

## Chairmans Report 2017

The year started with last years National Championships at Looe, one of our favourite venues, and finishes here at another favourite and welcoming club - Castle Cove. As a Class we should feel privileged to sail at such excellent venues, although I must admit that when we arrived this year it did feel more like a Northern Nationals with the wind and rain.

Over the year we have seen interesting developments in the Scorpion Class with Ovington Boats now manufacturing boats from the Pinnel & Bax moulds, and I am sure we are in safe hands to ensure the build quality of these boats via Chris Turner at Ovington. We have also seen fantastic bespoke GRP Panelled boats being built by Kevin Gosling, and of course we offer the beauty of wooden boats from both Kevin and Nigel Potter at Paintcraft. With this package of boats we are in a great position for the future development of the class, being able to offer 3 versions of the best 3 sail Hiking boat there is.

This year there are a number of measurement clarifications and rule changes that your committee has been looking at. This is a subject for us all to embrace and consider carefully, so that these issues can be resolved to allow us to build on to success of the class.

Over the year 2016 /2017 we have again seen Scorpions at many venues, once again doing the class proud, and showing the flexibility of the boat, being competitive in all conditions in land on on sea.

We have also seen the class taking part in what is now referred to as 'SMELT', at Carnac - France. On behalf of the class I would to thank Tom Jeffcoate for ensuring that the class had this opportunity of sailing not just in National events but also on the international stage.

Finally and most definitely most importantly I need to express my thanks and the thanks of the entire Scorpion Class to your committee members who work tirelessly on your behalf throughout the year. Some have been doing so for many years with little recognition for what they do, and without them we would be in a poor state, and would not be the vibrant and friendly class we are today

Jerry Hannabuss ( Chairman)