

# St Mary's Loch Sailing Club

Enterprise Fleet No. 83

Mirror Fleet No. 224

## Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021 On Zoom Webinar

### Minutes

Introduction from Hamish on the online format of the meeting and how to vote.

1 - Apologies from Chris Hilton and Charles and Alison Morrish. (Appendix A shows AGM attendees.)

2 – Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020 attached as part of the AGM notice. *Vote on approval of minutes 100% approved.*

3 – Commodore's Report for the 2020 season (please find attached). (Appendix B)

Question from David Howit about Dutyman. Are there opportunities to volunteer on days other than Sundays? Yes, you can choose the duty that is convenient to you. There are duties on Saturdays as well as Sundays.

Note from Iain Millar – folk cannot access the website unless they have paid their subs. Hamish notified the attendees that the website is linked to the subscriptions on Web Collect.

4 – Treasurer's Report. (Audited accounts Appendix C. Auditor Shona Redpath.)

Correction to the treasurer's report – only 1 caravan was not brought last year so the £780 can be adjusted down.

Question from Gerry about servicing the boats before the start of the season – the committee is making a plan to get maintenance underway. The committee will have to be flexible and try to get it done within

government regulations.

5 – Adoption of accounts for 2020. *Vote 100% in favour.*

6 – Proposed Subscriptions and Adoption of Budget for 2021:

- a) – maintain 2020 subscriptions for 2021. *Vote was taken, and 100% in agreement.* (Appendix D)
- b) – It was proposed that for members who were unable to bring their caravan in the 2020 season, there should be a 50% rebate. *Vote - Caravan reduction for 2020. 95% yes, 5% no.*
- c) – There was an accidental over charge of individual sailing members in 2020. Vote on rebate for those overcharged in 2020. *98% agreed, 3% disagreed.*

7 – Proposed office bearers for 2021. There is no change to the office bearers from last year.

Refer to AGM notice. *Office bearer vote – 100% approved.*

8 – Chris Blake has been nominated as a new committee member and approved. Question was asked if there were any further nominations – to which the answer was no there were none.

Fleet captains confirmed:

- Mirrors - Ian Brown,
- Enterprises - Charles Morrish,
- Lasers – Duncan Willoughby,
- Solos – Mark Jones,
- Youth Fleet – David (Junior) Milroy

9 – *Vote on honorary Auditor to be appointed as Shona Redpath. 100% agreement*

10 – Changes to Club Rules:

- a) The club was under significant pressure in 2020 for more memberships. This was mostly for ‘non-sailing members’. Increased pedestrian traffic. Requests to camp. A lot of applications to join the club were for solely for camping / motorhome.

Question from Ian Malcom about 2/3 voting. This was clarified by Hamish to be in the club rules and confirmed.

Question from Stella Livingstone that this change would affect members who had been non-sailing members for many years who wished to camp. It was clarified that such members could become ‘individual members’ by paying the £85 subscription, and that we welcome such members. That the full subscription helped to fund the maintenance and upkeep for the club grounds which was appropriate for members using the facilities to camp.

*Vote – on change to club rules regarding memberships – 97% in favour, 3% against.*

There was some discussion on whether the question had been clear about the change, and so the vote was run again – with Hamish reading aloud the question and clarifying it before the second vote.

*2<sup>nd</sup> vote - New result is 94% in favour, 4% not in favour. (Appendix E)*

- b) Proposition to increase the number of nights that members can camp overnight at the club. First vote was whether or not to increase the number of nights.

*Vote – 97% agreed to the change*

Second vote was a choice on long overnight camping should be.

*Vote; change to 3 nights or 6 nights? 59% for 3 nights 41% for 6 nights. So, 3 nights passes.*

#### AOB

Hamish presented the initial ideas for the new ablutions block. He explained that the next steps were to commission a 1 in 200 year flood risk assessment and to get high level costings for the project for which there is an allowance in the treasurer's budget.

Question from Gerry Goodfellow - Can we see larger plans? Hamish explained that these are very rough at the moment and the committee will share plans, after the 1 in 200 flood risk assessment determine what concepts are available.

Question from David Milroy – Can we circulate the brief? Hamish stated that the draft brief and technical specifications will be circulated with the 1 in 200 flood risk assessment, once complete, for discussion. That this would then be finalised to 1-3 designs to be put forward for a costing. That once the costing had been completed that members would be asked at either an AGM or EGM to determine the final design to be taken forward in raising funds.

Question from Charles Willoughby - Will moorings be inspected this year? Hamish stated that the committee had down to inspect two club moorings this year.

Question from Mike Lewis - Does the committee expect members who doing 'kindred sports' to do duties in line with sailing members? Hamish confirmed that all club members are expected to part-take in duties that are within their level competence.

Attendee Report

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Host Details

Attended

Panellists

Yes

Hamish Dobbie

Yes

David McKenzie

Yes

Sarah Bangham

Yes

Julie Dickson

Attendee Details

Attended

First Name

Last Name

Yes

Chris & Viv

Blake

Yes

Lily

Caunt

Yes

Bob

O'Donnell

Yes

Nick

Jupp

Yes

Bill

Reith

Yes

Ken

Allinson

Yes

Nic

Odling

Yes

Ian

Price

Yes

Kenneth

McLeod

Yes

Sally

Caunt

Yes

Mark

Jones

Yes

Mhorag

Heger

Yes

Emily

Collin

Yes

Mark

Newsam

Yes

Stewart

Wilson

Yes

Richard

Heaton

Yes

Iain

Millar

Yes

David

Howat

Yes

Duncan

Willoughby

Yes

Alasdair

Dickson

Yes

Anne

Campbell

Yes

Keith

Thomas

Yes

Ian

Brown

Yes

Charles

Willoughby

Yes

Ian

Malcolm

Yes

Mike

Lewis

Yes

Neil

Wood

Yes

Rory

Jackson

Yes

Ian

Stark

Yes

Roger

Willoughby

Yes

Graham

Dobbie

Yes

David

Milroy

Yes

Christopher

Moffat

Yes

Emma

Jones

Yes

Clare

Millar

Yes

Stella

Livingstone

Yes

David (Senior)

Milroy

Yes	Geraint	Goodfellow
Yes	Chris	Mason
Yes	James	Boyd
No	Kate	Odling
No	Katie	Masterson
No	Ruth	Vaughan
No	Rhoda	McPherson
No	Chris	Swaffield
No	Rainer	Heger
No	Maggie	Ellis
No	Charles	Morrish
Yes	Shona and David	Redpath
Yes	Rachel	Jackson

# Commodores Report AGM 2021

Despite the pandemic the club did thrive in a different way. Sadly, racing was out, but social sailing and training did take place. I would like to reflect on the successes despite the challenges.

Once the club was adapted to social distancing rules and appropriate hygiene standards, many members got into a new routine of social sailing. The weather for most of the season was kind - allowing us to make the most of the club grounds rather than the club house.

## Club Operations

Work on club maintenance was reduced in 2020, but essentials were still achieved. The pandemic saw a huge increase in the public seeking to escape from the confines of lockdown and considerable effort had to go into managing public access. However, small items were still achieved with Ian Stark repairing the hot water boiler, Alistair Dickson arranging hard core and Sally coordinating general upkeep.

Julie Dickson, the Treasurer, secured a grant from Scottish Borders Council which paid for implementing pandemic safety changes and helped cover revenue loss from seasonal events.

Thank you to you all.

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## Club website

Thanks to Iain Miller and David McKenzie - the club website was revamped in 2020 allowing improved communication and permission-based access to resources.

A special thank you to Gail Miller who created training videos for Sailwave. When we restart racing – Race Officers can now easily refresh their knowledge on software use before their duty.

Thank you also to the contributors of articles on sailing adventures – if you have a story to share or can create new content for the website please contact me.

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## Antique Mirror Sailors Association

A special mention must go to Doc Brown, Captain of the Mirror Fleet, who organised what he called the “Antique Mirror Sailors Association” although I am sure Lasers and Enterprises were part of this group too. None the less a core group of 5 sailors regularly took part in social distance sailing during the week leaving the weekends for families to escape from urban confines.

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## Kids Camp

Kids Camp is a long tradition and one of the main highlights of the season for many members, which includes instructors, adults and kids.

So, I am delighted that we achieved a shorter camp in August. Social distancing restrictions meant that only juniors at a competent sailing standard could participate as they needed to

be able to get the boats in and out the water and right a capsized boat. Hopefully, this year all junior sailors can participate.

A special thanks must go to Ian Malcom, Roger, Duncan and Ian Willoughby and Piers and William Dobbie who acted as instructors at very short notice. I would also like to thank all the volunteers who made it happen in a safe environment.

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### RYA training

As restrictions lifted slightly the club hosted several RYA training sessions that included:

- 1) Back on the water sessions for Oppies and Toppers in September.
- 2) Topper and Laser Academies in October.

Our junior club participants included: 1 oppie, 13 toppers and 3 laser sailors. Conditions were often gusty which challenged some of our topper sailors, but it was super to see everyone getting out there with plenty of enthusiasm. Many who were able to witness the progress of junior members have commented to me on what an enormous improvement they witnessed. So, when racing does resume be prepared for a strong challenge from our youth squad.

A special thanks must go the Vice Commodore, Rachel Jackson, who organised these events with RYA Scotland's Performance Officer Kate Pounder and instructor Lewis Smith. Having established this relationship, we hope to repeat it in 2021.

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### Instructors and Training

Adrian Johnson, our Centre Principal as an RYA training establishment, work hard to complete our annual RYA inspection despite challenges the pandemic made in the assessment. Which means we are ready for training in 2021. Adam Polnay completed the RYA First Aid instructors' course which will help members keep their safety certificates up to date. Mark Jones completed his RYA Power Boat instructor course which will help the club run more power boat courses for members to become qualified in using the club safety boats and assist with duties. An enormous well done to Adrian, Adam and Mark.

So, sadly no racing or dinner dance, but plenty to cheer about.

### Thank you

At this point I would like to say a huge tank you to 2 specific people. First, Sally Caunt who is stepping down from the role of Estate Management and will be replaced by Ian Stark. Sally has worked tirelessly over several years to help maintain club grounds and improve the club house. Her work leaves the club in a strong position with all the major tree work now nearly complete and initial design concepts for a project to build new changing room facilities started – which I will cover later. Thank you Sally.

Secondly Adrian Johnson who is stepping down as Centre Principal and is being replaced by Mark Jones. Centre Principal is an essential role in the club being able to run training courses for members and carries enormous responsibility and accountability. It is not a role

in the limelight and often gets overlooked. Adrian has ensured that the club has achieved a good track record in our inspections, and we are hugely grateful.

### Looking forward

We will open the club in 2021 and maintain our community to give members a place at to recharge. The First Minister's announcement this week, whilst being positive in some respects, was also disappointing as it suggests the 2021 season will start late.

Based on the current government road map, it would seem that the club can open in late April. However, depending on the tier system some members may still not be able to travel to the club until May or June. What would seem clear - is that it should be possible to hold events and racing from July to September.

Therefore, it would seem sensible to focus on social sailing as we start the season and progress from there.

My focus in 2021 is to find a way or make a way for training camps, race events and the Diamond Jubilee celebrations to happen safely in the second half of the season.

Pandemic restrictions are likely to remain, in some form, until the end of the year – but we can seek ways to keep people safe whilst continuing to ensure the club thrives as best it can in the circumstance. Let us make this year's Diamond Jubilee and Dinner Dance an extra special celebration of our community.

### Honorary Member

Finally, I would like to celebrate a special announcement which is that the committee has made Lorry an Honorary Member for his dedication and tireless energy in promoting sailing and his selfless efforts in encouraging new sailors and members.

Lorry is always available to lend a helping hand and is the go-to support for advice on boat maintenance. Jim Boyd visited Lorry at his home on Monday to present him with a certificate of appreciation and a club tie to mark his Honorary Membership – as you can see he dressed for the occasion.

As you can see, he is nearing completion of the restoration of a 40 year old Enterprise that he rescued from the beach at Tynemouth and appears to be his traditional yellow.

Congratulations Lorry.

# Club Management

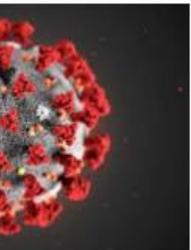
- Public access during the pandemic
- Continued maintenance of woodland
- Repair of potholes
- Minor repairs in the club house
- Club sailing fleet
- Loss of revenue





# St. Mary's Loch Sailing

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## Coronavirus COVID-19

The club is now closed for the winter. We'll post updated Covid-related information here before the start of the 2021 season.

[Latest Guidance](#), updated 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

's drive from Edinburgh, the club offers members a safe sailing experience in one of Scotland's most  
tions. The large patch of water is used for racing, cruising, pottering or simply 'messaging about in



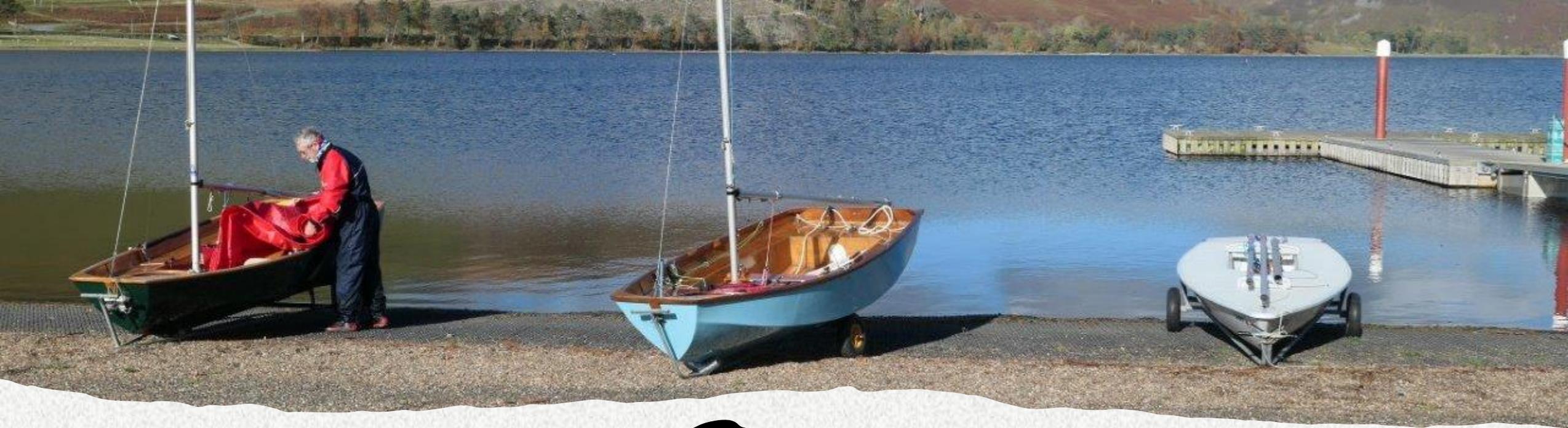
## Club Website

- Improved communication
- Online training
- Shared articles
- Permission access

### Email

You can choose to be notified by email when new content is added to the website.

Your email:



# Antique Mirror Sailors Association

5 members regularly meet for  
socially distance sail every week.

# August Camp 2020

Covid Precautions

13 Junior sailors

6 Instructors

4 Days





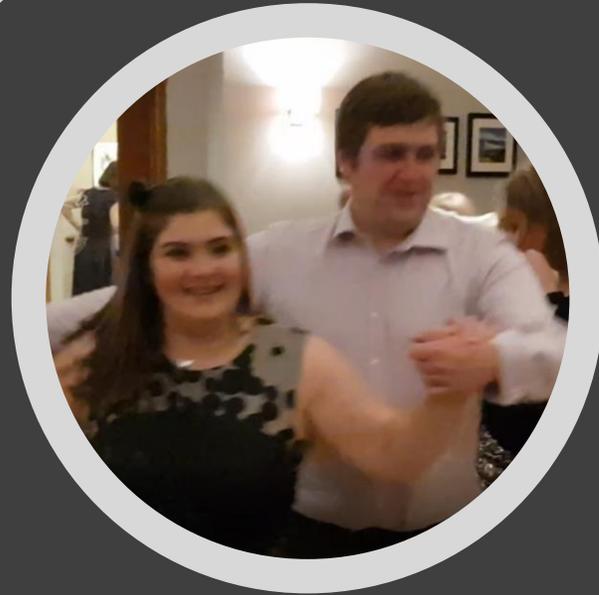
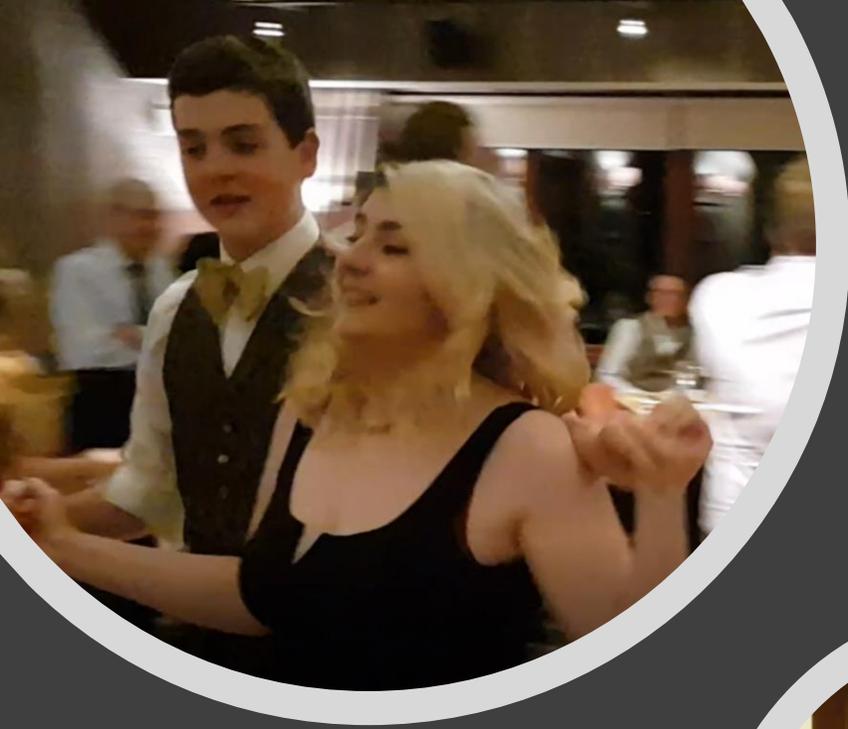
# RYA Scotland Training 2020

1. Back on the water sessions for Oppies and Toppers in September.
2. Topper and Laser Academies in October.



# Instructors & Training

- Adrian Johnson – RYA annual inspection
- Adam Polnay – First Aid Instructor
- Mark Jones – Power Boat Instructor



## 2021 - Find a Way or Make a Way

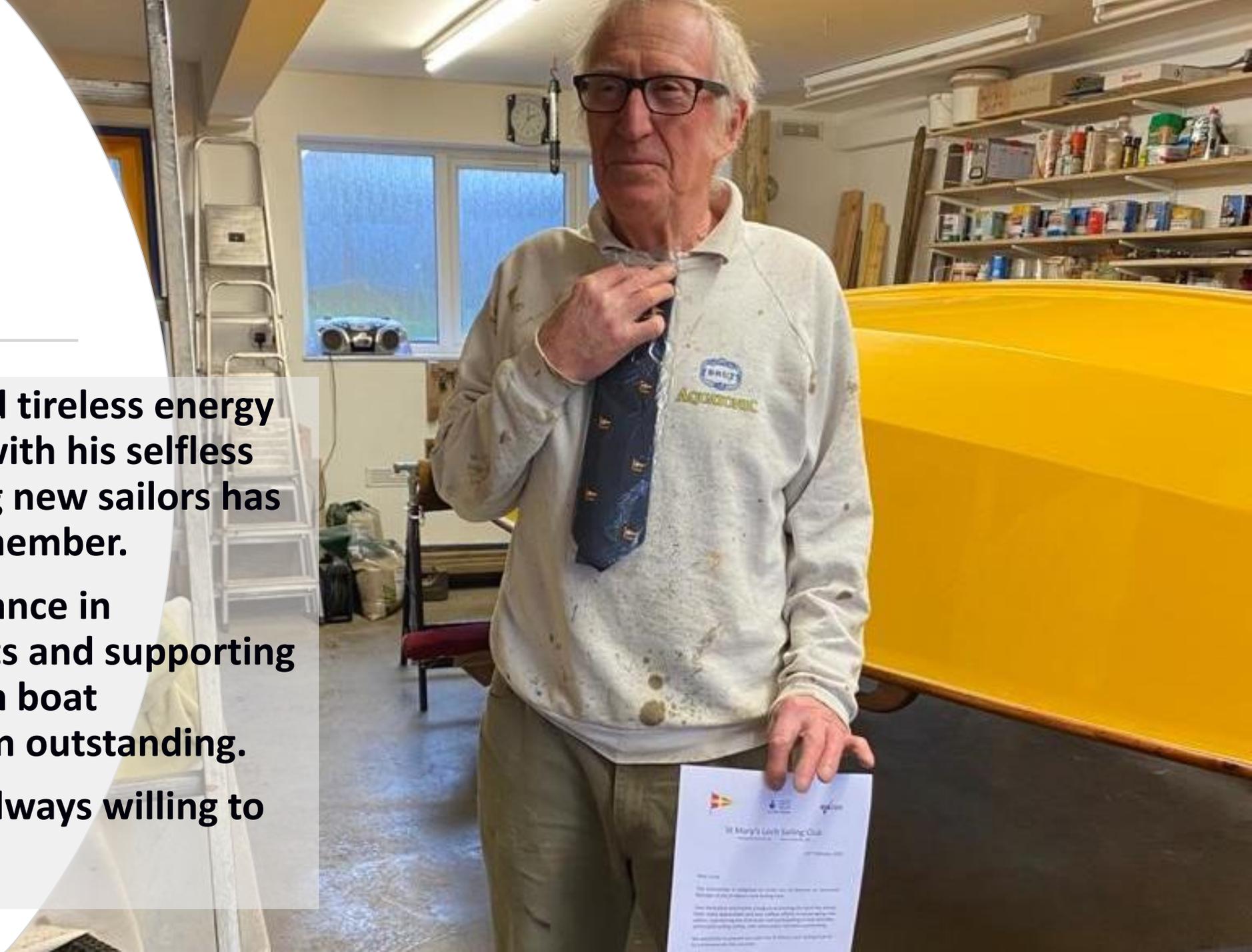
- Keep people safe
- Return to social sailing
- Restart racing
- Celebrate our community
- Recharge at the loch

# Honorary Member

Lorry's dedication and tireless energy in promoting sailing with his selfless efforts in encouraging new sailors has encouraged many a member.

In addition, his assistance in maintaining club boats and supporting members in their own boat maintenance has been outstanding.

Lorry, thank you for always willing to give a helping hand.



St Mary's Loch Sailing Club			
1 Dec 2019 - 30 Nov 2020			
Transaction Details	Income	Expenditure	
2019 Kids Camp			£183.64
2020 Kids Camp Refresher	£715.00		£619.93
Bank charges			£114.28
Bank interest	£6.09		
Boat hire income	£164.01		
Camping fees	£173.80		
Caravan	£1,560.00		
Club sundries	£246.00		£198.00
Computer / web expenses			£608.94
Donations	£10,050.00		
Electricity			£629.00
Estates - consumables			£176.63
Estates - general maintenance			£790.42
Estates - improvements			
Estates - water			£166.76
Fuel			£115.34
Insurance			£4,376.52
Membership new	£1,500.00		
Membership renewal	£11,615.00		
Power boats			
Subscriptions			£260.00
Training	£60.00		£970.65
Covid-19/haberdashery			£993.68
Membership refunds/keys etc.			£25.00
Totals	£26,089.90		£10,228.79

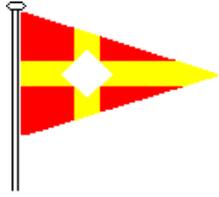
St Mary's Loch Sailing Club			
Income and Expenditure to 30 Nov 2020			
Income	£26,089.90	Expenditure	£10,228.79
Balance	£26,089.90	Surplus/(Deficit)	£15,861.11
			£26,089.90
<b>Balances at 30/11/2020</b>			
Special Account (actual bank balance)	£54,128.48	Balance B/Fwd	£43,076.93
Key Account	£5,461.90	* Bluebell acct (note below)	£637.95
Cash in Hand	£0.00	Invoice due (paid 03/01/2021)	£14.39
		Surplus	£15,861.11
	£59,590.38		£59,590.38

\* Funds held from Closed account in name of Scottish Enterprise Bluebell Association until new account can be opened.

HUNTLYWOOD 22ND JANUARY 2021

I have examined the books of St Mary's Loch Sailing Club and have found them correct according to the vouchers and explanations given to me.

S Redpath



# St Mary's Loch Sailing Club

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## Club Subscriptions

### 2021 Subscriptions

- **Sailing Individual** Member £85
- Family Membership £130
- Cadet Member £20
- Student Member £20
- **Non Sailing Friend** Member £20
- New member joining fee £25
- Key deposit £25
- Caravan pitch £130

# Approved Changes to Club Rules

## Section 4 ENTRANCE FEE AND SUBSCRIPTION

The annual subscriptions and entrance fee where applicable shall be fixed yearly at the Annual General Meeting.

- A. The membership shall fall into the following categories:- Individual Members, Family Members, Student Members, Cadet Members and Friend Members.
- B. An Individual Member shall be any person over the age of 18 years who takes part in Sailing and Kindred Sports and who does not qualify as a Student Member.
- C. A Cadet Member shall be any person over the age of 7 years and under the age of 18 years. A Cadet Member when using the club facilities must be accompanied by a family member, or guardian, responsible for their welfare who is either an Individual Member or Friend Member.
- D. A Student Member shall be any person over the age of 18 years and under the age of 25 years who is studying full time at University, Technical College or any other educational establishment.
- E. A Family Membership shall be available to an adult couple where both wish to sail and undertake kindred sports, and to their children under the age of 18 years.
- F. A Friend Member shall be any person over the age of 18 years who is the partner of an Individual Member and / or is a former Individual Member who wish to use the clubhouse facilities to socialise with other members or support Cadet Members. Friend Members cannot use the club facilities for Sailing and Kindred Sports. Friend Members cannot use the club grounds for overnight camping unless accompanied by an Individual Member or Cadet Member.
- G. Any Member who has not paid a subscription by the first day of April shall be requested, by the honorary treasurer, to pay the same within 14 days and if his subscription is not paid by the 30<sup>th</sup> April his name shall be removed from the list of members by the management committee. A member's name may be restored at the discretion of the committee.
- H. The annual subscription shall cover the year from 1<sup>st</sup> March until 28<sup>th</sup> February. Individual and family members joining during the year will be entitled to reduction in their annual subscription as may be agreed at the annual general meeting.
- I. No member shall in any year be entitled to exercise any rights or privileges of membership until subscription for that year and all arrears (if any) are paid.