

P.M.B & SC Ltd T/a Cardiff Bay Yacht Club

2025 AGM

Vice Commodore Report – John ‘Legs’ Lewis

Much of the focus for 2024-25 has been on the Clubhouse redevelopment but there has also been steady progress across the marina and yard service.

The Marina

The central marina has been at capacity throughout the year. There continues to be space on the swing moorings and inner walkway, but these berths are only suitable for smaller vessels.

Work to maintain the pontoons is now well established with regular power washing schedule in place. Further work to replace the pontoon walkways has been ongoing and during the year more than 700 linear metres of boarding has been replaced.

Throughout the year there has been an increase in the number of boats sinking or coming dangerously close, saved only by staff intervention. This is an obvious concern and growing risk for the Club in the event that a boat has either zero insurance or inadequate insurance cover. The cost of recovering a boat is substantial and where necessary disposal can be equally expensive. It will be important that the Club takes steps to mitigate these risks and so we are working to identify the options available. In the meantime, it is important that members check that their insurance cover meets the levels specified in the terms and conditions of the club berthing licence and that where required they are complying with any specified conditions of their policy.

Yard Services

In the most part the yard has operated well. The booking system means that members continue to have flexibility and the wait for yard space is minimal. Boats overstaying their pre-booked dates can be a problem as it only requires a few boats to do so to clog up the system and impact on other members with bookings to follow on. We'll continue to monitor this and amend policy to compensate if required.

Throughout the summer period we will be trailing a promotional period during which we will offer more flexible terms and preferential pricing which may be of interest to members wishing to undertake more involved works on their boat or those simply interested in saving a little money. Keep an eye on the Commodores update for more detail to be shared in due course.

Health & Safety

The safety of Club members continues to be of paramount importance so regular audits are conducted. Several new measures have been implemented since the 2024 AGM and these include;

- New lighting on the main walkway.
- Refreshed ground markings in the disabled parking bays and dinghy park perimeter.
- Installation of new compound fencing to secure yard equipment when not in use.
- Improved key management and asset security via the electronic key safe.

What's next?

Over the next 12 months we will be working to draft a development plan for the marina and will endeavour to include undertake constructive engagement with members to help shape this plan.

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