

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

2026 AGM

Vice Commodore Report – John ‘Legs’ Lewis

Last year we committed to draft a development plan for the marina and undertake constructive engagement with members to help shape this plan. The plan has been prepared and is supported by CoM. Member consultation is scheduled for March 2026 before Members will be asked to decide on the way forward.

Following the successful redevelopment of the Clubhouse, the subsequent launch and social calendar has been the core focus of the Club over the last 12 months. Nevertheless, the Marina and yard services have performed well.

**The Marina**

The central marina has been at capacity throughout the year and in the most part the Club is operating on a one out, one in basis. Whilst there has been movement within the marina it has been slower than previous years with many members choosing to keep their boat at CBYC. Consequently, the waiting list has moved slower and in turn, has grown significantly with both existing and new members applying for new berths.

As we saw last year, there continues to be space on the swing moorings and inner walkway, but these berths are only suitable for smaller vessels.

During the year one of the three members of the staff in the Marina has left employment to take up a new career. In November 2025 CoM considered a proposal to make changes to the staffing structure which included recruitment of a new team member who will be focussed primarily on the maintenance side of the Club estate. The benefit being that this will free up time for the existing team members to focus on marina and yard operations. A new team member was appointed in January and commenced employment in February.

Last year an issue was identified around the increased rate of sinkings at the Club and the risks associated, specifically the environmental hazard plus the potential cost of recovery and disposal or abandoned boats. Throughout the second half of 2025, the Club identified 43 boats which due to their condition were cause for concern. Those members were contacted and asked to attend to their boat and review their insurance. Whilst there are a few ongoing discussions the overall position has drastically improved, and we are grateful to those members affected for their cooperation and support.

## **Yard Services**

More recently members will be aware that the travel hoist has been out of operation. This was due to a structural failure which was wholly beyond the Club's control. The manufacturer advised that an immediate 'stop' should be place on the hoist for safety. We have liaised with manufacturer who has investigated the fault and identify the most appropriate repair. Despite the hoist being out of warranty the manufacturer ultimately agreed to facilitate full repair and cover the cost in full. The hoist has been returned to full working order however; it has taken a little time to clear the backlog of yard bookings that were either cancelled or postponed due to this fault and the yard is currently very busy coordinating new service requests.

## **Health & Safety**

The safety of Club members continues to be of paramount importance so regular audits are conducted. We continue to review safety and will soon be installing a new fence line around the boat yard in line with advice from the Club's external health and safety consultant.

A new self-serve diesel pump has been installed on the marina's fuel dock to provide better access to fuel outside of normal working hours providing members with more flexibility. Similarly, we are working to install an electricity 'top-up' point within the bar so that members can purchase electricity during evenings and weekend when the office or yard office is closed as to enhance overall service availability.

**John 'Legs' Lewis**  
*Vice Commodore*