

Catamaran Cruising Association

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Dear Members

Re: Commodores Report.

It is with much pleasure that I am able to report that we have for the last three years managed to spend less than we have received and that our bank balance stands firmly in the black. We have over the past two years seen a significant increase in our membership, thanks mostly to our reorganisation as an internet orientated body. For this we are heavily indebted to our Secretary and his son James who have and continue to spend a lot of time and enthusiasm upon our webpage www.catamarancruising.org. This has made us into a truly international organisation. We can now show friends and relatives where we have sailed to and by pacing a note on our flagpole tell everyone when and where we are going. All we ask is that you place your pin in the appropriate position on our world map. These maps also give free use of Navionics Charts, Depth contours and satellite images of most places in the World, please feel free to use them.

We have given a lot of thought as to how we are organised and your Committee deem that we need several classes of membership, this has caused us to re-write our rules to bring into effect the varying status of our membership. We hope you can support the changes at the AGM.

Last year we ran a rally from the Solent down the Channel to Falmouth that was joined by several members on the way and several more were met on route. We hope to do something similar this year and need your input for ideas. We will be holding a few rallies the dates and venues will be notified soon. We hope to see as many of you as possible so watch this space.

We now have a page dedicated to items for sale, which can also be used for items wanted so dig out that spare winch or anchor even your boat if you are thinking of changing it.

Last and by no means least I place on record my sincere thanks to Our committee and especially Dagnall our secretary and his wife Cathy for allowing him to do that which he does. Also thanks to Sue our treasurer and her partner Peter for the continued and dedicated support in keeping our association going.

I hope to see many of you out on the water this coming season, if you see me in Dragonslayer give me a call and please mention us to any of you friends or neighbours that have catamarans as the more we recruit the better service we will be able offer each other.

Aleck H Tidmarsh Commodore