



NEWSLETTER

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A message from the Commodore of the Club

For over 18 months now, we have been facing a global health crisis unlike any experienced in the past 100-years. History recalls the Spanish Flu of 1918, the Asian flu of 1957, the Hong Kong Flu of 1968 and the Swine Flu of 2009 but Covid-19 did more than killing people, spreading human suffering, and disrupting people's lives. The coronavirus disease defined as a pandemic created a human, economic and social crisis attacking societies at their core.

And the sports environment, including sailing, was no different. Leisure events and established competitions had to be cancelled or postponed, disrupting world famous sailing races and regattas and even acclaimed boat shows.

Unfortunately, this was the chaotic and mysterious scenario and our Club was part of it. We all missed our Technical talks, which were most popular and well attended by the Club's members. Normally following these presentations, the evenings proceed to a social gathering in the form of a dinner.

The popular annual sailing events truly rank high in the Club's Calendar of Events. The Gozo Easter Weekend which the MCC members happily share together with their friends, the Gozo Cruise & Crews Club, the International Siracusa Cruise, the Cruise to Scoglitti Licata and San Leone and the Club's most popular cruise the Falken *Sette Giugno* Pozzallo Cruise which unfortunately in the circumstances we missed its 2020 and 2021 editions. Indeed a relaxing on-shore three days programme for all skippers, crew and their families in the Ragusa region is enjoyed.



Here the event is held under the patronage of the Comune di Pozzallo and with the collaboration of the Lega Navale Italiana (Sezione Pozzallo).

Other annual appointments, which unfortunately had to be cancelled, were the popular Quiz Night, the Hog Roast Night and the Commodore's Lunch.

But now, with Covid-19 vaccine programme showing positive results, with the number of cases going down, and with Health Authorities restrictions eased, there is growing excitement as people look forward to the return of their favourite pastimes.

We at the Malta Cruising Club are trying to do our best to return to our "normal life". We thought that the best way to do it is to kick-start our social events with two lunches in November and December 2021. We will also hold another webinar this month on fishing, which we hope you will find interesting and enjoyable.

Let us hope that these planned events for the next three months will be the start of "normality" in our lives and that of our Club.

Wilfred Sultana
Commodore

Please Join us

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Planned Club activities for the remaining months of 2021

1. Friday 15th October 2021

Zoom webinar “Fishing from your Boat”

by Sinclair Pace (See details below)

2. Sunday 7th November 2021

Sunday Lunch at the Malta Golf Club Marsa

We will try to re-start our social activities programme, put on hold for so long because of COVID-19, by a Sunday Lunch at the Malta Golf Club restaurant. More details of menu, parking and the time will be communicated to you later on by an email to all members.

3. Sunday 5th December 2021

Commodore’s Lunch at the Bacchus Restaurant Mdina

Once again we will be organising a Sunday Lunch this time in the historical ancient city of Mdina on Sunday 5th December 2021. Please keep this date free and we will give you all the details of this event later on when we finalise all the arrangements.

Both lunches will take place in accordance with current COVID -19 Mandatory Standards and Guidelines issued by the Health Department. Members are reminded that facemasks will be necessary to enter the premises, and that dining tables will be at least 2 metres apart and members will be seated in tables of not more than six persons.

Fishing from your boat



We will be holding a webinar by a leading supplier of fish tackle in Malta and a great angler himself, **Sinclair Pace**. He will 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) to see how serious this gentleman is on fishing. It would definitely be a very interesting webinar.



This webinar will take place on **Friday 15th October 2021 at 6:30pm**. Joining us on Zoom is easy. Please follow the instruction below and you will have no problem in participating. All paid-up members of the Club will receive an email with the link to the webinar.

Joining us on Zoom is easy!

We will give you a link for this Club webinar 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.

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