



NOMINATIONS SCHEDULE AND PEN PORTRAITS 2020
CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB LTD

I wish to propose **Tony Mobbs** for re-election as Commodore for the above club at the Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 25th October 2020.

Proposer: Philip Brown

Seconder: David Pearce

DR TONY MOBBS Pen Portrait

I have been a member of CYC, together with my wife Alison, for the last 40 years as members of the Dinghy Section. I have been on the Club's General Committee for the last seven years and for the last three years I have had the honour of serving you as the Club's Commodore.

The last six month's have undoubtedly been some of the most trying and demanding times within the history of the Club. Since April I have been the chair of the Club's Major Incident Committee which has managed the Club throughout the current crisis and ensured the Club can operate safely and securely for both members and staff, whilst working within the various Government regulations and restrictions.

We are clearly not through the current Covid crisis yet. Therefore, as I think it is important that the Club maintains continuity of leadership until we can see an end to it, I am prepared to offer myself for re-election for the next year.

The current economic, political and health environment still remains very uncertain and there will be many challenges ahead the Club will face. The next six months will be critical, however my key focus for next year is to maintain and develop our high standard of member experiences within the Club, ensuring that you receive good value for money for your membership fee and, at the same time, continuing our plans for development and investment in the Club's infrastructure to ensure we have a successful Club for the future.

I wish to propose **John Lake** for election as Rear Commodore Yachts for the above club at the Annual General Meeting held on 25th October 2020.

Proposer: Helen Jupp

Seconder: Philip Brown

JOHN LAKE Pen Portrait

I have now been a member of CYC for over 20 years. I didn't start yachting until we moved to Chichester, so rather later in life than many CYC members. My family had no idea that I was to become the "born-again yachtie" that I am now! As a result, I often seek crew – and that in turn has given me an interest in the club members who do not own a boat, and how best the club might meet their sailing aspirations.

Since 2016, I have been the YS Racing Secretary. In those five seasons, I feel I have managed to sustain – if not slightly increase – interest in this form of cruising.

I semi-retired in 2011, but kept working on interesting engineering projects until 2018, when I finally decided that I would rather do other things, like sailing! In that very year, I was able to crew on a longer passage – from Falmouth to the Azores – & thus qualify for membership of the Ocean Cruising Club.

In future, I will keep an eye on the changing demographics & levels of boat ownership in the Yacht Section – and how best to provide for all levels of interest in our fascinating sport & pastime.

I wish to propose **Gavin Crick** for re-election as Rear Commodore Motors for the above club at the Annual General Meeting held on 25th October 2020.

Proposer: Richard Williamson

Seconder: Jennie Woodcock

GAVIN CRICK Pen Portrait

Caroline and I have been members of Chichester Yacht Club since 2011, with a short absence when our boat was moored in Dartmouth. I am currently Rear Commodore of the Motor Section, have previously served on the as MS Technical Secretary and I am active within the section.

I have been messing about in boats since childhood – initially dinghies (I raced a Solo fairly unsuccessfully for a while), followed by a few years crewing on a Beneteau 40.9 round the cans in the Solent and cross-Channel. Our first boat was a Westerly Centaur, about 22 years ago. She was followed by a succession of motor boats (Grand Banks and Aquastar). With the family now grown up and departed, we have downsized and currently love our Trusty 23, Olette, which brought us safely back from Dartmouth in 2018, now moored in Emsworth Yacht Harbour.

I am a Chartered Accountant by profession and spent most of my working life involved in corporate turnaround. I am now semi-retired but some non-executive and part-time roles keep me busy whilst allowing time for boating when the weather permits, our children and grand-daughter

I wish to propose **Karen Cheeseman** for election as Rear Commodore Dinghies for the above club at the Annual General Meeting held on 25th October 2020.

Proposer: Mark Green

Seconder: Biddy Colbourne

I joined CYC in 2018 together with my husband Graham and two teenage children, Lottie and Alexander. Our prime reason for joining was for Lottie and I to sail dinghies which left Graham and Alexander to enjoy the social activities.

Together, Lottie & I can sometimes be seen sailing our Laser 2, however Lottie now enjoys single handed sailing and sails her Laser in all weathers and I can be seen sailing my Byte, you can usually spot me in the slow fleet (sail number 242)!

Since joining the club, I have been active in both the sailing and dinghy committees helping to organise the sailing and social activities for members always trying to cater for all. I look forward over the next few years to being able to build on the great foundations that we now have and getting as many people of all ages and abilities out on the water.

I have been sailing on and off for many years in both dinghies and yachts and together with my husband we restored and sailed a Norwegian Folk boat called Fiorda. Although we no longer Fiorda family holidays still tend to be spent on the water just having fun with family and friends.

I look forward to supporting the dinghy section over the next few years.

I wish to propose **Helen Green** for re-election as Rear Commodore Training for the above club at the Annual General Meeting held on 25th October 2020.

Proposer: Tony Mobbs

Seconder: Neil Bacon

HELEN GREEN Pen Portrait

I started sailing at the age of 12, sailing with my sister in a Mirror Dinghy. I sailed a variety of dinghies for the rest of my teens and early twenties. In 2008 after a break from sailing, I joined CYC with my husband Mark and two children – none of whom could sail. We actively chose CYC for the friendliness combined with the facilities on offer. We have taken advantage of the many aspects of the club as a family, Adult Training, 2TARTS, WOW, Youth Training, Honda RIB Challenge and all the social events. I can be found regularly racing our 2000 Dinghy throughout the year. I am a Dinghy Instructor and for the past couple of years have co-ordinated the Training at CYC. When I get a chance I can be found big boat sailing – mostly in warmer waters.

When not sailing I work in an Engineering company managing an International team.

I would like to work together to ensure that this friendly club is the best it can be for all members.

I wish to propose **Simon Benson** for election as Rear Commodore Membership of the above club at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 25th October 2020.

Proposer: Helen Jupp

Seconder: Johnny Johnston

SIMON BENSON Pen Portrait

I have been a member of the Chichester Yacht Club for eight years, during this time I have become involved in various volunteer positions including Rear Commodore Yachts and Vice Commodore. I have 'Misty Blue' a sail boat in Chichester Marina, and I regularly join in with club activities both on and off the water. I sail single handed, with my wife Ally, or sometimes with crew. Membership of the club has undoubtedly helped improve my sailing and seamanship skills, and given me the confidence to not only sail Misty Blue single handed but to make modest passages to the continent.

I have business experience and various levels and currently own and manage a security business.

The club has made impressive strides in recent years due to the hard work of staff and members. It has managed to buck the trend of declining memberships. I'm keen for the club to remain focussed on providing a high standard of water-based activities for all types of sailing and other water sports. Whilst at the same time giving the members a quality experience within the club which reflects their investment via club membership.

I wish to propose **David Pearce** for re-election as Honorary Secretary of the above club at the Annual General Meeting held on 25th October 2020.

Proposer: Tony Mobbs

Seconder: Roger Marshall

DAVID PEARCE Pen Portrait

I have been the Honorary Secretary of the Club for the past six years, also serving on the Board Sub Committee and, in this difficult year, the Major Incident Committee. In my view, the Club and its members have responded magnificently to the current coronavirus crisis and I am keen to see that we help them continue to do so.

My background is in regulatory law but I am now retired. I am a qualified Trading Standards Officer who left local government in 1979 for a career with Tesco where I was responsible for managing the relationship with the many regulatory authorities as well as negotiating legislation with the UK Government and EU on behalf of the retail sector.

I and my wife Amanda have been members of CYC since the mid-1990s and are active cruising members of the Yacht Section. We live in Highleigh, just a few miles from the Club.

I wish to propose **Roger Marshall** for re-election as Honorary Treasurer for the above club at the Annual General Meeting on 25th October 2020.

Proposer: David Pearce

Seconder: Gavin Crick

ROGER MARSHALL Pen Portrait

We live in Birdham, a short walk from the club, and joined the club about 12 years ago when we moved across the water from Bosham. I think the club is a great institution and am happy to give it some of my time.

I spent most of my career as a partner in Price Waterhouse, the accounting firm. I then spent 6 years as Chair of the Accounting Standards Board. I now serve as a non-executive director on a number of Boards.

I started sailing whilst a child in Cornwall and have enjoyed boats in various forms ever since. More recently I have switched to power and am on my second Rodman. My wife Maggi and I have very much enjoyed cruising in company with other members of the Motor section.

2020 has brought its own challenges and I am very grateful to our staff for their hard work and dedication and Members for their support.

I wish to propose **Neil Bacon** for re-election as a General Committee Member of the above club at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 25th October 2020.

Proposer: Gavin Crick

Seconder: Helen Green

NEIL BACON Pen Portrait

My wife Sam, plus our son's Thomas and Connor, have been members of CYC for about 8 years, although we have been using the marina facilities since before Thomas was born. The club is very much an extension of our home life. We are passionate about sailing and being close to, in, or indeed on the water. I do not see myself as a dinghy sailor, motor sailor or yacht sailor and can often be seen on all three – in my view sailing is sailing regardless of the vessel. For a number of years Sam and I owned a motorboat during which time I served on the Motor Committee at CYC. When we decided to buy a house that needed extensive renovation, the boat sadly went.

Living locally, we frequently use the club facilities throughout the year and can often be seen enjoying a glass of red wine whilst enjoying some peaceful downtime.

Whilst we are not an overtly sociable family per se, we have an appreciation for just how lucky we are to be members of CYC – its facilities, location and the people are extremely personable and welcoming.

After beginning my working life as a hotel chef, I have spent the last 20 years in the business of enterprise transformation and am known for my focus and commitment to achieving results. I combine strategic approach, technology and management consulting expertise with an understanding

of how a business works and knowledge of how the right technology in the right place can create a competitive advantage.

Currently I am a Transformation Director focussed on digitally enabled change with some of the world's biggest companies especially around Digital Marketing, Compliance or Modern Work Management. I bring business consulting experience from my roles at PWC and Accenture where I led large-scale strategy and transformation programmes all with some degree of focus on technology as the pivot. My current technology interests are around Artificial Intelligence or Robotic Process Automation and how they can accelerate transformations.

I have extensive experience in Business Strategy, Target Operating Model design, Cyber Security, digital platforms, enterprise architecture and lean process redesign. My background spans many industries and functions including Government, Pharma, Banking and Marketing, HR, Finance and IT. I further hold certificates in change management, agile and lean (Kaizen).

In my spare time I am the Vice Chairman of a Charity which is highly integrated into our Health and Social Care system and have key responsibility for driving our Digital and Marketing Strategies.

I wish to propose **Steve Cray** for election as a General Committee Member of the above club at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 25th October 2020.

Proposer: Philip Brown

Seconder: Helen Jupp

STEVE CRAY Pen Portrait

Sailing since my childhood, I have been fortunate to sail boats from 17 to 72 feet. I joined CYC in 2007 having been crewing in Yacht Section races for my next-door neighbour on his 20' Hawk. From 2012 to 2017 I served on the YS committee as Race Secretary and Media Secretary.

As family members of the club, my wife (Louise) and I have had the pleasure of seeing our 3 children, Edward, Alexander and Josephine grow up as club members, taking part in club events from yacht cruises and races to dinghy racing and the Commodore's Cup. Although our "kids" are now aged 20, 19 and 16, they all still sail with us as and when their busy lives permit.

Our boating interests are broad - as well as our yacht Crayzee Feeling, we also enjoy using our RIB, sailing dinghy and kayaks.

Professionally, I come from an engineering and project management background and now deliver outsourced services in the telecommunications, IT and media industries as well as specialising in governance and compliance.

I hope this combination of personal and professional experience will prove useful to CYC should I be elected to the club General Committee.

I wish to propose **Tony Moore** for election as a General Committee Member of the above club at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 25th October 2020.

Proposer: Gavin Crick

Seconder: Tony Mobbs

TONY MOORE Pen Portrait

I am a 71 yr young professor of biochemistry at the University of Sussex in Brighton who works on the design and synthesis of novel drugs to treat plant and human fungal pathogens. My wife and I have been a member of CYC for the last 4 years ever since we moved our Princess 430 from Brighton to Chichester. Initially our move was only temporary but both of us fell in love with Chichester harbour and the Club. We feel that the Club is very friendly and very open and we would like to repay that friendship by helping out in any way we can and standing for GC would be an appropriate way to help. In addition to being on the water both my wife and myself enjoy walking with our dog, nature conservation, ballet, opera & socialising.

I wish to propose **Philip Ladds** for election as a General Committee Member of the above club at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 25th October 2020.

Proposer: Gavin Crick

Seconder: Kate Williamson

PHILIP LADDS Pen Portrait

Having moved to Chichester in 2016, I became a member of the CYC the following year. I am an active member of the Motor Section and currently the cruising secretary. Wendy & I have participated in numerous cruises on our current Sealine SC35 and events organised by the club, which we really enjoy.

I spent most of my career with multi-national companies in the IT and drug development fields, living and working in the US and Switzerland. Since retiring as CFO (yes, I'm an accountant too) and VP with a North Carolina based company, I was actively involved with numerous charities which included working in both Romania and Cambodia on World Bank projects.

I am keen to see the club develop as a supportive organisation as well as providing an attractive social environment

I wish to propose **Martin Willard** for election as a General Committee Member of the above club at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 25th October 2020.

Proposer: Gavin Crick

Seconder: David Pearce

MARTIN WILLARD Pen Portrait

Penny and I have been members of the club for some 4 years now, since moving to Hunston from Surrey. We are keen motor boaters with a Nimbus 310 in Chichester Marina (I am a committee member of the Nimbus Owners' Club UK).

I am now retired but, with an engineering background, I spent most of my career managing Hi-Tech businesses, mainly in Telecoms and IT.

Most of my boating experience has been in sailing cruisers but past interests have included windsurfers and catamarans. I am qualified to RYA Coastal Skipper/ Power boat level 2. I am also part of the Selsey RNLi Local Management Group as Community Safety Officer, promoting safety awareness along the local coastline with a variety of contacts with Government organisations, local councils, yacht /sailing/swimming clubs, individual sailors and schools. Penny and I are members of Bembridge Sailing Club and I am a Local Lay Minister at Immanuel Church, Chichester (C of E).