I would thank you all for attending the BMYC AGM today.

This past year has been bitter sweet for BMYC, against a very positive progression for our club with our numbers growing with new members and very successful competitions taking place within the club and open events.

We have been saddened by the loss of John Meredith. John was very committed to the club, he enjoyed his sailing very much and his work in the galley was much appreciated. I am sure he is missed by all.

Peter Henderson’s health issues have worsened and with the loss of his wife Dot it has become virtually impossible for him to join us at the lake side. His enthusiasm for footy’s will be missed.

I would like to thank you for honouring me with a second term as Commodore. I have enjoyed fulfilling the roll and hope that that I have met your expectations. Remember this is your club; the committee and I are here to put into place what you the membership want.

I would like to thank everyone for the overall attitude and atmosphere that exists within the club, I am sure it is this has helped in encouraging new members. Well done all.

It is excellent to see many new boats coming along; several of these have been first time home builds done to a very high standard.

The racing fleets have grown and the competition across all classes has intensified, the standard has risen dramatically.

As I mentioned earlier our numbers have increased, I would like to take this opportunity to formally welcome all our new members, I hope you get as much from membership as you hope to. I must mention John Burgoine and Alan Skitt who have skills that will help the club as they are both powerboat trained and this will help with course setting /rescue.

Our bonds with our hosts SSC have strengthened; the use of the cupboard in the changing room for the storing of the buoys and starting equipment has been a great help to us. I have made enquiries as to whether we could have a larger cupboard in future and this is being investigated.

Thank you to all who assisted with the running of our two open events for Footy’s and IOM’s these events went very well, although I believe both were quite wet. Well done all, it has really helped raise the profile of BMYC in the wider world of model yachting and once again turned in a profit for the club.

I am sure you would all join me in saying a special thank you to Ian Apps for his sterling work in providing us with tea and biscuits, Ian have managed to run it with a surplus of fund that has paid for the Pudding race prizes with the remainder adding to club funds. Well done Ian.

This has been a very good year for BMYC and I thank you all for the part that you have all played in that achievement. May we carry on in the same way in the future. As I have said this is your club please let us know what you want from the club we will do all we can to make it so.

Thank you.