



A New Year ahead and a new face at the helm

Following, no doubt, several surprising dishes involving turkey, may I wish you all a happier and safer New Year and ask you to look ahead a few months - and with luck and the NHS's help, we'll be sailing again on our lake! As the Club's new Commodore, I should probably introduce myself. I've sailed dinghies since the age of thirteen, in estuaries and harbours. Various dinghies have graced our garage, Fireflies, a Laser, National 12's, then a Laser 4000 and now again a Firefly or two and a Solo. So dinghy sailing is my first sporting love. My joining Llangorse SC in '98 due to career relocation was a saving grace, who knew such an amazing sailing water existed in land-locked Herefordshire/Powys? *I didn't for sure!*

So now looking ahead, after such a challenging year, we aim to get afloat as soon as the lake level and lockdowns allow, usually mid-March or onwards. Our sailing programme is in progress and the "Thursday Club," (some well-meaning older members, with more time on their hands than is good for them!), are gearing up to clean the winter debris away at the site as soon as permitted. We're always seeking more volunteers for this elite force – *so do get in touch!...*

After our restricted last season there will be an eager backlog of youngsters and adults viewing the sailing and powerboat handling RYA courses we offer. Our racing community will, as ever, in the spring months be dislodging mice from sail-bags and polishing hulls in anticipation of the first race Sunday. Or maybe you just like cruising around the lake, shooting the breeze and sighting the Great White or Little Egrets, (yes both reside in our SSSI). "Much to look forward to" is the message!

But sailing or racing at Llangorse is so much more than just that. It gives us the chance to exercise, take lung-fulls of mountain air, picnic on the Club balcony, take in the magnificent views and be updated on latest Welsh Government and Defra farm guidance by our farming member - something as an owner of three ewes, I really appreciate. More than all the above, we make friends both on and off the water. 2020 reduced all of this, and so in 2021 the Social Secretary is fired-up to arrange some long overdue social events, more announcements to follow.

With the new season ahead, the Exec committee, Flag officers and Club Trustees are all looking forward to seeing us all enjoying again this special place, so check under the boat cover soon and gear up for a much improved sailing season. Can't wait to meet up with you all.

Guy Davison
Commodore

PS: Can't sign off without thanking again Ben Williams our last Commodore for all his work along with the Exec team in such challenging times and their achievements in keeping us safe and sailing!