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Dear Tomahawk Owners,

Happy New Year!

Well, what happened to 2004? We on Warpath thought ourselves clever when we got on to the water early in April. Little did we know that what we thought was early summer enjoyment would turn out to be the only few warm, sunny days we would see in the Solent this year. I clearly remember basking on the beach in Yarmouth contemplating the Round the Island Race and what our tactics might be for 2004.

A few weeks later we employed these, to some tactical gain on the western side of the island when we managed to hang on to the cruising chute all the way to the Needles from the start and were even the lead Tomahawk for a while! However we soon lost out on the beat round the south of the island blaming our old sails and promising ourselves a new set for next season.

The rest of the year proved to be very wet. Other commitments stopped us from attending the south coast Rallies or crossing the Channel this year but Warpath was taken down to Cornwall by her skipper and crew (not myself, I hasten to add). A relatively easy passage to the West Country ended in a very wet and windy summer break. As you all know, the summer proved very stormy – not least of it in Cornwall. Whilst there we met Pat and Leslie Hill TOA members living near the Helford River. We thoroughly enjoyed their company and hospitality though whether they will ever recover from our children I'm not sure.

A very quick non-stop passage from Falmouth to Portsmouth and it seems it was all over bar the shouting. I can only report sadness and unhappiness because I personally did not get any further sailing in this year. Our skipper did have a few more trips before Warpath was taken out of the water, but I'm afraid all I can report is a bitter feeling in my stomach that comes when a sailing season is cut short to early! He reported, optimistically, that the poor weather this year did result in some excellent strong wind sailing in Warpath.

With so little sailing, one wonders what happened to the Tomahawk Owners Association bulletin. I regret that there seems to have been little time for that since the Bulletin in May 2004 as my work commitments have been overriding and there seems to have been considerable pressure from all other quarters also. In truth I only took on the role as a stand in for the year and apologise for the paucity of my efforts! However in my defence I would point out this household has produced 11 Bulletins over the last 4 years!

The main reason for this letter, apart from apologising for the lack of Bulletin, is that we must find new officers for 2005 - Commodore, Secretary and Treasurer are standing down - in addition to the Bulletin Editor!

The incumbents have taken the TOA from its inception in 1999 to a sizeable association of some 50 plus members. We have had regular Bulletins, Rallies, Races, and Dinners, Channel crossings and AGM's. We have made new friends and acquaintances, exchanged ideas and tips about our boats, enjoyed each other's company and most of all enjoyed the sailing. To keep this going and to grow it we need other members to volunteer now and do their bit and this year its most important that as many members as possible attend the AGM.

The AGM will be held as before at the Barn Travel Inn, Hockley Heath on the 24th January 2005. The Agenda with directions are enclosed - the most important items are the Election of the officers.

Hoping to see you there,

*Melanie Juer,
Bulletin Editor*

PS David Collinson has moved and asked that I advise you of his new address:

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TOMAHAWK OWNERS ASSOCIATION AGM

Proceeding the AGM it is hoped that members will foregather at 12.30 for an informal Lunch

The Association's 6th AGM will be held on **Saturday 22nd January 2005** at 14.00hrs

The venue will be the BARN TRAVEL INN, HOCKLEY HEATH.

Directions On the A3400 Birmingham to Stratford-upon-Avon road, 2 miles South of J4 of the M42 on the West side of the road.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last AGM. Held at the Barn Travel Inn, Hockley Heath, 24th January 2004
3. Matters arising.
4. Commodores Report.
5. Secretary's Report.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Election of Commodore
8. Election of Treasurer
9. Election of Secretary,
10. Election of Bulletin Editor
11. Election of Committee.
12. To consider Association Regalia
- 11 Any Other Business.
12. Date of next meeting.

Proceeding the AGM it is hoped that we can hold an informal lunch, meeting at 12.30pm, the Conference Room has full facilities so after the AGM, we are able to use the overhead projection or video to show any items of interest that you can bring with you, Tomahawk Rallies?

Overnight accommodation can be arranged with Travel Inn Tel 01564 782144 Fax 01564 783197
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I shall/shall not be able to attend the Lunch/AGM.

We hope that as many as possible will be able to attend, to take the opportunity of meeting each other again, and to enjoy each others company We have booked the Room between the hours of 14.00 and 17.00

David Collinson.