**Extraordinary General Meeting of East Cowes Sailing Club**

**27th September 2018 at 1930**

**Attendance**

The 38 Club members in attendance were welcomed by the Commodore.

**Apologies:**

Patti and John Urry; Tony Cole; Michael Lines; Jill and Nick Bredon; Derek Ferguson; Peter Bates; Linda Bird; Carol Casson; Hannah King; Linda Richter and Sue Clark.

**Written Comments Prior to the Meeting**

Written comments had been received from Derek Ferguson, Michael Lines and Tony Cole prior to the meeting.

**Introduction**

The Commodore noted that the purpose of the meeting was to put a number of prospective rule changes to the membership. The rationale for the rule changes had been described in the previously distributed paper.

**Voting Sheet**

A pre-printed Voting Sheet was handed to each member as they arrived, for them to record their votes and associated numerical preferences during the meeting.

The Voting Sheet, as distributed, is appended.

The presentation of the proposed rule changes was re-ordered as follows: 3; 4; 6; 7; 8; 1; 2; 5a; 5b; 5c; 5d; 5e; 5f; 5g.

There was a correction to proposed rule change 8. The word ***unanimous*** to be replaced by the word ***majority***.

**Proposed Rule Changes**

The Vice Commodore introduced each proposal, in the revised order, and invited arguments for and against the rule change from the floor.

Three amendments were proposed:

1. The word ***fine*** be replaced throughout the Voting Paper with the word ***surcharge***. This was agreed by the Chair without a formal vote being taken.
2. If the proposed rule change 5a is carried; reduce the levy by 50% in view of the additional number of full members who would be eligible. Since the amendment was predicated on an unknown result; the Chair moved to carry forward the amendment to the next AGM.
3. If the proposed rule change 5e is carried; reduce the surcharge where a full member has completed a significant proportion, but not all, of their hours. Since the amendment was predicated on an unknown result; the Chair moved to carry forward the amendment to the next AGM.

**Voting Results**

The Commodore closed the meeting at 2150, as Voting Sheets were collected. Results will be published once they become available.

**East Cowes Sailing Club**

**E.G.M. – 27th September 2018**

**Voting Form**

**Proposed Rule Changes (summarised and not prioritised in list order): -**

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1. **The introduction of a probationary period of 1 year, for all new members joining after October 2018. (see existing Rules 6,7,18 & 21)**

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1. **Restrictions on full membership privileges during the Probationary Year.** (Bye-Laws – access to storage)

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1. **Revision of the Rules to clarify Full Membership status and associated responsibilities** in relation to the following categories of membership; -
2. Joint Membership
3. Family Membership (Additional qualification/clarification to Rule 6)

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1. **Clarification in the Rules of the exclusion/expulsion date, of members who fail to renew their membership on or before the 1st of January** i.e. without prior notice to and agreement of the General Committee.

(see Rule 19)

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1. **Variations to the current Club Rules relating to the 10 hours of work on behalf of the Club and the payment of the £75-00 levy – as follows.** (see Rule 21)

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**Either – 5 a)** **All Full members are required to undertake the 10-hour work obligation.**

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**Or – 5b)** **Only Full members with yard storage and/or a Club mooring, must complete the 10 hours work obligation.**

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**5c) –** **The introduction of an option to prospectively seek exemption from the 10 hours of work obligation and pay a levy (amount to be agreed),** at the beginning of the membership year together with the membership subscription.

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**5d) –** **Clarification in the Rules regarding the dates for the completion of the 10-hour work obligation, specifically the cut-off date to be the 31stof October** i.e. in advance of the membership renewal notices and billing being posted at the beginning of November.

**N.B**. Work undertaken between the 31st of October and 1st of January will be logged and carried forward – for those who retain ongoing Club membership.

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**5e) –** **Members who elect to undertake the 10-hour work obligation but fail to do so, will be *fined* an agreed sum.** The sum to be in excess of the levy agreed for 5c above, (i.e. a change in wording from ***levy*** to ***fine***in this context and a variation in value).

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**5f) –** **The fine (5e above), will be payable in advance of and separately to membership renewal. Should the member fail to pay their fine, membership will not be renewed.**

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**5g) –** **Should the member default 2 years running (5e above), they will be automatically expelled from the Club, as of the 31st. of December** i.e. **NO** membership renewal notice will be issued.

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1. **Payment for storage and berths must be undertaken in a timely way, failure to do so will result in a surcharge of 10%/20% (% to be agreed).** The total sum payable must be settled with 1 month of the date on the final invoice (N.B. The sequence of due dates will be corrected and specified within the rules).

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1. **Failure to comply (6 above), will result in the immediate withdrawal of storage and mooring facilities.**

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**8. –** In all cases, the General Committee will consider expulsion from the Club on the grounds that the Rules have NOT been complied with.

**All such decisions will be voted on in a secret ballot by the members of the General Committee – the unanimous decision will be supported by all. Prior to any such vote, the member in question will be invited to offer an explanation/present any extenuating circumstances to the Committee in person.** (see Rule 24 – variation to the voting arrangements for the General Committee).

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**Revised charges agreed.**

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| **Rule revision 5c above** | **Prospective payment – the Levy.** | **Agreed Amount**  **£** |
| **Rule Revision 5e above** | **Retrospective sanction -The Fine** | **Agreed Amount**  **£** |
| **Rule Revision 6 above** | **Surcharge for late payment - % addition of primary charge.** | **Agreed %** |

**Additional Proposals from the Floor agreed at this EGM.**

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