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Ilfracombe Yacht Club



News From The Commodore

Hi Everyone,

Another year has passed us by and as I reflect back on the year, we had another fantastic one. The weather was great, the sailing was great and the club seemed to be THE social centre. At one point there seemed to be something happening every weekend and the committee worked tirelessly to make it all go so smoothly. Financially the club has done well and by that I don't mean we have made vast profits. The model of the club is to pay all the bills and have a small pot left over at the end of the year to re-invest in making the club even better.

In fact talking of making the club better, I recently had occasion to visit the Woolacombe Bay Hotel. I remember the dark wood entrance hall and panelling from years ago. Not any more! It's all been painted dark grey! Exactly the same as our newly painted Yacht club. Not only are we "on trend" we are leading the way!

There have been so many highlights to this year that I can't possibly cover them all here. However, two stand out in my mind as being significant. Firstly our three men in a boat came back safely across the Atlantic, to one of the best welcome home parties I can remember. I have covered all their exploits in previous messages but what you may not know is that IYC entered them into a competition run by Old Pulteney whisky distillery, called Maritime Heroes. They were entered under the category of Sailing Achievement and ended up in the final! This resulted in them being awarded a beautiful trophy, whisky and a cheque for £1000 made payable to Ilfracombe yacht Club! Thank you gentlemen! The second highlight was the official opening of the new slipway on Larkstone. The Y Sail team worked tirelessly to get local approvals and grant funding from Fullabrook to build a new slipway from the dinghy storage facility down to the shore. This is a facility that not only benefits Y Sail and the youth dinghy section of the club but also the whole community as it is available for anyone to use. The official opening was followed by a party / fund raising evening back at the club, that was another night to remember.

I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year and I look forward to seeing you down at the club!

Best regards,

Mark Fay
(IYC Commodore)

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THANK YOU



Bobby's Social

Well that's another Christmas done and dusted! I hope you all had an enjoyable celebration with friends and family.

The Christmas lunch went very well - all thanks to John, Sharon and Tony for a truly festive spread. Lunch was followed by the Male Voice Choir, who kindly came and sang for us. It was good to hear that we have such a good IYC "choir" as well !! The Christmas Draw took place and I think there are still some prizes waiting to be claimed. Thank you to all of you who contributed prizes and purchased tickets. The draw raised £104.

Don't forget - if you need a venue for a party or any event, come and talk to us. The diary is already booking up for the coming year, so don't miss out.

That just leaves me to wish you all a very Happy New Year and I hope to see you in the club bar.

Bobby.

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday January 18th: Quiz Night. 8.00pm

Our first quiz of 2014. Teams of 4 or so. Usual quiz rules.