

Membership proposals for 2019

I met with Ian Johnson this week to look at the membership proposals that were presented in the membership report last month. He is not keen to make the proposed changes to the membership structure at the moment and feels that it needs wider discussion. I am indifferent about this although I do think that the ideas are a good way forward. I would like to consider taking the expectation that social members do duties as this is cluttering up the duty system - I would prefer to concentrate on getting the sailing members doing their duties.

He suggests that we can informally grant one parent families with one child a single sailing membership and waive the cadet membership fee. For single parents with more than 1 child a family membership would be the most appropriate. I am happy with that at the moment.

We would like to introduce the monthly membership as outlined on the previous document. We believe that this will appeal to many of our existing members and open up membership to others who cannot stump up several hundred pounds in the months following Xmas - it will cost slightly more to pay monthly.

	FAMILY	INDIVIDUAL	STUDENT In FTE	CADET
SAILING MEMBERSHIP	£180 (12 x £16= £192)	£140 (12 x £12.50 = £150)	£50 (12 x £4.50 = £54)	£40 (12 x £3.50 = £42)
BERTHS	£50 (12 x £4.50 = £54)			
BOAT HIRE GROUP	£100 (12 x £9= £109)			
SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP	£80 (12 x £7= £84)	£60 (12 x £5.50 =£66)	NA	NA
DUTY OPT OUT FEE	£150 (12 x £13 = £157)			

Ian and I cannot reach an agreement regarding the Duty Opt out fee, this was raised in 2017 from £100 to £150 - the aim was to make some of the people paying to opt out of duties to opt to do duties

I have downloaded some of the membership figures for non duty opt out

	Nov-16	Oct-17	Oct-18
FSND	47	29	30
ISND	15	11	11
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IsocND	5	1	0
Total	76	48	44
Non Duty fee	£100	£150	£150
total income £	£7,600	7200	6600

On the plus side, there are at least three families who opted into duties and who have made a positive contribution to volunteering for duties. The biggest fall off has been from the social members - - considering we have seen a collapse of the social programme these are probably members who did not renew their memberships. Most social members fail to volunteer for duties and this need to be looked - which is why we are recommending dropping the compulsory duties for social members.

Even if the decision to raise the non duty fee from £100 to £150 was a mistake in 2017 I see no benefit in lowering it - nobody who pays it ever objected, it generated some useful families who changed to do duties and have got more involved in the club. Lowering it would raise questions which would point fingers at the decisions made by the previous board. I would rather abandon the duty opt out than lower it - it seems iniquitous that some people who can afford it can dodge contributing to the life of the club. However, there are individuals who pay this with whom I sympathise with their reasons for opting out. The whole duty thing is a bigger issue and we need somebody to get a grip on how we can make this fairer to those who do their duties against those who cannot (time and money issues).

Once I have sorted out the membership structure for next year I will have a look at how we can accommodate a paper application form that can be given out at the clubhouses. I think that it will be a basic form and that more details will be collected on line later.

I would like to produce the membership prospectus as attached once I have some dates for Training courses and the membership information

I will put together an article to go out in the next mainsheet outlining the renewal process for next year.

Decisions regarding membership 2019 need to be taken this month. I am sorry that I cannot be at this Tuesdays meeting. If there are issues that need further discussions can I suggest that we have a single issue meeting one evening before the end of the month. I am only away for a few days 12-15th November.

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