

# **DARTMOUTH YACHT CLUB - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** **2025**

## **Commodores Report 2024/2025**

I reported last year that clubs in general and Yacht Clubs in particular were having a difficult time financially but that I hoped the changes made would bear fruit in this current year. Whilst some of my hopes have come to pass as you will be able to see from the Treasurer's Report we are still struggling to keep the Club on an even financial keel. On a more positive note I do believe that good progress has been made by improving the appearance of the Club although more remains to be undertaken in the future and by changing and improving events in the Club.

I must welcome our new Club Manager Nicola Morrow whose extensive financial and hospitality experience will I believe significantly help in achieving our aims over the coming year.

Our Music nights have grown in popularity and led to a highly successful New Years Eve event. The catering arrangements have changed so we now run the operation in partnership with Bushells. This has included a number of major dinners in the Gun Room. These arrangements have been successful and the service and food have been excellent so my thanks go to Bushells and all those involved.

Membership numbers have decreased somewhat this year although subscription income remains largely unchanged. Once again Karen McDermott and Gareth Thorpe have maintained a high level of activity both on the water and ashore in training activities and my thanks go out to them both plus all the Members who assist them.

Last year's Regatta was very successful both on and off the water and my thanks go to all those involved in one of the most important events of the year. This year will be the 180th Regatta so I anticipate an even bigger and better event particularly given the quality of the sailing events anticipated.

We have a fantastic crew of workers and volunteers at the Club and I pay tribute to all of them especially those somewhat behind the scenes who do such a great job in running and supporting the Club.

In conclusion the management of the Club was somewhat restructured last year as mentioned in my last Report. This year we will be reverting to a more traditional Committee structure with Nicola Morrow as Club Manager taking a prominent role. I have put my name forward again as Commodore and if appointed I will be involved in running the Club but I will only be committing to one more year in office.

Finally may I wish all Members a successful year on the water and a fun time both on the water and ashore.

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