



Membership Renewals

Sincere thanks go to all Members who have chosen to renew their membership subscription for 2017. A good number of people responded to the Board's request for early payment, some even waiving the 'discount', which has been very much appreciated. I look forward to joining you for another year, in enjoying our Club's facilities, both ashore and afloat.

Gail Foster, Commodore

Staff Fund

During December, our Members showed their appreciation for the Club's staff, in the traditional manner of making a financial contribution to the Staff Fund. This fund was distributed in the form of gift-cards, together with boxes of chocolates, before Christmas.

I have received lots of 'Thank You' messages from our Bosuns, Housekeepers, Office and Bar Teams and wish to pass that on to Members here.

Gail Foster, Commodore

Q Pontoon Update

The Club has heavily subsidised the cost of berthing on Q pontoon for some years. This is no longer viable or sustainable and so the Board has had to make a very difficult decision about retaining this facility and the gated access to MDL.

It has reluctantly decided to significantly increase the annual charges, albeit to a level far less than commercial alternatives. At these new rates (listed below), and the current level of occupancy, the Club still incurs a loss, even excluding the cost of the space occupied by the gangway.

South of RAFYC Bridge:

Ribs only - Alongside: £400 per metre

North of RAFYC Bridge:

Dinghies/Dory's <3.5m - Alongside: £527 per boat / Bows-on: £260 per boat

It is hoped this compromise, while unwelcome and subject to an acceptable level of up-take, will be viewed as a workable solution for both berth holders and the Club and as such you will be willing to consider taking a berth for a tender, dory or rib in 2017.

If so, please advise Theresa at office@rafyc.co.uk, accordingly.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Kind regards,

Gail Foster, Commodore

Non-Executive Directors

The Board has appointed two Members to fill the remaining Non-Executive Director positions: John Best and Dermot O'Malley. Further information is available on the Club Notice Board. We thank all applicants for the effort they invested in this process and for their continued active support of the Club.

William Roche, Honorary Secretary

HonSec@rafyc.co.uk

Working Party Required Sunday 12th February 2017

I would like to have some volunteers for a Working Party on Sunday 12th February. I intend (weather permitting) to pressure wash the haven pontoon, trim small branches off some trees and bushes in the car park and remove the mud from the slipway.

Please let me know if any Members can help, starting at 10:00, by calling me on either
01489 783897 or 07889 300032 or email rcpremises@rafyc.co.uk.

Thank you in advance,

John Mitchell, Rear Commodore Premises

Pontoon & General Safety

Please remember to take care when moving around the Club grounds and when on pontoons, to avoid slips, trips and falls, in this especially frosty weather. Please re-visit the attached guidance, previously shared with Members in December.

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/08abe1dc9f832d6dedb429a24/files/b10b0e43-a75f-4c71-a96b-4bf2f7eff2fa/Pontoon_Safety.pdf

William Roche, Honorary Secretary

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Catering Update

Other than the Burns Night Supper being held on Saturday evening, there will be no in-house catering this coming weekend. Further updates will be placed on the Club noticeboard and future e-shots.

Tina Gehring, Rear Commodore Hospitality
rchospitality@rafyc.co.uk

Club Talk

Saturday 11th February 2017 (18:00)

The guest speaker will be David Hartshorn
"Reflection of a North Pacific Passage on Ichorcoal" (Clipper Race 2016)

The Talk will commence at 18:00 with a Cold Buffet Supper at 20:00
(Supper price - £10.00 per person).

To register your interest, please see the Club noticeboard, contact the office by email at office@rafyc.co.uk or by phoning 02380 452208 during office hours or the bar on 02380 453278 during evenings and weekends.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 16th February 2017

The next of our 'Open Sail Nights'.

A host is required, please contact the office or RCH (rchospitality@rafyc.co.uk) if you would be interested in hosting the evening.

Saturday 18th February 2017

New Members Welcome Party and Fitting Out Supper

Canapés and a Two Course Meal (price to be confirmed).

Sunday 19th February 2017 (18:00 for 18:30)

Quiz Night

Come and join us for our popular Quiz Night, to be hosted by January's Quiz Winners,

Elaine Keywood and Mike Green.

Fee £1.00 per person - teams up to 6 people. Prizes for the winning team!

Followed by "Play Your Cards Right" for a chance to win another cash prize!

Supper will be our infamous pontoon style evening, please bring a delicious plate of food with you!

Sunday 26th March 2017

Mothering Sunday Lunch

Saturday 1st April 2017

Ladies Lunch (12:00)

The guest speaker will be Jane Wicks on the subject of Genealogy.

Two Course Meal to be confirmed.
(Please note this is a change of date from previously advertised).

Saturday 22nd April 2017
Commodore's Reception

New Members Rally (Marchwood Yacht Club)

Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th April 2017

Dear Members,

This year, Marchwood Yacht Club will be hosting our New Members Rally. If you are a new member, why not join us on this rally and put the 8th/9th April 2017 into your calendar.

Please remember this is your rally and provides you with a chance to meet other new members as well as the longer serving members who also attend.

The criteria to attend the rally is as follows: -

- a) You are new member with your own boat.
- b) You are a skipper and have a new member as one or more of your crew.
- c) You are on the crewing register as either a Skipper looking for crew or as crew looking for a boat to crew on.

We will be opening the rally for signing up at the beginning of February, but due to the Marchwood Yacht Club Chef being on holiday, we will not be able to publish the menu choices until the last week in February.

I look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions then please email me.

Kind regards,
Chris Furner, Membership & Marketing Director
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2017 Dinghy Registrations

The 2017 dinghy spaces have now been allocated and stickers have been left in the members filing cabinet.

If you have not renewed your space for 2017, please either contact the office or ensure your dinghy is removed from the park as a matter of urgency.

Any craft not displaying a 2017 sticker by 19th February 2017 will be removed.