

## **South West Branch, Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting**

The 2009 AGM of the South West Branch of the Moody Owners Association was held at the Battleborough Grange Hotel, Brent Knoll, Somerset, at 18.00 on 22nd January 2010.

### **Present.**

Keith and Moira Allsford, Terry and Irma Ansell, Keith and Celia Bater, Dennis Barber, Richard and Wendy Beckett, Mark and Dee Cornish, John and Wendy Culley, Frank and Frankie Francis, Peter and Cynthia Griffiths, Richard and Brenda Hodder, Paul and Ann Kennedy, John and Lesley Oldham, Peter Satchel and Linda Pickover, David and Carol Somers, Graham and Diana Wills.

Special Guests: Neil and Bron Eccles.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Many members sent apologies for being unable to attend and are on record, but there were too many to list here.

### **Minutes of the 2008 AGM**

The minutes of the 2008 AGM, held at the Battleborough Grange Hotel on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2008, were approved without amendment. Proposed, Richard Beckett, seconded Dennis Barber, carried unanimously.

### **Captain's Report**

The Branch Captain, Paul Kennedy, gave his report on the year's activities. Four MOA events had been planned, the first two in association with the Mylor Yacht Club. The rally to the Scilly Isles had been badly affected by the weather and a number of boats, including the Captain's, had set out but failed to make the rendezvous. The next Rally, also in conjunction with Mylor, was to Plymouth for the City's National Firework Competition. This event was a great success and a number of boats from Falmouth joined up with Plymouth members to enjoy the spectacle. Dennis Barber had arranged for all participants to be guests at the Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club which provided a grandstand view of the fireworks as well as excellent hospitality.

The Captain's rally to St Malo was also badly affected by the weather and a number of members who had intended to join were either deterred from attending or had returned home before the event. However those that did make it enjoyed a pleasant event; secure in the inner harbour under the city walls. The return home provided an exciting sail for all participants!

The final event was the rally to Cardiff, organised by Peter Satchel. Six boats attended and a splendid event was enjoyed by all.

Paul then went on to outline details of the South West Branch membership which, including SW members, the Wales based boats and some associates who are kept in touch with our events, now stands at over 300, an increase of over 30 from last year. He also outlined the results of the survey conducted during the year which confirmed that members were generally content with the programme put in place last year, although it was acknowledged that a delay in publishing the programme had meant some members were unable to attend some events.

### **Secretary's Report**

David Somers had nothing to report and as he was standing down as Secretary to the Branch after five years in the post. Paul Kennedy thanked him for all his work over the period.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Celia Bater referred to the accounts, which had been circulated to members at the meeting. Currently the Branch had an excess of expenditure over income for the year of £262.28 leaving a balance of cash in hand of £535.85. Neil Eccles, the MOA Commodore, advised that a special subvention would be provided for 2010 to cover exceptional Branch expenditure on the MOA 25<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebrations.

Adoption of the accounts was proposed by Richard Hodder and seconded by Peter Satchel and carried unanimously.

### **Election of Officers**

The posts of Captain, Secretary and Treasurer were up for election. There was one nomination for each post.

Captain	Paul Kennedy
Secretary	Richard Hodder
Treasurer	Celia Bater

There being no other nominations it was proposed by David Somers and seconded by Mark Cornish, that the officers be elected en block. The proposition was carried unanimously.

### **2010 Sailing events programme**

Paul Kennedy had circulated a proposed sailing programme for the year in his December Captain's report. This was much along the lines of the previous year's programme, linking up with the Mylor Yacht Club's rallies to the Scilly Isles in (17 – 25 July), and Plymouth National Firework Competition (10 – 15 August) and making the weekend of 14<sup>th</sup> August a Branch's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary weekend with special events to mark the MOA Silver Jubilee.

For the Captain's Rally he had suggested either Guernsey or Jersey with 27- 31 August as possible dates. With regard to a Cardiff event, the Cardiff Marina was holding a special promotional event on 3<sup>rd</sup> July and had invited the Branch to be involved so that it could make this the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event for its Bristol Channel members.

After some discussion, it was agreed that this programme would meet the needs of members with St Peter Port being the preferred destination for the Captain's rally.

## **Feedback from Members on their 2009 activities**

Graham Wills, Chairman of the Burnham Branch of the RNLI, gave a very interesting insight into the activities and structure of the Institution, with a number of amusing and instructive anecdotes.

Peter Griffith, who last year had briefed members on his voyage to Corunna where he laid up for the Winter, continued his story with his exploration of Spain's North West coast as far as Bayona and back through all the beautiful Rias in that part of the world.

Both contributions were very well received.

## **Presentations**

Celia Bater was presented with two Moody whisky glasses for the best sailing article published in Compass magazine, written by a South West Branch member.

Paul Kennedy then presented a bottle of wine and a cheque to David Somers in appreciation of the work he had done as Branch Secretary over the past five years.

Finally, Mark Cornish was presented with two Moody whisky glasses in recognition of his rescue of another yacht that got into difficulties during the season. This is in true tradition of MOA members.

## **Any Other Business**

There being no Other Business the meeting was closed on a vote of thanks to Paul Kennedy for all the excellent hard work he had put in on behalf of the Branch in the past year. This was proposed by Peter Satchel and unanimously adopted by all present.

The meeting closed at 19.50 in order for the Hotel to finalise arrangements for an excellent dinner.

Minutes prepared by Richard Hodder, Branch Secretary, and endorsed by Paul Kennedy, Branch Captain.

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