



## **GBC AGM 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025.**

### **Reports from the Board Officers.**

#### **1. Chair**

As you may know, four of the six Trustees are not seeking re-election. Myself, Phil, Janet Deauville and Fiona.

I'd like to thank the Board for their excellent input, their diligence in keeping the chairman right, and for all the hard work they've put in over the last two years of my chairmanship.

Special thanks to Phil, who's done sterling work for the club for over 10 years as secretary. It's a measure of his input that we've had to split up the role of Secretary so that his successor isn't too daunted by the role.

Thanks also to all of you, as members of GBC, for giving of your time when required for catering, grass cutting, officiating at regattas, running training and fun sailing sessions, getting the gear ready for the new season, keeping the boats and equipment in good order, and the thousand and one jobs that are needed to run a boat club successfully.

Looking forward to the new season, Dinghies have been or are about to be rigged, Training courses are being arranged, the sailing programme is coming together, the weather and tides have been arranged.

The clubhouse is in the process of being refurbished, starting with the replacement of some windows and the front door.

I hope that the club will continue to thrive, to develop, to inspire youngsters to start sailing and continue to be a valued part of the community.

#### **2. Treasurer**

Balance in the current account as at the financial year end (31/1/25) was £4638.58. Thanks to Martin for once again ratifying the accounts.

In April 2024 the Trustees agreed to transfer £10,000 to a Higher Interest Account as the reserve funds for any unforeseen circumstances and/or emergencies. This account has attracted interest, therefore, the total GBC funds at year stood at £14,716.30.

Just a couple of salient points to pull out from the year end accounts:-

The HYDRO (SSE) figure of £626.42 is based on one estimated reading. However, in August 2024 a smart meter was installed at the Clubhouse which should hopefully see GBC payments back on track.

The donations income of £2977.63 consists of £1298 raised for the RNLI and some very generous donations from Club members towards the cost of the legal fees for the boat park lease.

In November 2024 the Trustees agreed to ringfence any future donations for new Dinghies.

### 3. **Secretary**

Total Membership for the year is 83, which includes families, couples, individuals and Associate members. Clearly, those actively taking part has been less.

It is with a net increase of 3 members over the previous season.

However, we are grateful to everyone who supports us, usually with fantastic help.

**RYA Focussed Support.** We continue to receive great support & encouragement from the Scotland RYA Team, particularly our Regional Development Officer, Brian Pahlmann.

#### **Discover Sailing.**

The Scotland RYA is offering lots of help to encourage more folk to take up water sports.

Like any Club run by volunteers, we rely on Members to push things along.

**HELP.** I'm always amazed at the amount of help we get from lots of folk, members and others, with everything we are trying to do for this Club of ours – grass cutting, preparations for sailing & events, catering, clearing up, safety cover, Coastguard, local shops & eateries etc.

**Next Season.** Another year of transition as we navigate the waters of new Trustees, new regulations introduced for the protection of all vulnerable groups.