

HOUSE REPORT

The Covid virus pandemic has been very challenging for our Club, as it has been for many around the world. There have been ever changing Covid restrictions that the Club has had to consider while still paying particular attention to the safety of our members.

On a positive note the initial lockdown enabled the club to improve the courtyard so that when we reopened we had a very attractive outside seating area for Lunches and Carveries. This continued even into the colder months of the year with outside heating.

The sundeck areas were also well used for after racing drinks and successful Happy Hours during the hot summer.

Although large gatherings and our usual dinner dances have not been possible, many members still managed to use the river and keep in touch with their friends at the Club, albeit at a safe distance.

Happily we still managed to celebrate the RBYC's 125th Anniversary in great style! There was Champagne and a special Anniversary Cake at a very elegant High Tea, with a Pianist, in the dining room and sun lounge, all thanks to the determined efforts of Pauline Wells.

I would like to thank all members for their support and cooperation throughout this difficult year.

Finally I'd like to thank our Steward Jayne Nicholls and her staff for their tireless efforts in keeping everyone safe and feeling welcome. Jayne has had to adapt to many new Covid regulations and requirements which she did in her usual friendly manner.

The club is looking forward to the year ahead and getting back to the Sailing, Parties and Dinner Dances that we all love so much at our club.

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