



Officer's Reports for the MOCRA AGM 2019

MOCRA Commodore's Report 2019

2019, our 50th anniversary year for MOCRA has, in my opinion, been another year of steady growth and consolidation. Our membership numbers have once again held up and together with another year of record rating certificates issued, we have generated a healthy cash surplus from what are two very modest fees (£25 annual membership and £26 rating renewal). Our healthy cash balance has enabled the Executive Committee to spend your Association money to support 50th Anniversary events around the country and to send a token gift to all members to mark our Anniversary – enjoy!

We've also decided to "push the boat" out with our AGM and Annual Lunch and Prize Giving being held at the Royal Thames Yacht Club on Saturday November 23rd. We've also changed the format somewhat switching to a lunchtime event with presentations in the afternoon from three highly respected current multihull designers sharing their ideas and theories. I look forward to catching up with many of you in Knightsbridge.

Simon Baker will be covering the MOCRA racing activities under his Sailing Secretary's Report so I won't repeat but I would add it's pleasing to continue to see strong and growing MOCRA fleets in the South West and the East Coast and with signs of something of a resurgence in the Solent and Scotland. Once again however a general trend continues with numbers supporting local MOCRA regattas such as Bembridge being low (although Burnham Week was something of an exception with a strong turnout). Your Executive Committee would be delighted to hear your thoughts as to why this is the case and suggestions for change.

By contrast the offshore MOCRA community is definitely enjoying increased numbers in the classic offshore events, notably the Rolex Fastnet Race, The RORC Caribbean 600 and the other RORC cross channel series of races. It seems that the larger offshore multihulls are going from strength to strength whilst the smaller and mid-sized boats are doing fewer "around the cans" races and perhaps more cruising.

2019 was also the year that multihulls were re-admitted into Cowes Week after four years' absence (and two years of lobbying) For those who participated it was a great success although again the numbers in the MOCRA fleet were disappointing. This was perhaps because of the timing being just after The Rolex Fastnet Race and just before Burnham Week and Falmouth Week. The overall multihull entries were thankfully bolstered with the inclusion of 8 boats from the Diam24od class. Cowes Week will never be a cheap week but if we do want to keep it on our calendar then we do need to support it with greater numbers. I can recommend it as a very sociable and fun event. The race management team are keen to make the return of multihulls a success and are willing to listen to our ideas on course length, format and possibly more than one race per day.

Looking into 2020 a couple of dates are already shaping up for your diaries. The Round the Island Race is booked for the unusually early date of Saturday 30th May. The Poole Regatta is

just the weekend before on 23rd-25th May so why not link the two together and keep your boat in the Solent for that week? Cowes Week is set for 8th – 14th August and Bembridge on the 12th and 13th September.

And finally.... I commented in my 2018 Report that your Executive Committee had all served on the Committee for many many years and that some new blood would be most welcome. Accordingly, a very big thank you to William Lee who has stepped forward this year to take on the role of Membership Secretary. Two other Executive Committee members will be stepping down at this year's AGM, Mark Jarvis as Cruising Secretary and myself as Commodore and Social Secretary. On behalf of all the Committee and members I'd like to thank Mark for all his hard work and effort in promoting multihull cruising over many years. For me, I have enjoyed my 14 years on the Committee and past four as Commodore. I would like to thank all my Committee members for all their hard work and support over the years, especially to Matthew West, who as Secretary is largely responsible for making this Association tick. Matthew oversees the website, the newsletter, the calendar, all the AGM and Constitutional formalities, the Executive Committee meetings and I suspect quite a few other things too. Thank you.



Phil Cotton

Commodore

MOCRA Financial Report for 12 months ending 31 December 2018.

This is our first Financial Year that aligns with the Calendar Year. Due to the process of achieving this alignment, the last accounts were for the 16-months 31 August 2016 to 31 December 2017.

Despite the year-end change, there are no significant differences to the timing of our underlying receipts as the bulk of our Membership Subscriptions and Racing Ratings are received over the first and second quarters respectively i.e. January-March, and April-June.

Within expenditure, our main underlying costs remain the publication of Newsletter/Yearbook and Calendar. However, a notable increase in Website related costs has occurred as we paid for the sites' updating, including the ability to pay for Membership, Racing Ratings etc via PayPal.

Our annual income just about covered our expenditure over the Financial Year. There was a relatively small net deficit of £214.

However, our Balance Sheet remains healthy with Accumulated Funds of £10,723, which is in excess of 1 years' expenditure.

Tim Wilson

Treasurer

25 October 2019



Membership Secretary's Report for MOCRA AGM, 23rd November 2019

In 2019 we have 145 paying members and 2 life members. This compares rather unfavourably with previous years. This may be fluctuation, demographics, or other factors.

Year	Members
2015	177
2017	188
2018	185
2019	145

Like last year, there are nine people who pay old membership fees who are not counted in the total.

Like last year, we have a core constituency of about 100 people who pay early in the year, a minority of whom do not have racing certs.

We have a large number of memberships from Brazil, France, Hong Kong, The Caribbean, etc, who presumably largely join for their racing certificates.

There is still a small number of payments which do not easily reconcile. These may be up to 16 additional memberships, taking this year's total to 161.

Relatedly, there are some members for whom we do not have email addresses, and some for whom we have no contact details at all. I do hope these folks get some joy from being MOCRA members, because they don't get anything else!

William Lee
Membership Secretary



Cruising Secretary Report – AGM 2019

The 2019 MOCRA cruise plans were published on the MOCRA website and the dates were added to the Facebook diary. The plan was for rallies each month through the 7 summer months ending with a final rally in October. The rally venues were left open with the intention of choosing them as the attendees and weather dictated.

Unfortunately, this was not successful in 2019 and no requests for information or any interest in the rallies this year were received from any members. As a result, none of the planned rallies were held.

This was quite disappointing but not entirely a surprise when taken in conjunction with the general reduction in boat usage and degree of indecision in the country in general this year. I hope that this will change for 2020.

On a personal note, I have decided not to seek re-election as Cruising Secretary for 2020 and I hope that this change might bring with it a new focus on MOCRA cruising and renewal of interest in organised events and rallies for the cruising membership.

Mark Jarvis
Cruising Secretary - MOCRA



MOCRA Racing Secretaries 2019 Round Up

Another eventful year draws to a close, 50 years of MOCRA, what will multihulls look like in another half century? Looking back over the year and forwards into 2020.

February, as usual brought us the Caribbean 600, this continues its popularity with 10 racers in the MOCRA class.

Back in the UK, the East Coast fleet continues to gather strength; Simon Barnes representing the area is now a committee member. Although not yet finalised it seems that there is a good chance that the 2020 Nationals will be held at Burnham, dates to follow.

May 2020 the RWYC and Newport YC host the OStar & TwoStar. The race coincides with the Mayflower 400 celebrations. For good or bad it moves the RWYC Triangle race back to the end of May for 2020, maybe the weather will be better?

Scottish Peaks racing this year saw South West based Bare Necessities, Dazcat 1150 make the journey up north to compete against the infamous Baird Family on Dragonfly 32 Tri Mhor, sadly for Bruce and Alison they had to settle for second place. Can anyone beat these local champions?

The Three Peaks Yacht race also welcomed Multihulls for the first time in many years. Three MOCRA boats managed to make it to the start line and complete the course. The results were 1st Wandering Glider, 2nd The Peaky Blinder and 3rd Don't Look Down. They would welcome more entries next year.

The 2019 Nationals were hosted by RWYC with 7 entries. Racing was held over three days in varied conditions both inside Plymouth breakwater and out near the Eddystone lighthouse. It was very tight racing with Matt Baker on Wombat tasselling with Hissy Fit every race, the championships came down to the last race. With the strongest winds of the event and an offshore course it was Hissy Fit that clinched the last race.

Meanwhile in the Solent, Royal Victoria YC offered a series of races over the season for the Solent based boats, we hope this series will grow in strength with its ideal central location. Nigel Talbot and his new ride Sanity will be happy to see you joining in.

Bembridge Regatta was down on numbers this year and needs a few more boats next year or we are in danger of losing this great end of season weekend.

Hon Secretary Matthew West's Schionning catamaran, Backlash, is nearly ready to relaunch after a major refit. It will be good to see them both back on the water. Backlash is looking better than new, and it will be good to have Matthew back sailing and flying the MOCRA burgee.

Round the Island Race, was another slow one, with park-ups at pretty much every corner of the race. During the very long day a number of boats looked like it might be their day. Eventually the Snakes and Ladders came through for Hissy Fit and her crew, I would like to thank them for continuing to be determined to take every opportunity to scrape forwards, trying to leave the slower boats behind and catch up the faster ones. Just when we thought we were nearly there the breeze flipped again only 20mm from the finish. Mango 3 were second and Dragonfly third.

Ross Hobson, owner of Seacart 30 Buzz, wins the RORC Season Championship, made up of 26 Multihulls competing in RORC events around the world. Second and third places go to Joel Malardel with Tancrede and James Holder with Slinky Malinki.

17 Multihulls gathered for this biennial Fastnet event. 12 making up the MOCRA class and 5 in the Open class. Congratulations to Christian Guyader on his TS 42 Gauyader Gastronomie for his win in the MOCRA class in what was an exceptionally fast race with an elapsed time of only 60 hrs for the 608 miles.

Frank Cammas on Maxi Edmond De Rothschild, just held off Francois Gabart on Macif with what was a photo finish, just 58 seconds separating them in a 28 hour record breaking race.

Freshly Squeezed a Grainger 36 footer sailed by Paul Brant is happy to now be on the water and competing in RORC races.

Morpheus Andrew Fennels 40' Shuttleworth, won her first race in part of the RWYC Triangle race, demonstrating blistering speeds at times, nearly twice as fast as the rest of the fleet on the leg to Falmouth.

The last major race of the year in Europe, the RORC Middle Sea Race, took place in October. Plagued by exceptionally light winds there were no finishers in the MOCRA class from 4 starters. Disappointing, especially for Nigel Passmore & Apollo who had made the effort to get there from Plymouth, let's hope for better wind in 2020.

More MOCRA Rating certificates issued, shows a better year, with a continued positive trend.

2019 were 102

2018 were 86

2017 were 69

2016 were 76

2015 were 75

The Racing Committee made no changes to the rating rule in 2019 and only one meeting was held.

The Racing committee are looking into fore triangles and J0 sails.

Phil Cotton has decided to stand down from his current role of MOCRA Commodore, he remains head of the UK DIam 24 fleet which we hope will continue to join the MOCRA fleet for some events. I would like to thank him for his time at the helm of our ship, which has not always been an easy ride; he has guided us well through the last few years, thank you Phil.

For those members who wish to get closer involved in MOCRA and our racing, please get in touch if you feel you have something to put in, I have been Racing Secretary now for 9 years, so perhaps it's time for someone else to bring forward some new ideas.

2020 sounds like it should be a great year, so don't forget to let others know what your plans are to ensure we have competitive racing.

Simon Baker

GBR788M Hissy Fit



MOCRA Rating Secretary's Report

The MOCRA Racing Committee did not make any amendments to the Rating Rule for 2019.

102 MOCRA Rating Certificates were issued for 2019, excluding 6 complimentary ratings for the Bridgedeck Cruiser Class in the ISC Round the Isle of Wight Race. The certificates were emailed to the boat owners and have been published on the website.

Six multihulls were weighed during the year using the MOCRA Loadcell.

Simon Forbes

Rating Secretary

