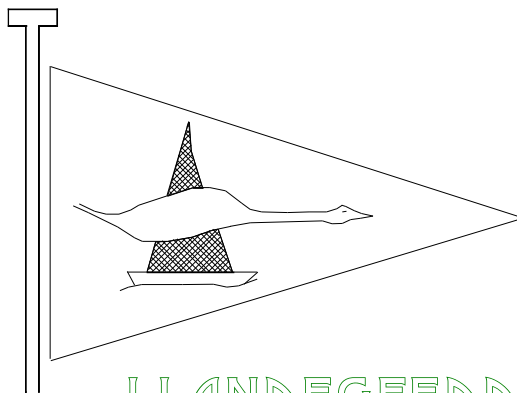


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AGM drink

24th J anuary 2003
A t 7.30pm
White Hart
in L langiby

Dragon Sail

The Welsh Yachting Association (WYA) has set up the "Dragon Sail" scheme to promote Youth Sailing in Welsh Clubs.

We hope to gain both directly from the recognition, which could bring us some WYA or funding support otherwise unavailable, and indirectly through wider publicity in South Wales.

Potentially we may bring in some parents to sail at the same time as the Youths? Key features are;

- A Child Protection Policy
- Suitable Sailing boats
- Suitable Safety boats
- Strategy for recruiting young sailors
- Strategy for recruiting youth volunteers
- Youth Training
- Supervision

Please support us in this important sector of club activity

Final Thoughts

It's hard to believe that the last two seasons have gone by so quickly, remember March 2001 and "Foot and Mouth"? I guess the old adage of "time flies when you are having fun" must be true.

I would like to think that the club has continued to progress over this time but in reality a lot is done but little changes. As I hand the Commodore's flag over to Gareth next month I am conscious that we are still a small club with big ambitions, and that we rely on the support of a relatively few members to underpin our existence. Remember that offers of help are rarely refused!

There is however little doubt that one area of improvement is that of our junior racing. It is many years since the club has been as well know for the quality of its junior sailors and they are spreading the name of Llandegfedd both within Wales and further afield. Not only does this help for our "feel good factor" it will improve the quality of racing at the club and is certain to underpin any grant applications that the club may make in the future.

Winning the Llangorse Challenge was an excellent end to the junior season and being awarded the "Dragon Sail" training standard by the WYA rounded our 2002 season off nicely. Well done the Juniors and many thanks to all those who made the progress possible. To keep the ball rolling we plan an expanded Junior Racing programme for the 2003 season.

If you have any views about the way the club is being run or the direction it is taking the AGM in late January is the time to make them public. We are still looking for new members on the club committee and there is no finer way to see your ideas put into action.

If I may, I would like once gain to thank all the committee and other members who have helped me over the last two seasons. I hope that you have all had an enjoyable Christmas and that Santa has delivered a few sailing related goodies. Happy 2003, and let's hope for sun, wind and a full reservoir.

Bill

Notice of Annual General Meeting

To be held at The White Hart Inn, Llangiby

On Friday, 24th January 2003 at 7.30pm

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of last AGM
3. Matters arising
4. Commodore's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of officers and committee
7. To determine the subscriptions for 2003
8. To propose the sailing programme for 2003
9. To receive reports from subcommittees
10. Optimist Scholarships
11. Any other business

NOTE

- a) Gareth Edwards has agreed to be Commodore next year.
- b) **New blood is urgently needed on the committee.** Please remember that being on the committee is a good way to get to know people, and to influence the future of the club. Particularly needed are a **Treasurer** (Numeracy is all that is needed!) and a **Vice Commodore**

Scribbling Room

Advanced Notice 2003

Dinghy Show, Ally Pally, London March 1 & 2
Llandegfedd Racing, March 2
Llandegfedd Beginners Training May 12

Contact Gareth for the Training details. Some places already taken!

Ideas for coaching welcomed at AGM.

See detailed results of all 2002 races at

www.llandegfedd.org.uk/racing/results.htm

Lost and Found?

Mark Williams is looking for a Laser so give him a call on 01633 400791 if you are selling one or know of one.

Optimist Scholarships

You are probably aware that the club now owns three racing Optimists as a result of our successful Sportlot grant. It has been proposed that these be allocated to junior club members for their sole use during the coming season on the basis of a low cost scholarship.

This way we hope to encourage newer racing members into the growing Optimists fleet and hopefully avoid these lovely boats being abused by mass usage. These plans are an agenda item at the AGM and the committee would appreciate your views.

If there is general agreement the details will be finalised by committee with a view to making some or all of the scholarship awards by the start of the season.

Bill

2002 Overall Awards

The following awards were made at the annual Prize-giving. (As well as handing out Junior Stage 3 certificates to our promising junior helms)

Award	To
Cadet of the Year	Hannah Tilley
Most Improved sailor	James Davy
Bosun	Dave Downs
Junior Crew	Nick Hamersley
Iliffe Trophy	Jo Edwards
Service to the club	Judith Bolton
Capsize	John Daniel
Best Newcomer	Phil and Lisa Weston
Best Under 21 results in Handicap Racing	David Hamersley
Laser Trophy	Nigel Tinkler
Solo Trophy	John Daniel
Fast Handicap	Mark and Sam Williams