

Ribble Cruising Club

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Notice for 65th Annual General Meeting

Dear Member,

8th November 2016

This letter is to inform you that the **65th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of RIBBLE CRUISING CLUB** will be held in the clubhouse on Friday 2nd December 2016, to commence promptly at 20.00 hours. The principal objectives of this AGM are, see Club Rules (III) para 1, to pass The Club Accounts, elect your Officers and Main Committee, elect your Independent Accountants, and to revise 'Club Rules '. It is also an opportunity to hear how your Main Committee has been managing your club over the past year. The agenda for the meeting is enclosed with a copy of The Club Accounts. The draft minutes of last year's AGM will be available shortly in the Clubhouse and on our website.

Please note that this AGM will review 2 proposals to change Club Rules. Under Club Rules (VII) paragraph 5 each of these rules changes can only be introduced by the agreement of a two thirds majority of the members present at the AGM.

Proposal 1:- Your Main Committee proposes introduction of 'Student Membership along with introduction of a new class of membership fee.

Proposal 2 is made by member Robert Marsh, seconded by Robert Bourne, & proposes introduction of 'members proposals ' as an objective of each AGM.

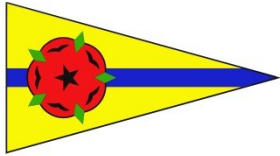
Rules Change proposals:-

Proposal 1

You are hereby given notice that your Main Committee would like to propose that we adopt 'Student Membership' as a new class of membership at this the 65th AGM. In order to do this your Main Committee proposes a series of changes to Club Rule (IV) which are presented in the attachment to this letter. You will see that, as these are linked together, your Main Committee propose that we will present them as one integrated proposal for rule change. The introduction of 'Student Membership' is proposed to allow young people from age 18 to 25, in full time education or training, to join RCC as Student Members. This proposal thus recognises that many young people these days are not in full time work until they are well in their 20's. Student Membership is offered by several local clubs.

It is proposed that Student Members, consistent with Junior Members and Associate Members, do not pay entry fees on joining the Club and have neither voting rights nor shares in the assets of the club.

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The proposal also includes a sentence, recommended by your Main Committee, to introduce wording for both Junior and Student Membership which allows flexibility on agreeing what facilities could be made available to such student members. This sentence will allow Main Committee to review and agree what facilities are to be made available.

Finally this proposal seeks to bring consistency across the classes of RCC membership thus it is proposed to lower the age for Junior Membership to under 18.

Proposal 2

Robert Marsh has proposed, seconded by John Bourne, that the following words be added to Rule (III) para 1 which define the objectives & business to be undertaken by each AGM:-

Member proposals: provided 28 days' notice given to Hon.

Secretary to be included in AGM notice.

The full rule proposed can be seen in the attachment to this letter.

Student Membership Fees:-

It will be necessary at this AGM to agree a membership fee for 'Student Membership', if the meeting agrees to adopt Student Membership. Your Main Committee would like to formally propose that the fee for Student Membership be £30 per annum, a fee consistent with Associate Membership. This proposal is made in accordance with Club Rule (VI) 1 and (VII) 5 which states all club members should be notified of such a proposal to change subscriptions at least 14 days before The AGM. This new membership fee can only be introduced by the agreement of a 2/3rds majority of the members present at the AGM.

Nominations:-

Nominations are invited for the Officers of the club who will be elected at the meeting and will serve for one year. Under the club rules these are: Commodore, Vice Commodore, Rear Commodore, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.

Club members are also invited to seek nomination for membership of the Main Committee. This is a real opportunity to be involved in the management of your club. Under the Club Rules 3 members from the club membership will be elected at the AGM to serve for 2 years. Nominations for any of these positions should be made on the accompanying form, and received by the Honorary Secretary not later than Friday 25th November 2016.

Yours Faithfully

M.J. Briers (Honorary Secretary)

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Agenda for 65th Annual General Meeting

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| 1 Apologies for absence | 10 Approval of Document Signatories |
| 2 Approval of minutes of last AGM | BREAK |
| 3 Matters arising from last AGM | 11 Development Committee report |
| 4 Commodore's Report | 12 Dock Committee report |
| 5 Hon. Treasurer's Report and adoption of The Accounts | 13 House Committee report |
| 6 Election of Reporting Accountants | 14 Sailing Committee report |
| 7 Consideration of proposed Rules changes and revised membership fees | 15 Training Committee report |
| 8 Election of Officers and Main Committee | 16 Hon. Secretary's report |
| 9 Investiture of New Commodore | 17 Any Other Business |

Ribble Cruising Club Nomination Form **To be returned to the Hon Secretary, at the** **Clubhouse by Friday 25th November 2016.**

I propose (*in capitals*).....

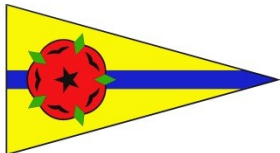
who has agreed to stand for the Position of:.....

Proposed by (*in capitals*)..... signature.....

Seconded by (*in capitals*) signature.....

Signature of nominee confirming their wish to stand:-_

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3rd November 2016

Attachment 1: PROPOSED CHANGES TO CLUB RULES

Proposal 1:- To introduce Student Membership Your Main Committee thus proposes the following series of changes to Rule (IV) paragraphs 8 through to 16:-

Change 1:- It is proposed by your Main Committee that in Rule IV the current paragraphs 8 to 16 be renumbered in sequence 9 to 17, thus paragraph 8 will become 9, Paragraph 9 will become 10, through to paragraph 16 becoming 17.

Change 2:- It is proposed by your Main Committee that in Rule (IV) a new paragraph 8 be added, with the words presented below:-

8. Student Membership is available to persons over the age of 18 but under the age of 25 who are in full time education or full time training. Each Student Member shall not vote on any matter relating to The Club, nor have any share in the property of The Club and no entry fee shall be payable on joining. Student members shall be authorised to be admitted to The Club and use The Club's facilities as The Committee shall from time to time determine.

Change 3:- It is proposed by your Main Committee that in the new paragraph 9 of Rule (IV) re 'Junior Members' the following changes be introduced:-

It is proposed that in line 1, the words '*between the ages of 13 and under 21*' be deleted, and replaced by '*from the age of 13 and up to the age of 18*'.

It is proposed that the last sentence of paragraph 9 be replaced by the following 2 sentences; '*No Entry Fee shall be payable on joining. Junior Members shall be authorised to be admitted to The Club and use The Club's facilities as The Committee shall from time to time determine.*'

Thus the new Rule (IV) Paragraph 9 will then read :-

9. Junior membership is open to persons from the age of 13 and up to the age of 18. The mode of election and nomination shall be as hereinbefore provided except that the written nomination of a Junior Member under 18 must be endorsed by a Parent or Guardian, with permission to sail. A Junior Member shall not vote on any matter relating to the Club nor have any share in the property of the club. No Entry Fee shall be payable on joining. Junior Members shall be authorised to be admitted to The Club and use The Club's facilities as The Committee shall from time to time determine

Proposal 2:- It is proposed by Robert Marsh, seconded by John Bourne that the following words be added to Rule (III) para 1 after, Rules '*Member proposals: provided 28 days*' notice given to Hon. Secretary to be included in AGM notice.

Thus the first sentence of Rule (III) paragraph 1 will read. :-

- 1. The Annual General Meeting of the Club for passing the accounts, electing Officers, Committee and Auditors, revising the Rules, 'Member proposals: provided 28 days' notice given to Hon. Secretary to be included in AGM notice, and other general business shall be held in the months of November or December each year .*

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