



The Season's Greetings to all of our members.

It's been a busy time, with the end of a great sailing season, 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

Our AGM took place 10 November. The minutes will be issued to members shortly.

Your elected Committee for the coming year is:

Maurice Elford – Commodore

Graham Eaton – Vice Commodore & Secretary

Roger Davis – Membership Secretary

Teresa Scott – Treasurer

Matthew Longbone – Social Secretary

Richard Mitchell – Buddy Scheme Coordinator

Alan Turnbull – Publicity Officer

Shirli Gaston – Bosun

Bill Wates & Sandy Young – Committee Members

We're delighted that Graham Eaton stepped up to take on the vacant Vice Commodore role and also that Sandy Young has joined your committee.

Membership fees remain unchanged (yet again) but please see the following item regarding changes to payment by standing order.

A post AGM fish supper was enjoyed by everyone present, followed by the annual awards ceremony. Details of the winners can be found later in this newsletter.

Changes to some Membership Subscriptions

Action Required!!

For many years NYC has offered a £5 discount on membership fees paid by standing order. This was to encourage payment by this method as it streamlined renewals and dramatically cut down time and effort banking cheques and chasing late payers. And of course this was many years before the advent of Internet Banking that is now commonplace.

Times change and many members now pay by bank transfer via internet banking. Our problem is that our bank account cannot distinguish between these payments and those paid by standing order. Hence we now have no idea who pays by what method. This results in members paying different amounts which is obviously not fair.

To remedy this situation the committee has therefore decided to withdraw the £5 discount for future subscriptions.

Therefore if YOU PAY by Standing Order please instruct your bank to CHANGE it for the renewal due in January.

The fee for Membership is £45,

Family Membership £50.

Finally, in the age of electronic banking, cheques are becoming an administrative burden with the disappearance of high street banks. **NYC will now only accept payment of fees by cheque as a last resort.**

We continue to encourage members to pay by standing order as you don't have to do anything and won't forget to renew!

To pay by direct credit or standing order NYC's bank details are

Sort Code 20-49-80

Account No. 90699101

Quote your name as the reference.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Forthcoming Events

Details are also available on the NYC website calendar.

We've a packed programme ahead so get these dates into your diary now!

If you haven't been to Riverside Hall recently we're pleased to report it's been refurbished and presents a much nicer venue for the events we hold there.

15 December – Commodores Christmas Party

Venue: Riverside Hall, Newhaven

Details have already been emailed to members so you should have all the necessary information, if not contact Matthew Longbone as soon as possible.

8 January - Skills Forum

Northern European Waterways

Venue: White Lion, 1900 for 1930 start

Stu and Chris Proud will be giving a presentation on their summer voyage on northern European waterways and the Baltic.

26 January - A voyage around the UK (backwards!)

Venue: Riverside Hall, Newhaven

NYC member Jonathan Bacon will entertain us with tales from his recent circumnavigation of the UK.

We hope to follow this with a Pizza evening.

12 February - Skills Forum

Venue: White Lion, 1900 for 1930 start

2019 Rally Planning

An opportunity for skippers to select and agree the destinations and dates for NYC's 2019 rally programme.

23 February - Quiz Night

Venue: Riverside Hall, Newhaven

Come and join a NYC team to take on other local "nautical" organisations.

12 March Skills Forum

Venue and topic TBA

30 March - Fitting Out Supper

Venue TBA

31 March Frostbite Competitive Cruise

Start time and course TBA

20-22 April Easter Rally

Sovereign Harbour Eastbourne. We plan to have a club meal Saturday night. Members taking the "land" route are welcome to join us.

21 April Sovereign Tower Cruise

Gannet Trophy competitive cruise.

Welcome Aboard

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

Please welcome:

Geoff Sheridan

Louise Bond and Richard Field

Tony Dodgson

All of whom have joined via our Buddy Sailor programme, and:-

John Kelly owner of Forvie Mist based in Newhaven

John Shawcross owner of Jemara also based in Newhaven.

As we always say, new members are essential to maintain a vibrant club so please keep promoting NYC whenever you can.



NYC Awards

This year's presentation ceremony was the biggest for many years. It's pleasing to report that many trophies that have been gathering dust for some years were polished up and awarded.



The trophy laden table!



A first! Ann Headon receiving a special lifetime achievement award for her sterling efforts for NYC over the past 2 decades. Ann was also awarded Lifetime membership.

The full list of winners is available under the Club Stuff dropdown on the NYC website.



Maurice presenting himself with the Cock Up kettle for a series of nautical embarrassments!



Bill Waites receiving the Master Mariner Trophy for his Norwegian saga.

Sandy Young and Roger Thomas share the Courage Cup for their first channel crossings as skippers.





NYC Clothing

Stuck for ideas for Xmas gifts??



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.

Communication Matters

NYC is on facebook

Last March we announced that to raise awareness and the profile of NYC we're now on Facebook. In addition to assisting members to communicate it gives us the opportunity to share news and activities with other local organisations and businesses. Alan Turnbull, our committee publicity officer oversees it.

He has created a private group for members where you can keep up to date with club activities and let others know what you're up to. To join this group search @NewhavenYachtClub and ask Alan for access.

We understand that some members may have reservations about using Facebook, given some of the recent publicity.

However we'd like to emphasise this group is private. If you are not a registered club member you cannot view or access the group communications. Minimal personal data is required to open a Facebook account.

We believe that this could be a very useful medium for member communications. Potentially it could provide a channel for crew requests and invites, buddy sailing opportunities, requests for technical advice (as clearly there is a huge wealth of existing knowledge amongst members), impromptu rally opportunities etc.etc.

Several members have signed up already. Please give it some thought.

Skills Forums in full swing

We've held the first two sessions of our winter programme at the White Lion, Seaford. These sessions continue to be very popular and well attended.

The October session saw Commodore Maurice give an excellent presentation on his recent "mast up" route to Amsterdam. It prompted many questions and gave a lot of food for thought for members who might be interested in the inland waterways.

November was a freewheeling session. The starting point being an exchange of views on navigation, (or was it pilotage?) techniques but soon wandered down a whole range of nautical issues. It certainly highlighted the breadth of knowledge and experience our members have.

Have a great 2019!