



East Cowes Sailing Club Newsletter Spring 2020

Following the restrictions announced on March 23rd 2020, the club is closed until further notice. We are fortunate that a member lives next to the club and is keeping an eye on the premises and club members' boats. Contact Perry at the email address below and he will pass on any special requests. The Wednesday Club is also suspended until further notice. Perry writes to his Wednesday Buoys every week nonetheless.

If you would like a copy of his weekly email, or if you would like to unsubscribe, contact Perry at perry12.mason@gmail.com

If anyone is in isolation without friends or family close at hand and needs help with shopping they can contact Linda Richter at lindarichter100@gmail.com. There are volunteers from the social committee who are happy to help out.

Report from the 2020 AGM 20th February

There was a near capacity crowd at the East Cowes Masonic Hall for the AGM.

The outgoing Commodore made his report on behalf of himself and the Flag Officers – a thoroughly satisfactory season from the governance, racing, fishing, cruising and social perspectives. The outgoing Commodore recorded a tribute to the recently deceased club President Glyn Davis.

The Honorary Treasurer presented a set of audited financial reports.

There was a member query which was taken away to be referred to the club's independent auditors. [Subsequently, the answer to the query was circulated via WebCollect. The auditors saw no reason to republish the accounts].

Before the formal election of officers, the outgoing Commodore noted the adoption of a new President, Tony Cole and three new Vice Presidents, namely Dave Casson, Paul Walker and Paul Denham.

There were two candidates for Rear Commodore Social and 5 candidates for the General Committee with three places vacant.

The remaining positions were elected unopposed. Ballots were cast, collected and counted for the contested positions with the results announced later in the meeting.

The outgoing Commodore described in some detail the involvement of the Club in the Cowes Harbour Commission Whitegates plans. The planning application for which had been

approved by the Isle of Wight Council 10 days previously.

The new President proposed that the outgoing Commodore be co-opted to the General Committee to continue his role in the negotiations with the Cowes Harbour Commission. The motion was carried.

[Subsequently, the outgoing Commodore resigned from the co-opted role].

The outgoing Commodore handed over to the new Commodore who made a brief speech concluding with an appreciation for the many years of dedicated service of the outgoing Commodore.

New Committee



Commodore: David Nixon



Vice Commodore: Torsten Richter



Honorary Treasurer: Dave Casson



Honorary Secretary: Chris Kershaw



Rear Commodore Sailing: John Garlick



Rear Commodore Stores: Mike Tennuci



Rear Commodore Motor Boats and Fishing: Richard Davies

Quick Quiz

Who was known as the Sea Wolf?
What time does the first watch start?
What does a Turing machine consume?



Rear Commodore Social: Linda Richter



Health and Safety Officer: Mike Harvey



General Committee Member: Paul Walker



General Committee Member: Perry Mason



General Committee Member: David Tebay

Other elected positions:

Membership Administrator: Karen Walker

Webmaster: Joe Moore

Call for a Volunteer Trustee

The club has need of a new Trustee. If you are interested, please send a note to the Secretary whose email address is on the footer of our website.

The following, written some time ago, is a comprehensive description of the role.

East Cowes Sailing Club Trustees

The Club cannot hold property itself, since it does not have the necessary separate legal existence for that purpose.

As the Club has freehold property that is to be enjoyed jointly by the members, some persons must accept responsibility for nominal (legal) ownership of the property, to be held on trust for the beneficial ownership of the members of the Club as a whole.

It is for this purpose that trustees are appointed, under terms which oblige them to act promptly in accordance with the minuted directions of the Club's general committee.

There is no special qualification for a person to act as a trustee save that he/she should not be a minor and should be in full possession of his/her faculties.

The Club rules state that there should be three individuals appointed to act as trustees and there is now one vacancy.

Appointment of trustees is made by members in general meeting or by the General Committee in accordance with the terms of the relevant rule in the Club's constitution.

Where trustees hold assets on behalf of the club members generally, they may incur liabilities; in their personal capacities, as legal owners of the property however, the Club rules specifically provide an indemnity from the committee out of the assets of the club, which should be sufficient to cover any agreements into which the trustees may enter. It is up to the trustees to ensure they do not undertake obligations which the club funds may be insufficient to cover. We have confirmed with our insurers that the Club's insurance policy also covers trustees' liabilities

Trial Boom to restrict floating debris from the yard during exceptional high tides.

A boom was obtained for us by a Club member, Matthew Ruddock, who works at Vikoma. It is a 10 metre boom virtually brand new as had been trialled by Vikoma as part of their budget range, but free to us I hasten to add.

They did ask for pictures which were passed on and may like to come and have a look at it in place one day.

The boom was placed across the slipway during recent high tides (before the shutdown) and as you can see from the attached photos was very successful at holding debris back. Obviously it does not always hold all back as when tide is above the wall some gets past between the clubhouse and the slipway but it does sometimes hold back all and a considerable quantity on other occasions. It is fixed with chain and a quick release carabine at each end so can be easily moved to one side to launch a dinghy, for example, and then pulled back into place.



2. New Boom Low Tide from David Tebay



1. New Boom High Tide from David Tebay

Pontoon Development Options

Three former Commodores led by the current Vice Commodore continue the negotiations with Cowes Harbour Commission.

Understandably, at this time an EGM is out of the question. Instead, the General Committee has decided to ballot the membership for their preferred and second choice options for the development. That way the negotiations can be brought to a conclusion in accord with the wishes of the majority of club members.

The ballot paper and its supporting explanations are well underway and we hope to distribute them to all members shortly.

Stay safe,
David Nixon
Commodore
East Cowes Sailing Club

Quick Quiz Answers

Who was known as the Sea Wolf? **Lord Cochrane**

What time does the first watch start? **2000**

What does a Turing machine consume? **Paper tape**