



Welcome to the December edition of On the Pier.

Annual General Meeting 2020:

The Annual General Meeting was held on 19th November using Zoom. Twenty four members joined the meeting. The minutes of the 2019 AGM were accepted. A report from the Honorary Secretary which included items from the Hon. Sailing Secretary summarised activity in the club during the year. The Hon. Treasurers report provided a detailed breakdown of income and expenditure for the year and of particular note; revenue to the club has been substantially reduced due to the closure of the bar, fewer training courses, cancellation of sailing events and entertainment events and loss of sponsorship and grants. The meeting agreed both reports. Our Auditors were re-appointed.

Alan Dorman had indicated that he wished to retire as President of the club and Curly Morris was elected to take his place. Alan Scot was elected as Vice President.

Before continuing with the election of Officers and Committee Curly remarked that due to the current pandemic sailing in 2021 was more likely to be based around home clubs with fewer competitors travelling. On a brighter note he said that the development of a vaccine should help to bring life back to normal. He then conducted

the election of the Officers and Committee Members and the Sailing Sub-Committee. Those duly elected are:

President	Curly Morris
Vice President	Alan Scott
Commodore	Lucy Whitford
Vice Commodore	Robert Gingles
Rear Commodore	Gavin Doig
Hon. Secretary	Kathryn Boyle
Hon. Treasurer	Steven Kirby
Hon. Sailing Secretary	Richard DOig
Captain	Stephen McKeown
Yard Manager	John Yendall
Committee members	Ryan Brown
	Peter Doig
	Mark Hagans
	Debbie Hanna

Before handing over to Lucy Whitford our incoming Commodore and our third lady Commodore Curly praised Ryan Brown, Kathryn Boyle and Lucy Whitford for the preparation for the meeting and the smooth running of the voting system.

The meeting agreed that membership fees and storage charges should remain unchanged for the 2021/22 season.

There being no further business the meeting was closed.

COVID Team:

In the spirit of the NI Executive Guidelines the club must remain closed and there can be no activity apart from essential checks on boats for the duration of the lockdown.

Please keep an eye out for e-mail updates on the latest government guidelines.

Training:

With Covid restrictions and bad weather we have been severely hampered in getting out for regular training over the last number of months and it doesn't look set to improve this winter. The training committee are focusing on preparing for a more promising 2021 season and we are looking to expand our training and coaching team. We will need Senior Instructors, Dinghy Instructors, Assistant Instructors and Race Coaches so anyone who is interested in gaining their qualifications please contact Debbie at training@eabg.org.uk This is often a weekend or summer hobby or job for instructors/ coaches and is very rewarding. We would encourage adult members/ parents to consider getting involved and volunteer to support the training for adults and juniors at the club.

Committee In Focus- Dec 2020:

Robert Gingles, Vice Commodore

Q: What attributes are needed for a role on committee?

A: Understanding of the functioning of the club, interpersonal skills, knowledge of Governance, ability to make decisions.

Q: When and where did you start sailing?

A: In the fifties our club was called East Antrim Motor Boat and Cruising Club and my father raced his hydroplane. I started boating by rowing my mothers punt around Larne Lough. I'd have been 9 or 10, my elder brother had a Larne Sharpie and raced it in the club. He sailed up to Wymer's Pier told me to jump in and promptly jumped out onto the pier pushing me off and that was my first sail.

Many members of the club taught me about sailing, my brother, Andrew and Tommy Hutcheson, Curly Morris, John McWilliams, Henry Fletcher. In the 60's EABC had a very active young membership. John McWilliams introduced training courses for sailors, who were mostly youngsters. This was way ahead of the RYA or IYA as it was then. We got yellow badges bearing the club burgee when we had completed and passed tests. Rowing, swimming, knots and good boat handling were included as well as sailing. The training was aimed at good seamanship, not just racing round buoys so that we were able to cope with most situations on the water.

Q. What classes have you sailed?

A. GP14's mostly, I had an OK single hander. My first capsized was in Jezebel a very leaky 505 and I've sailed in 470's, Squibs, Flying Fifteen's, Nicholson 32's Mostly in Larne Lough, Irish Sea, Belfast Lough, numerous regatta's in Ireland and Great Britain. Raced GP14's in USA and Caribbean. Cruised in Mediterranean and Caribbean. Most of my sailing has been

racing in dinghies, largely GP14's, and keel boats.

With Paul Fekkes crewing we won all GP14 Class events in Ireland in 1986, except the Ulster Championship which we won the following year. 1987 we won most of the GP14 events in Ireland.

Q: Where is your favourite place to sail?

A: Larne Lough, just many happy memories over many years. Just a pity the water isn't as warm as the Med.

Q: What do you enjoy about being part of EABC?

A: The many friends at the club.

New Members:

Please welcome the following new members

Ellen Barbour	Junior
Holly McConnell	Junior
Ian McConnell	Parent Guardian
Mathew Loughlin	Junior
Nicola Loughlin	Parent Gaurdian
Laurence McGoran	Full
Derek and Paula Ogilby	Family

Ireland Afloat:

Ireland Afloat has a rather nice article on line www.irelandafloat.ie interviewing our new Commodore Lucy Whitford.

And last but no least:

The Commodore, Officers and Members of the General Committee wish all our

members a happy Christmas and hope that 2021 will bring much happier and more normal times.