

# Penarth Yacht Club Commodore's Report AGM 2026

I am happy to report that the past year, in many respects, has been a successful one for the club. Key achievements include:

- **Financial Turnaround:** Delivered the club's first genuine surplus in more than ten years, marking a major milestone in financial stability.
- **Long term planning:** Established a dedicated 2030 Strategy Team to shape the club's future direction.
- **Clubhouse Investment:** Began work on a Lottery Heritage Fund grant application to support improvements to the clubhouse and wider facilities. Refurbished the main deck bar. Upgraded fire alarm and fire prevention works in accordance with fire officer's requirements including commencement of fireproofing of boathouse ceilings.
- **Membership Growth:** Welcomed new members into the club community.
- **Member Wellbeing:** Started a new partnership with Arth Fitness, giving members greater access to fitness classes held at the club.
- **Rowing:** Success at Llandaff regatta together with entries to other regatta and head of the river events. Formation of junior crews. Record entry for Penarth Regatta which unfortunately had to be cancelled because of adverse weather.
- **Sailing:** Regular club racing and successful regatta. Introduction of beginners to sailing through our Discover Sailing programme.
- **Community Engagement:** Strengthened ties with local groups, with regular community events hosted at the club and new connections formed through the sauna run by Dawn Stalkers.
- **Youth Outreach:** Launched a partnership with Water Warriors to introduce young Penarth residents to water-based activities, with a pilot programme starting this summer.
- **Family Activities:** Introduced Little Skippers, a new social club for families with young children, which launched this month and is already building momentum.
- **Social Activities:** The social committee and General Manager have provided a varied programme for members to enjoy.

It has been an honour to serve a period as Commodore, and I am stepping down this year. When I started my term of office, I said that a team effort was required to ensure the success of the club. I am grateful to those members who continue to support and help the club in many ways. I am particularly grateful to my fellow flag officers, Ben Gilbert our Treasurer, Drew Warnke our General Manager and to all those who served on the committee. Denise Morgan, our former club secretary retired during the year and I am also grateful to her for the help she gave me when I began my term of office.

I regret to report the passing during the past year of the following members: Barrie Simpson Wells, Colin Lyons, Eddie Rabbaioti, Henry Bohlen, Nick Hall, Peter Ford, Richard Partridge and Tim Musson.

**Andrew Davison, Commodore**