opportunity for members to ask questions. Some of the questions asked were whether the cabling would affect navigation equipment (apparently not) to how close we will be able to sail to the Windfarm

(right through it). The good news is that the blades on the turbines have a 22m clearance at HAT so sailing through should not be a problem.

Rampion have purchased property in the arches near the i360 which will be used as a Visitor Centre in 2018. This will enable local people, schools and visitors to the area to learn more about wind energy and the Rampion Offshore Wind Farm.

The organisation also has a defined £3.1 million Rampion Community Benefit Fund – launched to support projects which benefit the Sussex community. As £300,000 will be available to support sea-user organisations perhaps NYC could benefit from this in the future?

All-in-all a very interesting talk and I for one will be looking forward to seeing the site up close when the construction work ends.

Visit to Peter Leonard's

The first Skills session of the season saw a return to Peter Leonard's on Denton Island. Peter had very kindly gone to a great deal of trouble to lay on a very hands on evening. We were treated to a session of diesel engine problem solving by one of his top engineers, using a live engine seeded with problems to identify and fix. Also in attendance was a representative from International Paints talking about the current issues surrounding do it yourself anti fouling. And finally, the old favourite, splicing braided lines by Marlow ropes. Overall a very informative evening with thanks due to Peter Leonard. Please try to say thanks by using his chandlery.

Newhaven Marina – Change of Management

Berth holders at Newhaven Marina have been made aware that John Stirling and his team will relinquish management of the marina in mid-December.



There has naturally been concerns by berth holders, many of whom are NYC members, as to the future direction of the marina.

At the time of writing it appears most berth holders have now been contacted by the new management company. They are putting out very positive messages including a willingness to listen to berth holders concerns. They have suggested they are looking to replace all of the dilapidated concrete pontoons and undertake a serious dredging campaign. Watch this space!

On this subject, **Vic Thompson**, a longstanding NYC member, has circulated a letter to all berth holders canvassing opinion as to whether it might be timely to form a Berth Holders Association. This would facilitate a unified, and hopefully constructive, channel of communication with the new management. If you've not already done so, please respond to Vic if you're interested.

Raising the club profile

At the AGM Alan Turnbull joined the committee and took on the role of Publicity Officer. The objective is to raise the club's profile in order to make it more visible and attract new members. We wish him well in this important role.

Social media is one route that Alan will be looking into. Facebook seems the norm these days for most clubs and organisations and he will be looking into how this might be used for internal club communication and publicity to the outside world. It appears several members are already au fait with Facebook, whilst to many of us (*including the editor!*) it's a mystery. If we go down this route Alan will be looking to educate us!!

Boat for Sale

Member Bert Gough is sadly being forced to give up sailing as he's waiting for a hip replacement. As a result he is selling his Westerly Konsort, **Virgo**, lying in Newhaven

Marina. Bert tells us she's clean and well equipped. If you are interested please contact him at:- bertramgough@gmail.com

The Joys of Motor Cruising

Nigel has sent us an amusing item about his experience switching from sail to power. He's obviously taken to it as he and Ann cleaned up on the Cruiser and Tapping Trophies this year!

The item's a tad long to publish in full in this newsletter so a taster is below, the full article can be found in the Newsletter section on the NYC website

Nigel & Ann on Cloud 9

I must say it was quite a wrench to give up sails in favour of motor, but not wishing to give up life on the water altogether, Ann and I considered that perhaps it was time to go to the "dark side". We found "Cloud Nine", a 26 ft Saga (no jokes please), on the hard at Shamrock Quay, Southampton, and instantly felt that she was an ideal cruising boat for us, and we have not been disappointed. And now we don't feel so bad on days when we pass yachts searching for wind, or reefed down hard and motoring slowly to windward!



**Cloud 9 anchored off Brownsea Island
Poole Harbour**

Read the full article on the website.....