Annual Report from 5KSC 2020

The year started optimistically with us planning a tour on YNOT to the Orkneys, we recruited new committee members, there was to be the normal program of races on the Mersey and planning was going ahead for annual maintenance.

Then along came a pandemic and the discovery of a damaged hull, so all plans were off. The yacht made a good recovery, fortunately the repairs were paid for by the insurance company. We feel confident that our yacht is in a good condition after the repairs so we are happy to wait a few years before looking for a replacement. The replacement of navigation equipment had to be delayed for a year but is now going ahead (March 2021).

The RYA agreed that we could offer basic practical sailing courses in Liverpool but we were able to hold only one course. This was because of planned closure of the lock between the marina and river Mersey for repairs, this is again having an impact in 2021.

The committee have kept on top of issues and met regularly on zoom calls, we have recruited a social media expert to keep members in touch with the club. We have held seminars on club development and scenario planning and hope to increase recruitment and sailing opportunities in 2021.