

Chairperson's Report for AGM: December 11, 2019

Camsail seems in good health! Last season, our ninth, we had 55 members, and four of the six evening meetings had an attendance of over 35.

Report on the 2018/9 season:

We were very pleased to have prestigious yachting writer Paul Heiney as our first speaker in October, telling us about his epic voyage to Cape Horn. Our competence at obtaining and interpreting broadcast weather forecasts, or even producing our own, was hopefully increased after an interesting presentation by Jim Bacon in November.

The gathering before Christmas was as always a welcome chance for 'socialising'...maybe an opportunity for skippers to recruit new crew members. In the New Year, Keith Swinburne's 'Round Britain' gave us so much interesting detail that we only got about half way round! In February, we learnt about the Rona Sailing Project from Stephen Burgess with such enthusiasm that some members then enrolled to have a daysail on of their boats in September.

In March, Keith Pettican gave us the only chance in this year's programme to drool over sailing in warm exotic, historic places in the Med, but he did not attempt to recruit any members to join his boat!

Your committee is pleased that the flotilla to Bradwell went ahead in early May (having been postponed from the previous September). A total of 11 members took part on 3 boats. This went extremely well except that our first day was spent in a gale, still in our berths!

Just over a week later, fifteen members enjoyed a day visit to maritime Kings Lynn, very thoroughly arranged by Jayne Tracey. This included the opportunity to sail on the restored Kings Lynn cockle boat, the Baden Powell.

In late September, 10 members joined the RSP yacht Rona II (a 68ft ketch) for a daysail on the Solent, having travelled down the night before. After heavy rain overnight, the day stayed dry. Winds were force 6/7 for most of the time, so it proved an exciting sail in a well-reefed vessel!

Altogether, 30 people were involved in these trips.