



FOLKBOATERS, WHEREVER YOU ARE

These are testing times as we see sporting events all over the world cancelled or postponed. We have no idea when we will be able to go sailing and racing again. It is hoped that some skeleton events will be possible in the summer, but for the time being it is essential that we observe the vital social distancing and where possible STAY AT HOME, which we hope will reduce the spread of Covid-19. Our Clubs and Marinas are closing down for now to protect us.

On a positive note, we need to focus on the future and look forward to future events. Folkboat Week is in the planning stage, albeit at keeping us socially “2 boats’ lengths” apart, similarly, The Nationals, we’ll just have to see what happens.

We will get to the end of this crisis and when we do we will be focusing on some good news. We now have support from Walcon Marine for The Folkboat National Championships, planned to give the event a shot in the arm for this year and next, with grateful thanks to James Walters (maybe it will be next year now). We shall not give up planning especially for our new international regatta in 2022, when we shall be hosting The Walcon Cup and The Sessan Cup, back to back events hosted by the Royal Lyminster Yacht Club, and sailed mainly in Christchurch bay. Keep the dates: September 17th – 21st, 2022. Chris Baldwick is chairing the organizing committee and in due course will be looking for volunteers to help with hosting foreign competitors. Lyminster Yacht Haven has agreed free launching and berthing for visiting boats, other local businesses, such as Folkboats UK and Ocean Rigging have expressed an interest in different forms of support. Simon Osgood has been promoting this regatta in Europe and there is lots of enthusiasm for the event amongst our international friends, see the event promotion produced by Simon. 2022 is also the 80th anniversary year of the Nordic Folkboat, another reason for a grand celebration when the time comes. Simon’s proposal can be found on the Folkboats.com website under Latest News.



Our association has a new logo, which I’m sure will spruce up our image. The committee has agreed that we will advertise and sell some items of clothing with the new logo, profits going to the association. Look out for details and order instructions on the website. Talking of which, the website is about to be overhauled too.

Keep your spirits up and think ahead to the days when we are back on the water in sparkling sunshine, with spinnakers set and a fair wind to send us on our way. Meanwhile, work on your boats where you can in isolation, above all do everything you can to keep fit and well and to help those in greater need.

Thank you to the whole committee for keeping us on the straight and narrow, especially to our secretary, Nicky.

With best wishes to you all,

Sally Kalis, President, National Folkboat Association.