

# Salterns Sailing Club

## Prize Giving 13<sup>th</sup> December 2015

Gina welcomed everybody to Prize Giving. The AGM and Elections would follow the Prize Giving but there would be a short break between.

### Prize Giving

#### Model Boat Racing

George Perera awarded the prizes for the Multi hull models.

1<sup>st</sup> : Henry Perera 2<sup>nd</sup> : Merlin Melanaphy 3<sup>rd</sup> : Anna Maskill

Phoebe Collins awarded the prizes for the Mono Hull models.

1<sup>st</sup> : Sammy Griffiths 2<sup>nd</sup> : Rebecca Wharmby 3<sup>rd</sup> : Grace Cecil-Wright & Allie Bassett

#### Children in Need

Ollie awarded prizes to Ellen Mans, Robin and Imogen Walton and Helen Wood for the best artistry.

The RNLI Challenge Cup was presented to Paul Harrison.

The £50 challenge draw winner for those who raised the most money for CIN 2015 was Jake Stokes.

Time Trials Award certificates were also awarded as follows:

Row Together secs	Ella Lightbody and Emma Breese	6mins 10
GRP Oppie secs	Emma Breese	4mins 10
Starfish rowing	Allie Bassett	4 mins 53 secs
RS Tera secs	George Perera	4 mins 40
Moth	2 teams with same time	3 mins 58 secs:

(Amy Tunney with Alex Paton and Anna Tunney with Emily Pepin)

Two individuals stand out as holding a lot of the club records for 2015:

Alex Paton                Scow Crew, Rowing crew, Moth Crew

Rory Paton                Scow Helm, Rowing alone, Rowing with a crew

### Oppie Open

Seb and Ollie awarded the cup and medals.

1<sup>st</sup>: Grace Cecil-Wright (Trophy)    2<sup>nd</sup>: Cameron Bignold-Kyles        3<sup>rd</sup>: Portia Carrell

Seb reported that the event was very well supported with 36 entries.

### Barts Bash

Amelia and Ollie awarded the prizes.

Best Club Oppie : Violet Edwards

1<sup>st</sup>: Ella Lightbody (Trophy)        2<sup>nd</sup>: Sammy Griffiths        3<sup>rd</sup>: Freddie Fitzsimmons

Amelia reported that this event reflected a fantastic year for Salterns sailing. She thanked the JC for running all the events and the many young sailors who took part - there were 50 entries for the event.

### Moth and Tera Racing

Amelia Williams awarded the prizes.

Tera Racing: 1<sup>st</sup> : George Overton        2<sup>nd</sup> : Alice Wood        3<sup>rd</sup> : Jack Mans

Moth Racing: 1<sup>st</sup> : Olivia Perera    2<sup>nd</sup>: Anna Tunney    3<sup>rd</sup> : Freya Cox

### Bronze Fleet

Phil Lightbody awarded the prizes.

Best Sailor: Ella Lightbody

Most Improved: Lola Mordaunt

Cheeky Chappie/Keenest Sailor: Sammy Griffiths

Phil reported that after initial interest from about 20 sailors, there remained by the end of the year a core group of 10-11 young sailors dedicated to improving their ability and learning to race. All made brilliant improvement and all were competing in competitions outside of Salterns by the end of the year.

### Salterns Spirit

This is awarded for contribution to the club that goes above and beyond the call of duty. This year the Spirit Cup was given to the Edwards Family who, it was noted, are always smiling and happy to help. At the weed clearance, the family arrived every day to help and got stuck in. They supported every event and helped wherever help was needed – a great effort by New members.

### Commodore's Clock

James Eady presented the Commodore's Clock to outgoing Commodore, Ollie Tait.

### Silver Salver

Ollie presented the Silver Salver for JC contribution to the club to Charlotte Bassett. She has been a huge asset to the club over the past year, always approachable and has kept the website up to date all year.

### Gold Pennant Award

This is awarded for exceptional contribution to sailing outside the Club by an ex-Salterns member. It was not awarded this year but a few people are in the running for next year.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 3.00 pm 13 December 2015

### Apologies:

**Birgitta Hancock, William Hancock, Emilia Hancock, Sophie Bolton, Ben Vines, Meryl Armitage,**

### Last Minutes

**The minutes from the previous AGM on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 were approved by the members.**

### Reports

**Commodore's Report** : Ollie Tait

Ollie thanked everyone for coming. He reported on a very successful year at Salterns with a great turn-out at all events including:

Oppie Open:                      45 Sailors      more than double three years ago

Seamanship Races:            60 Sailors      three times more than two years ago

Beginners Mini-courses had 79 sailors taking part. These give them their first taste of sailing at Salterns – showing the club at its best – a perfect environment for young people to get to grips with sailing.

The JC has achieved massive things in 2015 and every member of the committee has thrown themselves in. Ollie enjoyed himself as Commodore and felt that the 2015 JC team has been the strongest to date with their impact crucial to the club.

Ollie particularly thanked the other flag officers: Amelia, Emilia and Charlotte (who will remain vice-commodore next year). Ollie thanked and said goodbye to the JC leavers for 2015:

James Eady, Amelia Williams, Seb Ayris, Tamsin Ayris, Alice Smethurst, Charlotte Slater and Emilia Hancock.

Ollie thanked the management Committee, without whom the club wouldn't run and the Trustees.

Ollie then honored Gina for her two years as President. He praised her for the 'unimaginable amount' that she has done for the club and for the impact that she has had that all can appreciate. She leaves the presidency with the club as strong as ever thanks to her leadership.

Ollie encouraged the young sailors present to consider trying for Commodore when old enough and to start thinking about their speeches! He has learnt a lot

from being Commodore and is grateful for the unique opportunity.

Ollie wished everybody well for the coming year, especially Lance who is taking over as President and Millie who is next year's Commodore.

Gina thanked Ollie for an excellent year as Commodore.

### Junior Liaison Officers Report: Paula Tait

Paula reported on what a great year the JC had had.

They started the year on a high with a team building event at the New Forest Activity Center. Their team spirit came in handy very quickly as all mucked in to clear the weed, donning waders and working hard.

The JC have proved hard-working and hugely reliable. They worked well as a team and have had a lot of fun, not only assisting with their duty rota days but also with a large number of events. They have helped in no fewer than:

- 14 mini courses (training 79 children)
- 2 Moppy Camps
- Seamanship Races
- Oppie Open
- Moth and Tera Racing
- Over the Wall
- Halloween
- Children in Need

A special event was held for the JC – Salterns Goes South. They sailed West on the day to Hurst for a picnic, then back. There were lots of thrills and spills and the day was hugely enjoyed.

In addition, six of the JC completed their Assistant Instructor and first aid Courses enabling them to have a much more active role in Moppy Camp. Four have completed their Power Boat 2 course and two of the JC : Ollie and James have completed their Dinghy Instructor and Power Boat Instructor Courses over the summer.

Gina thanked Paula and Lance for their excellent and exemplary Junior Liaison this year.

### **Bronze Fleet Report:** Phil Lightbody

Phil took over from Helen during the year and thanked Helen for an excellent start to the season

This year Bronze Fleet have been learning how to sail triangular courses and trying to sail upwind, progressing onto:

- Racing Starts
- Start Lines
- Learning about race rules
- Giving way at markers
- Protests

The group have worked really hard and learnt so much about sailing. All have competed in outside competitions, at the National Open and Youth Weeks. They now sail regularly in the Solent and at Spinnaker.

Phil thanked the kids, parents and helpers and actively encouraged any sailors who are at RYA 2 level and want to progress to try out at Bronze Fleet.

Gina thanked Phil and Helen for their excellent leadership at Bronze Fleet.

### **Moppy Camp Report:** Sophie Bolton

Gina, on Sophie's behalf, reported on two hugely successful Moppy Camps. She thanked the JC, MC, parents and helpers all of whom ensure that Moppy Camp runs smoothly and successfully. 189 kids attended the camps with 227 helpers running them. Sophie will be stepping down after 2016 so a plea was made to anyone who would like to take over for 2017 to let Sophie know.

Gina thanked Sophie for her excellent work.

### **Bosun's Report:** Marcus Melanaphy

Marcus reported that all the boats are intact and well-maintained. Every boat is in Apple Pie order but this can go pear-shaped in a matter of hours if the boats are not properly washed down after each use. Marcus expressed his hope that the JC might get involved in simple mending of boats next year. Marcus was proud to report that the Bosun bill for the end of the year was less than in previous years.

Gina thanked Marcus and Cliff for their huge help with the weed clearing as well as their excellent work maintaining the boats.

### Rear Commodore (House): Birgitta Hancock

Birgitta announced that she is stepping down as Rear-Commodore (House) and said that she had thoroughly enjoyed working alongside Malcom, Martin and Gina as Presidents. She thanked everyone who had kindly donated their time helping her to prepare for the Moppy Camps, Halloween and Children in Need events – all required weeks of preparation before the 'heating up' stage.

Birgitta said that she was delighted to hand over the mantle to the very talented Claire Renton Skinner who, as a professional, will take the catering at Salterns to a much higher level.

Birgitta wished everybody Good Luck for 2016.

Gina thanked Birgitta for her excellent work as Rear Commodore House.

### Treasurer's Report: Patricia Sey

Patricia reported that the club has had another strong year in terms of membership and events which has been reflected in maintaining a good financial position...mini courses and Moppy are well subscribed and other events have added to the Club's success. The club constantly faces boat maintenance issues but the general level of repairs required has been maintained.

Patricia reported that going forward there is a need to address some maintenance to the Club House for which we have some reserves already earmarked. The proposed expenditure on the kitchen and committee room areas, together with looking at the electrics and plumbing will make the club itself a better useable space for our members.

The club has ended the year in a strong financial position once again, largely down to tight controls on expenditure and maintenance and effective planning for the future.

As membership demand remains strong and despite our older children and some families moving on, the club is in a great position to continue to provide amazing opportunities for our children.

Patricia wished the club every success for the future and thanked everyone for a fantastic experience, as she steps down this year.

Gina thanked Patricia for her fantastic work as Treasurer

### **Honorary Membership Secretary's Report:** Chris Cloke-Browne

Chris introduced himself as the new Honorary Membership Secretary, taking over from Pippa.

Chris reported that from 2016, the membership will all be computer driven so renewals will be done online. It's a really good system that is already used by many sailing clubs. Early bird renewal dates will still apply.

Chris and Gina thanked Pippa for all the work she has done over 2015. Gina thanked Chris for taking on this role and the time he had spent so far.

### **Old Salts Report:** John Claridge

John talked about Major Hibbert, the founder of Salterns Sailing Club, who passed away earlier this year. His vision of a sailing club 'run by children and for the children' is the ethos of Salterns. John reminded everybody that every member or parent of a member of Salterns qualifies as an 'Old Salt'. Old Salts are encouraged to give back to the club as much as possible and John encouraged everybody to help as much as possible in the future and to give of their time freely.

John thanked the MC and the JC on behalf of the Old Salts for their help in running the club and for a fantastic year – the best he had ever seen.

### **Presidents Report :** Gina Bassett

Gina was privileged to attend Major Hibbert's Memorial Service – a very moving event. Major Hibbert's daughter was kind enough to lend the Club lots of her father's original papers about Salterns. Tom Dudley has kindly scanned these in and will be displaying them on the Old Salts website. Take the time to read them as they give a fantastic insight into the founding ethos and objectives.

It has been clear from reading this information, that now 60 years later and running a club with 5 times as many children, it is more important than ever to remind ourselves of the original objectives.

The Objectives as written by Major Hibbert with the founding families in 1960 (and these are direct quotes from his papers were

1. to encourage the young to take up sailing as a sport,

2. to teach them to sail skilfully and responsibly,
3. to teach them the rules of racing,
4. and to help them accept and acquire the experience and responsibilities of administering club activities and discipline which became a club run by children for children.

For objective 1

To encourage the young to take up sailing as a sport,

I am pleased to report that the club continues to allow ANY child to join the club whether their parents can sail or not. That new membership is offered fairly by age. the club is as popular as ever as evidenced by the membership being full for the last five years and by the size of the waiting list

For objective 2: to teach them to sail skillfully and responsibly, more children than ever before are participating in Mini courses and Moppy camps, and the benefit of setting up permanent dry tacker cannot be downplayed as more children are now sitting properly on the side of the boat and holding their tiller and main sheet as ice creams and not frying pans.

Informal training is often the best way to learn and the JC have shown a fantastic willingness to give up their time to train to be Assistant Instructors and to put waders and impart their knowledge.

Objective 3: to teach them the rules of racing.

As you have heard, Tera and Moth racing is as popular as ever with 40 children participating this year and Bronze Fleet is going from strength to strength. The introduction of the annual Barts Bash, the ongoing Oppie Open, and Seamanship skills with a record 60 entrants, and the Round the Island Time Trials have all helped improve racing skills.

It is no surprise that many of our current and future Junior Committee have been or are RYA squad sailors or have participated at a regional or national level in most junior pathway boats: Optimst, Tera, Feva and Laser and of course our highly competitive local fleet of the Lymington Scow.

It is important to note the club benefits when our sailors participate else where and bring their enhanced skills back to the club to inspire a younger generation.

And the fourth objective which became "a club run by children for children".

The current junior committee have been brilliant at getting stuck into every aspect of the club management from behind the scenes with setting up the website and producing the newsletters through to leading all the events and even cooking in the galley and mopping the floors.

Gina was delighted that the flag officers, the current and past commodore have played such an active role over the last two years at management committee meetings. I hope this will continue.

All in all the club is in terrific shape and the changes made recently have been made with these objectives in mind. However, if you look at the history of the club, there have been moments of challenge and it is at these moments that the truly special nature of this club has been demonstrated.

In Gina's time at the club one big challenge we have faced was early this season.

The Weed!

The way, over a hundred member families, stepped up to help clear the weed was awe inspiring. Gina really felt we were a team with everyone from the youngest to the oldest getting stuck in. Particular thanks must go to Marcus and Cliff for the negotiations and work they did behind the scenes.

As you have heard from the Commodore and various committee members, 2015 has been a great year. Lots going on. A few challenges but a lot of fun. Apart from the people you have just heard from there are others on the committee who deserve our thanks: Mark Williams, Andrew Eady, David Smethurst, Martin Gorman, Ben Vines and Toby Collins. And The Trustees: Jeff Dudley, Roger Wilson, David Simpson and particularly Tony Harris who saved the club thousands of pounds this year with his excellent advice on changing our insurance provider.

The club could not run without the volunteers who commit so much of their time. There is always space for anyone who is willing to give of their time so please do talk to any of the committee members if you are able to help your club.

In particular, after Moppy Camp, Sophie Bolton is stepping down so please do offer to help this year so that you are ready to be moppy camp co-ordinator for 2017.

We also don't currently have a volunteer chief instructor so for the second year we have been contracting Kristy Powell to do this role. Our thanks to Kristy. This role has been and can be fulfilled by a member with the right qualifications so if a parent is willing to train to be an RYA Senior instructor the club would be delighted.

Other thanks must go to John Claridge : for the maintenance work completed behind the scenes.

Going forward there are going to be some changes to the club. 16 of this year's committees both Junior and Management are leaving and most not just the committee but the club as well. They have contributed some 60 years of volunteering between them.

In no particular order; Andrew Eady, James Eady, David Smethurst, Alice Smethurst, Mark Williams, Amelia Williams, Pippa Russell, Tamsin Ayriss, Seb Ayriss, Cliff Ayriss, Charlotte Slater, Toby Collins, Ben Vines, Patricia Sey, Birgitta Hancock and Emilia Hancock. They all deserve our very special thanks.

With so many people leaving this will have a big impact and Gina hopes the members will support the new committee. We are all equal members and it is all our responsibility to look after the sailors, the boats and the club. We have some challenges going forward and your help is going to be invaluable.

It is great that so many of the members have given feedback and made suggestions. In all 60 emails were received. It was great to hear how much you care about your club. To hear that the vast majority of you have much appreciated a firm leadership style and the tightening on discipline that have made it fairer for all and not just a clique for a few. It is hoped this will continue.

Some of the suggestions and comments we hope to act on soon – replacing this kitchen is definitely on the agenda. We are very grateful to the Armitages for donating their kitchen units. If we go ahead, the committee will need your help with the work – so please volunteer if you can.

Some of you have noticed the hole in the jetty. It looks like the subframe wood may need some replacing. Once again help will be needed.

As you all know Gina is stepping down as President this year.

As is tradition within Salterns the past president like the past commodore stays on the committee for continuity and I am delighted to this as I am still passionate and committed to the club.

If the time Gina have spent has helped create a single sailor who shares her life long passion for the sport then it has been time well spent.

Gina finally wanted to give my heart felt thanks to all of you members who she has got to know over the last 5 years.

Your support has been fantastic and have thoroughly enjoyed nearly all of it – but hopefully Gina will never have to utter the words WEED and HELP in the same sentence ever again!!

Roger Wilson thanked Gina on behalf of the Trustees, Members and Children for the enormous difference that she has made to Salterns Sailing Club. He thanked Gina for her huge effort and dedication.

## **Junior Committee Elections**

Everyone present agreed with the proposals for the 2016 JC.

The following new members were voted onto the Junior Committee:

Freya Cox,	Jack Mans,
Matilda Melanaphy,	Charles Overton,
George Overton,	Caitlin Pepin,
Olivia Perera,	Alice Wood.

The following were re-elected onto the Junior Committee:

Jonny Tait,	William Hancock,
Gerard Cloke-Browne,	Jasmin Summers,
Alex Paton,	Amy Tunney,
Emily Beresford-Davies,	Phoebe Collins

**Past Commodore:** Ollie Tait in an ex-officio role

**Vice Commodores:** George Perera was elected  
Charlotte Bassett was re-elected

**Commodore:** Millie Melanaphy

Millie thanked Ollie and the JC and MC for a great Season at Salterns and said she was looking forward to making 2016 another successful season. She particularly thanked Gina for the work that she has done, in always being here, day in day out often long after everyone else has all gone home.

Millie reported that she has been a member at Salterns for 7 years and on the JC for 2 and has learnt a lot and gained many new skills through Salterns. As Commodore her particular aim will be to help the children achieve as much as they can and be the best that they can be. She wants to lead by example with the Junior Committee, to help the members with their sailing experience by being good role models and recognises that the most important role model at the club is the Commodore. She intends to carry on Major Hibbert's Legacy – 'A club for children run by children' and she's looking forward to 2016 and making it positively the best year so far.

## **Management Committee Elections**

Everyone also agreed with the proposals for the 2016 Management Committee. The new Management Committee for 2016 is as follows:

<b>President:</b>	Lance Mans
<b>Vice President:</b>	vacant
<b>Junior Liaison Officer:</b>	Helen Wood
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Dominic Patten
<b>Secretary (Honorary)</b>	Claire Atherton
<b>Bosun:</b>	Marcus Melanaphy
<b>Bronze Fleet Co-ordinator</b>	Phil Lightbody
<b>Associate Groups Liaison:</b>	David King Martin Lightbody
<b>CIN Coordinator:</b>	Meryl Armitage
<b>Rear Commodore House:</b>	Claire Renton-Skinner
<b>Membership Secretary:</b>	Chris Cloke-Browne
<b>Moppy Camp Co-ordinator:</b>	Sophie Bolton
<b>Past President:</b>	Gina Bassett
<b>General Committee members:</b>	Craig Stewart, Martin Gorman, Paula Tait
<b>Chief Instructor</b>	vacant
<b>Flag Officers</b>	Millie Melanaphy Charlotte Bassett George Perera
<b>Past Commodore (Honorary):</b>	Ollie Tait

As flag officers, Millie, Charlotte and George are part of both the management and junior committees as is Ollie Tait who as the most recent past commodore is invited to be an honorary member of the club (as he is too old now to be a full member) and continue on the Management Committee for another year.

Lance expressed his pleasure and honour at taking up the role of President at the Club. It means a lot from his heart as a soldier (like Major Hibbert).

Lance thanked Gina for her Presidency, for her skills in organising and committing and taking the club to a new unprecedented level. It will be a huge honour to take over from her.

Lance also thanked the Junior Committee for a fantastic year and particularly Ollie who he praised him as a fantastic Commodore who will go on to do great things.

Lance admitted that he has few skills as a sailor but knows his way around a pair of waders and is useful in the water! Thanks to his Military career, he fully understands what command entails but will try not to make it too military. He has much to thank Salterns for as it provided a focal point for his family when he was away on a tour of duty. The family felt really looked after by the club at this time and Lance made particular mention of Jo Fowle and Birgitta Hancock who took Nikki under their wing.

Looking to the future, Lance hopes to build on the fantastic platform that Gina has set in place. He will be looking to all committee members for help to do the best job possible and try, if possible, to take the club to the next level.

There was no other business

The meeting closed at 4.20 pm