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DRAYCOTE ~WATER ~ SAILING CLUB **2022** saw a bumper attendance at sailing world championships by members of Draycote Water Sailing Club.

- **50** member entries must be the highest number ever for the Club.
- **18** different events were attended, held in the UK, Ireland, the Netherlands, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Hungary and the USA.
- 12 Draycote sailors attended the Feva World Championship held in Weymouth, our best attended event. Second place went to Freddie Sunderland & Stella Nygard and fourth place to Millie Irish & Bob Byne.
- **157** But one better was Joe Rowe at the Topper World Championships at Lake Garda in Italy who won the World Championship crown in a very close finish.
  - 12 year-old Oscar Rowe was our youngest competitor.
  - **63** year-old Club President, Jeremy Atkins, was our oldest competitor.

**50:50** split of female and male entries showing what a gender-equal sport sailing is.

Much of the attendance was driven by the Club's Youth & Junior sailors, spurred on by the Club's training arm – Draycote Academy, run by team GBR coach and Club member Steve Irish. Steve was also one of the entries, sailing in a world championship in Ireland, but his performance was eclipsed by that of his trainees.

Club Commodore, William Whittaker said, "It's amazing to have so many members competing on the world stage. Our Draycote Academy is producing world champions in its third year, which is absolutely fantastic.

But, perhaps more important, is the sheer number of our sailors involved in international competition. Sailing teaches them independence and maturity and it is great to see this on the water and on the shore."

### **ATTENDEES**

#### World Sailing Youth Worlds -

The Netherlands, July	
Alice Davis – Mixed 420	12th
Ellen Morley & Hazel McDonnell – Female Skiff	8th

#### ILCA 6 Youth Worlds - USA, July

Iris Singleton

26th

#### RS Feva Worlds - Weymouth, July

Freddie Sunderland & Stella Nygard	2nd
Millie Irish & Bob Byne	4th
Imogen Green & Felicity Angell	51st
Tom Moss	53rd
Theo Smith & Will Cowley	92nd
Jack Hodgkins & Isabella Barnes	131st
Ben Angell & Mona Nygard	162nd

#### Topper 5.3 Worlds – Italy, July

Joe Rowe	1st
Ben Paling	9th
Merryn Attridge	14th
Jessica Powell	26th
Polly McMullan	39th
Kat Gunn	51st
Ed Paling	86th

#### Topper 4.2 Worlds – Italy, July

Oscar Rowe	17th
RS Aero 5 Youth Worlds – Weymouth, July David Peaty	4th
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RS Aero 7 Youth Worlds –	
Weymouth, July	
Abigail Larr	16th
Tera Sport Worlds –	
Weymouth, August	
Ben Angell	38th

<b>Tera Pro Worlds – Weymouth, August</b> Imogen Green Felicity Angell	20th 24th
<b>RS500 Worlds – Weymouth, August</b> Nigel & Aaran Davis	34th
<b>29er Worlds – Spain, August</b> Ellen Morley & Hazel McDonnell Derin Soyer	72nd 192nd
<b>420 Women's Worlds –</b> <b>Hungary, August</b> Millie Irish	39th
<b>420 Male / Mixed Worlds –</b> <b>Hungary, August</b> Alice Davis Imogen Wade	49th 63rd
<b>505 Worlds – Ireland, August</b> Steve Irish & Norman Byrd Sam Byrd	17th 76th
ILCA 4 Boys Youth Worlds – Portugal, August Freddie Sunderland	188th
<b>ILCA 4 Girls Youth Worlds –</b> <b>Portugal, August</b> Stella Nygard	145th
<b>Fireball Worlds – Ireland, August</b> Katie Byne & Lia Horne	17th
Mike Deane & Paul Disney	21st

#### ILCA 6 Women's U21 Worlds -Portugal, August

Iris Singleton	74th
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Jeremy Atkins & Richard Botting & Richard Byne 35th



TOPPER WORLDS

Joseph Rowe, aged 15, took the Topper World Championship title at Riva de Garda in Italy after a close finish in a 144-boat fleet.

It was Joe's first-ever world championship and asked for his highlights, he says: "The first day of finals following the qualifying series was a big day - after qualifying in 6th place it was all still to play for going in to the last two days in Gold and Silver fleets.

"I needed to get some good results and started well with a 2nd in the first race of the day. Race 2 didn't go so well and I finished 24th, then the last race of the day was the turning point, banking a 1st place leaving me going into the final day's racing in 2nd place." finish the event on the same points as his nearest rival, Bobby Driscoll of Ireland, with Joe able to take the championship crown on countback by virtue of his race win.

Joe adds: "The weather was the biggest challenge, Garda is famous for strong breeze which is almost guaranteed in the summer months but we experienced storms from mid-week onwards which left us with a range of wind strengths to race in."

#### Winning ways?

"Sticking to my plan and keeping the boat moving fast," says Joe. "My top tip would be to train and prepare for a championship early with a clear goal."

Adding a 13th on the final day to his scoreline, it was enough to





### **RS500 WORLDS**

Attending your first-ever world championship can be a daunting prospect. Here, RS500 sailors Nigel and Aaron Davis share the story of their worlds - one of building experience - in the hope it will inspire others to give it a go! Nigel writes:

After sailing the only RS500 that's been a regular part of DWSC's Menagerie Fleet for 8 years we decided that post-Covid lockdowns we'd embark on host of 500 meetings during 2021 and beyond. At our first Nationals on the coast, gale force winds and large swells limited the racing to a solitary day, and with the End of Season's at Rutland providing near similar conditions, we secured our place at the School of Hard Knocks!

Unperturbed, in 2022 we travelled to Bristol Corinthian YC and Lymington Regatta, and in July 2022, we prepared our boat for the Worlds at Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy changing ropes, blocks and slot gasket, polishing and building our data - we did everything we could to make it ready, but little did we know what would lie in store for us.

After a day of racing on the Monday in the relatively 'sheltered but bouncy' harbour, our second and third day of racing was about to be terminated as we prepared to leave the slipway. As the mainsail hoist began, a rather unsavoury 'pop' and a six-inch crack running under the mast step focussed

our gaze. With the foot of the mast now lying almost 15mm below the main deck there was zero chance of racing, and a big chance that our first World Championship had ended after just one day.

Unfortunately, the only charter boat on-site was already committed to one of the other crews. Thankfully, RS went into overdrive in what was a very busy week for the shore crew as they looked to get us back out again as quickly as possible.

#### **Friendships**

All we could do for the next two days was watch the rest of the fleet head out and wish our friends the best of luck, before securing a charter boat with offboom sheeting for the final two days. This was something we needed to get to grips with rather quickly. Fortunately, the 40minute sail out to the racecourse helped, during which time a playful dolphin enjoyed surfing in our bow wave.

Whilst we avoided finishing last in every race, the impact from the race days lost was enough to consign us to the bottom spot in our first World Championship.

Looking back, that frustrating challenge hasn't diminished our love for the sport or for the '5' and the fleet. Every start sequence was exhilarating with no quarter given as the clock ticked down but that was nothing compared to these asymmetric boats jostling for position at the bottom mark, all of which made sharing a few beers post-race even more worthwhile.

We've built some great friends, particularly amongst the UK fleet, which now appears to be growing steadily and with the recently redesigned Mark2 hull being sold by RS, which we have now purchased. We're already making plans for 2023. We can also say that along with 48 other DWSC sailors at WPNSA for the RS Games, we helped make up the 1,037 competitors to enter and in entering, came 34th in the world. That'll do.

#### Sailing Tip:

We all check our rig settings before we head out on the water but how many of us check them after coming ashore? As hulls begin to age, it's a good way of checking that your hull continues to remain stable and robust after being bounced around for several hours.







### FIREBALL WORLDS

Mike Deane and Paul Disney competed at the Fireball Worlds, hosted at Lough Derg, Ireland.

Asked whether this was their first worlds, Mike explains: "No, we are very experienced at doing badly at big events. But I fancied this one as it was to be held on a lake, and that's very unusual. No tides, massive waves or salt water to deal with. Perfect!"

Neverthless it proved to be a tricky event, says Mike, with what they felt was not enough wind: "We kept getting mugged on the dead runs and broad reaches by people who were lighter, younger and prettier than us!"

There was a major highlight though from race 2, recalls Mike: "Just get us round the windward mark in first place,' said Paul, who often makes this comment before a race and is generally disappointed with the outcome. But we found our way into the front row at the start and picked a few decent wind shifts on our way up the beat. Tacking onto the lay line for the top mark we usually see a huge pile of boats charging from the other side. But this time they weren't there. So Paul's wish came true and we were indeed first round the windward mark. My mission successfully completed, the spinnaker promptly went up in a big knot and we lost a couple of places while untangling it. But I still have a smile on my face when I remember that race, and we held on to 3rd place too!"

#### Top Tip:

Push harder at the start. If you can be top 10 up the first beat, you can build on that



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Also competing at the Fireball World Championships on Lough Derg in Ireland were Katheryn Byne, aged 19, and Lia Horne, 18, who finished 1st all-female crew, 1st youth boat and 17th overall.

#### HIGHLIGHTS...

• Keeping the new World Champions behind us for an entire race then being congratulated by them for our tactical racing.

• Great house team - all Draycote members - and fun socials both at the club and our accommodation.

• Emptying the dishwasher, which was a running joke for the week: mum put all the soft drinks/chocolates and some other bottles in there for storage!

**LOWLIGHTS**: Very random windspeed and direction during a couple of races made the racing really hard.

**WINNING WAYS**: Amazing teamwork in the boat from Lia and me, with lots of communication. Also the stunning shore crew and support!

**TOP TIPS**: Go there not only to compete but to get to know other sailors from all over the world. Chat to them and get tips to help improve your sailing.

### RS FEVA WORLDS

The RS Feva World Championship, held as part of the RS Games at Weymouth & Portland National Sailing Academy, saw Draycote Water winning the Top Club award! Our team included the following sailors who helped the Club to rule the waves in an international fleet of more than 180 boats ... Unshackled caught up with them for a few Q&As:

#### Freddie Sunderland and Stella Nygard

Both aged 15, it was a first world championship for Stella.

#### Freddie says:

**HIGHLIGHTS**: Leading the Championship after 2 days with 6 firsts in 6 races!

**LOWLIGHTS**: Losing the World Championship on the final downwind on the final race.

OVERALL RESULT: 2nd place overall (silver!).

**WINNING WAYS**: Time together in the boat, understanding each other without necessarily having to chat.

**TOP TIPS**: Work hard but don't forget to have fun along the way.

#### Stella adds:

HIGHLIGHTS: Having the most amazing lead to all other boats, Freddie and I were miles ahead of anyone else on the gusty 2nd day! And event commentator saying: "Mother hen Sunderland is on the finishing line finishing the Finnish boat!" LOWLIGHTS: Jibsheet broke in the middle of the 2nd race on the 3rd day! WINNING WAYS: Mastering the surfing on really windy days.

**TEAMWORK**: Freddie plays brilliantly with the mainsheet and I keep the kite flying and pulling optimally.



#### **Robert Byne and Millie Irish**

Aged 14 and 18, it was a first world championship for Bob, who crewed at this event for 2021 RS Feva National Champion Millie. The pair finished 5th overall (4th in the Y&J class taking out the Olympian who won overall!), 2nd mixed crew. Bob picked up the Q&As... **HIGHLIGHTS**: House with a hot tub in the back garden, sunshine in the UK for a whole week! Draycote winning the club prize (normally Southern clubs win this).

**WINNING WAYS**: We went there to have fun and a holiday, both of which we did. Being happy helps with the competition side of things.

**TOP TIPS**: Go out there and enjoy the fun, companionship and competition. Sailing with a sailing champion is always going to improve your sailing!

#### Mona Nygard & Ben Angell

It was also a first worlds for Stella's sister Mona, aged 13, who crewing for Ben Angell finished 39th in the bronze fleet.

LOWLIGHTS: The rollercoaster week included a scary moment for Stella under their turtled boat in big waves until safety came to the rescue, and their first-ever protest meeting.

**HIGHLIGHTS**: Seeing dolphins, having a great time before, after and in between sailing with my Midlands gang.

#### Theo Smith with crew Will Cowley

Theo's season has included the Lake Garda Optimist Meeting at Easter with over 1,000 boats and winning a race! He was then selected to represent GBR at the Irish Nationals. For Theo and Will, both aged 14, the RS Games at WPNSA was their first-ever worlds and only their third event in an RS Feva! Theo says:

HIGHLIGHTS: It was a bit windy and we are light for a Feva but we came 3rd in the last race when the wind finally dropped below 20 knots!

**LOWLIGHTS**: It was really windy (>20knots) every day. Capsized on a reach and someone sailed over the top of our mast, snapping the main halyard and ripping the ring out of the sail! Had to retire from that race.

**OVERALL RESULT**: Exactly in the middle of the fleet with 92 boats in front and 92 boats behind. Not bad for a first worlds! Winning ways: In the last race we got a great start in the middle of the line and tacked on all the shifts.

**TOP TIPS:** Keep on beating past the windward mark so you can sail lower across the reach with the spinnaker up. Its faster than not using the spinnaker and much faster than capsizing! Looking forward to our winter of Draycote Academy Feva training with coach Steve, and keeping everyone behind us next year!

Also at the RS Feva Worlds from DWSC/Draycote Academy were Imogen Green & Felicity Angell (Gold fleet, 52nd overall), Jack Hodgkins & Isabella Barnes, and Tom Moss, part of Draycote's Laser Academy last year and again this year.

Following a last minute RS Feva Worlds' entry, Tom managed to get into the gold fleet despite having only met his crew the week before, never sailing one on the sea before and dealing with his toe strap snapping mid-race!







#### **Tom Moss**

At the ILCA 4 Nationals Tom finished 39th in gold fleet with a best race result of an 8th. At the RS Feva Worlds, he finished 54th in the gold fleet, including a best result of a 7th, but was plagued with gear issues, including the kite not staying up and the crew having to hold the halyard in one race making all the way down the reach!

#### The RS Games brought together all of the classes for championships at WPNSA.

#### **David Peaty**

Aged 19, David finished an impressive 4th overall at the RS Aero 5 Youth Worlds. HIGHLIGHTS: Racing against and chatting to 2012 gold

Olympic medallist Lijia Xu

LOWLIGHTS: Two UFDs!

**WINNING WAYS**: Being consistent across the whole week and in all conditions.

**TOP TIPS**: Never aim to lead a race as this leads to you taking more risks.





#### The Nations Cup Match Race, RS21s

The race gave young sailors a chance to try keelboat racing and this different aspect of the sport at the RS Games.

Draycote Water SC's team comprised Mona and Stella Nygard, Imogen Green, Felicity Angell and Mia Hately and sailed as 'Team Finland'. Mona says: "Had an absolute blast! Cheering and supporting Stella as team captain and helm we raced to 3rd place from 15 teams! Stella's and Imogen's tactics were ACE!!!"

**TOP TIPS:** "Teamwork is everything. And friendship gets stronger."





### ILCA 4 WORLDS

#### Vilamoura, Portugal

#### Freddie Sunderland

HIGHLIGHTS: The buzz of being there with my friends in a competition of 400 boats and feeling proud to be British. LOWLIGHTS: Getting 2 black flags in the last day of racing. RESULTS: No prizes for this - maybe picking up the most black flags?

**TOP TIPS**: Look after yourself - fuel properly and don't forget the suncream!

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#### **Stella Nygard**

**HIGHLIGHTS**: Just chilling on a windless day on the rib my boat tied next to it at sea and waiting/chatting/sunbathing/enjoying the warmth and being on the water.

**LOWLIGHTS**: The scariest tow ever (!) back to Vilamoura marina. Waves were big and the RIB was towing us (at what felt) really high speed. I was the last of 6 ILCAS that were being towed.

**RESULTS**: 53rd under-16 girl

**TOP TIPS**: Have fun, enjoy as long as it lasts. Embrace the opportunity to live events with your friends.

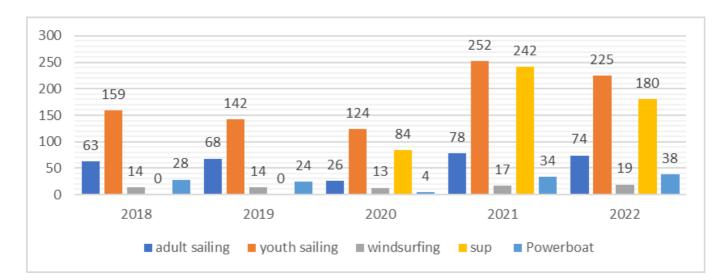


Specialist winter race training with GBR & RYA coach, Steve Irish

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### TRAINING REPORT

As the 2022 training season draws to a close, its time to reflect on another tremendous summer. While we didn't quite match the record 2021 "staycation" participation numbers, we weren't far off and our retention into membership was up to 15.5% from 13.2% in previous years.



With the uncertainty of what was to follow from our record season and there still being some Covid restrictions, we didn't invest in any new kit, relying instead on the boats the Club have purchased over the previous 3 years which are still in 'as new' condition.

We are now planning a few upgrades and purchases for the 2023 season including new SUP boards, a selection of boats and revamping the training rooms.

Stand up paddleboarding continues to be a popular activity and offers a lowcost way for non-members to see what else the Club has to offer. We've seen a small number of regular paddleboarders join as full members. Next year we will be looking to encourage more of them to also try sailing and windsurfing taster sessions.

In 2019 the RYA removed the 'inland' & 'coastal' designation from the powerboat syllabus, meaning with a powerboat certificate from this date students are able to apply for their ICC, the qualification required by most EU countries. To cover the coastal aspects, we have made various training aids and presentations to interactively teach these to our students. During the year we both gained and lost instructors with some moving away and going to university. We aim to run Assistant Instructor and Dinghy Instructor courses early in 2023 to recruit new instructors. If you're interested in getting involved, call in for a chat or drop us an email at training@draycotewater.co.uk

As usual we're planning a jam packed 2023 season of activities and events; with youth courses during the spring and summer holidays, adult sailing and windsurfing from late March. Training dates will be online for booking by mid-November.









### YOUTH & JUNIORS

As we head into the colder months, we can look back on a great summer of Draycote Youth & Junior sailing both at our home club and around the world.

At home, our regular Friday night and Saturday sessions have been well attended and are starting to get back towards pre-covid levels. Our Friday night handicap series was won by Clem Middle, Peter Astley was second and Oscar Rowe third, all sailing Toppers.

If you have never been, Friday night racing consists of several fast and furious 1 lap races over a short course, followed by one longer race which counts towards the series. Afterwards, the barbeques are lit, and the bar is open - come along next year and find out what it is all about - we will kick off again in the spring once the evenings start getting light again.

There is a non-race group too, so if sailors are not quite ready to race, there is something for everyone! This was run for the second year by Ethan Cheshire, a Y&J sailor himself. A big thanks to Ethan for his voluntary efforts, and other young sailors who have helped him throughout the season.

Our Saturday Club is for junior members starting out on their sailing journey. We aim to improve confidence and ability whilst at the same time, meeting new friends and having fun on, and sometimes in, the water. It has been good to see several of our sailors progress into getting their own boats this season, with at least 4 Toppers joining the fleet in the last few months.

We launch at 10:30 every Saturday between March and the End of October. We have finished for the season now, but if we get decent weather forecasts, we hope to do some "pop-up" Saturday Clubs in the winter season. Keep an eye on e-mail and Facebook for announcements!

With the taste for racing growing with our new sailors, we have, for the second year, competed in the Northamptonshire Youth Series. This is a local travellers' series, featuring a day of coaching in the morning and then racing after lunch, at 5 local clubs including our own.

The Club was able to support attendance with Dave Rowe taking a 6 boat trailer to the events, to help with transport. I am very happy to say that for the second year running we won the series!

Well done to all our new racers who competed, many for the first time away from their home club.





Our annual Youth and Championships held in September was, once again, hotly contested. We saw great sailing across the ability range throughout the day. The champions in our 3 age categories were:

Under 12: Noah Byrd, Optimist 12-14: Dilara Soyer, Topper 5.3 15 to 18: Imogen Green & Felicity Angell RS Feva

Further afield, our sailors were out and about around the country and indeed, around the world, representing Draycote at national and international level in many classes over the summer.

There were numerous great results from our brilliant young sailors, many of whom have been able to benefit from our Draycote Academy training over the winter, led by Steve Irish. Notable

amongst these were at the Feva Worlds in Weymouth where Freddie Sunderland and Stella Nygard came second (Freddie had just come second in the ILCA 4 Nationals the previous week!), closely followed by Millie Irish and Robert Byne in 4th. Meanwhile, in Italy, Joe Rowe became Topper World Champion, winning the event on Lake Garda where there was a strong Draycote entry with 8 members competing. In total, Draycote Y&J sailors made over 30 entries to World Championship events this summer, and not only in the traditional youth classes. In Ireland, Katie Byne and Lia Horne came 17th and highest placed youth team in the Fireball Worlds in their first season in a Fireball, having moved on from a 420. As such they were the leading Draycote boat, beating 2 other home teams who have probably been sailing since before Katie and Lia were born!

All in all, a spectacular summer for our young sailors, a huge congratulations to everyone, from World Champions to those who have just gained the confidence and skills to get in a boat and take it for a potter around the lake.

But, the fun isn't over yet... As we head into the autumn and winter season, there is plenty of Youth & Junior action. Draycote Academy training continues throughout the winter, and you will see our sailors out on the water almost every weekend putting in the hours to hone their skills under the expert guidance of Steve Irish and his team of coaches. The Academy is now held in high regard and entry for this year was oversubscribed. Applications for the 2023-24 season will open in April of next year.



As mentioned earlier, we are planning to hold a few pop-up Saturday Clubs when the weather forecast is in our favour and, of course, you can go sailing almost every day - the Club only closes on Christmas Day and there is always rescue cover when the water is open.

Use our WhatsApp Buddies group to get in touch with other sailors so you can arrange to come down together. Of course, there is plenty of club racing too, throughout the winter. We race every Sunday, morning and afternoon, and there are the pursuit races on Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Our fleet often does well in these, with many Y&J winners over the years.

And finally... a big thank you to everyone who has helped our fleet this year, especially Daren Cheshire and Adrian Roberts on our Saturday Club Team, Ethan Cheshire for leading our Friday Night Fun Club, Stuart Middle for helping me in the RIB on a Friday night and Fleur Maxwell-Middle, our spreadsheet queen for scoring our Friday night race series and many other parents and, indeed, some of our youth and junior sailors too, for helping in may roles throughout the year.

We can only do what we do with help. If you are interested in becoming more involved with running any aspect of our fleet next year, please get in touch.

In the meantime, here in the Youth & Junior fleet top secret bunker, we will be working on our 2023 calendar of events. Keep an eye out for it in the New Year.

Jon Hughes

### **COMMODORE'S MESSAGE**

### WILLIAM WHITTAKER

It is with some relief that I can report on a club year which has bounced back from the uncertainty we had some 18 months ago. We started the year with the hope of having a full year equivalent to pre-Covid, which I am thankful to say was achieved.

The Committee have continued to meet in person on a quarterly basis and remotely the rest of the time which provides a good balance for the meetings. After the financial year was complete in March 2022, Rodger Webb stood down as treasurer and Paul Huett picked up the reins.

We must thank Rodger for his contribution to the post for the last 11 years. He took on the role when the Club was in financial difficulty and worked tirelessly, first with Phil Hunt, before Jeremy and I joined to support them. It cannot and should not be underestimated the time he has dedicated to the Club, implementing new software, both operational and accounting, whilst supporting the admin team.

On the sailing front we have the upgraded ladies' changing rooms, the new committee boat, and many more invisible improvements throughout the clubhouse, such as a new hot water tank, wet bar extraction and false ceilings with new LED lighting.

#### On the water

However, most importantly as a club we have a very busy water! Club racing continues to be strong with new faces and boats joining. Regular and profitable open meetings continue to book our facilities. We continue grow admirers



from afar with the focus being on the centre of excellence for race training through Draycote Academy led by Dave Rowe and Steve Irish. This brings members but also a record 50 Draycote Water Sailing Club member entries at world championships this year!

On the commercial front, we significantly benefited from the staycations of summer 2021 with the commercial income from training courses outstripping anything we had done before. This was only achieved by Dave and his team who geared up for it and delivered some 220 plus courses compared with the usual 170.

#### **Going green**

This commercial success adjoined with tremendous support from members through high renewal numbers and continued significant governmental grants. This allows us to invest in the Club's infrastructure.

The Club Development Plan drives this investment, which over the next 12

months will be around minimising the impact of the rising costs we are being met with. Part of this is the installation of 80 solar panels on the clubhouse roof. We will be looking at how we can be greener and more efficient across the Club operations as well as the now well-established annual improvements in the boat park, rescue boats and Club boards and boats.

#### Challenges

That all said, the year has not all been plain sailing. We sadly had a large insurance claim due to a number of engines being removed from the Club's RIBs as well a significant increase in the club valuation and rebuild costs. This will impact our insurance premium significantly in 2023, along with continued operational costs.

Thank you to all our members for their support and participation over the last year. The Club will need continued support to see us through what is set to be a difficult time.

### COMMITTEE

With the AGM comes a new Committee, although there are only a few changes. Because no post had more than one nomination, no vote was needed at the AGM.

William Whittaker, Richard Botting and Chris Silver stay on as Commodore, Vice Commodore and Rear Commodore House respectively.

Paul Huett continues as Treasurer – a position he was co-opted to during the last year when Rodger Webb resigned as Treasurer.

Norman Byrd stands down as Rear Commodore Sail and his place is taken by Jeremy Atkins.

Simon Ball stands down from the Committee and the remaining Committee members will be Sian Clark, Caroline Noel, Robin Warren and Rodger Webb.

We also welcome Simon Odling to the Committee and look forward to his input and fresh perspectives.

Jeremy Atkins and Harry Sayers continue as President and Vice President respectively.

We would like to thank Simon and Norman for their time on and contribution to the Committee.



WILLIAM WHITTAKER COMMODORE



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ROBIN WARREN COMMITTEE



CAROLINE NOEL COMMITTEE



SIAN CLARK COMMITTEE



SIMON ODLING COMMITTEE

## CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

### Sunday 11th December from 2.45pm

Free & open to club members of all ages. Invite friends, family, neighbours etc.

A visit from Santa, entertainer for all ages, buffet food (bring a plate), mulled wine & mince pies

Tickets and buffet list available in the shop

### BRASS MONKEY PURSUIT RACE

Boxing Day – 26th December – Datum 11.30am Bar open – mince pies & mulled wine

### RNLI SALVER PURSUIT RACE

1st January - Datum 1.30pm - Bar open