



# NEWSLETTER

No: 1/2021 – March 2021

Dear Members,

A word of thanks for all those members who joined us on ZOOM on Friday 26 February 2021 for the Annual General Meeting. From feedback we received, the meeting was a success and we intend to continue to use this means of communication with each other until this dreaded Covid-19 pandemic is over.

For those who were no able to join us for the AGM, we will list the two main points of the meeting:

- the same six members of the previous Committee of the Club were elected to serve for another two years (2021 & 2022)
- A series of webinars are planned for the coming months utilizing the same ZOOM software to delivery interesting presentations to all members of the Club. You will find details of these webinars in this Newsletter below.

As regards Club activities for this year, we still have to see what the Club will be allowed to organise in the coming months. However, sailing out at sea is not a restricted event, although going to neighbouring Sicily or Greece could still be a problem. We just have to see how things develop and adjust accordingly.

In the meantime, the Club Committee met on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and decided to divide the duties and responsibilities of the administration of the Club as follows:



Commodore:	Wilfred Sultana
Vice Commodore:	Johann Cuschieri
Honorary Secretary:	Austin Calleja
Honorary Treasurer:	Victor Taliana
Membership & Social Events Officer:	Joseph Pace
Sailing Events, Technical Talks & IT Officer:	Patrick Genovese

The Committee also co-opted Dr Carmel Abela as medical consultant to the Club during these difficult times.

We look forward with cautious optimism for the next 10 months of the year. The whole Committee will do its best to deliver to all members the sailing, technical and social events most of us has been accustomed to in the last few years.

Meanwhile, we wish you all fair winds!

Austin Calleja  
Hon Secretary

# Please Join us



# Planned Webinars using up to the end of June 2021

Joining us on Zoom is easy!

We will give you a link each time there is a Club webinar (meeting/presentation) by email. All you have to do is click on the link and it would download the Zoom software and let you into the meeting.

Any web browser on your home PC, laptop or even your smart phone will download the software automatically when you start or join your first Zoom meeting, however we do recommend you download the software beforehand.

The Zoom software for your **PC or laptop** can be manually downloaded here:

<https://zoom.us/download>

For your **smartphone** go to  Download in Google Play or  Download in App Store and download the Zoom app.

## Sailing to Greece (and back)

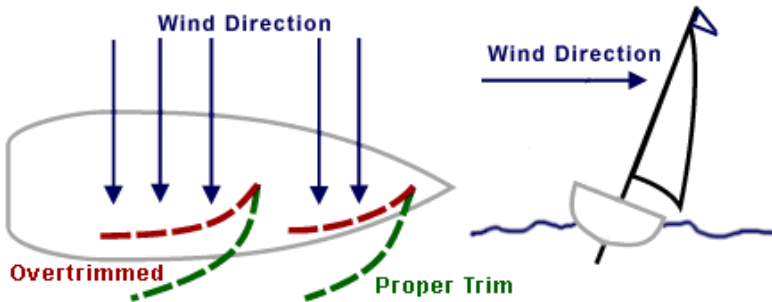


Club member Peter Rigby will give us a very interesting presentation on how to get to Greece and back and, more importantly, what to do in Greece and where to go when you are there. Peter went to the Ionian Sea twice in the last three years and has tons of experience on how to enjoy yourself once you get to the Ionian Sea and beyond.

Friday 26 March 2021 at 18:30 hrs

We will send out an email to all members two weeks before the date in which you can ask us for the link to this webinar. All paid-up members of the Club can participate, ask questions and communicate with Peter "live" during the webinar.

# Sail Trim



Committee member Patrick Genovese will revisit the subject of trimming of sails. We had a very interesting talk on the subject some three years ago from Nicky Sammut.

This time Patrick will help us understand better how to get more power out of our sails in specific conditions.

Tentatively we will target this webinar to **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**, however, we will confirm date and time by a separate email to all members.

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# Fishing from your boat



We are also proposing a webinar by a leading supplier of fish tackle in Malta and a great angler himself, Sinclair Pace to give us a talk on fishing from our boats. A popular subject with our sailing community.

You can visit Sinclair's Facebook webpage and his own website ([www.maltatackle.com](http://www.maltatackle.com)) to see how serious this gentleman is on fishing. It would definitely be a very interesting webinar.



Again, tentatively we will target this webinar to **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021**, however, we will confirm date and time by a separate email to all members.

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# Cooking on board

The fourth webinar is about glorious food. We will team up with Jean Paul Debono, a professional chef who will give us a talk about food on board and how to prepare at least three easy dishes that would surprise your crew on board.

He will show us video clips of the preparation of each dish taken on board a boat galley. We look forward to join Jean Paul in a webinar on the subject later on this year.

Not to be missed!



Jean Paul Debono

We intend to hold the webinar on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021** but again, we will inform you of the date and the time by a separate email to all members.

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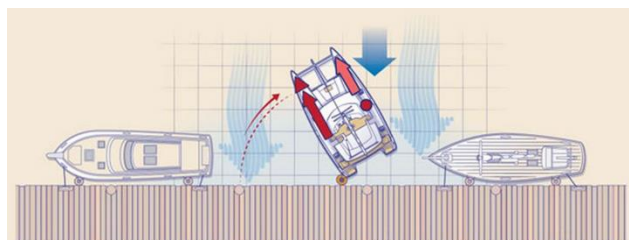
We also intend to hold two other webinars later on in the year. Committee member Patrick Genovese will conduct two more webinars on:



## Rope works



## Close quarters manoeuvring



Dates and time of these webinars will be communicated to all members through an email.

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