



Well the season is over and it was extra busy with an increased number of sailing days. It was fantastic to see our members fulfilling their rostered duties as well as competing every Saturday. The Wednesday twilight sailing for the trailer sailer yachts only had a couple of participants and I hope this is better supported in the forthcoming season. It is as much a social event as a sailing one with the opportunity of sailors and their partners to come down and make use of our wonderful location.

I would like to especially thank the committee for all their hard work and support. Two of our members are stepping back and there are a couple of spots we need to fill. Firstly thanks to Kat McCauley for her sterling efforts in the secretarial role. Apart from keeping the minutes this role is often the first point of contact for new members and it is very important. Mike Storey is also stepping back as treasurer. Mike has been involved over many years in running and in some years holding the club together and his efforts have been greatly appreciated.

Finally a big thank-you to you the members. We sometimes lose sight of the fact that the reason we are there is to sail and have a good time. Lets keep this up.

Norm Snell
Commodore

PBYC AGM

On Saturday the 15th of April at 10.30. As of writing this newsletter I am pleased to announce that we have nominations for all positions except for Secretary and Rear Commodore. So have a think about this and volunteer please. You will be supported. If you are unable to attend the AGM please forward apologies to the secretary at: pbycsecretary@gmail.com

Sausage sizzle and presentations

Following the AGM we will be having something to eat and the presentation of trophies for this season. Bring along some drinks and join in.

Windrush state championships 2024

Following an approach from the Windrush Association we have agreed to host this event. It will take place over three days - Friday to Sunday. February 16/17/18. Approximately 35 boats will be competing and this will require the full support of the PBYC members. It is a chance to promote the club and to earn income from nomination fees and galley takings.



Promoting the club

Club flyers have been printed and each member is encouraged to take a couple to give out to any prospective members. One of the most effective ways of growing a club is through word of mouth and everyone is an ambassador in this respect.

These are kept in a magazine box at the club.

Boat storage and lease area

We are still waiting on the final sign off on our extended lease area. Once this happens we will move as quick as possible to set up the boat storage in a more organised manner. The council has budgeted to provide fencing and access gates. However we need to arrange gravel or some other material to cover the bare ground. We have set aside some money in our budget for this. It may however be a significant cost and will have to be staged.

Designated and numbered bays will be set out as well as possible tie down points to protect our boats from those storms which come through from time to time.

A reminder that the storage period runs from July to June each year. Members must fill in the storage contract form annually. This will be sent out in May. It must be returned by the start of June in order to arrange accounts. If you are not going to hardstand your boat please advise ASAP as we have a waiting list for storage.

