

From your vice commodore

An excellent live music evening was hosted at the Club on Thursday and was enjoyed by about 30 members and guests.

The event was the launch of new album : 'A selection of Old Welsh Ballads' performed by ;

Gwilym Bowen Rhys - vocals , guitar and mandolin

Gwen Mairi- harp

Patrick Rimes- fiddle

It was so nice to watch a live performance after such a long time.

Many thanks to Graeme for organising the event.

Calling all Westerly Owners

The WOA North Wales are holding a lunch at the Club on 2 April, 1230 for 1300.

The menu is Vegetarian Lasagna or Chicken in a tarragon white wine source : pudding or cheese

Cost £15 including a first drink from the bar.

To book please contact: vicecommodore@royal-welsh.com

St David's Day Dinner

Following on from the success of the Burns Night dinner ,a small, but select group, enjoyed a lively St Davids Day celebration dinner on Saturday evening, expertly prepared and served by Tony and Billy.

A big thank you to Mo and JJ for sorting the tables and floral decorations.

Week 2

### **RWYC Royal Patronage**

I am delighted to inform members that, on return from holiday, I found a letter from Clarence House informing me that "The Prince of Wales is delighted to accept your very kind invitation to take on the Patronage of the Royal Welsh Yacht Club in succession to The Duke of Edinburgh for an initial five year term from March 2022'. This is very good news for the Club, particularly in our 175th Anniversary year, in that the history of our Royal Patronage now remains unbroken since 1859. The only regret is that the decision came too late for inclusion in the current yearbook, however it will feature in our Club day page for the 2022 Menai Strait Regattas Programme.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh will be held at Westminster Abbey on Tuesday 29th March at 11.30 a.m and our Club President Mr J Neville Roberts has agreed to attend on our behalf.

### **Rowing Matters**

First of all congratulation to Sarah for completing her Session Coach Qualification down in New Quay and for securing an £850 grant from Welsh Rowing for VHF funding, taster days (catering and safety boat fuel), a new VHF and 2 months rent for the Celtic kept at PDSC. Thanks Outdoor Partnership for the support. There will be another Coaching Course held in the North, names to SR please. One more step in supporting our very successful and enthusiastic rowing section. Brian has repaired Uther and a team moved him to Doc Fictoria. (Thanks for keeping him safe Malcolm) . A taster session was held in PDSC which helps to forge stronger links. Another session will be planned soon as there's a lot of interest.

The boats in Doc bailed out and secured during the storms ( thanks Mike H) . A new trolley has been made and utilised. (thanks Brian and Keith).

**First Aid course** passed by: MW, SR, BR, ED and K J. Thanks Outdoor Partnership for support and Royal Anglesey Yacht Club and trainer Trig. Let Sarah know if you'd like to renew your First Aid - another course will be run soon.

### **VHF Operators Course - Friday March 18th 0900 - 1800 at RAYC**

There are still two places available on the above course for any rower or sailor who needs to get this qualification. The subsidised cost is £100 per person but once complete the qualification is for life. Please let Sarah know **asap** if you are interested.

### **Round Britain ands Ireland Race**

Elin Jones (19), daughter of Club member Chris H. Jones - Contessa 32 White Knight of Purbeck - is hoping to compete in the Royal Western Yacht Club's "Round Britain and Ireland 2 Handed Race" starting in June.

This 2000 mile race which starts in Plymouth is a combination of competitive sailing with 48 hour stop overs in Galway, Lerwick and Blyth before returning to Plymouth. The course, around all the islands of Britain and Ireland except the Channel Islands and Rockall, can be a severe test of navigation and seamanship in the heavy weather that is often experienced. By contrast the hospitality shown by the host Yacht Clubs and communities in the four stopover ports, in which the competitors must spend at least 48 hours, can be much more enjoyable and often just as exhausting.

Elin has teamed up with her friend Lou Boorman from Pembroke. The girls met through Welsh and GBR Topper Squads, Lou is now 20 and a commercially endorsed Offshore Yachtmaster.

By competing this year, they will be breaking the record set in 1988 for youngest skipper to ever compete in the race and together they will be the youngest female duo to ever compete. But first they have to complete their 300nm qualifying passage for which we wish them every good fortune and fair winds.

If you want to find out more see their website <https://www.landeoffshore.com/>

We hope that the girls will send us updates for the weekly bulletin from stop over points and we will be able to track their progress on the RWYC Marine map on the website.

March 28th

From our Commodore

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Another busy week with lots of information to share - so please read on.

First some sad news from Sarah - our Rowing Secretary. It's with great sadness that I hear of the passing of Sally Williams. She always brought an enthusiasm and love of rowing with her and, as her fellow rowers remember her, was a beautiful soul and a joy to be with. Our thoughts are with John and her family at this sad time.

On behalf of the membership I would also like to add my condolences to Sally's friends and family at this difficult time.

Incorporation. As I mentioned last week the Management Committee are looking at the pros and cons of Incorporating the Club into a Company Limited by Guarantee. Many other similar clubs have followed this route in order to protect the liability of their members in recent years. However, we have to look in detail at whether or not this would be appropriate for the RWYC - hence the debate. I have attached the minutes of last week's meeting which was devoted to this matter. If you have any useful suggestions as to the way forward please don't hesitate to let me know. The next update will follow our scheduled Management Committee meeting on April 21st.