

Warrington Dolphins LDSC

Annual Report 1999

Dear All,

Well here we are again, the end of another year and the beginning of a new century.

1999 was a successful year for the Club with individual and team achievements and with members participating in many BLDSA events.

The first major event of the year was our own Championship at Budworth Mere. Fortunately the weather was fine and warm on the day and a good time was had by all (with the exception of Henry Lowther who decided it would be a good idea to eat a wasp!). Many Dolphins completed the course including Keith Bosson (3rd male), Michaela Yates (2nd female) and Nicholas Hunter-Choat (1st junior).

At the Howe Bridge Marlins swim at Llyn Padarn in July the Dolphins were well represented with many 'veterans' competing including Keith Bosson, Billy Dutton and Graham Padget. Kalynda Pritchard won the junior female breaststroke and the team trophy was once again awarded to the Dolphins namely Keith Bosson, Michaela Yates and Graham Padget.

Unfortunately, our Albert Dock Championship in August had to be cancelled due to the late withdrawal of the canoe safety cover. Cover has already been guaranteed for next year.

On August Bank Holiday weekend 6 Dolphins successfully completed a Channel relay swim in a time of 14 hours 17 minutes. The team was 'captained' by Michaela Yates and included Kevin Saunders, Dave Feakes, Jim Nurse, Tom Towey and Lesley Feakes and the much appreciated support of Larry Richard.

The Clubs Annual Dinner was held in November. Dave Colley was guest of honour, other guests included Sonny Anderson and Mr. & Mrs. John Smith, the past Commodore of Budworth Mere Sailing Club. Michaela Richard (formerly Yates) received the Anderson Trophy for her contribution to and support of the Club. Her achievements include a solo Channel crossing, 2 team crossings and numerous achievements at events throughout the country.

Finally, congratulations to Michaela and Larry Richard on their wedding in September, to Fiona and Paul Lynch on the birth of Patrick in March, to Stuart and Beryl Ainsworth on their wedding in November and to John Heapy for receiving the B.L.D.S.A's Pilot Life Savers award once again.

Thanks go to all our coaches and committee members for all their hard work and time and to Budworth Mere Sailing Club for their continued hospitality and support.

A special thanks to Tony Johnson, President of the Warrington Dolphins, who is currently in hospital after major heart surgery, we wish him a speedy recovery.

Finally, congratulations and thankyou to all swimmers who have represented and supported the Club at various levels and events over the last 12 months.

Happy New Year and here's to a successful and enjoyable Millenium.


Lesley Feakes
Honorary Club Secretary