

P.M.B & SC Ltd T/a Cardiff Bay Yacht Club
2026 AGM

Commodore Report – Huw Bumford

A year in the life of the Yacht Club passes in the blink of an eye and there is never a dull moment. I would like to thank the many members & volunteers that have supported the Club over the last 12 months. I wish to extend my thanks to the Council of Management that also volunteer their time and work tirelessly to maintain and continuously improve Cardiff Bay Yacht Club for the benefit of the membership. I believe that we can all be proud to be part of such a fantastic club. It is important to note that without the ongoing, positive contributions from all those that engage constructively across all sections, the Club would be a very different place. Thank you one and all.

Looking back

Over the last year the Club has taken some big steps forward. Some of the highlights include;

- The final stages of the clubhouse refurbishment were completed including the sun terrace and changing facilities. The use of the clubhouse has increased substantially over the last 12 months and continues to grow particularly around sailing competitions & social events but also amongst members wanting to host special occasions and family gatherings at the Clubhouse.
- Notable increase in membership intake, particularly crew members wanting to get involved in the various aspects of Club life.
- The marina CCTV have been upgraded.
- The Club has procured two new RIBs to replace ageing boats and better support club activity and delivery of RYA training course.
- Self-serve fuel pump has been installed on the marina, making diesel available to members 24/7 and we're adding facility for members to purchase electricity top-up from the Clubhouse bar to further improve service availability.
- The Club has been recognised externally at the National club awards and throughout the yachting press.
- Members views on the potential construction of a commercial boat yard adjacent to the club were robustly represented with the Harbour Authority and Cardiff City Council. This ultimately led to the withdrawal of the planning application.

However, 2025/26 hasn't been without its challenges. We're still adapting to surge in use of the refurbished clubhouse and increased demand for berths and car parking. The Council's marshalling of road access during events at the Pool and Ice-arena has frustrated some members and we hope to see new parking controls measures in place very soon. CBYC is

sadly not immune to inflation, cost of living increase and world events all of which take a financial toll on Club's finances and require constant management. We never want to increase costs to members but sometimes it is unavoidable and beyond our immediate control.

Looking ahead

I'm sure that I can speak for all when I say we're looking forward to great season ahead with an action-packed calendar across the Club. Some things to watch out for are;

- A growing schedule of on water activity including the launch of all new 'Pirates' night on Friday's designed to encourage youth leisure sailing.
- The return of the Shanghai Cup and a fresh-faced Nimrod Cup. Participation of both continues to grow. Entries for this year are already strong and there's still time to enter.
- The annual regatta is returning bigger and better than ever with a packed schedule both on and off the water.
- The angling section is working closely with Angling Cymru to host dragon mania fishing competition.
- The Clubhouse social calendar is jam packed with a fantastic variety of events including live music, wine tasting, afternoon tea, Murder Mystery, themed dining experiences plus the return of the annual Christmas pantomime and a New Years Gala.

With so much to get involved in it is my hope is that all members continue to find joy in their membership and have a fantastic season in 2026.

In the meantime, the work of running the Club never stops; the Club continues to explore opportunities to develop facilities and improve the experience of members. We have secured a grant from the Sports Council Wales to support the installation of Solar panels at the club, improving environmental sustainability and generating significant cost savings. Potential schemes are being considered with the support of members and external consultants. Also, we have restarted talks with the council on securing a long-term lease for the land which presently hosts our overflow/visitor car park. Reaching a conclusion will take time but the Club update members on this in due course.

As my tenure comes as Commodore draws to a close, I wish to extend my sincere gratitude. Firstly, to the entire staff team. Without their dedication and tireless hard work, which often goes above & beyond the requirement of their role, I would not have been able to navigate the last two years. Secondly, I wish to reiterate my thanks to the many members that support the Club and contribute constructively to its ongoing success. Serving as Commodore has been a great honour and I look forward to supporting the Club into the future.

Fair winds and following seas,

Huw Bumford

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