

First off as I mentioned last week, we intend to install the **new flag pole** next Tuesday 8th, meeting at 1030. It will be delivered to Caernarfon Sailing Club and we need a few folk - say 6 - to carry it down to the Club. We will then attach the gaff etc , lift it vertical and up on to the barbican. It weighs in at about 50kg so it should not be too onerous. Plenty of rope will be available to ensure a safe lift. We only need a couple more pairs of safe hands and we should be good to go. If you can come and haven't already been in contact, give Tom a call on 07831 805742. Thanks.

Next, thinking ahead, we need an idea of how many boats are considering joining the **Summer Cruise to Scotland** starting Friday May 20th and lasting about 3 weeks. There are a number of reasons to start planning this early. Firstly, the Royal North of Ireland Yacht Club, just up from Bangor marina in Belfast loch, are prepared to host us for a meal on our way north. This I'm sure would be a great occasion but before taking matters any further we need a rough idea of numbers. The next reason is that we want to plan the cruise to suit the needs of our members in order to encourage as many as possible to take part. This needs discussion about the options but if you are considering joining us rest assured that we will only be moving in reasonable weather windows, using sheltered anchorages, day sailing only and adopting a flexible approach with destinations rather than a fixed timetable. If you're interested please email Tom vicecommodore@royal-welsh.com and we will arrange a get together.

Week 2

February 14th
From our Commodore
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Actually, not from the Commodore because we're on holiday but still on email if required.

From our Vice Commodore - 'We Have a New Flagpole'

A new flagpole was installed on Tuesday 8 February by a team of club members. Harrison's Flagpoles, Newton Aycliffe made the 12 m high, white coloured glassfibre flagpole and gaff. After much careful measurement Eric Crowther made the supporting base plate and intermediate brackets. The weight of the pole was supposed to be 50 kg (but felt a lot more) and encouraged by Chris 'we can do that' we decided to save the £1500 quid installation fee and do it ourselves. With cunning climbing knots and steadying guys and much 1 and 2 and 3 lift lads !! We moved it slowly from the prom to the roof of the gate house, on to its base and into the brackets with Chris 'we can do that' looking down on Mr Fixit Eric. The finished job with a very relieved project manager !!A big thank you to the team :

Eric and Jane Crowther

Dave Smith

Clive Hancock

John Hughes

Chris Jones 'we can do that'

Jan and Tom Edge

It was good to see club members working together and over coming problems and above all else having fun in the process. Just need to order a new ensign and burgee now!!



Week 3

Here's hoping that everyone survived the recent stormy weather without significant loss, damage or inconvenience. Many thanks to Mike, Sarah, Chris, Dawn and others who turned out to check on the Celtics and particularly those in the PDSC carpark. Although we're in France, we checked the Victoria Dock webcams which showed the unusual tidal height, which was pretty much level with the dock outer wall. This does raise the questions as to what further flood / storm defences might be required if tidal heights rise still further. Fortunately the wind on this occasion did not appear to result in a serious tidal surge within the marina and experience has shown us these can be extremely destructive. We might not get away so lightly next time - food for thought for CHT and Gwynedd Council.