

# Ribble Cruising Club

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## 70<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

### 1. Apologies

Peter Benett, Kate Benett, Thomas Hornsby, Bernie Worsfold, Michele Briers, Paul Tomlinson, Bill Wignall

### 2. Approval of the minutes of the 2020 AGM

The minutes of the 2020 AGM are posted on the website and Facebook pages as advised previously. There were no objections or comments on these minutes they are deemed confirmed.

### 3. Matters arising from the 2020 AGM

None

### 4. Commodores Report

Challenging times but still managed to run a program of Sailing and Social events, it's a Team game, I would like to thank the Main and sub committees for their support, in particular: -

Richard Elsdon - Huge contribution through Covid not just providing Comms but also drafting SOPs to allow the club to operate safely in line with Government advise. Maintained a Roster to ensure this year we were able to lay on supported Club Sailing at every opportunity subject to weather. Leading the Sunday Morning Sailing for Juniors

Richard Blackburn - Above and beyond managing current membership but also boosting our numbers with new members. Along with Richard E managing Fairhaven relationship and tirelessly ensuring Fairhaven is supported towing Toppers to every session

Dave Miller / Alan Slorick - Huge attention to detail and challenge managing club funds

Keith Lawton - kept the Dock compliant and operating through Covid with well organised effective working parties

Alan Betts - Not an easy task but kept it going meeting all the berthing needs and managing the billing

Colin our volunteer Gardner - kept the Dock looking smart and well maintained throughout the summer investing many hours on the Mower and strimmer as our very own Groundsman.

Chris and Lorna - So much energy, time and enthusiasm invested in looking after the Dock not just repairing but wholesale replacement of pontoons, walkways and overhaul of workboats unprompted. An inspiration to us all



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John Gallagher - Bar Manager, Sailing Committee lead and debt collector for abandoned boats.

Successfully recovered debts where others have tried and failed. Always there and will do anything for the club.

## 5. Hon Treasures report and adoption of accounts

The Club accounts and Treasurers Report were previously circulated and briefed. There were no comments on the report. The Accounts were proposed and seconded and no adverse votes or comments the accounts are deemed "Confirmed"

## 6. Election of "Reporting Accountants"

David Miller proposed that Bishops Chartered Accountants be elected as the independent Reporting Accountants for the ensuring club year. Seconded by Steve Parker. No adverse comments or votes received therefore Bishops Chartered Accountants are appointed.

## 7. Consideration of one proposal for rule changes

The Main Committee propose the following rule changes to provide clarity with respect to debt recovery:-  
Club rule (vi) Subscription and Entrance Fees Delete the Word "Entrance" from the title to read "Subscriptions and Fees"

This will allow the paragraph to refer to other fees

In rule (vi) 5 In both instances replace the words "entrance fee or subscription" with "entrance fee, subscription or other chargeable fees"

In rule (vi) 6 Replace the words "entrance fee or subscription" with "entrance fee, subscription or other chargeable fees"

The Rule changes were proposed and seconded and no adverse votes or comments the changes are deemed "Confirmed"

## 8. Election of Officers and Main Committee for 2021/2022

The following Flag Officers and Member Representatives have been proposed and seconded into position without challenge and therefore confirmed as follows: -

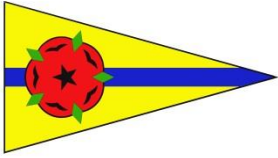
Commodore	John Gallagher
Vice Commodore	Angela Begley
Rear Commodore	Simon Redfearn
Hon Secretary	Steve Parker
Hon Treasurer	Dave Miller
Member Representative	Ulrich Hoffmann
Member Representative	Peter Hardman
Member Representative	Chris Butler

## 9. Investiture of Commodore

John Gallagher was invested as Commodore taking over from Andrew Walls.

I want to start by thanking all of you for the trust you have placed in me tonight by electing me Commodore. I promise you I will do my very best not to let you down.

My position as I see it is one of providing guidance by helping to continue to steer the club in the right



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direction assisted by a crew of able and experienced volunteers, namely members of the main Committee and the various sub-committees that go to make up the smooth running of RCC. And more on that later. First and foremost, I want to thank those who have given me help and support in abundance throughout my relatively short time I have been a member.

Less than 6 years ago I called into the clubhouse one afternoon where I was fortunate enough to be greeted by Colin Harper a previous Commodore who as Chairman of the Fabric Committee was carrying out his regular checks. Colin, sadly no longer with us, spent a good hour or more extolling the virtues of Ribble Cruising Club and having given me a guided tour of the clubhouse invited me to call to the club on a Friday evening to meet some club members and officials of the main Committee That was the beginning of a wonderful association with RCC which has continued to this day and hopefully will continue to do so for a good many years to come.

I wasn't completely new to sailing when I joined RCC.

As a 15-year-old I was given a clinker-built dinghy which one day I pulled from my home across Clifton drive without a car to help me, down to the sea at Starr Gate. Fortunately, the water wasn't too far out. However, when I attempted to launch it, it quickly filled with water and stayed where it was as if firmly glued to the trolley. Yes, the planks had shrunk, and the water rushed in from every crack you could imagine. I finally managed to leave the boat in the compound of Blackpool Light Craft Club which had only just opened that year, just pleased I hadn't got to pull it any further.

Soon after being elected a member, I was introduced to dinghy sailing proper on the river by Richard Elsdon Rob Jarman, Simon Begley, Martin Knott and Peter Pollock and others who taught me how to right a capsized dinghy. It was about this time that I met my very good friend and sailing buddy Chris Butler who seemed to be having the same problems as me – attempting to stay in the boat. We were known to some, affectionately I hope, as the Club Clowns! Later I went on to buy my own dinghy which I am hoping to return to the water with it next year - on it not in it - that is! When I was 27, I managed Foudroyant Boat centre in Blackpool, some of you may remember it on Squires Gate Lane. I was instrumental in starting Wyre Water Ski and Powerboat Club and helped build a ski jump next to Shard Bridge Hotel on the river Wyre. I learnt to ski with others including Andy Mapple. Some of you may remember Andy. He became World water Ski Slalom Champion and held that title for many years. His father Roy I know is known to some of you here tonight.

In 1976 I set out to the Costa Brava to start a water ski and parascending business at a private resort between Lloret and Tossa de Mar which was sadly curtailed when my partner was killed in a road accident travelling to get fuel for the boat for the following day. Not undaunted I returned to Spain the following year with 3 single-handers, 3 canoes and 2 windsurfers to hire out to anyone wanting to get on the water. You might be wondering why I am telling you all this. From the end of 1977 until 6 years ago I had little or nothing more to do with boating. For over 35 years I was hooked on all aspects of flying and it was only when I realised it was time to give up jumping off mountains did I consider another Pastime. Hence my visit to the clubhouse. and you know what, I don't regret one bit the day I met Colin Harper.

Well What an Act to follow

I think you know who I'm talking about. Andy Walls our Commodore for the last 2 years. I know you will all agree what a fantastic Commodore he has been. Andy is the epitome of goodness A totally selfless individual, someone who puts the needs of his fellow members before his own. Andy, I salute you and I thank you for handing over the commodore ship of RCC to me in such good condition after a very difficult 2 years You have set the standard which will be difficult if not impossible to emulate but I will do my



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utmost to see that all your hard work doesn't get overlooked or forgotten but rather to build-on what you have already achieved.

What do they say - behind every good Commodore there is an even better Commodores' Lady?

Emma you are star, giving Andy all the help and support to do what he has done. I'm sure I speak for everyone here tonight in thanking you for supporting him. Andy and Emma are a team and Ribble Cruising Club is a team.

The Team is made up of volunteers who help to run this fabulous club by becoming members of the various and essential committees. Namely Main Committee, Sailing Committee, Dock Committee, Fabric Committee and House Committee. A lot of committees I hear you say Why do we need so many? What do they get to discuss? Surely, we don't need committees we just want to sail. I wish! !!!!! This club doesn't run itself and neither does any other club for that matter.

This is your club. Each and everyone of you with full membership can have a say in the running of RCC. but thinking how you feel it should be run and maybe how it shouldn't is of no use if you don't have the opportunity to discuss, talk through and as a result be able to make changes to anything you feel strongly enough about. If you have an idea or suggestion that might improve things, consider joining a group and start to make things happen. Joining a committee isn't onerous In fact it can be very satisfying seeing your thoughts and ideas come to fruition.

If you want to make a difference to the well-being and future of your club, please find time tonight or at another time to talk to the chair of all the current sub committees or myself

They are:-

Sailing Angela Begley, Dock Keith Lawton. Fabric Andy Walls. Social Kate Benett. If you want to join the Bar Team please speak to Richard Blackburn or myself.

Some of the things being discussed for 2022 at the dock are plans to improve facilities which will benefit members and their guests.

With regards to sailing we are well equipped and prepared for sailing both on the river and at Fairhaven with the opportunity to sail on the lake the year round. But in fear of repeating myself we need to have a list of willing volunteers to help and not to be reliant on the same few time and time again.

The social committee is always looking for new ideas to entertain us all and Kate, Emma and Gilda welcome your suggestions to provide a full programme of events

The Fabric Committee led by Andy Walls wants people to assist him keeping the club house in tip top order and welcomes people with DIY and painting skills to give an hour or two of their time once a month or more often if required.

In finishing it just remains for me to say to you all Have a very happy Xmas and wishing you everything you might wish yourself in 2022 And most of all happy sailing.

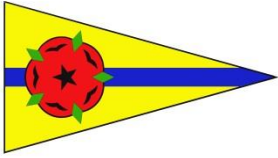
## 10. Approval of Document Signatories

The Following to be proposed as signatures for the RBS Bank.

John Gallagher, Steve Parker, David H Miller

The Document Signatures were proposed and seconded and no adverse votes or comments the signatories are deemed "Confirmed"

## Sub-Committee Reports



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## **Development Committee**

The Development Committee has not formed through 2020/21 however a small group have met under Keith Lawton's Leadership with a view to developing the Toilets at the Dock. This will be covered in the Dock Committee report.

## **Dock Committee – Keith Lawton**

### **Operations**

Your dock committee has on your behalf organised dock operations and maintenance throughout the year. Up until August our meetings had to be held remotely via video conferencing. Covid has had a significant impact on dock operations. The dock reopened in April and whilst we were able to accommodate launching and haul out, the cabin like the clubhouse remained closed until the end July. No major work-parties have been possible since March 2020 and this has created a backlog of maintenance work.

### **Dock Finances**

It is difficult to judge the dock finances for this year. Partly as David pointed out because of a change in accounting procedure, only 50% of berthing income (from April to September) has been allocated to the dock, with the remainder shown as an accrual for next year, and secondly because of covid restrictions our maintenance activity and hence expenditure has reduced significantly. If berthing income had been accounted for as last year we would have shown a substantial surplus.

Next year will likely show the opposite as we work through our back log of maintenance and deferred developments. There has also been a substantial increase in materials costs (70% in some instances).

### **Berthing**

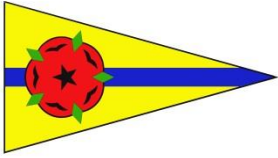
Over the last 18 months we have seen an unprecedented demand for new berths both from existing and prospective members. Demand for berths is at an all-time high and we now have a substantial waiting list. To manage this situation and to be fair to existing members and transparent to prospective new members we have introduced new guidelines when allocating berths.

There is no given or implied right to continued tenancy of a berth and berths unused for more than 12 months may be reallocated.

Position on waiting list determined by length of membership, support to club operations, geographic location and boat characteristics.

We are looking at repositioning some of the Liggard pontoons to increase alongside berths and we are also increasing efforts to resolve outstanding debt issues and free up space on the berths and yard. This year has seen: 2 boats cut up and removed by owners, 1 removed by the owner and 3 boats sold by the club at auction to recover debt. We are currently pursuing the removal of one other.

In order that berthing costs are proportionate to space occupied we are considering charging for boat total length including excrescences such as bowsprits and davits.



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A small number of members continue not providing insurance details with their berthing application. From next year we will be insisting on seeing physical or electronic evidence of insurance with all berthing and storage applications. Vessels will not be launched or hauled out until this is provided.

## **Maintenance**

Covid restrictions have had a severe impact on our maintenance activities. We have been unable to hold any of our main work-parties throughout the year. We did manage a couple of informal events over the summer and one or two members (Chris in particular) held their own work-parties to deal with urgent matters, managing to refurbish two pontoons and build a new walkway.

We have started the tidy up of the yard with the removal of several derelict trailers and have commenced clearing the fence line of trees, brambles and abandoned rubbish.

We will start the next year with a significant backlog of works and face significant increase in costs of building materials and supply issues.

The main Sunday work-parties have recently resumed and we have resurrected the Wednesday morning events.

Chris B has refurbished a small workboat donated by Brian Clarkson and with a club outboard that was surplus to requirements we now have a workboat for use at work-parties and in replacing pontoons and servicing creek perches.

## **Development and Future Works**

Budgets and plans for the forthcoming year are being prepared on the basis of continuing our self-help ethos and with the continued support of the berthholders at work parties.

Major items of work being considered for the coming year are:

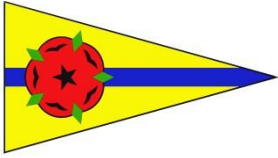
- Standby winch refurbishment
- Completion of car park resurfacing
- Rebuild of Creek entrance perches
- Main Gate Safety Improvements
- Further refurbishment and replacement of walkways and pontoons
- Main drain chain attachment anchors and riser replacement
- Extending yard electrical supply
- Replacement of the storage container

We are also looking at improving the toilet and shower facilities either by further intrusion into the garage space or by adding a new extension. Plans are at an early stage. We hope to have further news in the new year following discussion with FBC regarding planning and building regulations. To improve washroom access we may need to relocate the workbench and provide some form of shelter. Repairs to the garage roof are being deferred pending decision on this development.

## **Issues**

### **Trailers**

There are some boat trailers that are showing signs of age and some have been repurposed beyond their initial design capability, resulting in problems during launching and haul out. Members are reminded that



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the design, suitability and maintenance of a trailer is their responsibility, but the winch operator will not sanction the use any trailer that they deem to be unsuitable. We will be initiating more rigorous trailer inspections before launch and haul out.

## **Rubbish**

Despite asking members last year to place their personal property on their trailers, we still have large amounts of personal property lying discarded around the dock. It is difficult to distinguish between discarded junk, which may have belonged to past members and items left by members 'because it might be useful later'. We are now starting a clear up and any unmarked items will be removed for disposal. We still have issues with members bringing personal rubbish onto site for burning and disposal in our trade waste bin. This not only puts additional work on our volunteers but we cannot burn any material other than green and wood waste generated on site.

## **Acknowledgments**

On a more positive note I would like to thank the dock committee and many others who have given their time and efforts throughout the year in managing and maintaining the dock. Warranting a special mention are Chris and Lorna Butler who has been holding their own private work parties throughout the year, Colin Bromage for his efforts in cutting the grass and keeping the brambles at bay and thanks to Alan Betts who is standing down this year after many years as Dock Berthing officer.

I have singled out just a few but there are many who give up their time and without whom operating such a large facility on a self-help basis would be impossible.

## **House Committee - delivered on behalf of Kate Benett by Steve Parker**

This last couple of years have been difficult for everyone, however we have at last managed to get back to organising some functions and enjoying the use of the Club House and the dock.

Our first step to coming out of lockdown was the June Regatta weekend. The weather was good, so, fortunately, we were able to celebrate with a BBQ at the dock, which was a great success.

Later in the year, it was good to be able to reopen the Clubhouse. Restarting the Games Nights on Thursdays was particularly pleasing for the Commodore, and it was good to return to some lively activity and conversation around the bar on Fridays.

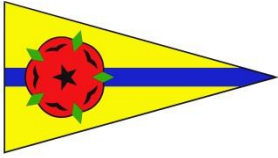
The September Regatta gave us the chance to reintroduce live music to the Clubhouse with Steve McCartney headlining a well-attended event and a good start to a busy club weekend.

On 16th October the Annual Laying up Supper was held at Fairhaven Golf Club. The venue provided a great setting for this occasion, with good food. We later danced to the music by Paul Dobie and Gabor Jones which everyone enjoyed.

A Cheese and Wine evening at the end of October gave us another chance to enjoy the Clubhouse. It was good to see some people had really made the effort to come in Halloween fancy dress

In November we had another live music night, with the Elderly Brothers. We were given the opportunity to enjoy music through the decades at this well attended event.

Clubhouse Christmas decorations will go up on 5th December in good time to get into the spirit before our next event: the Christmas Cruise and Christmas party. Due to tide times, these popular events with both



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take place on 18th December. Unfortunately, due to Covid restrictions we will not be able to do our usual Jacob's join and will therefore be catering with hot food for a small charge to cover costs.

Next year we hope to be running events every month and the bar will be open as in the handbook, unless future Covid restrictions curtail our plans. We will advertise our events on Facebook, on posters in the club house and at the dock, and by the newsletter.

I would like to thank everyone on the House Committee for their help and support this year, especially Emma Phillips and Andy Walls, John Gallagher and the bar staff, Justine Allen for the posters and Richard Elsdon for the newsletter.

We are always glad of any help.

If you have a suggestion for a social function or wish to join the House Committee, please let us know.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members who have supported our functions this year. I hope you have enjoyed yourselves and look forward to seeing you all in the future.

Kate Benett

John Gallagher added to Kate's report by addressing the Bar team.

Due to health reasons, I was finding it difficult doing some of the jobs required to keep the bar stocked including handling heavy cases of stock and more recently kegs of real ale. Fortunately, every one of you has rallied round and made my life much easier My biggest thank you goes to Richard Blackburn for taking on the jobs I wasn't able to do. Thank you, Richard.

A big thank you to Peter Benett and Kate and Peter Akroyd and Karen and especially Mike Linehan who is here tonight having travelled over 60 miles to be here for his regular session behind the bar and to Carol Keaskin, I hope you are still enjoying yourself and can continue to rely on your assistance.

Anyone wanting to help on a regular monthly cycle would be welcomed with open arms. There is flexibility and nights can often be exchanged between bar staff

While I am on my feet You may already know that we take all cards behind the barn and after this evening we will be operating as a card only bar. But don't despair if you have forgotten your card just write down the cost of the drinks you order on the list which is provided and next time you visit you can settle your bar tab. This will be a great help to those serving you and me who must account for the money to our treasurer.

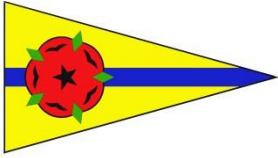
## **Sailing Committee – John Gallagher**

As you would expect our calendar of events this year was somewhat curtailed by events beyond our control namely Covid, but there are good things to report.

### **Dinghy sailing**

Sailing Dates on the river were well attended and fully supported by willing volunteers of instructors, land support and safety boat cover. There were several races throughout the season however lack of numbers and sometimes the weather didn't allow us to complete the advertised programme in the club handbook.





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Fairhaven Lake hosted a fantastic RCC YOUTH TRAINING SQUAD The event organised by Steve Parker and Justine took place June 1st and 2nd with 20 youngsters attending. All who attended having at least 2 sessions of instruction in sailing skills, capsizing drills, sailing backwards (I'm good at that however in my case it is unintentional) This was one occasion where Steve had plenty of assistance from Simon and Angela, Jon Schofield, Gary Lanigan, Richard Elsdon, Richard Blackburn, Rob Jarman, If I've forgotten anyone hold up your hand to be acknowledged.

Another open day event organised by Fylde Borough allowed us to showcase sailing on the lake.

Member's children were good ambassadors that day in the way they performed A good example to some other lake users who weren't quite so considerate. Richard Blackburn Peter Akroyd and yours truly gave visitors to the lake in the Whammel Whimbrel and Adrian's Post boat who he allowed Peter and I to helm. The club purchased a 6/7 boat topper trailer which has already earning its keep and will continue to do so when it is based at Fairhaven Lake

Purchase of a new 30hp Tohatsu outboard has replaced an ageing 2 stroke and the club now has 2 fully equipped Avon 4 metre Seariders to look after boats on the river

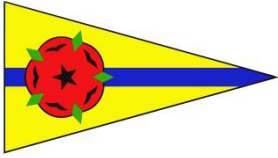
While there is some work to do on one or two of the club's fleet of training dinghies everything is in place to ensure that all boats will be ready and fit for our needs next year.

There have been 2 dinghy tank working parties this year ably managed by Andy Jones. A lot of sorting out took place and trips to the tip and as a result the garage and dinghy parking looks better than it has been for a long time

Fairhaven when the contractors finally leave will be stocked with boats for use on the lake both sailing and safety boats and everything that goes with them

Richard Blackburn in liaison with Fairhaven personnel and Richard Elsdon and Rob Jarman will be responsible for getting everything ready for hopefully an early return to the lake. Another Youth squad event or maybe two will bring in new members.

A new more compact and focused Sailing committee has already been formed ready for next year's sailing season Angela Begley is to be Chair and I have no doubt at all that Angela will give her best to revitalising sailing after what a difficult time beyond our control. Thank you, Angela, for taking on this very important role.



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## **Cruising in Company**

Andy Walls will be representing Cruiser sailing and I know he will be pushing hard for more and more cruiser sailors to Cruise in Company next year

Brian Stringfellow, Andrew Rosser, Simon Redfearn, Nick Booth, Steve Parker, Colin Bromage, Keith Lawton, Martin Lloyd and I am sure there are more who travelled south, west and North, some further than others admittedly but to leave familiar waters and stay somewhere else be it for one night or more is an exciting prospect. I know because I went to Peel Island in Pastime and enjoyed the occasion immensely. The picture you saw earlier was of me and Ollie setting off from the quay belonging to the island's Pub. Let's see how many more we can get to join us next year Andy that's your big challenge

That is the report from the Sailing Committee

## **Training Team Report to RCC - AGM 2021– Rob Jarman RCC Training Principal**

### **Training during Covid19**

RCC Training ceased for members while the Clubhouse was closed and only picked up again in September 2021, with limited attendance to theory courses - Yachtmaster and First Aid.

As soon as possible, limited training sessions for Junior sailors were initiated, making good use of the new Topper trailer and its load of seven boats, with safety cover provided by the newly-acquired Jaffa and its brand new 15hp Tohatsu four-stroke outboard. Weather conditions limited the numbers of participants, to a small, but hardy few on the water with RCC volunteers transferring craft and returning them to the Clubhouse or the Dock.

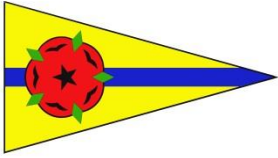
### **Aims for the Team**

This year (usually under the auspices of Alan Jones RYA) two new Senior Instructors (Simon Begley and Lewis Richardson) have trained and we acquired another SI in the person of Gary Lanigan, a recent new member with a wide breadth of experience and qualifications.

Steve Parker has undertaken Instructor training (in single-handers) under Covid-limited circumstances, expanding our Team still further. Assisting us in our provision of 'Safety Boat trained personnel' are newly-trained Julia Laing and Jeanette Richardson, who braved appalling weather and low temperatures over two weekends to earn their certificates.

This expansion of RYA qualified volunteers will allow us to spread the load as well as keeping increased numbers of boats and trainees afloat, under the supervision of effective and well-crewed Safety cover.

We anticipate welcoming back Pete Pollock (SI), during the coming year, after his lengthy spell working in Turkey and by then we hope to have added more Assistant Instructors to join Richard Blackburn and John Schofield in their supporting roles. An expanding 'workforce of volunteers' who operate under Richard Elsdon's excellent leadership as Chief Instructor.



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In the coming year we anticipate moving many of our training fleet to a new season-long 'home' at Fairhaven Lake, where they will be kept in a custom-made secure compound.

Interesting months lie ahead of us as we learn how to effectively use the new Water Sports Centre facility, working with the newly-appointed Co-ordinator and her team.

## **Looking to the Future**

We continue to work towards keeping a steady influx into the Club of people who are keen to discover the fun and challenge of learning to sail (initially in) small boats both on flat water and later among the challenges set by tidal water on the Ribble Estuary.

There is a growing trend away from owning small boats and towards lived experiences (via "pay'n'play"). As we work to expand Club membership by welcoming individuals and families who wish to join us on the water, we probably need to accept this trend as, or accept the inevitable decline in membership from our reduced intake of dinghy sailors.

As a training team we continue to encourage members to join with us and we wish to extend our support to others who might see how elements of the training we offer might be beneficial and meet some of their needs too.

Further suggestions for appropriate training will always be welcomed!

## **Hon Secretary Report**

This year we have missed (for the second consecutive year) the usual influx from 'try sailing' but as compensation there has been added interest from local people who have decided to do more of their sailing closer to home this has in turn led to increased interest in our Dock facility. There has also been an increase of new members who are primarily interested in social membership but have mainly decided to support the club by taking out full membership

Each year the membership secretary completes a membership census in July in the twelve months ending in July our headcount total membership including all members and children increased from 390 to 419. 26 members did not renew and there were 55 new members.

Since August main committee have approved a further 14 memberships and 7 more are waiting for approval at the next main committee this month (December) The membership secretary's job has been easier since we were able to reopen the clubhouse on Friday evenings.

## **AOB**

Preston Marina – Steve Parker

We have been made aware by Preston Marina that some members of Ribble Cruising Club appear to treat the marina as almost a subsidiary of the club. It has been reported some members of the club choose not to recognise the marinas' charges and operating procedures, with complaints by some members as to the prices charged both in the Marina and in the Cafe. Some members have made use of the berthing facilities and left without paying.



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It is to go on record that Ribble Cruising Club has no Commercial agreement or relationship with Preston Marina other than a shared desire to maximise the use of the Ribble for the continued enjoyment by both parties. Ribble Cruising Club Members are welcome at Preston Marina but **must** adhere to the Marina's scheme of charges.

## **Serviceability of Yacht Trailers – John Angell**

Concern was raised with respect to the condition, serviceability and suitability of Yacht Trailers in use at the Dock. The recent incident during the recovery of Douglas Robin highlights the significance of the issue. Steve Parker assured John that a full investigation had been launched into the events surrounding Douglas Robins failure including a full review of Dock Risk assessments and operating procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Members and their Craft. The findings recommendations and any changes in operating procedures will be communicated to all those using the Dock facilities.

**Meeting Closed**