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COMMODORE'S REPORT

Firstly, I would like to extend my thanks to the officers and volunteers who have supported the club over the past 12 months. The reports from the club officers will provide you with a more detailed insight into their respective areas and you can see what a challenging year we have experienced.

The role of the Committee is to ensure the stability of the Club and to guide its growth and progress for the benefit of its members. You can see from Jon Keeping's Treasurer report that, despite having no Vice Commodore or Rear Commodore House we have had a strong committee working to ensure the club survives and moves forward. Only with members input and support will the Club remain viable into the future. A major element of the current Management Plan is our move to Incorporation, please do read the information promulgated, to ensure a full understanding of features and benefits this offers.



You will all be aware of the torrential rain experienced locally on the night of the 29th August causing flooding to our Club House and many other properties in the area, this just a few days before the J24 World Championships promised to be one of our busiest weeks of the year both on and off the Water.

Along with many of our Oreston neighbours who were also flooded, we suffered the rain penetrating through the flat roof of the bar cellar, the ladies toilet and through the rear wall. Damage was extensive throughout the ground floor requiring complete removal of the bar area carpet, underlay and vinyl flooring. For health reasons the premises had to be closed to both members and visitors. Whilst the financial implication is extensive and complicated, we are fortunate that we have robust insurance in place which will cover the damage as well as loss of profit.

The Committee are also taking the opportunity to bring forward some planned improvements to the Bar area installing a new electric focal-point Fire and a Large Screen TV in the lounge; design drawings are available for viewing in the bar. Thanks to all who are working so hard to get us back up and running, in our upgraded and refurbished clubhouse.

We managed to reopen the club with a temporary floor covering on the 25th October 2025 after receiving a certificate of dryness from our insurers. Since reopening members attendance has been somewhat disappointing, if this continues consideration will have to be given to the ongoing opening days / times.

▼ J/24 WORLDS REGATTA VILLAGE



The J24 World Championship run in conjunction with Saltash Sailing Club was very successful, with lots of very exciting racing in challenging conditions. Our thanks go to the entire team of over 30 volunteers with special mention to RCS Sam Marshall and Tim Octon (Event Directors) for the years of planning and development needed and to the Race Officers, Safety teams and support staff both on and off the water from PYC and SSC without whom this event would not have been possible.

Our Cadet Section continues to evolve with the help and support of a wide team of volunteers, ensuring that the sailors of tomorrow are encouraged and invigorated. This season saw the Cadets represented Internationally –

Well Done to Maddie Jinks and Will Boalch!

The cruising section run by Paul Farren have also had a very productive year with cruises to Falmouth for the Sea Shanty Festival and the highlight being a rally to the Lézardrieux & Bréhat, with plans already in place for next Year's Cruise Camaret, Ile de Molene and Ile de Sein on the west coast of France.

▼ PYC RALLY DINNER IN LEZARDRIEUX (JULY 2025)



▼ WINTER WALKS TEAM



Bill Joice coordinates the Winter Walks usually on a Friday morning during the winter months normally ending with a pub lunch. Please contact me if you would like to be added to the Bills Walks WhatsApp group. Bill and Sue Saunders also run the monthly talks programme with guest speakers. Both events have received 5-star reviews, we would encourage booking your place at these events early.

It was with great sadness that I had to give you the news that Ashley Crawford passed away in June this year. Most of you will know that Ash was a long-term member of PYC. He was an exceptional Bosun and Committee Member for many years and a mainstay of the Plymouth racing scene for even longer; competitive, but always with a joyous smile at the helm of Mischief. I remember helping him stow away the dinghy sails at the end of the season, he would take them home wash them in the bath and hang them out to dry all over his garden I think it was when Cyn was away for the weekend. *RIP Ash.*



MISCHIEF'S CREW ▲

In conclusion it just leaves me to give my sincere thanks to all our sponsors and members for their support over the past 12 months, without whom we would not have been able to provide such a diverse and exciting range of activities and events. Your contribution is essential to a successful club.

Alan Nosworthy

COMMODORE



REAR COMMODORE SAIL'S REPORT

It feels absolutely crazy to be at the time of year to write the Annual sailing report, but here we are! 2025 has been a bit of a whirlwind for the Sailing Department at PYC, with our usual racing interspersed with major events including PYC's first ever keelboat World Championship.



This year, we trialled mandatory volunteering for our racers once during the Fridays. The feedback has been positive, and we will be looking to continue this going forward, but also giving racers the opportunity to have a more hands-on role with this, such as being the RO on their day. Clearly this wouldn't be enough to enable us to run racing regularly, and we are incredibly thankful to the team of Mike Pearson, Keith Kendall, Roger Bloomfield, David Rollinson, Julia Lucas, Tom Lucas, Cynthia Crawford, Helen Hall, Derek Bloomfield, Kevin Warley, Stephen Jarman, Ade Smith and Frances Brian. 2025 was the final year of race hut duties for Frances. I am reliably informed that she joined the race training support in 1992, before moving on to yacht race management at PYC, ultimately culminating in becoming PYC Commodore in 2009. The Brian family now being a staple at the Plym. All of the committee - and I am sure all of our sailors - are eternally grateful to Frances for all of her support and volunteer hours over the years. Thank you, and we hope you enjoy your retirement, watching your grandchildren sailing and your son join the line to become Commodore(!)

The Plymouth Gin Spring Series maintains popularity at the start of the season, and we have managed to keep Friday numbers at a good level in IRC and YTC. As usual, sailing numbers have fluctuated massively, and this isn't always helpful for the volunteers and bar team, but additional support from sponsor Dart Sails & Covers this year has been well received, and we are pleased to say will extend into the 2026 season. Additional thanks go to Plymouth Yacht Haven & Yacht Haven Quay, Plymouth Gin and Shopfitting by SWS, all of which ensure our racing is able to go on in the successful manner we are all accustomed to. Please do support these Sponsors where you can, as they are all local businesses that benefit us all as sailors and members.

Plym Yacht Club continues to hold a prominent position in the Port, with many of our coastal races in the PPSA Coastal Ullman Series, as well as close involvement with the PPSA Regatta's. This year due to the Mount Batten Centre being shut PYC were pleased to host the prize giving of the PPSA Dinghy Regatta with Hooe Point Sailing Club. This close collaboration is crucial to the success of us as a Yacht Club in times which are undoubtedly difficult for our sport, and is a relationship that we should not only be proud of, but be keen to foster looking forward.



Undoubtedly the biggest event of the year for us was the J/24 World Championship in September with Saltash. 3 years in the making, this was an absolutely awesome event, so much so that it gets its own report further down the page, but off the back of this success we are pleased to have been asked to host the Nacra 15 World Championship in 2026 alongside Hooe Point. With circa 80 boats, this will be another formidable event, and members are encouraged to reach out if they would like to get involved. We anticipate needing around 100 volunteers, so don't think that any contribution you could make of your time is too small. Please reach out to rcs@plymyachtclub.org.uk if you want to be involved in another historic event for us.

This only really leaves me to say that I am still humbled to represent you to your Yacht Club as Rear Commodore Sail, and will continue to do so diligently and with integrity, representing sailing at Committee level to try and maintain the future of sailing in Plymouth.

Out.

Sam Marshall

REAR COMMODORE SAIL

J/24 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP PLYMOUTH 2025

6–13th September 2025
Hosted by Plym Yacht Club & Saltash Sailing Club
Event Directors Sam Marshall & Tim Octon



The 2025 J/24 World Championship has been nominated for Event of the Year at the 2026 RYA Awards.



From the 6-13th September 2025, Plym Yacht Club and Saltash Sailing Club hosted the 45th edition of the J/24 World Championship. No Plymouth Club had hosted a keelboat Worlds before, so Saltash (who have a J/24 fleet) and the Plym (who have close access to Plymouth Sound) submitted a joint bid in 2021 to host the event. Led by Sam Marshall and Tim Octon, the clubs assembled a small army of volunteers and set about developing the infrastructure for the event. As neither club had appropriate facilities for launch, recovery and berthing of this many boats, Plymouth Yacht Haven Drystack and Marina were enlisted to support the event. As well as volunteer teams from both clubs, and other clubs in the Port of Plymouth including Hooe Point Sailing Club and Torpoint Mosquito Sailing Club, personnel were brought in for the event from across the country including RO's Sean Semmens, David Rollinson, Richard Kingsnorth and Daniel Gibbons. With no paid event staff, there were an estimated 200 volunteers alone over the 11 days of setup and racing, let alone the 3 years of event preparation leading up to the event. The collaboration across the Port was incredible to see, and the event wouldn't have been possible without that.

As well as the racing, there were plenty of social functions where J sailors were able to meet and interact with members from not only both clubs, but from sailors in the wider port area. Sailors were treated to food and drink on arrival, courtesy of several sponsors, with speeches from local dignitaries, event personnel and former World Champions. One of the many highlights for teams was a ferry trip up the river to visit Saltash Sailing Club, where around 20% of the SSC membership were on hand to distribute food and drink to the 400 visitors. As well as all of this there was some great live music, ensuring everyone could enjoy the party all night. This was only superseded by the prize giving and closing ceremony, where everyone involved celebrated their successes and what a superb week of sailing they had all had, with yet more dignitaries and celebrities from Plymouth, the J/24 fleet and beyond. The band, food and bar were exceptional, for those that could remember them!

Whilst many local sailors came out to watch in their own boats as well as the Island Trust's 96ft Johanna Lucretia offering spectator trips all week, social members from both clubs were intermingling with the racers, with everyone enthused about the event and how phenomenal a place to sail Plymouth is. This community engagement was so wonderful to see, and it is crazy to think that all of this happened whilst they weren't even able to use the Plym Yacht Club clubhouse as it was flooded in the recent storms! The support of nearly 30 sponsors was also invaluable in ensuring their success, with many remarking on the generous goodie bags received at Registration. On-site facilities such as water refill stations and reusable cups and glasses, biodegradable single use items like cutlery and a close attention paid to anchoring in the delicate areas of the seabed in the National Marine Park, for example avoiding the seagrass areas were all chosen to reduce the environmental impact of the event. The event team erected an entire Regatta Village, with marquees, food, drink, footage from the days sailing, prize givings, entertainment, weather station and more, which brought yet more people into the fold.

The top 10 showed 9 different countries represented, with a mixture of corinthian and professional teams. 4 different boats scored race wins from the 9 race series, and the event was actually won by a corinthian team, showcasing the level of skill in the class, which is still going strong at nearly 50 years old. The event featured 2 all-female crews, 2 youth teams and an age range from 10 to 76 years old. That off the back of this event, both clubs have had new crews wanting to get involved racing the J just adds to the legacy of the event, with a Plym Yacht Club under-25 crew already making preparations for sailing in 2026. Many sailors from both host clubs' RYA training centres were on boats across the fleet, and the J/24 is being used to offer keelboat training now at both clubs.



The media team from Chambers Film & Media, with SSC Commodore James Mills provided exceptional coverage throughout the event. From dock interviews and on the water footage to daily press releases, J/24 Sailors, families, friends and keen racing enthusiasts across the world were able to follow the breathtaking scenes in Plymouth Sound. People from all over the world are still able to look back upon what was an outstanding week of intense competition. Whilst there were 250 J sailors on the water from 12 different countries and 5 different continents, the event was witnessed by hundreds of thousands online and in person, with many spectators opting to watch the racing from the Natural Amphitheatre of Plymouth Sound. 300,000 people visited the 2025 Worlds Instagram alone in September. The event video published on the 2nd October has over 22,000 views at time of writing. It is hard to find someone that has not seen one of the iconic pictures of a J/24 capsized in Plymouth in September. The local interest in the event has endured long past the event ending; the UK J/24 Class Chair Tim Octon presented the event at a talk to Saltash Sailing Club which was standing room only, and this will be presented later to Plym Yacht Club as well. Off the back of the success of this event Plym Yacht Club have been approached to run the Nacra 15 World Championship in 2026, and Plymouth have submitted a bid to host the J/24 European Championship within the next 5 years.





The owner of the second placed boat, Tony Parker, who brought his own boat (hull #58, owned from new) from the US, spoke at the prize-giving. He attended the very first J/24 World Championship in 1979, and commented that it was the best Worlds he had been to.

Some other quotes:

Watch the official event video on YouTube:



“The Worlds were right up there as an iconic, brilliantly well run event. You put windy Plymouth on the map as a top venue.”

—NICK HAIGH, SWE 4893

“For sailing this place is great, very stable winds very good waves and the event village and facilities are great.”

—RAMIRO CLEMENTE, ARG 5453

“A big thank you to all you lovely J/24ers, its been a blast and one hell of a weeks racing.”

—DARYL MORGAN, GBR 4266

“We would like to say thank you for this fantastic event among our J/24 family. It was so well organised and all of you have been so helpful getting everything organised on the water so as ashore, thank you.”

—MANFRED KÖNIG, GER 5412



2026 CRUISING RALLY ~ 10-12 JULY 2026



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2025 CRUISING YEAR HIGHLIGHTS



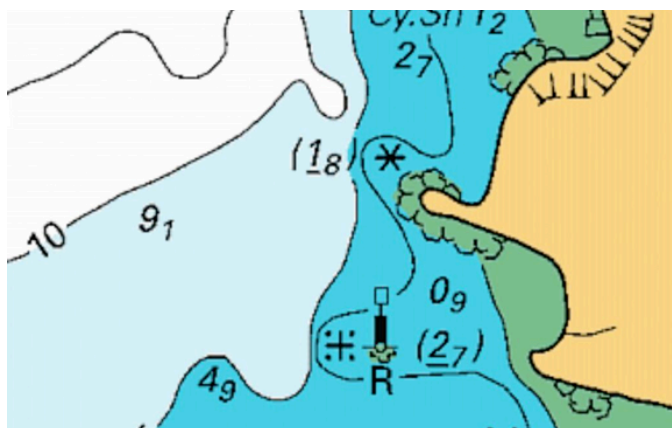
FEBRUARY 2025

Imray & Admiralty Charts Workshop

JUNE 2025

Colin's Cruise in Company
Falmouth Sea Shanty & Classic Yachts





JUNE 2025

Lézardrieux & Bréhat Workshop



JUNE 2025

Plymouth Boat Fest (Plymouth Yacht Haven)



JULY 2025

PYC Summer Rally: Lézardrieux & Bréhat
One Port, One Island.





AUGUST 2025

Cruise to the Isles of Scilly



SEPTEMBER 2025

Initial Planning & Announcement of 2026 Summer Rally to Camaret and Île de Molène or Île de Sein



OCTOBER 2025

Initial Planning for 2026 Local Cruising Rally Programme.
The 2026 cruising program running from Easter to October will be loosely based around local (Helford to Torbay) Festivals, Rallies and waterside events.





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RYA RECOGNISED TRAINING CENTRE

2024/25 REPORT

TOTAL NUMBER OF CADETS ENROLLED
36



Once again, the PYC cadets have enjoyed an outstanding season, demonstrating both enthusiasm and commitment throughout the year. We are pleased to report that only a small number of sessions were cancelled due to inclement weather, with most Tuesday evenings blessed by ideal sailing conditions. This has allowed our cadets to benefit from consistent, high-quality sailing and an enjoyable experience on the water, fostering both their skills and their passion for sailing.

This season, many of our cadets have successfully completed their Youth Stage 4 qualifications, which marks a significant milestone in their sailing journey. Building on this achievement, a substantial number have progressed to undertaking additional RYA Seamanship Skills courses. These advanced sessions have enabled our cadets to deepen their practical knowledge, refine their techniques, and gain greater confidence on the water.

In addition to their training within the Plym Yacht Club, numerous cadets have also begun participating in sailing events and activities organised by other clubs and associations. This exposure to diverse sailing environments and challenges not only broadens their experience but also allows them to benchmark their progress against peers from across the region. Through these external opportunities, cadets can further develop and fine-tune their sailing abilities, learning to adapt to new boats, crews, and conditions, which is invaluable for their personal growth as sailors.

These accomplishments are a testament to the solid foundations and comprehensive skillset that we instil in our cadets right from the outset. The combination of structured training, hands-on experience, and encouragement to seek new challenges ensures that our young sailors are well-equipped to excel both within and beyond the club. We are immensely proud of their achievements and look forward to supporting their continued development as they take on new and exciting opportunities in the world of sailing.



This season saw Simon Mace continue in his role as our Chief Instructor, providing a steady hand and invaluable experience to the team. Later in the season, we welcomed Mark Stacey, who has taken on the position of Chief Instructor for Sail, while Simon transitions to Chief Instructor for Power. This division of responsibilities is a significant development for our training centre; by having dedicated leads for both powerboating and sailing, we will be able to enhance the quality and variety of training delivered to our members. We are confident that this structure will enable us to tailor our programmes more effectively, ensuring that the needs of all participants are met.

In keeping with tradition, we are continuing our popular fortnightly winter programme, designed to keep our young people engaged during the off-season. The programme will include RYA Sailing Theory sessions, which provide an essential foundation in the principles of sailing and maritime safety. Alongside the educational component, we will also be organising a series of fun and sociable evenings, giving cadets the opportunity to build camaraderie and enjoy being part of the club community even when they are not on the water.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans to further enhance our training offering. Over the winter period, we intend to run additional Powerboat training courses, providing cadets and other members with the chance to develop practical skills that are both valuable and enjoyable. Early in the new year, we aim to launch a VHF training course, equipping participants with essential communication skills for safe and effective boating. Dates for these courses will be confirmed once schedules are finalised, and full details will be circulated to the membership so that everyone can take part.

Alongside our training activities, we are undertaking several projects to improve the facilities and resources available at the Recognised Training Centre. These initiatives include a comprehensive review of equipment management procedures and the development of new storage solutions within the yard. Our goal is to ensure that our resources are well maintained, easily accessible, and capable of supporting the growing needs of our training programmes. We believe that these improvements will make a meaningful difference to both instructors and cadets alike.

I would once again like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who contributes their time, energy and expertise to support the RTC and Plym Cadets. The success of our programme depends on the dedication of our volunteers, who generously give up their Tuesday evenings to ensure that our young people have the opportunity to learn and enjoy sailing in a safe and supportive environment. Your commitment does not go unnoticed and is greatly appreciated by all involved.

Finally, I wish to offer special thanks to Simon Mace, Emma Stuckey, and Mark Stacey, whose support and guidance as part of the RTC leadership team are invaluable to me in my role as RTC Principal. Their efforts are instrumental in maintaining the high standards of the Plym Yacht Club, allowing us to continue operating as an RYA Recognised Training Centre and providing outstanding opportunities for our members. Thank you all for your ongoing dedication.

Mark Stacey

RYA RECOGNISED TRAINING CENTRE PRINCIPAL



HON. TREASURER'S REPORT

I am not going to comment specifically on the figures this year; for those of you that are interested you already have the Accounts and some comment on how this year compares to last year. Questions have been invited but at the time of writing, just 5 days before the AGM none have been received.

Clearly the flood has influenced the bar takings to a massive extent, but with business interruption cover we should be able to recoup much, if not all of the lost income, and this is particularly important as we lost all of the income that would have come from the J24 Worlds and it is reasonable to assume that that week would have been our biggest income week of the year. However, long before the flood we were very much aware that bar takings were not great and frequently below the previous year. Why was that? Difficult to say and ask 20 members and you would probably get just about 20 different answers amongst which would be

1. Got to drive to the Club so can't be bothered
2. No catering
3. Not enough events
4. Don't know what's on
5. Prices – too expensive / too cheap
6. No paid staff

I can certainly accept reasons 1-5 as arguments but totally refute no. 6; I would much rather be served by a friendly member volunteer who can have a bit of banter with all of the members, knows what most of them drink and doesn't cost PYC a penny. To employ bar staff would almost certainly wipe out any surplus we make which would make investment in the future much harder to achieve. Get bar turnover well over £50k and maybe we could reconsider that position.

To my mind points 2 & 3 are the ones we should concentrate on. We have got so close to finding a caterer on 2, if not 3 occasions in 2025 only to fail at the 11th hour each time. With a little luck we hope to have some good news regarding a caterer, we will keep you posted.

Combine catering with events and you have a win/win situation -catering brings people in and events keep them there. So, leave the Committee to sort the caterer and the membership THAT'S YOU to help with Events whether by just ideas or full delivery. So, to Talk the Talk here are a couple of ideas for the future –

- Some sort of home cooked food event (puddings, pasties, starters??), maybe run seasonally, involving cooks and punters (of all ages). Not a competition but just for fun. Working on details which will be announced shortly so watch this space.
- Older members will remember that once a year there was a trip out beyond Cadover Bridge to the mysterious Langs Rock where members would toast the River Plym by sharing a wee dram with her, and no doubt a tot themselves. The whisky bottle was the buried only to be retrieved the following year. So, let's revive that tradition but turn it into a whole family day out involving well let's wait and see how it might evolve. First task is to find Langs Rock again!?!?

That's enough of that. Essentially, we remain in a strong financial position, all bills paid, over £150k in the bank, net assets over £350k and Langs House in good order and will be even better following the post flood refurbishments.

Thank you for everything you do for your Club.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Keeping". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "Jon" and "Keeping" being capitalized and prominent.

HON. TREASURER

P.S. Please send all your stunning Events ideas to events@plymyachtclub.org.uk or just have a word with any Committee member.

PYC FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES COMPARSION HIGHLIGHTS ONLY

Item	Oct 24– Sep 25	Oct 23– Sep 24	Diff. 24/25	% Diff.	Comment
Membership fees	£15,486	£14,299	£1,187	+8.3%	A further 8% (20/17%) increase in Membership is no mean feat and is an indicator of increased growth, activity & faith in the club.
Bar sales	£32,780	£42,224	-£9,444	-22.4%	Clearly it would be easy to blame all of the decrease in bar sales to the bar being closed for several weeks due to the September flood but the reality is more that bar sales have been indifferent right through the year. We have been close to getting a catering offer back on line several times but always fallen at the final fence. Once again there is a some hope that we should be able to get catering running and i am reasonably confident that with catering available and some decent events organised we will see at least some restoration of bar income. In due course we will receive some 'loss of income' from our Insurers.
Bar stock cost of sales	£16,383	£20,291	-£3,908	-19.3%	
Gross from bar	£16,397	£21,933	-£5,536	-25.2%	
Moorings	£23,270	£20,843	£2,427	+11.6%	Probably the best ever income from Moorings but sadly, from 2026, CHC will be collecting all income themselves which means that this source of income will disappear for good. Hopefully we will retain most, if not all of the Mooring holders, many oif whom are little engaged with the Club. This turn of events is really significant as there is no way of replacing this quite significant income that this year represented nearly 11% (5.6%) of our surplus income.
Clubhouse income	£1,715	£2,249	-£534	-23.7%	Primarily rental to local groups. Useful income that is VAT free.
Donations	£2,345	£4,050.05	-£1,705	-43.1%	Donations vary on an annually basis. 2024 was a particulary good year. 2025 was just average.
Total income	£80,253	£89,588	-£9,335	-10.4%	All covered by comments above.
Total cost of sales	£38,521	£40,338	-£1,817	-4.5%	
Gross profit	£41,732	£49,250	-£7,518	-15.3%	

Item	Oct 24– Sep 25	Oct 23– Sep 24	Diff. 24/25	% Diff.	Comment
Professional fees	£6,380	£1,282	£5,098	+397.7%	Legal fees relating to resolving the previous Trustee position whereby it was necessary to convey property assets into the names of the current Trustees ahead of, hopefully making a final conveyance into the name of PYC Ltd. status at long last. There will be more legal fees to pay but not at the level seen this year.
Insurance expense	£5,534	£5,492	£42	+0.5%	Remains one of our most significant expenses but 100% essential kept at appropriate level. We use a bespoke RYA scheme.
Total PYC administrative costs	£13,195	£9,130	£4,065	+44.5%	Increases primarily explained by lines above.
Repair and maintenance	£1,784	£7,980	-£6,196	-77.6%	2024 was a high cost year, 2025 was much more normal but bear in mind that around £12k was spent on fixed assets this year that do not show in the income & expenditure account - see cash flow document for details.
Total Clubhouse expenses	£8,716	£15,491	-£6,775	-43.7%	
Corporation tax	£191	£51	£140	+274.5%	The only Corporation Tax we pay is for interest received.
Dinghy & safety boat maintenance	£2,179	£1,527	£652	+42.7%	We are a sailing club! We do remarkably well to run our various sailing events on very modest budgets. The RTC was inspected in the summer. The overall fleet is well up to RYA Training Standards. Cadet numbers have maintained and that section of the Club goes from strength to strength, with several Cadet families volunteering which keeps costs down and quality up. Some income is still awaited from the J24 Worlds event and this will be reported in next years accounts.
PYC RYA Training Centre exp.	£602	£2,322	-£1,720	-74.1%	
Total sailing exp.	£6,147	£6,574	-£427	-6.5%	
Depreciation	£2,146	£1,684.17	£462	+27.4%	Depreciation, which is purely a book entry is up following replacement of several fixed assets. We have insurance cover of around £40,000 for the entire fleet which is regularly reappraised.
Interest income	£831	£1,010	-£179	-17.7%	With interest rates at reasonable levels it has been worthwhile placing some of our funds on deposit once again to earn a little interest.
Net operating income	£13,451	£18,005	-£4,554	-25.3%	After all of the trials of the year, and the largely one off spending on professional fees to produce a surplus of £13.4k represents a good result. If ever we were to employ staff this would be wiped out in an instant. Essentially the real surplus we make from all of the Clubs various activities throughout the year, prior to interest received and the deduction of the non-cash Depreciation figure that finally produces 'The Bottom Line'.
Surplus (net profit)	£12,136	£17,330	-£5,194	-30.0%	The Bottom Line

J Keeping – Hon. Treasurer 18/10/2025

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

In my capacity as Secretary, I remain committed to supporting the smooth operation of the club. My approach is to work diligently and discreetly behind the scenes, ensuring that all necessary administrative tasks are completed efficiently. By quietly facilitating the club's day-to-day functions, I aim to contribute to an environment where activities run as well as they can, allowing members to focus on enjoying racing, cruising, and social events.

CLUB ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The club has had a very good year, with successful racing, cruising, and social events taking place throughout the season. This positive outcome is a testament to the collective effort and enthusiasm of our members. Each year, the Club acknowledges and appreciates the invaluable contributions made by our volunteers.

APPRECIATION FOR VOLUNTEERS AND COMMITTEE

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank our dedicated army of volunteers, as well as the Commodore, Flag Officers, fellow Committee members, and Race Officers. Their willingness to give freely of their time ensures that our Club continues to run smoothly. Much of the essential planning and work occurs behind the scenes and is often time-consuming and invisible, yet it is crucial to our ongoing success.

CLUB LEADERSHIP AND MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

The Plym Yacht Club has excelled, particularly when compared to other clubs that have faced challenges. This achievement is due to the club being run by its members, for its members. If you, the reader, have any spare time—whether for a large or small task—there are a variety of ways to get involved. We encourage you to reach out to any member of the committee if you wish to help support the Club.

Ian Cload

TRUSTEES' REPORT

What a year! In addition to our usual packed programme we had two extremely successful major events, the Boat Fest and the J24 Worlds, and in between them a massive flood. The flood required urgent attention, temporary closure of the club house and the rapid reorganisation of the initial weekend of the World Championships. You will read the details elsewhere, but closure and damage to the clubhouse in particular were causing significant concern. As ever, members rose to the occasion and have freely offered their time and expertise to address these issues, and we thank you all.

Following the distribution of detailed information in September 2024 regarding the future legal status of the club, a packed meeting of members voted overwhelmingly to instruct the committee to prepare the relevant documents and progress the club towards becoming a Company Limited by Guarantee. Jon Keeping took on this onerous and exacting task, and we cannot emphasise enough the huge number of hours he has devoted to producing the Memorandum & Articles of Association, and the Byelaws. Jon has also taken advice from the RYA and from an independent experienced solicitor in order to obtain the blend of legal requirements and the specific issues pertinent to our club. The documents have been on display in the club house, and the final proposals to complete the process are on your agenda.

At the end of another successful year we again thank all those who run our yacht, dinghy and cruising sections, our house and bar and all the hidden jobs that go with being a member of 'Plymouth's Favourite Club'.

Alan Nosworthy, Paddy O'Connor,
Jon Keeping & Elaine O'Flaherty





*Here's to another
great year of sailing
to come!*

