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Chairman's Report AGM 2022

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I'm pleased to report the Class has enjoyed another great year, as we begin to cautiously get back to some sort of post Covid normal. People have been enjoying getting out in their ILCA dinghy at all levels from our BST Olympic Squad to beginners experiencing the thrill of their first club race.

At the elite level, our squad continuous to feature in the top 10 in the world rankings and it is a credit to them that they engage with us 'Week End Warriors' at Nationals and Qualifying Regattas.

One of the many great aspects of our class is the 3 rigs which make us, in some respects, 3 very closely related classes rather than just one, all be it very big, Class.

The growth of the ILCA 4 Class this year has been fantastic to watch, it has been a credit both the youngsters who have really thrown themselves into the racing and of course the parents who have got the sailors to the events and helped them embark on the great adventure that is competitive sailing.

One of the aspects of the UKLA's work which has really taken off in the last year or so, is the training the Class Association provides. Historically, we have done I think a great job, providing training to the younger sailors and this has now been broadened into Open Training which has proved immensely popular with all ability levels. I think this is yet another benefit the UKLA provides which differentiates the ILCA from many other classes

The great things we are doing across the Class is only possible because of the tireless work of hundreds of volunteers, many are the parents of our younger sails, but not all. Without our volunteers there will be no racing for any of us

I am stepping down now and I want to put on record the immense enjoyment I have got from my involvement with the UKLA. It has been a privilege to work with such a talented Committee and volunteers who has done so much over the 4 years I have been at the helm.

They continue to plan, I know, even bigger and better sailing events for all of us in the year ahead and beyond, I hope to see you at many of them.

Signing off,

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