

ERITH YACHT CLUB

Annual General Meeting
8th March 2025

Agenda

1. Apologies

John Edmonds	Brian Crickmore
Andy Bryans	
Abraham Orchard	
John Gibbons	
Richard Harvey	

2. Present

Evelyn Peyto	Valerio Pappalardo
Sara Taylor	Dawn Greenfield
Chris Beazer	Terry Humphrey
Adrian Reeves	Carsten Saenger
Bill Owen	Alister Jessen
Andy Woolard	Ann Finck
Alan Cooper	Dudley Davies
Richard Banner	Dave Green
Mary Cameron	Trevor Cambridge
David Button	Jan Thomas
Nicholas Golder	Alan Thomas
Ed Sumner	Mike Bushell
Richard Szczepankiewicz	John Cant
Roger Lambell	James Sutherland
Phil Wick	Ron Havill
Steve Souter	James Helm
E.G.Burton	Abdul Qayum
Martin Pearce	Guy Bates
Nick Jeal	Geoff Pigott
Ron Gibbs	Trevor Armstrong
David Webber	Peter Reeves
Chris Westwood	Mick Kemp
Keith Proctor	Andreaneri Galanti
Bryce Kampies	Tor Alloway
Colin Golder (Non Voting)	P. Pearce (Non Voting)
Leslie Green (Non Voting)	Malcolm Tuck (Non Voting)
Rebecca Pitt (Non Voting)	P Shanahan (Non Voting)
Linda Downing (Non Voting)	Cath Schofield (Non Voting)

3. Minutes of Previous AGM
Proposed Chris Beezer Seconded Sara Taylor Approved

4. Commodore's Speech :

Now is my time to hand over the baton.

For those who have been wondering what I have been doing the last 3 years, other than holding a committee meeting now and again. This is my chance to explain.

As you all know a yacht club is run by the Committee and other elected officials

My job has been providing the environment in which they can do their work

So that begs the question

What have they been doing?

What has been achieved in the last 3 years by them..

We now have a member's bar.

Amongst other things, a nice place to meet with your friends, over a drink, after a summer sail, and relive that sail.

If you remember we had a worry about dwindling membership.

So the club allowed motorboats on station, we now have three new members with motorboats. No gin palaces, no noise and no drug smuggling, just people that like boats.

The training has "gone on steroids" recently. I say thank you to the training team,

Because of these two initiatives, and many more things, I am happy to report the membership is increasing, quite substantially.

If you remember the club had serious concerns about our finances, projections that doubted the club would survive.

The main reasons,
Fuel cost and the mooring fees levied by the PLA

The first problem was handled by management and good practice with the assistance of the more efficient beer cooler bought into the bar.

The second, the PLA, we tackled with "Direct Action" we stopped paying our bills. This brought the PLA to the table, initially increasing our discount to 45% and we are now looking at a possible discount of 60%

All this takes a lot of work, especially when you add it to every day running of a club, holding events, membership subscription etc.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers, on behalf of the whole club.

Personally, I have had one Hon Sec leave the country and have worn out a treasurer.

As valuable as they both were and are missed, two other volunteers immediately “stepped up” and are doing a grand job.

To add to all this, I have achieved a personal ambition and that is to get my name on the notice in reception, passed commodores.

Thank you for allowing me the to be commodore of the Erith Yacht Club for the last 3 years. A happy club.

Trevor Cambridge

5. Passing of Accounts Proposed Geoff Piggott & Ron Gibbs Agreed

6. Election of President and Vice Presidents

President: Dudley Davies Proposed Richard Szczepankiewicz & Chris Beazer Agreed

Vice Presidents: Alan Cooper Proposed Adrian Reeves & Mary Cameron Agreed

Michael Kemp Proposed David Burton & Alan Cooper Agreed

7. Election of Commodore David Burton Proposed Trevor Cambridge & Mary Cameron Agreed

8. Election of Officers

8.1. Vice Commodore: R. Szczepankiewicz Prop Chris Beazer & Bill Owen Agreed

8.2. Rear Commodore: Bill Owen Prop Trevor Cambridge & Chris Beazer Agreed

8.3. Treasurer : Guy Bates Prop Andy Woollard & R.Szczepankiewicz Agreed

8.4. Secretary: Adrian Reeves Prop David Burton & John Mills Agreed

9. Election of Sailing Secretary: John Cant Prop David Burton & Alan Cooper Agreed

10. Election of Bosun Bob Saunders Agreed

11. Ballot of General Committee Results; Chris Beazer

Michael Bushell

James Helm

Andy Woollard

Mary Cameron

Roger Lambell

Richard Harvey

David Saunders

12. Election of Wine Committee:

Mary Cameron (Chair)

Colin Golder

Ron Havil

Daniel Garrity

Harry Wheeler

Steve Souter

Dave Burton

13. Election of Auditor: Brian Crickmore Agreed

14. Incoming Commodore Speech:

Thank you for electing me as your new Commodore. Well maybe I should say thank you for nobody standing against me. It is an honour to be given this role.

It is fair to say during COVID the club went through some depressing times, though during the last three years things have improved significantly. This is in no small part as a direct result of the leadership of Trevor Cambridge. His approach has created an overwhelmingly positive atmosphere. Thank you Trevor.

Erith Yacht Club will not function without volunteers. I would like to thank Mary Cameron and her bar team for the time and effort they put in. Richard Szczepankiewicz and all the regulars on the mooring barge.

Alan & Jan Thomas are working hard to increase the number of available training courses and arranging lots of opportunities to get out sailing . Alan & Jan have started to build a strong team of instructors . Our Sailing Secretary John Cant and Cruiser Captain Sara Taylor also have a busy sailing program planned for this year.

This is not the Oscars so I won't list everybody who work so hard to keep the club running the way it does but thanks to all of you who play your part especially in the shed.

2025 is a big year for EYC. It is our 125th Birthday, so we will be working hard to make this an extra special year

Thank You
Dave Burton

15. Closing of AGM 19.45