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Commodore

Sailing members enjoyed a suitably memorable centenary season.

The Hamblin Round Mann race set the scene with fourteen yachts, half of them UK or Irish entrants, doing an anti-clockwise lap in a fresh nor'westerly. Jason Corlett's Eauvation from DBYC took Division 1 by 3 minutes on corrected time from our own Cheetah Cub, sailed by Rob Wootton and crew. But Cheetah took line honours in a record elapsed time of 8 hours 47 minutes, knocking an incredible 3 hours off the Hamblin race record. At the other end of the fleet, John Dowling pushed the diminutive Popard round in less than 14 hours - an equally astonishing achievement from the Westerly Cirrus. A month later, Cheetah finished an impressive 22nd out of 37 boats in the Round Ireland Race.

Mike Wilson and crew fought hard to win the 1720 Class regatta at Cork Week, having also raced successfully at the Scottish series and later on at Baltimore. Mike recently bought a new RS100 to improve his swimming; perhaps the International Canoe seemed too stable?

The junior members who make up the recently established Manx Youth Sailing Squad have had a busy season with phenomenal success at every level. The training section's decision, a couple of years ago, to adopt the RS Tera class,

replacing the Oppies has proved opportune. Our best trainees' skills have been honed in the MYSS, which the club is more than happy to support in any practical matter and local coaching. The squad went to Draycote Water in March for a training weekend with the GB squad. In June they went to Netley SC, Southampton Water, for the Tera Nationals and acquitted themselves very well in the 52-boat fleet. July they went to Carnac, Brittany for the World championship.

James Kelly won the event and Hannah Howitt won the girls' fleet, finishing 5th overall in the 70-boat fleet.

The squad entered the Tera Inlands at Rutland Water in October and, despite James losing the whole first day with a broken mast and rudder, the squad won the team trophy from the 50-boat fleet.

An altogether amazing performance from all hands.

The National 18' championship returned to PSM in its four-year cycle. With the help of generous sponsorship from Nigel Wood and IOMA, the club hosted a superb event. The entry was a bit light at only 14 boats but, the quality of the fleet meant desperately close racing in a mostly light airs week. A bit of a breeze on the final day gave the locals a moment to shine brightly. Not that Antony Ellis, Nigel Collins and Mike Wilson needed this moment, as they managed to collar most of the silverware and handsomely win the event. A fantastic effort in what was certainly the oldest boat entered! Last time a Manx boat won this championship was 1979 - and yes, I did have hair then.

The super-competitive RS200 dinghy is raced by some of our best sailors. Congratulations to Russell and June Collister on winning the IOM Dinghy Championship (Russell's 9th win in this event since 1988).

To put this in perspective, Russell and June, along with Dave

and Emily Batchelor sailing another 200, entered two UK events. At the Nationals, sailed at North Berwick, R&J finished 34th and the Batchelor team 51st out of 80 boats. Recently at the Inlands, sailed at Chew Valley Lake, R&J managed 46th and the Batches 81st in a 100-boat fleet. Goes to show the unbelievable strength and quality in the British RS200 fleet. Brilliant effort for IOM sailors to take on this lot and finish very respectably.

There is a lot of other sailing done of course. The local cruisers don't seem too bothered about club racing these days but many head off to cruise far and wide. I should perhaps include Frank Newton's 53-foot ketch doing the rounds in the Caribbean and John Ellis' 50-foot sloop in the Adriatic - boats we are unlikely to see around here any time soon!

The twice-weekly dinghy racing is supported by an average of just under ten boats per session but this is out of a fleet of over 30 regular racers in the boat-park. Pity we can't all seem to turn out simultaneously.

We hosted a RIB raid from Belfast Lough in May, the Castletown club members in July and the Westerly Owners' Rally at the end of August. Seventeen Westerly cruisers made it to PSM for another successful and entertaining long weekend.

Alongside all the sailing, the club drives on with the established social events, which this year included an invitation lunch for past-Commodores. This was an excellent "do" and very touching to see so many enthusiastic "club" people. It's a great pity that past Commodore Alan Williams was unable to attend owing to illness and very sad that he passed away not long afterwards. Our sincere condolences go to the Tilly and the family. It's nice to see Smiler already out

sailing with one or two of his kids in the Laser 2000.

There are so many people who put themselves out to work for the good of the club, that it would be impossible to name them all in this report. The inside cover of the club programme booklet lists anyone with a 'title' as it were (except Pete Hinds, who I missed somehow - sorry PJI), however there are at least twice as many unsung heroes plugging away at race organisation, safety-boat cover, instructing, maintenance of both the clubhouse and boats, managing the bar, producing food, arranging social events etc, etc, etc, week-in and week-out.

I sincerely thank everyone who has (or will!) help in any way. Running a successful club is a big team exercise and each contribution is very much appreciated.

Mick Kneale - Commodore

Training

We have completed another challenging summer training programme with all courses fully subscribed. We introduced an advanced course this year, which included sailing with spinnakers and seamanship skills under the care of senior and longest serving instructor Andy Green. This proved highly popular and successful and we will run it again next year. Our thanks go once more to the Lottery Trust, which was very generous to sponsor another RS Feva. The weather was rather windy and the students went out in much fresher conditions than usual but the results have been amazing. Safety-boat crews were kept very busy and all the youngsters learnt very quickly how to recover from a capsize. I congratulate all our

instructors, who somehow managed to complete each course. We did have to use a Saturday in September for two groups, as we had lost so many sessions. I thank all instructors, assistants, safety-boat drivers and slipway helpers who have worked so well together to give all our youngsters the wonderful opportunity to learn to sail at IOMYC.

I particularly thank Fiona Anderson, our Senior Instructor on a Tuesday evening, who is standing down after a five-year stint. Fiona was one of the original instructors with Andy Green and, after a spell in the UK, she made a welcome return to the Island. She never missed a session in all this time - an achievement in itself, having four children of her own to run around after.

The race-training group had an intensive weekend, after which students joined in Friday night dinghy racing supervised by senior instructor James Walker. We hope that more of the group get their own boats next season.

The IOM Youth Championship for the Tomlinson Trophy (open to under 19's) was sailed early July in very light challenging conditions. The shifty light breeze favoured the RS Tera dinghies and the overall winner was Izzy Sharpe with Chris Hill and crew sailing a Laser 2000 2nd. We look forward to a better entry next year, with all the up and coming youngsters sailing in the Teras. Many thanks to Mick Kneale for a superb job as race officer.

The Pico Challenge was run on September 4th in light winds for a change. It was a fantastic event, with 20 competitors. The event, kindly sponsored by Felix and Wanda McHenry, on behalf of the Royal National Mission for Deep Sea Fishermen was originally the idea of Russell Armstrong when he was commodore. Special thanks go to Russell and June Collister for organizing the event. Paul Hansford was

the overall winner, as he was last year and Greg Kelly won the junior section.

The Manx Youth Sailing Squad is going from strength to strength and congratulations to all concerned. They now have 8 enthusiastic youngsters: - Ben Batchelor, Hannah Howitt, James Kelly, Gregory Kelly, Matthew Petts, Izzy Sharpe, Aimee Shute and Ffinlo Wright. They have had many intensive training weekends and have competed in four RS Tera Nationals, one European and this year the World Championship. Congratulations to James Kelly who was crowned World champion and Hannah Howitt, 5th overall and 1st girl. We are all delighted. Hot off the press! Izzy Sharpe has finished 3rd and the MYSS has just come home with the team prize from the RS Inland Nationals held at Rutland. This is indeed a magnificent achievement.

This year we introduced a new event into the junior calendar: The IOM RS Tera Open. Thanks go to race officers Jenni Quillin and Dad Mick Kneale and, congratulations to the winners Sport class: - Gregory Kelly and Pro class: - James Kelly.

Come on kids, keep sailing; all these achievements can be yours if you work hard. All the MYSS squad has learned to sail with us and, you are all the future of the club.

Thanks go to our powerboat instructors Phil Adams, Mark Pendlebury, Dave Kneale and Mike Ingram who have run courses this season. This will be a great help next season with all the successful candidates. I take this opportunity to thank Ben Hellowell for his sterling work running the safety-boat rota this year, not an easy task but, without the safety cover, the courses would not run. Our thanks to Karen Sharpe who has taken over from Ben for the organizing the cover for the dinghy racing. We are always looking for more safety-boat

drivers, so please let me know if you would like a place on the next course.

Steve Upsdell has run two First Aid courses this year and another is planned for the spring. Please email Steve at smu@manx.net to register your interest or write to the training secretary at the club. This is a very good course and well worth attending. Thank you Steve - much appreciated.

We plan to run a series of courses during the winter months. Dermot Shimmin will run a diesel engine course, if interested, please ring Dermot on 833589 or email dernijo@supanet.com Mark Pendlebury together with Dermot and Phil Adams will run a GMDSS/VHF course. Please register your interest with either myself wendyhill@manx.net or Mark Pendlebury mpendlebury@manx.net for further details.

I record grateful thanks to all the instructors who give so much of their time and expertise.

The RYA Day Skipper course, run by Rodger Clague, has just started. We wish all students success and look forward to meeting them in the club during the winter.

We held our annual junior prize presentation on Saturday October 2nd and were very pleased to welcome Mr Nick Keig, who presented the prizes and certificates. Nick is a well known sailor and has achieved international and local successes over many years. He is also a much respected boat builder and designer. Nick is a former member of the club and he was delighted to see so many young people and their families taking part in the training programme. He recalled his days as a junior member, when learning to sail was without the help of all our wonderful instructors and he impressed upon the juniors just how fortunate they are at IOMYC. He gave a very lively and amusing address to everyone present.

Cathie Ashurst, representing the MYA, presented the

Young Sailor of the year award to James Kelly. This cup was presented by the crew of the Manx entry in the BT Global Challenge. The major awards were:-

"Juan Kelly Cup"	James Kelly
"Girl of the Season"	Amy Callister
"Boy of the Season"	Ben Batchelor

The final event of the junior season is the Topper Challenge which takes place on the Mooragh Park on Sunday Oct 31st .This is a team effort between sailors from IOMYC, KWC, MSCC, 7th Wave and The Venture Centre. Competitors are 16 & under on the day. This is always a brilliant event and we look forward to some wind for a change. Thanks go to Jenni Quillin who is organizing the event and Simon at the Venture Centre for the use of his boats

We are planning next season's courses and are very fortunate that most of our instructors, led by chief instructor John Dowling, are willing to teach again next year. We really appreciate their effort and time, given so freely. We say a big thank you to Ali Hinds and Laura Green who are off to university so won't be teaching next season.

We need more dinghy and assistant instructors, so if any member is interested in gaining either of these qualifications, please contact me. MYA is running a dinghy instructor course in the spring and IOMYC will be running an assistants' course.

I sincerely thank Helen Moulden, who took on the role of secretary despite being a very busy person. Many thanks Helen and we look forward to working with you again next season.

I finish by thanking the hard working team: Principal,

Brian Partington, who is so supportive, chief instructor, John Dowling who has given so much time and commitment and all the instructors and assistants who have worked so hard to ensure a successful season.

Wendy Hill

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Dinghies

Somewhere amongst that rather pleasant summer we've just had was a dinghy racing season. Sadly, most of it escaped me due to a combination of crewing difficulties, an injured back and an injured boat. I only managed to get out for 7 club meetings in total, even missing our club regatta. A pitiful performance from the dinghy captain. I'll go and stand in the naughty corner and give myself a good talking to.

There were some good successes for club members outside of the confines of Carrick Bay. Most notable of course is the outstanding performance from James Kelly in winning the Youth World Tera Championship in his age group. It was a truly remarkable achievement that speaks volumes not only about him but also the quality of the coaching that our youngsters enjoy. Of course, I won't try to make any capital out of one of the coaches shedding a tear or two of joy when he heard the news. It would be most ungentlemanly of me to mention Phil Hardisty in such a way, so I'll refrain.

Hearty congratulations are also due to Antony Ellis and his crew of Nigel 'Bear' Collins and Mike Wilson in becoming National 18-Foot class champions. He has been mingling amongst the top 10 for years and it was great to see things finally come together for him. His middle man, Mike Wilson,

was having something of a purple patch, having recently returned victorious from Cork Week sailing his 1720. The Commodore will probably mention the efforts of the race officers, safety boat crews and shore-based volunteers in his report. They all contributed to a fantastic week and I take this opportunity to thank all involved.

Other successes include Russell and June Collister regaining their status as Island champions in blustery conditions at Ramsey. I watched from the harbour wall and it was clear that RS200s were the ideal boats for those conditions. Ideal boat or not, you still need to add the skill ingredient to win these events and Russell and June's record in recent years speaks for itself in that respect.

Mick Kneale capped a good year as Commodore by winning the Travellers' series. A lot of time and effort is involved dragging an 18' around the Island to the various events but the lightweight carbon-fibre masts make life considerably easier.

(At the time of writing, my carbon mast is even lighter but that's another story!)

Paul Hansford again won the Pico Challenge, with Greg Kelly taking the honours in the juniors.

A big thank you to Russell and June for organizing the racing so well in light and shifty winds, with many more entrants than were expected - next year it will be limited to 16 entrants. Once again, the dinghy fleet is immensely grateful to Pete Hinds for regularly braving the elements in the Yellow Peril and setting such excellent race courses. It's only when you try it yourself that you realize just how good his course setting is, and his contribution to the racing is a major part of the pleasure we get from our sport.

Finally and by no means least, many thanks to the people who manned the safety-boats throughout the season, superbly organized by Ben Hellowell. We can't participate without your presence and it's reassuring to know that experienced crews are not only going to turn up, but also be on hand when things go awry.

Peter Barlow

Cruisers

Once again the Peel Regatta proved to be a popular start for the competitive calendar this year. Shellan and Sorcery trailed Eauvation (Douglas Bay YC) into Peel for the feeder race on the 15th May and finished 2nd and 7th respectively in the main event next day. Popard missed the feeder race but managed a very creditable 11th in the regatta. This was quickly followed by another strong performance by IoMYC boats in the Hamblin Round Mann race over the Whitsun Bank Holiday. Cheetah Cub took line honours in an incredible 8 hours 47 minutes, knocking over 3 hours off the previous record. After the application of handicaps this was good enough to achieve 2nd place from Eauvation in Division 1, with Shellan taking 2nd, Popard 4th and Sorcery 5th places in Division 2.

The pursuit format proved popular for the clubs Centenary regatta in June, with 9 boats enjoying a varied weekend of sailing. Handicaps are applied for a staggered start, the lead boat at the agreed finish time is the clear winner, ensuring competition for all throughout the whole race. Cheetah Cub proved most consistent over the weekend,

taking overall 1st followed by RapsCALLION in 2nd, Sorcery 4th and Talisker, Shellan, Shearwater and Popard taking 6th - 9th places in that order.

Due to unfortunate weather and conflicting commitments, many of the other planned activities were cancelled. Notable exceptions to these were the TT cruise to Strangford Lough and Talisker's participation in a very lively Douglas Bay YC regatta at the end of June. It is also good to see that most yachts were absent from their moorings at various times whilst they took part in other cruising or racing events.

The advertised crew Open Day on 26th June was postponed due to lack of support. However the sole respondent, Heather Skinner, joined the crew of Sorcery at the Castletown Regatta on 14th August. Sorcery was victorious in the feeder and took line honours in the main race. This was a highly successful day with ideal sailing conditions and a great example of 'fun racing'. There was even an opportunity for a social drink in the Gluepot with the other crews before sailing back to PSM. The idea of the Open Day was to give non-sailing members the opportunity to see how enjoyable crewing on a cruiser can be. It is planned to make another attempt to run the event next year so look out for it in the 2011 programme. In the meantime, any members interested in joining us for a bit of low-intensity, fun-based racing next year, please email me on mike.stanton@manx.net.

Many thanks to those who did manage to come out and play this year and I look forward to meeting you back on the water in 2011.

Mike Stanton

Social Report

It certainly does not seem like twelve months since the start of our centenary year, once again the year has gone all too quickly. The response from members has been very good, very well received and very much appreciated.

The season kicked off in earnest with Cathie and her team hosting a fully subscribed Victorian breakfast, again a great success, thank you. April saw the social committee hosting a well-attended Fitting-Out supper closely followed in early May by the Irish RIB raid with the annual Hamblin Round Mann race taking place over the Spring bank holiday, all of which well attended and much enjoyed.

Our centenary regatta, in June, was blessed this year with better weather, making it fun both on and off the water finishing with a leisurely BBQ on the Sunday. July saw IOMYC hosting the National 18's, which again was very successful both on and off the water for the club. Well done everybody, it was a great week.

In August, Castletown & Derbyhaven club came round for a BBQ, followed a week later by honouring past and present commodores with a celebration centenary lunch. A big thank you to Cathie, Lynne and Russell for all their hard work. Over bank holiday we were visited by 17 boats, 17 entering the Westerly owners rally. Unfortunately, the weather did a complete turn round but did not stop the weekend of events nor dampen the spirits. A jolly good time was had by all.

Most recently, the Laying Up supper and for the centenary, something a bit extra, so caterers and a firework display were organised and proved a resounding success, great fun and enjoyed by all - even the neighbours. I hope they

don't expect fireworks again next year!! The centenary club dinner and prize presentation is on Saturday 13th November, at the Empress Hotel, Douglas. Tickets are £30 per head - bookings over the bar with Fiona.

This is the time of year when diaries soon get filled so please make a note of the following, they are not to be missed:

Sunday 12th Dec 2010 **Commodore's Christmas Lunch**
12 noon for 12.30pm

Friday 17th Dec 2010 **Carol & Quiz Night**
8pm start with Quiz

Monday 27th Dec 2010 - **Treasure Hunt**
10.30am start, followed by Lunch at 1pm

I am pleased to say a special thank you to Alyson, Beryl, Helen, Moira, Russell, Val, Wendy and respective partners for all their help and support throughout the year. Moira, however, is standing down after several years' service, mostly as Secretary, thank you. We are always looking for people to help and I am pleased to announce that Carol and John Walsh are joining the committee, so a big welcome to you both. Should any member wish to come on board, then please do not hesitate to contact me on 832263; your help would be most welcome.

Once again, thank you all and we look forward to your continued support throughout the coming year.

Happy sailing & RIBing

Jan Sidebotham

Membership Secretary

Subscriptions

This is the second year at the current rates, but there are still a number of you who have not adjusted your standing orders. Please CHECK your bank statements and forward a cheque to cover the difference. Underpaid membership fees are considered as donations until the full amount is paid. No membership equals NO VOTE or privileges. For those who have not paid, membership will be withdrawn. Please note that it is now up to you to check and there will be no further reminders.

Membership Subscription Rates for period 1st September 2010 - 31st August 2011.

Ordinary Member (IOM Resident)	£ 75.00
Joint Membership (IOM Resident Couple)	£ 120.00
Overseas Member (Non IOM Resident)	£ 30.00
Overseas Joint (Non IOM Resident Couple)	£ 40.00
Student (18-24 full time course)	£ 17.50
Junior (under 18)	£ 20.00
Junior (under 18 with parent member)	£ 10.00

Pensioner rates are at 50% of the above, for those who have been a member for 15 continuous years and have reached Statutory Pensionable Age. If you are entitled to take advantage of this concession and are not already doing so, please let me know.

Phil Scott Membership Secretary

IOMYC 2010 Trophy Winners

Cruisers

Jason & Debbie Corlett
Nigel Rolison (UK)
Rob Wootton (IOMYC)
Steve Williams (UK)
Rob Wootton (IOMYC)
Mike Stanton (IOMYC)
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Senior Dinghies

Richard Baker
Richard Baker
Mick Kneale and crew
Mick Kneale and crew
Mick Kneale and crew
Mike Pridham
Russell & June Collister
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Paul Hansford

Junior Dinghies

Greg Kelly
James Kelly
Ben Batchelor
Amy Callister
Greg Kelly
James Kelly
Izzy Sharpe

National 18' Class Championship Trophies

Antony Ellis, Mike Wilson & Nigel Collins

Hamblin Cup Hamblin Round Mann IRC div.
Hamblin Cup Hamblin Round Mann PY div.
Corlett Cup Hamblin Round Mann Line Honours
McArd Cup Hamblin UK Feeder race
Metropolitan Cup IOMYC Regatta day 1 and o.a.
Brunt Memorial Cup IOMYC Regatta day 2
Derbyhaven Cup Castletown Race

Thelma Cup
Ballogowne Cup
Murray Gamne Cup
HR Gelling Cup Traveller's Series
AE Williams Cup IOMYC Regatta
Bromet Trophy
Peacock Cup
Glenburn Cup
Alice Cup
Pico Challenge

Pico Challenge
Juan Kelly Cup
Best Boy
Best Girl
Tera Regatta (Sport)
Tera Regatta (Pro)
Tomlinson Trophy IOM Youth Champion

Cork Harbour Trophy Overall Winner
Medway Bowl Races 5 to 10
Yachting World Trophy Races 7 & 8
Swansea Bay Trophy Best placed helm-
-(not a previous champion)

Mick Kneale, Phil Hardisty & Donald Edwards Findhorn Sterling Trophy Races 9 & 10

Pete Barlow, Ali Hinds & Tony Randle Glencairn Decanter Best placed local boat

Mike Shute & Robert Wright The Commodore's Trophy

"Well done!" to all those with the Laurels - I wish for them, our sponsors, our supporters, and for all our members, both near and far, the very merriest of Christmases and a happy but challenging New Year.

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Commodore

This time last year we were looking forward to the club centenary. I did intend to produce a brief club history but events conspired to shift this plan to the back burner. I will get around to it one of these days and we'll put it up on the club website.

For many sailors at this time of year, preparing and repairing boats is top priority. The club hasn't replaced any boats this winter but maintaining our 22-boat fleet never ends, along with the trailers, trolleys and four outboards. It all takes time, money and effort to keep everything in proper order. The training section and dinghy racers need reliable equipment, ready at all times to match the huge voluntary effort put in by so many instructors, assistants, safety-boat drivers and parents.

The centenary year went very well but, even with the visit of the National 18's in July, the club made a financial loss in the year ending last August. This situation continues and we