

Irish Sea Branch AGM 2016 Saturday 23 rd January. The Boathouse, Sale.		
	<u>Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016</u>	Action by
1.0	A short announcement was made to convene the meeting, by the Secretary, Sally Ousbey	Sally
2.0	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>The Branch Captain, Howard Weeks, welcomed the 25 members, 23 Branch members, Annie Gandar, the National Commodore and her husband Laurence, Compass Advertising Manager</p>	Howard
3.0	<p>Apologies</p> <p>Perri and Debbie Launders. Wendy and Dave Jones, Steve Kelham, Gordon Hersey Michael Dunwoody, Susan Forder, Paul and Gaynor Trematick, John and Sue Shaw</p>	Sally
4. .0	<p>Minutes of the last AGM 2015</p> <p>Read by Sally The members were asked if the minutes were a true and accurate record:</p> <p>Proposed by: Wayne Versfeld Seconded by: Irene Campbell All in favour Yes</p>	Sally
4.10	Matters Arising None	

<p>5.0</p>	<p>Captain's report Howard Weeks</p> <p>Howard thanked the outgoing committee.</p> <p>Last Years AGM and 30th Anniversary dinner a great success. Six of us went to Stratford for the National AGM. Two Branch Members were awarded trophies: Sally Ousbey- The Jubilee Ladies Trophy and Kerry Versfeld won the photographic prize, 'At Anchor shield' for her photograph, 'Menai's Dusk'</p> <p>The next Branch event was held in Liverpool, on the same weekend as the Northern Boat Show (Liverpool) It was a very windy day but several members ventured out on Dave Kitchen's yacht, Belerion, and Barbara and I watched from the lock. The trip that was enjoyed by all ventured out!!.</p> <p>The decision to not have a stand at the show proved to be the wise one. It would have cost far more than we would have made in new memberships. An enjoyable evening was had by all at the Chinese Restaurant, Matou, overlooking the docks and after our meal, we watched as our next potential boat, the P&O cruise liner, Princess, gracefully left port at dusk.</p> <p>The proposed sail in company to Douglas was cancelled due to a poor forecast, which turned out to be correct. Barbara and I stuck our noses out on another member's boat at the time we were due to leave and after being swamped and thrown about for 5 minutes decided to go back in to Whitehaven. The weather worsened during the following week.</p> <p>Our next event was held in September, when we organised a day sail on members' boats, in Conwy. Everyone enjoyed the day out, especially as it was probably the warmest weekend of the summer! Thanks to Graham Woodcock for organising the boats for the day. We went on to enjoy Dinner at the Conwy Golf Club, which is only 5 minutes walk from the marina. Most members stayed the night on board. Thanks, Sally, for organising the dinner.</p> <p>Planning is in progress for 2016 and this will be finalised by the incoming committee. It has been proved beyond doubt that the Port Officers do an important job. It is essential therefore that these positions are filled. There are still a couple of vacancies on next year's committee.</p> <p>The National AGM 2016 is being held for the first time in the North West, in Liverpool. It has been a great achievement to change the location of AGM. Please try to attend in order to make it a success</p>	<p>Howard</p>
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<p>6.0</p>	<p>Secretary's report</p> <p>I have given the apologies but wanted to read you the email I had from one couple. Wendy and Dave Jones joined us last year at the AGM but couldn't make it this time as they are in Barbados. Such a great reason for not attending!</p> <p>On our current numbers, we now have 100 members, having lost 6 this year but gained 8. It is super to break the '100' barrier!</p> <p>I have been continuing to send a welcome e-mail to each new member once I have their details from the National membership registrar,</p> <p>It is really super to welcome Kevin and Sally Brindle to the AGM this year. They joined the Association just after last year's AGM.</p> <p>I have to personally thank Sally for her support when we sailed on Belerion in Liverpool – her chocolate stash was a lifesaver.</p> <p>On a more mundane note, We held 4 committee meetings this year.</p> <p>I have made contact other branch members in other ports, particularly in Mid wales to determine level of enthusiasm for organising local event in 2016 season. Unfortunately I have had no response. I would like to ask our members for ideas to make our branch activity more widespread over the area.</p>	<p>Sally</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p>Treasurer's report</p> <p>Barbara presented a statement of account at the meeting. This has been sent to the national Treasurer, who was pleased to receive account so promptly. ☺</p> <p>The branch accounts for 2015 showed</p> <p>Brought forward from 2014 £185.60</p> <p>Income 2015 £1000</p> <p>Expenditure 2015 £1149</p> <p>Balance at 31/12/2015 £36.60</p>	<p>Barbara</p>

8.0	Election of Branch Officers	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded		
	Branch Captain	<i>Dave Kitchen</i>	<i>Howard Weeks</i>	Don Campbell	All in favour	
	Vice Captain	<i>Sally Ousbey</i>	<i>Wayne Versfeld</i>	Ken Timmis		
	Secretary	<i>Sally Ousbey</i>	<i>Dave Kitchen</i>	Clive Roberts		
	Treasurer	<i>Barbara Weeks</i>	<i>Mike Ousbey</i>	Wayne Versfeld		
	Committee Specific role for the branch website -	<i>Perri Launders</i>	Sally Ousbey	Barbara weeks		YES
	Election of Branch Committee					
	Port Officer North Wales, Conwy	<i>Mike Ousbey</i>	Graham Woodcock	Howard Weeks		
	Port officers –Whitehaven/ Maryport	<i>Howard Weeks</i>	Dave Kitchen	Clive Roberts		
	Port Officer - Liverpool	<i>Kevin Brindle</i>	Mike Ousbey	Dave Kitchen		
	Port Officers Fleetwood, Glasson,	<i>Not represented</i>				
	Port Officer Isle of Man	<i>Not represented</i>				
	Committee members	<i>Irene Campbell</i>	Kerry Versfeld	Carol Woodcock		
	Committee members	<i>Graham Woodcock</i>	Sally Ousbey	Ann Timmis		
9.0	Discussion of any formally proposed business None					
10.0	<p>AOB</p> <p>Laurence kindly distributed fliers for the National AGM There are copies of the 'Moody Legacy' to purchase, a great book to own, – see Laurence. Sally raised a discussion on the Port Officer role. We have not been able to appoint Port Officers in some of our areas. The title 'Port Officer' feels very official and that it possibly involves a lot of work. Sally suggested that the role should be seen as a way to support the organisation in the locality and to be a contact point for visiting Moody owners. Laurence commented that the Branch is able to decide how they see the role and how to name it and 'sell' it to the members. Most people agreed that the development of a 'Port representative/ contact' position fitted well, in light of our large geographic area. These port reps would not need to attend branch meetings but be a point of contact for the branch members and the committee. The meeting agreed that this was a good idea and the committee will explore this further over this season.</p>				All	
11.0	The meeting closed at 12.55					