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The Association for Macwester and Atlanta Owners



This year's runner up photo: "Journey Home" – Mike Hotard

**Our AGM for 2024 will be held at on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2025 at the Arun Yacht Club  
(See Commodore's report on page 6)**

# Macwester Shop



**Is your old burgee looking a bit tattered?  
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sticker?**



**Burgee = £15.00 Car Sticker = £1.00**

**Macwester Owner Association Tie = £5.00**

**Cloth Badge (for blazer, etc.) = £5.00**

**You can purchase new ones at any time from your  
Membership Secretary, Linda Nixon**



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## **GIVE YOUR BOAT THAT ORIGINAL MACWESTER LOOK !**

The club received an email from Geoff White ('Haston Dee')

"Is there such a thing as a Mac 26 logo? We've just had our boat painted and the chap who did it asked whether there is a suitable logo that he could have printed and fixed to the boat."

That was a good question. So his email was forwarded to both Bob Tuffnell and Stuart Roy. Stuart informed us every Macwester built was fitted with a special plate with the Macwester logo. The plates were affixed to each side of the cabin, just forward of the cockpit.

Stuart Roy sent us all the measurements and very kindly agreed to let the Association copy the plates. Chris Nixon (Technical Officer) has had sets of the design drawn up and printed and we are now able to offer sets of these replica logo plates to members for their Macwester yachts (if the original plates are missing from the cabin side).



**If you would like a set of these replica plates, please email:  
[linda@debyacht.co.uk](mailto:linda@debyacht.co.uk)**

**We have limited pairs in stock of these stickers.**

**The cost is £5.00 for the pair (including postage).**

**On receiving your email, we will send the bank details and once you have paid will post them out to you. Use your boat name as a reference (and please let us know if you have moved since joining the Association!)**

**SEE PAGE 24 FOR OUR NEW MACWESTER MECHANDISE!**



# Macwester Owners Association

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### Important Notice

Every Macwester built has been made uniquely. The boats vary widely, even within the same type. The Association has not validated the technical comments on the Facebook Group or anywhere elsewhere.

Owners must evaluate any comment or advice in order to ensure that it is appropriate to their vessel. Advice given by the Association's Technical Officer is based on experience and provided in good faith.

However, the Association cannot guarantee the appropriateness or otherwise of any advice and can accept no responsibility for any loss as a result of it.

# Elected Officers and Committee for 2024

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## Past Commodores

Linda Nixon	2019-2023	P Mawhood	1994-1996
Chris Nixon	2015-2018	M. Pickles	1991-1993
A G Almond	2012-2015	J. Carver	1983-1990
Pip Rich	2009-2011	M. A. Grace	1982
S. Hill	2008	M. C. Coleman	1977-1981
A. R. Mills	2006-2007	R. S. Hignell	1976
J. Bradshaw	2003-2005	A. W. Thomas	1973-1975
R. Thomas	1999-2002	D. A. R. J. Whitehead	1970-1972
M M. Thompson	1997-1999	H. S. Winterbourne	1967-1969

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# Commodore's Review



## Under the Broad Pennant Autumn 2024

As tradition has it, the Commodore has the choice of venue for his, or her, last AGM and as previously indicated, I chose my home club of the Royal Harwich Yacht Club at Woolverstone for the 2024/2025 venue.

However, your Committee has realised that January 2025 will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of the Macwester 26 at the 1965 Boat Show in Earl's Court. This seems too good an opportunity to miss, and it has therefore been decided that the 2024/2025 AGM should be held at Littlehampton in West Sussex. I am sure you all know that the birthplace of the Macwester lineage of vessels is Littlehampton. All boats which

were registered at the time of building proudly had 'LITTLEHAMPTON' painted on their transoms.

It is now proposed that the **2024/2025 AGM will be held in the Arun Yacht Club on Saturday 22 February 2025**. The club is situated on the west bank of the River Arun. Although the venue has changed, the date has not. The programme will include two presentations. One will be on the history of the Macwester designs and yard, and we hope that Stuart Roy, the son of the founder of the firm, will be able to be present. The other will be on the aims and achievements to date of the Wey and Arun Canal Trust. The Trust aims to restore the only inland link between the Channel and the Thames. This started with the entrance from the Channel at Littlehampton, up the River Arun, and ended with a connection to the River Thames via the Wey Navigation just south of Guildford. The original depth of canal was such that Macwesters would have been able to navigate the canal with masts down.

Exact details of the programme for the 2024/2025 AGM will be released as soon as they have been finalised. As a consequence, it is the 2025/2026 AGM which will be held at the Royal Harwich Yacht Club, on the River Orwell, in February 2026.

Other news: the Macwester website is being developed to include an on-line shop for burgees, scarves, other items of attire, and badges, etc. Also being progressed is the issue of annual Membership Cards to assist members in accessing the benefits of the Association's affiliation to the RYA.

The abrupt change in the weather reminds us all to tuck up our vessels for the winter to come.

Happy Sailing  
Peter Stebbings

If you have a phone with a QR reader App installed on it, scan the code to the right into it. It will give you a link to the continually-evolving Macwester Owners Association's Website

