



Sussex Motor Yacht Club
(Est. 1907)

Champions of Renewable Marine Power



Dear fellow members of our special Club

As we start a new era for the Sussex Motor Yacht Club, I offer a few thoughts on our direction for the immediate future.

We do not start from scratch, of course, as we inherit a club which has been held together and kept afloat in the last two decades, and for this we are grateful.

We now have in place a team who wish to make our Club effective, enjoyable and relevant in the 21st Century. We have several 'unique selling points' and officers to make best use of these:

- warrant to issue blue ensigns (our Vice Commodore Andrew Fuller leading as 'warrant officer'),
- magnificent trophies (our Rear Commodore Nigel Dalby leading as 'trophies officer')
- impressive history (our 'Historian' James Liston leading on capturing this)
- a healthy bank balance (our Treasurer Howard Kidd keeping us wise on this)

At the centre of all this, we have the energetic and imaginative John Sheffield as our Secretary, who is leading the charge on initiatives to enhance our Club.

So, where are we going? I suggest that our priorities should be:

- Obtain a prominent patron (attracted by our support of clean marine power systems)
- Obtain business sponsors (interested by our trophies as awards to encourage clean power development)
- Build affiliations with other yacht clubs (for mutual benefit and possibly, once confidence is established, premises for our trophies, social events and meetings)
- Grow membership (to enrich the Club and increase revenue)
- Commission events afloat and functions ashore



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Of course, underlying these aspirations is a long list of actions we need to take, which I will not expound here, and we (your officers) will progress these forthwith; and we would welcome any suggestions you might have.

Next events for members who wish:

- Short cruise on the French Riviera (possibly October, details under consideration)
- Formal dinner on 24 November (likely to be Stanmer House near Brighton)

Most importantly, we must do what we say as swiftly as possible. We all have a part to play; please ask yourself whether you are doing your bit.

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