



CARDIFF BAY YACHT CLUB

End of Year Summary – 2023 Sailing Secretary – August 2023-Present

Sailing Secretary:

Mike Hatherall

Sailing Section team:

Nick Hankins, Kevin Rolfe, Ian Jones, Colin Rose, Idris Dibble, Ben Atkinson, Martin roots, Chris Williams, Roger Wallington

Cruiser Section:

The Cruising club continued informal meetings and discussions, planning to return after the summer sailing period.
Active promotion of the Cruising Facebook Group with 186 members.
Discussions about potential new initiatives with Ex-Swoggers raised concerns about confusion among members.
Plans for future talks after the summer season.

Tars Section:

I am pleased to report that TARS is now in full swing, with our inaugural race having taken place last Thursday. Utilizing our dynamic Facebook platform, we maintain an active channel for communication with competitors, providing comprehensive race summaries and contributing to our club blog.

TARS recently hosted a highly successful social event in collaboration with the Gaffers section, featuring indoor golf and an exquisite meal at an Italian restaurant. This gathering served to strengthen the camaraderie within our sailing community.

Reflecting on the past year, TARS boasted an impressive 22 entries, showcasing a diverse range of vessels, from the Elan 31 to the compact 20ft Bay Raider camping boat. Our racing milieu tends to attract seasoned sailors within the club who appreciate the combination of low-stress competition and the social aspect that follows each event.

A momentous occasion approaches as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the BHF Event on August 26th. This milestone coincides with my 70th birthday, adding an extra layer of significance. The festivities promise to be extraordinary, featuring a Bay

race, a raffle generously supported by Force 4, a nautical quiz, and a prize-giving ceremony for my cup, among other coveted awards.

The evening will culminate in a delightful meal at the club, followed by the harmonious melodies of a Sea Shanty group. All arrangements have been diligently coordinated with the club, with only the finer details awaiting finalization.

Gaffers Section:

August 2023 - BHF Race: Idris Dibble organized another successful BHF race in August 2023, featuring 22 boats of various types and crews, including sailors, nurses, and fishermen. Simon Gadsby emerged as the overall winner, and prizes were awarded to winners in different categories. A total of £680 was collected for the BHF. Despite some challenges with the app, the event was well-received, with a quiz following the presentation.

September 2023 - Regatta 2023: The Regatta in September saw 11 boats from TARS and Gaffers fleets showcasing impressive sailing. Shifty conditions made the races interesting, and Idris Dibble in Argento acted as RO TARS fashion. Argento won TARS race honours, and David Botterill in a Bay Raider 17 secured Gaffers race honours, each receiving a £50 Force4 voucher. Despite varying wind conditions, participants enjoyed the event, with some engaging in interesting chats during the off-wind legs.

September 14th, 2023 - GAFFERS OGA Race: Cardidd Bay hosted the GAFFERS OGA race on September 14th, where seven boats participated. Chloe claimed race honours, followed closely by Arwen and Nona Me. The race was marked by relaxed starts and competitive racing at the tail end of the fleet. The event concluded with a typical Gaffers-style gathering for a meal, drinks, and discussions.

October 2023 - TARS and Gaffers Dinner: The TARS and Gaffers collaborated for an end-of-season dinner in October, marked by a successful prize presentation. TARS summer series winners included Dave Moore, David Owens, and Nick Niklasson. Gaffers 2023 series winners were Roger Flambert, Charlie Harris, and Roger Wallington. The evening featured a Nautical Quiz, won by Tony Davies, who received a tub of sweets. The event ended on a lively note, providing a fitting farewell to the clubhouse.

Overall, the sailing events from August to October 2023 showcased spirited competition, camaraderie among sailors, and successful fundraising efforts for the BHF. Participants celebrated their achievements and enjoyed the social aspects of these gatherings, creating memorable experiences for all involved.

Dinghy Section:

Dinghy section completed a busy year of racing along with a few cruising events thrown in. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't too kind for the cruising events resulting in a couple having to be cancelled, with more planned for the 2024 season there is hope for better conditions.

On the racing front the section packed in a full year of racing. With Sundays morning and Wednesday evenings through the summer over 100 races were completed in the year and over 70 prizes were handed out at the end of season prize giving.

The section also hosted a successful Supernova Welsh Open, which was well attended by local and travelling sailors and well supported by club members who helped run the event. So successful was it that the class are returning again in 2024 for the same again.

Two other open events were also planned, an RS200 open and a 2000 open, unfortunately both fell foul to the weather and resulted in being cancelled. Aside from the sailing the Chris Barton went "green" with new solar panels installed to help keep the batteries topped up.

Financially the income from the race fees allowed the section to invest in a new set of race marks.

Off the water the section ran a series of winter training sessions.

The dinghy Compound continues to operate at full capacity and whilst significant progress was made in April to find spaces for as number of boats on the waiting list the list does continue to prove a challenge. For 2024 plans are being worked to provide more racking to allow for more boats to be stored in the same footprint area as current.

Work to be considered

Late-season plans to contact local Yacht Clubs/Marinas for shared discounts and encourage cross-club activities.

Consideration of forming a Regatta Committee for enhanced planning and marketing.

Handling inquiries about old dinghies behind Simon's cabin.

Proposals for new processes, training groups, and a winter regatta committee.

Plans to enhance the regatta experience in the following year.

AOB

We are pleased to announce the decision of Nick Hankins to vie for an elected member position on the committee for the upcoming year, 2024. After careful consideration, express confidence in his ability to make meaningful contributions

he and support the Sailing Secretary in overseeing all facets of sailing activities within the club.

Having dedicated four years to the Dinghy Committee, Nick feels that it is now in a robust state, prompting him to seek a new challenge. he has formally communicated his decision to step down from the Dinghy Committee for the forthcoming season. It is reported that the committee is well-positioned for the upcoming season, with three experienced new members joining the existing trio from last year. Their collective expertise ensures a smooth transition and promising prospects for the section's future. Nick remains committed to offering support to the incoming committee members as they embark on this exciting journey.

Appreciation is extended for your consideration and ongoing support.

Monthly Summery

August 2023

Continued Cruiser and Dinghy activities with updates on events, financials, and plans.

Cruiser Facebook group membership increased.

Plans for discounts with Portishead and Swansea Marina.

Discussion on the potential starting of a new committee in January 2024 for shared benefits.

October 2023

Continued Cruiser and Dinghy activities with event updates and financial discussions.

Discussion on possible impact of building renovations on events.

Preparations for the end-of-season prizegiving.

Early plans for the 2024 Regatta Committee.

December 2023

Cruiser and Dinghy updates, including a small cruise organized by the Cruising club.
Financial discussions, compound management, and plans for the end-of-season prizegiving.
Plans for the 2024 Regatta and Sailing Schedule announced with significant changes.
Award recipients for the 2023 Prizegiving confirmed.

February 2024

Updates on Gaffers, TARS, Cruiser, SWOG, and Dinghy sections.
Significant changes announced for the Wednesday night racing format and other sailing activities.
Confirmation of Sailing Secretary's last meeting and intention to apply for the elected COM position.
Notices and reminders for coaches and safety boat drivers regarding equipment handling.

Key Continued Activities

- Financial updates, race attendance analysis, and risk assessments.
- Compound waiting list issues and ongoing complaints.
- Event planning, cancellations, and financial considerations.
- Continuous efforts for website refresh and member engagement.
- Ongoing communication with other club members, officials, and authorities.
- Regatta 2024 planning
- Communication with other local Marinas and Yacht clubs, to seek discount for CBYC members.
- Assistance with Social media activities