

Hello Sailor,

It is now over 10 years since Tony Giblett decided unilaterally to pass on the Commodoreship baton when we innocently visited the Mayflower Marina in Plymouth. He turned up on to our then Aquastar 33 Perroquet with a bottle of 'Plymouth's best', the club files and a 20 pence petty cash shortfall (which I have still not managed to find!).

The time has now come for me to hand over to another member – applicants please form an orderly queue! Please do email me if you are interested and I would be happy to answer any questions. If no one wishes to take this on, the Club will regretfully have to close. This will be my last newsletter.

The typical owner of an Aquastar these days seems to prefer to do their own thing, so the level of interest in a summer get together has also been consistently decreasing over the years. Yes, there is now a Facebook group; I know some people do not read my newsletters and the decreasing trickle of articles from other members has now reached zero. You could even say that I am also running out of things to say in my newsletters - new blood needed!

It does seem the end of an era for us as most of our 'old' boating friends have now hung up their ensigns. Perhaps our most lasting memories include that infamous 'Commodore's Quiz' at our annual club dinner in St Peter Port in 2019, and the 2022 Covid busting Channel Islands cruise when 20 members all met up in St Peter Port to listen to the PowerPoint presentation from Neil and Phil who, in their two Aquastars, had just completed their round Great Britain fundraising trip for prostate cancer.

The technical articles I have written over those years will remain accessible on the website, and so will all the newsletters ever written. I will be happy to continue to answer (or at least try) technical queries from members and non-members alike.

Nevertheless, our plans for next year's Cruise in Company is for Star to meet up with Onar around June 25th in the Solent, cross to Cherbourg, and then after visiting 5 locations, end up at Honfleur. We will probably then cross back to Brighton.

We would be delighted if other members would be able to join us then for some or for all of our cruise. Please register any interest with me as soon as you are able to.

Finally, for historical reasons we still have quite a few Aquastar ties. If anyone would like a free one just send me a stamped / reply paid self-addressed envelope.

With best wishes for 2026,
Ingvar Svenson (Commodore).



Your Commodore