

The SPIRIT of MAYFLOWER



Welcome

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Here we are back in lockdown and once again unable to get out on the water, which is particularly annoying as the conditions have been amazing!

Just before lockdown we were fortunate to have a couple of really good rows, with plenty of dolphins on show. Heidi published the MORC dolphin post on the Plymouth on the Water Facebook page and this has attracted nearly 22,000 views. Mayflower Marina has also posted it on their page. This type of publicity is great for our club, particularly as we ramp up our efforts to find a new home.

Most of you will know that our site is to be re-developed and we are actively looking at alternatives. Thanks to those who have already signed up to help. There will be plenty of work to be done in the next 12-18 months, so if you want to get involved please let us know.

Who knows when we'll get back to rowing but the regattas, BROCC and the Worlds are currently still scheduled to take place this year. We'll keep you informed of any changes as and when we get them but, in the meantime, if you've planned on being involved, it's important that you continue to train and take personal responsibility to do so.

That's it for now so stay safe, stay fit and stay in touch.



Winter Rowing update

Following a great start to 2021 and rowing with dolphins we have had to adjust to a current situation.

We are following general Covid-19 rules and our club is currently closed for rowing and training activities. This is currently to last till mid-February. We will keep you updated on any further changes.



Jeff Hammond Trophy

We now have the Jeff Hammond trophy for contributions to coastal rowing.

The 2019 winner was Jeff Hammond himself as he made a huge difference to rowing in the South West with over 50 years' experience in fine boat, gigs & coastal rowing. He was the main contributor in the growth of Mayflower ORC & the hosting of the Worlds in Plymouth in 2009. He was also still competing & enjoying himself at World level in 2016 & 2017.



The **2020** winner is **Craig Chaulk** for his continual contribution to the positive promotion of coastal rowing & his fantastic virtual row across the Atlantic. He has also started The Wave – The Coastal & Offshore Rowing Magazine, a free rowing e-magazine that details all types of coastal & offshore rowing.

From 2021, the trophy will have bi-annual winners, one in the spring & one in the autumn, hopefully presented at our home regattas. Nominations will be asked for from all SWCRL clubs & independent competitors. Nominations can be rowers, coxes, helpers or anyone that has a positive affect towards coastal rowing.

We hope to see you all for the start of the 2021 SWCRL season in April.

Exercise during lockdown

Training during lockdown may somehow be a lot more difficult but keep your level of fitness, whenever this is possible.

For those who have ergs at home and also expressed an interest in regattas this year please record your time and distance as sent in an email on 3rd January, by Heather.

For those who would like to maintain a level of fitness and exercise, you can use our 21-day challenge from our [November newsletter](#)



MORC on the move

As you are all aware we have now been given advanced notice of our landlord's intention to seek a change in occupancy of our current site in/around August 2022. The Committee would like to seek expressions of interest from the Club Membership to set up and participate in a Relocation Working Group.

The Relocation Working Group will explore all available options that are open to the Club in sourcing a new home within the Plymouth area. We are looking for a core membership of the Working Group to be between 6 – 8. However, there is plenty of scope for additional supporting roles for those that are keen to assist on an ad hoc basis. There are no specific skills required for your involvement – all are welcome.

We want to explore (brain storm) all feasible options that may/could be available in and around the Plymouth area – whether that be short, medium or long term. For every Plan A there has to be a Plan B, C, D or even E! From this meeting a more detailed action plan will be drawn up. Plus, we will be approaching the other Clubs that have expressed an interest to link-in with us to establish a joint working partnership with them. If you are interested in participating in the Relocation Working Group then please contact us @ secretary.morc@hotmail.com

MORC - Club Committee elections 2021/22

The Committee has agreed to start the process of selecting the next Club Committee earlier this year. In an email on 4th January Sally outlined the various roles for your consideration to either self-nominate or propose a fellow Member for a role. Nominations for all roles will be accepted without the need for 'qualifications' aside from the role of President and Treasurer who need to have been a Member for a minimum period of time to qualify. All MORC Members are entitled to one vote per role.



MORC Roles:

- Club President
- Club Chair
- Club Captain
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Club Vice-Captain
- Club Safety Advisor
- Welfare Officer
- Regatta Secretary
- Club Facilities Manager
- Social Secretary
- Publicity Officer
- Junior Rep

Club Committee 2021/22 Timeline

Nominations open: Monday, 4th January 2021

Nominations close: Friday, 29th January 2021

Confirm nominations: Sunday, 31st January 2021

Voting opens: Monday, 1st February 2021

Voting closes: Sunday, 21st February 2021

Declarations: Sunday, 28th February 2021

Handover starts: Monday, 1st March 2021

Take office / AGM: Sunday, 4th April 2021 (day after the Breakwater Bash)

Voting for each position is confidential.

2021 Regattas

All of the regattas at national and international level are currently going ahead as scheduled. Breakwater Bash Regatta organised by our club on 3rd April will be opening South West Coastal League season and we cannot wait to finally see you all there again after such a long break (fingers and oars crossed).

A full list of all regattas can be found in our [website](#). We will of course keep you updated on any changes that may happen.



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