

Chairman's Report for AGM 2018

Each year, I try to produce a brief chairman's report.

We started the 2017 season with a Start of Season Supper at Conwy Golf Club. Tickets were £20 for members and we would have charged £30 for non-members, if any had bought their own tickets! The same policy applied at the end of season event, with the same result. However, it did emphasize that CMBHA events are organized really for our members' benefit. Both of these events relied heavily on the efforts of Kate Kenwright, Patsy Shaw, Eric Crowther and John Day.

Cruises were organized by Eric for Easter and for the Rail Ale event but again, the weather discouraged participation.

In the autumn, I emailed members asking about winter events such as talks and visits. I asked both for ideas and for volunteers – there was no response. In October, as part of the Restart a Heart Day, Yvonne Gregory and I delivered CPR Training sessions– attended by only 2 CMBHA members. The other trainees were staff from Quay Marinas and Quay Hotel.

Just like the previous year, 8 newsletters were sent to members and the committee held 4 meetings. I attended meetings at the Conwy Harbour Advisory Committee.

John Day attended meetings of Conwy Watersports Group and RYA North Wales meetings.

Again, CMBHA supported The Conwy River Festival through web site and leaflet design, although the sailing was cancelled because of a lack of entries. It's back again this July and Power Boats will be welcome on the La La Rally – leaflets are available.

The 2017 Summer Lift out package was managed by Liz Cawood, with just under 20 boats lifted – similar to the number in recent years.

John Day, Yvonne Gregory and I had a CMBHA stand at the All Wales Boat Show and were helped by Mark Ainsworth.

John Day and Mark Beeston Crowther have held regular meetings with Quay Marinas to raise your concerns and obtain benefits for members. Last year, Quay Marinas were reluctant to offer a summer lift-out package. This year, John and Mark have negotiated a package of three CMBHA deals – the Spring Fuel Discount, the Summer Scrubs package, and extended winter lift-out.

Other discounts have also been popular this year – particularly the 10% discount on food at The Mulberry and a 10% discount at the chandlery.

Although no longer on the committee Jo Walley, continues with Kate Kenwright to administer our Facebook Group called Conwy Mariners. At the last count, there were 313 members of this group, not all being current members of CMBHA.

This year, your committee will be losing some really important core people

- Steve Kenwright has been a mainstay on the committee for many years: it was his idea to get defibrillators for the marinas(a stay which extends from the maintop to the foot of the foremast of a sailing ship)

- Mark Ainsworth, sensible contributor to our discussions, also organized our hog roast in 2016
- Mark Beeston, our vice chairman and joint negotiator with Quay Marinas will be particularly missed
- Liz Cawood, our secretary has administered the CMBHA lift out package for the past few years and her common-sense approach will also be missed in the committee discussions

CMBHA is operated by a small, and now smaller committee of volunteers who have other demands on their time. Perhaps you might light to join the committee but are worried that meetings are very formal or the whether you can commit the time. The committee meets for a couple of hours, about 4 times a year and conducts a lot of business by email - and you don't have to respond to every email or attend every meeting. So, we have decided to welcome members to observe our meetings.

As CMBHA looks to the future, with options like digital membership cards and direct debit membership payments, all we need now is the weather.

Thank you

Roger Millward, Chairman