

## **CSSA Annual Report for 2021 – presented to AGM 2022**

### 5 Kingdoms SC

This was a challenging year, with a slow start owing to Covid. It was particularly difficult because 5KSC sail to Wales and Scotland where the regulations were more restrictive. The June trip to Scotland was a non-stop sail to Largs because none of the usual ports were willing to accommodate visitors. The number of participants during the year was less than usual because of single use of cabins.

Nonetheless, a cruise to the Hebrides was enjoyed and later in the year there was a winter programme of races at Liverpool SC.

The maintenance team are thanked for all their efforts, including several winter tasks.

A training programme of Competent Crew and Day Skipper courses, proved popular. There were also shore based courses.

Thanks to the Maurice Gates bequest, plans are well advanced to replace Ynot with a newer yacht.

As with many clubs, the AGM was courtesy of Zoom.

### Channel Sailing Division

Once the Covid restrictions were lifted, there was a successful summer cruise.

The big news from the club is the replacement of Sea Essay with a new Dufour 390. Again, the Maurice Gates bequest made this possible.

### CSORC

Once Covid restrictions were lifted CSORC managed a reasonable programme for the latter half of the season.

IDOR – CSORC fielded two entries and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> out of 9. Several members of the crews gained experience skippering.

Fastnet – CSORC chartered a First 40 from Sailing Logic and despite “fiendish weather” achieved a very commendable 108<sup>th</sup> out of 259. This year the race finished in Cherbourg.

Fastnet qualifiers – De Guinguand Bowl; St Malo; Channel Race.

### East Coast Yacht Division

Covid restrictions led ECYD to restrict its cruises to this country. This brought its own problems, with a lack of available moorings in the West Country. Nevertheless, good experiences from Portsmouth to ports west are reported.

Sad news – four stalwarts of ECYD died during the year.

Two long standing skippers – John Hall (a founding member) and Tom Kearney.

Jean Rehill, who was Club Captain and taught many to sail.

Peter Burry, Principal of the CSSA Sailing School and an inspiring cook.

### Hooe Point SC

HPSC had a good start to 2021, but received a shock when the landlord would not renew their lease.

Much time was spent in clearing the site they had used for 50 years and in looking for an alternative. The good news is the dinghy fleet moved to Mountbatten Watersports Centre on the River Plym.

Twelve drying moorings were found for yachts, but the existing moorings had to be lifted and scrapped. They are trying to sell off whatever else they can.

Despite all this, three series of races were completed. 39 boats were registered to race and over 25 took part.

A winter series ran with 12-15 boats.

HSPC assures us they will survive this traumatic upheaval but will emerge a significantly different club.

### Jumbles SC

Despite everything, Jumbles ran a full racing programme.

Twelve dinghies, crews and families went to Ullswater in May for a camping and sailing weekend.

Some members joined Ynot for a week's sailing in Scotland.

Ashore, there were training courses, an Italian evening and a Pirate Day.

Fiona Jacks has retired after three years a Commodore; she is thanked for all the work she put in to this successful club.

### Littleton SC

The pandemic had an adverse effect on membership but great efforts were made to find new members.

Lease negotiations are continuing.

After many years in decline, the club has encouraged members to get afloat in whatever two-handed boat they can find.

Solo and Laser sailors had success at open meetings around the country.

Training – RYA Level 1 & 2 courses.

The Junior Section reports 30 – 40 young people out sailing with supervision and guidance. The youngest Optimist sailor was six years old.

### Portsmouth Offshore Group

As with all reports, the words Covid and challenge made an early entry. The club was closed for long periods but once it could open there was lifting and launching of boats, races and rallies and onshore events such as Friday evening talks.

An impressive amount of work was undertaken by the usual working parties. An especial effort was made in replacing two worn out pontoons.

Onshore and behind the scenes, a new lease is being negotiated with CSSC and much work is going into making the club a Company Limited by Guarantee.

### Rutland Civil Service SC

Despite Covid, there was sailing from April to October. Taster sessions encouraged prospective members.

This small and friendly club continues to grow.

### IDOR

After COVID cancellation in 2020 we were resolved that IDOR (the Inter-Departmental Offshore Regatta) should take place in 2021. The Island Sailing Club of Cowes, Isle of Wight once again hosted IDOR over 21-25 June. 9 crews participated with 63 sailors in total. COVID restrictions remained and some last-minute adjustments had to be made including sleeping ashore for some sailors and cancelling social events. The weather was favourable for the in-shore racing but a lull in the wind during the longest off-shore race saw many crews battling a tide with minimal wind, with a kedge battle securing victory. The Offshore Rutherford Appleton series was won by a special (covid rules)

club entry "Six Go Racing" skippered by Cheryl Fish along with the Silver Jubilee Trophy (for new skippers). The Inshore City of Plymouth series was won by David Burn and his Diamond Light Source crew who won 3 out of 4 of those races. Competitive finishes in the Offshore Series, saw David and crew win the overall regatta and the Eric Seal memorial trophy.

IDOR 2022 will take place W/C 23 May 2022. If you can supply your own (charter) yacht, please contact the committee as entries remain open for a couple more weeks.

### Dinghy Regatta 2021

After some late notice disruption for COVID restrictions, the 2021 National Dinghy Championships was hosted by Littleton Sailing Club over the weekend of 26 & 27 June. Twenty dinghies competed for the minimum of six races over two days. The Championship meal on Saturday, was held outside under Covid-compliant cover accompanied by live music, a quiz and an extensive range of desserts! Wendy Eley, CSSC Operations Director presented Awards, Trophies and certificates.

DWP Civil Servant, Cameron Curry, secured the CSSA Trophy in a Laser Radial. Dan and Debbie Nicholas sailing an RS200 retained the overall first place Trophy. Littleton SC regained the Littleton Bell Trophy from Hooe Point SC.

The 2022 dinghy regatta will take place on Plymouth Sound over the weekend of 23-25 September hosted by Hooe Point SC from their new home in the Mountbatten Centre.

### Membership

Recruitment continues at a healthy pace, despite COVID, with overall CSSA membership exceeding 2,700.

### Finances

The full financial report elsewhere shows that CSSA is in a healthy position. Receipt of Maurice Gates bequest has bolstered support for sailing aboard ocean-going vessels and made possible the funding of wider range of non-ocean facilities from CSSA's reserves.