

The NEWHAVEN & SEAFORD SAILING CLUB mag mainsheet

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A Message from the Editor

This is a special issue of Mainsheet covering the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the club. The AGM is on Saturday 11th May at 6pm at the Seaford clubhouse. The formal meeting will be followed by a question and answer session and a light buffet. The bar will be closed during the meeting but will be open before and after.

Included in this edition are:

- The agenda for the meeting
- A list of the nominations for elections and which posts are contested
- A few words from each of the candidates for Commodore
- A proxy form (should you wish to ask someone else to vote for you), plus instructions for completing the proxy form. Note that the proxy form must have been put through the club's letterbox by 6pm on Thursday 9th May. They cannot be presented on the night.

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Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Members of the Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club Limited (the "company") will be held at the Registered Office on:

Saturday 11th May 2019 at 18:00

Business:

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the AGM held on 14th April 2018, and the General Meeting held on 29th September 2018. These are available for review from the website.
3. Receive and adopt the Company Directors' Report and Financial Statement for Year Ending 31st December 2018.
4. Election of the Company's Board of Directors
5. Election of Accountants
6. AOB

At the end of the meeting there will be an open forum.

R F BEAL, Company Secretary

Nominations for Election at the AGM

Nominations For Board for Elections at AGM, 11th May 2019.			
Position	Nominee (alphabetical order)	Proposer	Seconder
Commodore	Bill Wates	Richard Beal	Ian Johnson
	Mike Woollard	Bill Giles	Mike Beaumont
Vice Commodore	Terry Jones	Chris Turner	David Hitchins
	Mike Woollard	Mike Beaumont	Bill Giles
Honorary Sailing Secretary	Jonty Freeman	Neil Arnott	John Freeman
Honorary Treasurer	Ian Johnson	Bill Wates	Richard Beal
Honorary Secretary	Richard Beal	Penelope Duncan	Duncan Barrows
Rear Commodore (Seaford)	Penelope Duncan	James Dandridge	Jamie Lynch
	Mike Woollard	Bill Giles	Mike Beaumont
Rear Commodore (Piddinghoe)	Nick Blackburn	Richard Beal	Alan Stevens
Rear Commodore (Newhaven)	No candidate		
Ordinary Directors (5 vacancies)	Duncan Barrows	Jason Tooth	Steven Halliwell
	Charles Humphries	Terry Jones	Penelope Duncan
	Manuel Panzera	Terry Jones	Richard Beal
	Rupert Smith	Jamie Lynch	Michelle Smith
	Simon Suter	Richard Beal	Penelope Duncan
	Mike Woollard	Mike Beaumont	Bill Giles

So there will be elections for the following posts:

- Commodore
- Vice Commodore
- Rear Commodore (Seaford)
- 5 ordinary directors

Note that Associate, Student, Social, Temporary or Honorary members cannot vote at the AGM.

On the next couple of pages are brief messages from the two candidates for Commodore. They were given the opportunity to write up to 750 words with a picture.

A Message from Mike Woollard (Commodore Candidate)

I joined NSSC in 1976 after attending a beginners sailing course at Piddinghoe.

Within two years I volunteered to be Social Secretary. During the next 4-5 years I ran many social events.

Next I served as Rear Commodore Seaford for 3 years & after a short break foolishly returned for another 3 years of hard work.

Arthur McCarrol our greatest Treasurer ever then twisted my arm to stand as Commodore. I served as Commodore for 4 year.

I had to return 2 years later as Vice Commodore to support Mike Beaumont, when he stood as Commodore because the club was in financial problems. Three years of having to say "no" to all un-necessary expenditure followed but the club survived, well done MikeB.

After 20 years on the Management Committee & 30 years instructing in the Training School, the last 10 as Principal, I thought I could retire & hand over to "younger members" to take over from the old team.

I am volunteering again because I am concerned about the direction the club has taken over the last few years.

I served on the management committee before we were lucky enough to buy our site at Seaford. When I was on the committee I always hoped we could extend the club house to the west towards the camping & caravan site next door. I now intend to actively pursue the extension. We could add it on bit by bit as we can afford it or apply for a grant if we add on "Disabled Sailing" to our training programme.

That is the "cunning plan Black Adder".

Bill Wates reminds me from time to time, that I taught him & his wife to sail several years ago. Bill has gone on to sail to Ireland & Scotland since. Well I must have got some think right! I think Bill would make a good Commodore.

Good luck Bill!

Mike Woollard
life member.

A Message from Bill Wates (Commodore Candidate)

My Experience

I have been an active Laser sailor in our club for the past 9 years and currently hold the post of RC Newhaven. During this office I initiated the Seaford Sea Safety Skippers (4S) scheme and I believe that it's success is due to my ability to bring people together under a common aim to steer a project to completion.

I have also been involved in getting the sea safety boats ready for the 2019 season, set up and maintained the Seaford asbestos management plan, and oversaw the installation of new showers at Seaford.

At work I was in senior management for a large construction company before setting up my own business in project management, which I retired from last year.

I was professionally qualified to Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Building.

My Vision

Following a challenging few years for the management team of NSSC, we are finding our feet and starting to function well. I believe that NSSC is unique in that we are a community of sailors and their families and individual members become part of the NSSC family.

I totally support this inclusive approach to the running of the club and want to build on this. I also want to build on the positive gains achieved over the last year by the current management.

Goals

Having served the last year on the NSSC board of Directors, in addition to the day to day running of the club, I am fully aware of areas that need to be progressed

If elected I would encourage my fellow directors to mutually achieve these as follows:

1. Fully support the great work that is currently being done with the Cadets and their families.
2. Provide a pathway for more sailors from the pond to enjoy the delights of sailing on the sea.
3. To encourage more woman to be involved with club management to get a better gender balance in the club.
4. Move the Seaford new build project off the 'back burner' by investigating sources of finances together with developing a final design for Planning Consent. This is a high priority, as our current lovely building after 45 or so years of giving us a good home has been structurally condemned, is contaminated with asbestos (managed) and is now and will continue to attract increased maintenance and repair costs.
5. Set up a premises management team to oversee maintenance, repair and improvement of all our buildings, land and pond.
6. Continue to develop a happy club environment for all of us to enjoy.
7. Create a succession plan for people to move into club management.



8. Improve administration support and finance to our sailing and powerboat schools, so we can improve and grow our facilities in a financially viable way and to enhance our club's reputation.
9. Move towards setting up an executive team to manage our club's future vision, strategy, processes, policies and finance, with reporting back to the board for approval.
10. Get better focused on reducing the environmental impacts from our clubs activities.
11. Set up a procedure that will help us to comply with appropriate legislation relative to our club's activities, including GDPR.

Conclusion

I would urge you to vote for me as Commodore as I believe I can continue to make a better contribution to the club in that role

I would also encourage you to vote for Terry Jones as Vice Commodore, Penelope Duncan as Rear Commodore Seaford,

I also urge you to vote for the following five candidates for ordinary Directors positions: Duncan Barrows, Chas Humphries, Manuel Panzera, Rupert Smith, and Simon Suter. This will give us an excellent team that will work together to develop the club over the next few years to provide better facilities and continue to build on the atmosphere in our club.

I have worked and/or sailed with all these people for many years and I am confident that we have a good opportunity to deliver this manifesto. There is a varied and a strong skill set between us and we will be able to lead the club into the future with commitment and enthusiasm necessary for the future of our great club.

Bill Wates 5/5/19

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THE NEWHAVEN AND SEAFORD SAILING CLUB LIMITED PROXY FORM INSTRUCTIONS 2019

If you are a full or life member of NSSC you can have a vote at the AGM or other meeting even if you are away or cannot attend.

A member may either vote personally or by proxy (whether on a poll vote or otherwise).

A proxy must be appointed in writing under the hand of the appointor.

The instrument appointing a proxy must be deposited at the registered office of the Club not less than 48 hours before the time of holding the meeting at which the person named in such instrument proposes to vote.

Any instrument appointing a proxy must be in the form below.

Regards

Richard Beal
Hon Secretary NSSC
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PROXY FORM FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 11th MAY 2019

I (name)

of (address)

being a member of the above named Club,

appoint (name)

of (address)

or, failing him, or her (name)

of (address)

as my proxy to vote in my name and on my behalf at the General Meeting of the Club to be held on 11th May 2019 and at any adjournment.

(signature of member)

Dated.....

*Return this form to the Seaford Club House letterbox by
1800hrs on Thursday 9th May 2019*