

# Venews



LOCH VENACHAR SAILING CLUB

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## Commodore's Column

With only a few weeks of this sailing season left, thoughts turn to the AGM, prizegiving and next year's programme.

I am delighted to report that we had a very good "Strategic Review" meeting early in September with some 30 members turning out to discuss the future direction of club activities. The meeting broadly endorsed what we are doing at present, in terms of training and coaching, and made some really valuable suggestions for improvements to the race programme. Some of these suggestions should also help to boost the social side of the club's activities. We will try to include many of these ideas for next year. Many thanks to all who turned out to the meeting.

Elsewhere in this Venews, Greg has detailed a change to the club's management committee structure which we propose to pilot for next season. This is something

that I've been suggesting for a number of years and finally, with Greg's support and enthusiasm, get a chance to try out ! If the pilot is successful, we plan to make the necessary changes to the club's constitution next year for approval at the 2012 AGM, if not we will either fine tune the structure and pilot again, or revert to the status quo. The intention is to make committee meetings fewer and quicker, dealing with specialist areas of work. The worst is that committee members end up going to more meetings !

Enjoy the last few weeks of the season and I hope to see you at the AGM.

*Alex*



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# Sailing Secretary's Column

Hi Folks

I am sure you are all enjoying the (still) subtle changes of Autumn and realizing that the end of another racing season is fast approaching. It always sneaks up on me, I spend months expecting Summer and then its Autumn, ho hum.

But before we all curl up at the back of the cave, dreaming of the Fat Man, things need a do`in !!!!!!!



There are races to be run and glory to be had. As usual in Sept. many club trophies are still undecided. If you want your name on it, get out there over the next 6 weekends and make it yours.

Seriously people - it looks like several of our annual trophies may have to go "unawarded this year" due to lack of interest on the water. Despite taking on board the feeling of the membership expressed our at last AGM re the racing programme, little has changed, in fact participation is even weaker this season.

I can inform those interested that on Sun 9th Oct we will be holding a Pursuit Day, to run the programmed Autumn Pursuit plus the Spring and Summer versions that were postponed. I intend to reduce the time of each of these races to 30mins to allow all three to be run. As the Sat Series Trophy 1-4 races were not run due to lack of competitors, we will award the trophy on the basis of races 5-8, Sat 1st Oct. I constantly hear members asking for an easy unpressurised/intimidating entry level of racing - well this is it, reading the handbook makes these things clear. If you doubt me, ask anyone who has partaken of the Wed series over the last few years.

My first and final DEMAND on all you good people, is to remind you all to POLISH and RETURN any Club Trophies you may have on your sideboard, by end Sept. But please do not return any "keepers", as seems to happen every year. The trophies need to be back in my hands in time to allow for engraving for the new recipients on prizegiving in Nov.

Trophies returned damaged, or just clarty, will incur a financial penalty on membership renewal. Sorry guys but you have no idea the liberties some folks take.

Now I have been the grump, please enjoy the rest of Venews.

*Keith Wilson*

# Training Center

## Training Dates:

The next Powerboat Course is on November 12/13<sup>th</sup>. This course is almost full so if you want a place please book now, if you have not already done so.

Also the postponed Seamanship will take place the same weekend and again if you want a place book as soon as possible.

The issues that some of you have experienced with the online booking system have been resolved so you should be able to book online at [Venachar.f2s.com/bookings](http://Venachar.f2s.com/bookings).



We are also taking bookings for next year's courses with Adult Basic Courses (Level1/2) in May/ June. If we have the demand, we will run more than one, so please book now so we can make our plans

## CLUB WEBSITE

Following some complaints that members have not been receiving emails from the club, we have made further changes to the code that sends the email. It seems that it is those members who have more than one email address.

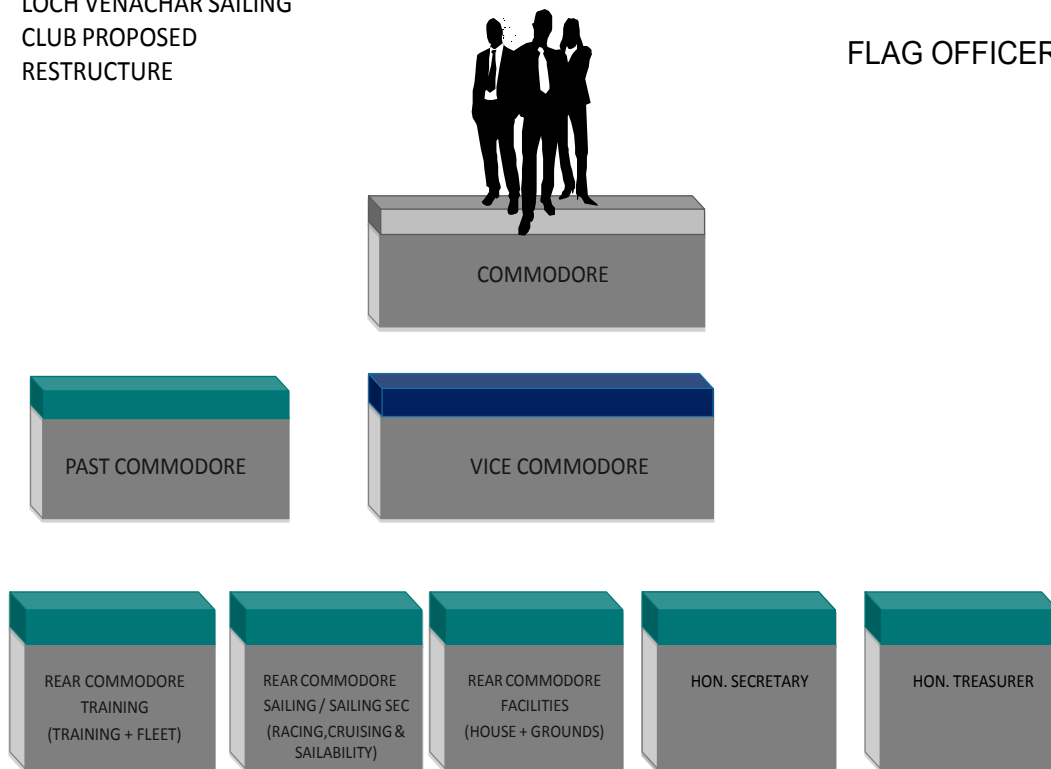
An email was sent out on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August, so I hope everyone who received that. If not please contact [ian@venachar.org.uk](mailto:ian@venachar.org.uk) with your up-to-date email address(es).



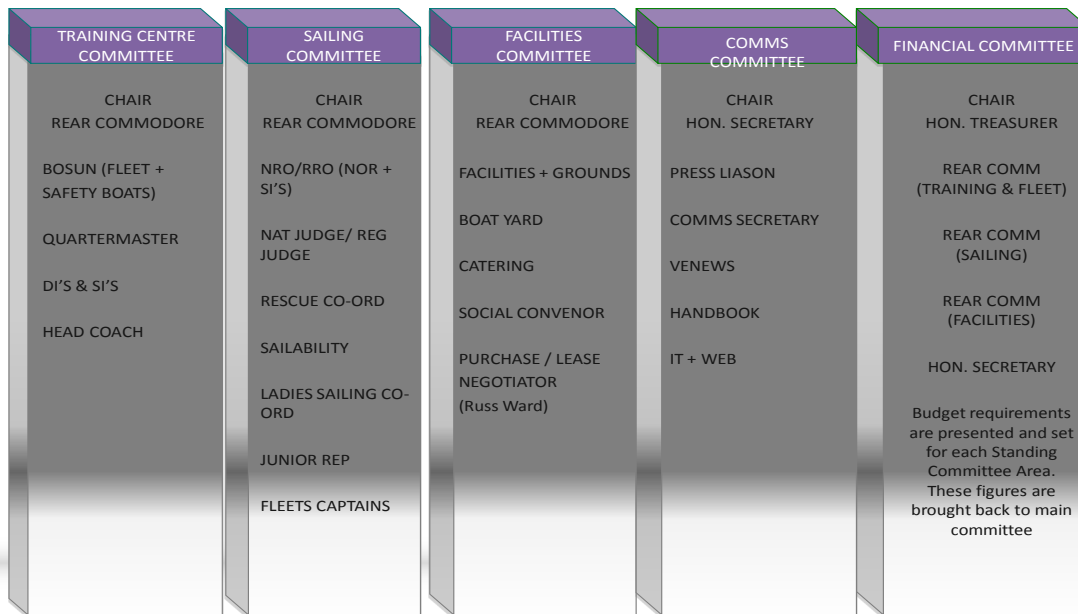
Ian Young

LOCH VENACHAR SAILING CLUB PROPOSED RESTRUCTURE

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GENERAL + STANDING COMMITTEES



Ladies & Gents

At the beginning of the this year Alex and I had a meeting to discuss the coming season. Amongst various matters was how we could make the committee more effective & efficient. With that in mind I decided to see how I could restructure the LVSC Committee. I have completed the re-structure and attached it for you information. This structure has been accepted by the Committee and it is our intention to deal with the various Constitutional changes in the new year. These will then be circulated to the membership in good time for acceptance at next years AGM. The operational workings of the Committee will be shifted to and dealt with by the Standing Committees headed by the Rear Commodores, Hon Secretary. Budgetary requirements are presented & set at the Financial Committee Meeting headed by the Hon Treasurer then returned to main Committee Meeting for "rubber stamping". The Commodore, Vice Comm, Rear Comm's, Hon Secretary & Hon Treasurer will form a strategic team & concentrate on strategic matters rather than the operational. The Club land purchase / lease renewal negotiations will be headed up by Russ Ward & assisted by the Strategic team. The impact of the restructure on the constitution follows by Ian Young.

**Greg Shaw**  
Vice Commodore

## IMPACT OF NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE ON CONSTITUTION

The proposed new management committee structure will require some changes to the current constitution. In response to a request by the Commodore, this paper sets out those clauses which would require alteration. The clauses will not be rewritten at this stage as this will be done at the appropriate time.

I shall list the affected clauses as they appear in the constitution:

### **Officers**

Clause 4. **Officers of the club** This will need to be changed to reflect the introduction of a Past Commodore, increased number of Rear Commodores and the renaming of the Sailing Secretary.

Clause 7. **The Sailing Secretary** would have to be renamed.

Each Rear Commodore position would require an outline of responsibility as per other Officers which would require additional clauses and subsequent renumbering of constitution.

### **The Committee**

Clause 32: Changes will be required to set out, the composition of the working committee

Clause 33,34,35,36,37 and 38 redundant.

Clause 39. Number of meetings and changes to who chairs the meeting.

Clause 40: Quorum?

### **Powers etc**

An additional clause which sets out that the management committee will run the affairs of the club through sub-committees - probably after clause 42.

Clause 44: Slight rewording to reflect new structure.

***Ian Young***

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