



Royal Welsh Yacht Club Bulletin

October 2017



I quiet news month by the looks of things though I guess all are winding down for the season - craning out is imminent. Please do remember Easy Fundraising as you contemplate Christmas purchases as every boost to the club coffers is welcome. Thanks to all members who made for a very successful Castle to Castle race on the 7th - full report in November's bulletin. Finally, our boat build will soon be getting underway once again so, if you have time to spare, please come along and lend a hand.

Coming up at Porth yr Aur - [all events from 8pm unless otherwise stated](#)

OCTOBER

Mondays - music night Tuesday's - Cribbage/games Friday - Quizzes Monday afternoons 1-3pm - craft sessions

Friday 13th - Talk by Simon Gallier - Mont Blanc.

Saturday 14th - Pop Up Restaurant - postponed at present.

Friday 20th - Quiz organised by Malcolm.

Sunday 22nd - Craning Out Supper. As usual there will be two courses available (Main & Pud) for £8. Main - Lasagne and jacket potato (Vegetarian option available on request), pud - TBC. Please make sure you book a place to ensure we know how many to cater for.

Monday 23rd - Craning Out.

Friday 27th - Quiz organised by Brian.

NOVEMBER

Saturday 25th - AGM & Annual Dinner and Dance at the Victoria, Menai Bridge. Timings to follow.

As ever, friends and family are most welcome to come along and take part. If you have anything for the Monthly Bulletin please submit via the [Hon Sec](#)

New Members

A warm welcome to our newest members from all of The RWYC:

Suzanne Oliver (Social) - Caernarfon

Beverly Soden (Full) - Y Felinheli

Isobel Parkes - (Full) - Menai Bridge

2017 Sailing Trophies

A message from the Sailing Committee about the 2017 sailing trophies:

Have you been somewhere new and unusual in your boat this year? Or know someone who has? The Sailing Committee wants to hear from you. We are seeking nominations for this year's sailing trophies not just for seasoned old salts flying the Club's colours across the seven seas but also from members expanding their own horizons locally - a maiden trip to the Isle of Man perhaps, or just a modest conquest of the demons trying to prevent you from circumnavigating Anglesey. You can nominate yourself or another member for any of the following:

Pritchard Cup Extensive cruising

John Watson Cup Isle of Man

P & J Watson Cup Porthdinllaen

Samoyra Cup Holyhead and back

B & M Farah Cup Rhoscolyn/Porthdinllaen

C & G Cup Caernarfon Bay

Limefleet Salver Southern Irish Sea

Ladies Helm

Rowing News

Following the excitement of last month's Great River Race, you might expect the rowers to be taking things easy, not so. Rowing on home waters has continued apace despite the evenings starting to draw in, two teams made the long journey to Glasgow to compete in the inaugural Castle to Crane race on the River Clyde and there has been the re-scheduled Castle to Castle to organise and host.



The Castle to Crane is the largest open water rowing race held in Scotland covering 13 miles from Dumbarton Rock to the finish at the Finnieston Crane in the heart of Glasgow. The race forms part of the Clydebuilt Festival and though 2017 is the race's inaugural year, it is sure to become a firm fixture on the rowing calendar. Two crews and boats from the RWYC made the journey north, excited at the prospect of a new event and energised after London two weeks previously; boats from Porthmadoc and Aberystwyth also made the trip. Come race day the skies were grey and overcast though kind enough to remain dry for the row. The course departs Dumbarton, passes beneath the Erskine Bridge and alongside old shipyards and commercial docks and into Glasgow city itself. 75 boats took part in all which is a decent tally for an inaugural event. RWYC boats finished in 2 hours 34 minutes and 2 hours 15 minutes, not winning times by a long stretch but this really was a case of dipping our toes into the pool of curiosity. Many thanks to Martin for towing the boats north.



An iconic start point - Dumbarton Rock



The crew of Maccsen (57) pulling hard in Maccsen on the Clyde - Sarah, Sally, Bethan, Ian, Martin & Brian



Post race (honestly!!) drinks for the Castle to Crane crews

The re-scheduled Castle to Castle (C2C) took place on Saturday 7th October and fortunately, the weather was kinder on this occasion allowing the event to go ahead. A full report will appear in the November bulleting though a big thank you to all who assisted and helped run the event - very warm and complimentary feedback has been received from our visiting clubs.



Local rowing at Y Felinheli: Phil, Brian, Issy and Angie



RWYC member and Americas Cup Competitor Ned Coackley in Rhode Island

Beach Clean Saturday 16th

Our members and volunteers from the Marine Conservation Society had a very successful morning picking litter up from the Aberforeshore. The recent storms seemed to have swept a lot of litter out to sea but that left us free to tackle the huge nests of fishing line, collect shards of glass from near the shelter and fill 9 bags with plastic bottles, cans and random items of clothing. Thanks due to everyone for throwing themselves into the activity with gusto and in six months time we'll schedule another one.



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2017 Annual Dinner and Dance

I know it's only August but it's time to start thinking of the RWYC Annual Dinner and Dance which is on the 25th November 2017 at the Victoria Hotel in Menai Bridge. The cost of the evening will be only £29-99 per person.

As well as the dinner itself, there will be raffles, dancing and entertainment along with good companions with tales of the year's big fish stories and fun. This is one event not to miss!

If you want to stay at the Victoria for the evening you can book direct with them on 01248 712309 or by [email](#) . Unfortunately you can't book via Easy Fundraising for this one.

Please contact me (Brian Roberts) on bjr_bjer@hotmail.com to book your place and leave your menu choices, remember places are limited and it will be on a first come first served basis. Please pay a deposit of £10-00 directly into the clubs account 01943538 Sort code 30-90-43 or over the bar remembering to leave your name so we know who has paid. November will soon be upon us so don't delay.

Brian

Menu choice:

To start

Smoked Salmon pate or Melon

Main choice

Roast Beef or Chicken Supreme or Leek and Mushroom Crumble or Vegetable Stroganoff

Desserts

Pavlova or Profiteroles or Apple and Blackberry Crumble with Cream

Followed by tea or coffee and mints