



Westerly Owners' Association

SOUTH WEST GROUP POST AGM NEWS AND UPDATES 2011

Hello WOA SW members

I am writing this from the visitor's pontoon at Dartmouth although I expect by now many of you are all thinking about the winter laying up and all the jobs that will need doing before next season. If you are like us, you may be staying in the water for a while longer.

You may or may not have made it to the AGM, have already paid your subs, filled in the forms for the Christmas lunch and the fitting out weekend. If you have done all this please don't bin or delete the rest of this newsletter as there may still be bits of information which apply to you.

Gillian Davies would love to hear from you soon if you are coming to the Christmas lunch at the Lord Haldon as she will have to give numbers to them by 18th November. If you have lost your form email me for another copy at woa@shevioc.plus.com or Gillian Davies at g.davies.924@btinternet.com

I know it seems to be a long way in advance (February) but the fitting out weekend is fully booked. However if you would like to go on a reserve waiting list please contact Gillian Davies at g.davies.924@btinternet.com

I would appreciate any outstanding registration fees (due at the AGM) as soon as possible so I can update the members list. If you have lost your form I can supply a new one.

Now to some other important bits:

- The AGM went well and the committee were re-elected en bloc, apart from Andy Truscott (vice chairman & national representative) and John Levis (treasurer) who both resigned. Elected to the committee were Ian Johnstone (treasurer) and Phil Loynes (national representative).
- There were several comments made about the updated rules of the SW group about quorum numbers and the days for resolutions and notice of AGM being the wrong way round. The rules were accepted as they are but these changes will be inserted and re-presented to the national committee for approval before being voted on at our next AGM in 2012
- The issue of welcoming new Westerly owners to rallies who are not already members (which we want to encourage) will be looked into regarding any insurance issues. WOA state 'It is the responsibility of **the member who invites**: 1) non member boats as guests 2) guests and crew on their own boat to ensure that they are aware that they take part in WOA events entirely at their own risk. They indemnify WOA and those organizing or helping to organize events from death, injury, loss or damage to themselves, family, crew, guests or vessel.' The sponsoring member must draw their attention to these limitations before the event at the time of invitation.
- It was proposed that we compiled a list of members who would be willing and able to help other members repatriate their boats after accident or illness. We are happy to do this but it must be emphasized that we will only facilitate linking up members and not be responsible for their competence and any other problems that might arise. I am happy to collect contact details of anyone willing to offer their services. If you are willing to have your name on a list perhaps you could complete the form at the end of this letter. I will then email this out to members on request.

- After the AGM Bernard Clarke (WOA Commodore) spoke about the purpose, role and responsibility of the association committee and the commodore and flag officers. We are the largest boat owners association and very successful with good PR, web site activity up and 3099 members on October 1st. He felt it was important to encourage and support the area groups and continue to have a presence at boat shows.
- The suggestion that, in the afternoon of the AGM, we drew on the knowledge and expertise of the members to give short talks on something of interest was thoroughly enjoyed by all. There were three excellent presentations. Karen Melling recapped on her talk last year and managed to complete her fascinating description of her first Atlantic crossing. After tea Barbara Box used slides to explain about the Jubilee Sailing Trust and the committee have decided to make them our nautical charity for the raffle at the Christmas lunch. Dr Jessica Marshall gave an interesting talk on First Aid at Sea and the RYA course she runs. She concentrated on cold water shock and drowning and heart attacks. We would like to thank George Curnow for organizing these talks but as there were no other offers from members this year, next year we will revert to technical talks by companies or something different – watch this space!
- The committee have put together a proposed programme of events which can be found at the end of this letter. This year we have been directed to ensure you put your WOA membership number on all rally/meet afloat or shore based event forms which you return to us so please make sure you have it to hand.
- After the success of last years winter walk it will be repeated but at a different venue, probably coastal rather than moors this time.
- Don't forget the photo competition at the Christmas meal. There will also be a raffle for a nautical charity – the Jubilee Sailing Trust.
- Some members asked for a provisional programme after the AGM. I emphasize that it is early days and dates might change before the programme goes out in January
- 1. January 28th 2012 - National AGM at the National Lifeboat College, Poole.
- 2. February 24th/25th – Fitting out weekend at Sidmouth organized by Gillian Davies
- 3. March 24th – Coastal walk around Slapton Ley with pub lunch at Torcross organized by Chris Taylor
- 4. May 5th – 7th – Rally to Brixham organized by Chris Strang
- 5. May 26th – 28th -Rally to Falmouth with opportunity to continue to Scilly or France in your own time organized by George Curnow
- 6. June 29th- 30th -Rally to Exe organized by Andrew Turnbull
- 7. July 27th – 29th – Fowey Rally organized by Barbara Box
- 8. September 15th/16th - Meet afloat to Salcombe with creek crawling organized by Chris Taylor
- 9. October 13th – AGM at Royal Western Yacht Club Plymouth
- 10. December 1st - Christmas lunch – venue TBA.

If you decide to go on a rally and are contacting the organizer by email please put their details into your contacts list so their messages to you don't go into junk. Similarly my email address should also be in your contacts.

Good luck with all those winter jobs and I hope to see you on the water next year

Cheers
Sally

SW Member Assistance

If you are willing to offer assistance to other SW members please complete your details below.

Please note that we take no responsibility for this service and are only facilitating communication.

Please send completed form to woa@sheviock.plus.com or
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Name _____

WOA Membership number _____

Home Tel _____

Mob Tel _____

Email _____

Boat type and where based

Any specific skills/ experience
