

AGM 2022

1. UKWA AGM normally deals with the business of the association to 31st December the previous year, in this case 2021
2. It should be noted there was no AGM in 2020 business to December 2019 and 2021 business to December 2020. Both of these were unable to be held due to Covid 19.
3. Briefly the 2019 season was relatively successful however numbers worried the committee with a downward trend causing concern.
4. Briefly the 2020 season was scrapped due to Covid. We had hoped to run some events later in the year but the restrictions on gatherings on public land remained throughout the year, unlike sailing clubs / private property which had different legislation.
5. Briefly 2021 saw continued restrictions therefore the season started late in June. Many policies had to be written and put into practice to keep everyone safe and to make sure all legislation was followed. 5 Cup events, 1 Inland, The National Championships, 6 Slalom events were held. Unfortunately an Inland and a Slalom had to be cancelled due to the 2021 Fuel Shortages. One significant consequence of Covid was that more of our admin both pre event and on site moved on line, this has been really successful and continues today. Overall given the circumstances the committee were pleased just to get events going again and we did not worry too much about attendance or financial impacts.
6. It was clear moving into 2022 that two issues had to be addressed. Numbers – for two reasons 1. Financial 2. Credibility. We had conversations with the classes and particularly with Ali Masters. It was agreed that a formal arrangement would be set up with The UKWA part funding coach support at events therefore Junior and Youth entry increased by £10 per sailor and this money paid directly to the classes. This has been a great success and working closely with Ali both pre event and at the events has benefited all parties and I believe reassured both sailors and parents and therefore increasing junior and youth entries. The second issue was going to be finding volunteers to run events safely. I was extremely worried that we would not find enough parents etc to make events happen. Unfortunately one of the consequences of the covid years is that some of our regular volunteers are no longer supporting events or as many events as they did in the past. I must say I

was pleasantly surprised when some new faces stood up and got involved in course racing events, they have done exceptionally well and I thank them because without them and our longer term volunteers events would not have proceeded. Unfortunately we did have to cancel Worthing Slalom due to insufficient crew being available. Overall this continues to be our biggest challenge. It is noted that events have become very South Coast focussed but this was deliberate to host events where we thought they would be best supported. Apologies are probably due to anyone living North of the Midlands.

7. Towing and storage of ribs is an ongoing and serious problem for the association.
8. Wave events have got going again with Tiree happening right now
9. Speed celebrates its 50th anniversary at Speed Week beginning today in Weymouth
10. Freestyle continues to be a challenge with no events currently planned
11. 2022 has seen us racing Wingfoils at Slalom events, this has been a great success and keeping slalom events viable whilst fin numbers have been dropping. The Slalom format needs addressing for 2023 and this will be done at a Slalom Sailors Meeting before the end of season.
12. Thank is due to
 - a. Everyone who continues to support events especially given the cost of living issues
 - b. Our event safety crews, race officers and admin team
 - c. Coaches & classes especially Ali Masters for his support
 - d. Alastair webmaster
 - e. Sue Robinson in the admin office
 - f. The Committee for their hard work and support.
 - g. Kevin Profit working alongside James maintaining and storing the fleet.
 - h. Our good wishes go to Andy Watkinson director of finance who continues to recover from serious illness
 - i. It is great to see Brian and Anne back at events following his recent serious illness and we trust he will be making a full recovery.
 - j. All the local councils with whom we work closely and our host venues
 - k. Our Sponsors, Starboard / Severne & Boardwise and the slalom tour sponsors who can be seen in the Marketing report. Additional

sponsors support the wave tour under the BWA which falls under The UKWA umbrella if anyone wants more explanation please ask now

- I. Finally thanks to Sue and Tessa for all the support and the exceptional work they put in behind the scenes.
13. The 2023 calendar is almost confirmed and provisional dates are online. We are excited to be returning North to Pwllheli with the site being open from the Monday prior to the event for holidays/training and fun.
14. We hope to change our third party insurance cover to include wingfoiling.
15. Any suggestions for nominations for windsurfer of the year 2022 would be appreciated.