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### **Notice of Extra General Meeting**

An Extra General Meeting of the club will be held at the club and online at 8pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024, with the following meeting invite:

All club members are welcome to attend but, under club rule 36, only family sailing, full sailing, student, young adult and honorary members who are not Commodores of neighbouring clubs, are entitled to vote.

#### **Agenda**

1. To declare the meeting open
2. To receive apologies for absence
3. To approve AGM minutes from 2022 and 2023 (attached)
4. To pass updates to the club rules (attached)
5. To declare the formal meeting closed.

Members are reminded:

- that the formal business of the meeting is confined to the agenda items above
- that voting preferences may be submitted in writing or by e-mail to the secretary, provided they are received at least one day before the meeting (Rule 36)

Peter Fussey, Honorary Secretary

## **EGM Feb 2024: Proposed updates to Club Rules**

Dear Members,

The following updates to club rules will be proposed at the EGM for voting by the members.

Rationale for updates to the rules:

- Update to Rule 8 to allow all adult members to vote (with a couple of exceptions)
- Ensure there are safeguards within the updated rules to keep the form and function of the club as set out in the Objectives (Object) as at 8 c) ii) below.

**Note** over the coming months the committee will also be considering further updates to bring the rules language up to date, clarify social membership and clarify guest rules

With best regards

Peter Fussey and Simon Mathews

The updates to the rules are listed below in **green**.

### **Proposed new membership categories and voting rights of the OBJECTIVES, RULES & BYELAWS OF LANCING SAILING CLUB**

#### **Proposed replacement to Rule 8:**

8. (a) Every member shall pay such subscriptions as laid down at the AGM.
- (b) Categories of membership shall include (noting all ages are as at March 1, or at date of joining the club if later):
- A - Family sailing members (any family grouping – married couples, unmarried partners, single parents and any related children under 18 or up to and including academic year 13)
  - B - Family water sports members – non-dinghy sailing (any family grouping - married couples, unmarried partners, single parents and any related children under 18 or up to and including academic year 13)
  - C – Full sailing member (adult)
  - D – Full water sports member (adult non-dinghy sailing)
  - E - Young Adult member (under 24 years of age)
  - F - Student member (adult in full-time further education and under 24 years of age)
  - G - Junior member (young person under 18 / or up to and including academic year 13)
  - H - Senior members (65 years and over) - who have been family/full sailing members, now non-sailing and have no boats

I - Associate members – defined in Rule 5

J - Honorary members

K - Temporary member (any individual taking part in on the water activities, not including competitors in open events/regattas)

L - Commercial/Charity the fees for which will be determined by Main Committee

(c) It will be noted that:

(i) all adult members have voting rights, except Honorary members who are Commodores of local clubs and all those in categories G, K and L.

(ii) only those members in categories A and C have voting rights for changes to the OBJECTIVES OF LANCING SAILING CLUB.

N.B. Other rules & byelaws have been amended to accommodate the new coding of membership categories and their associated voting rights.

## **Appendix: Explanation of current membership categories (not changes to the rules)**

**Full and Family membership** categories now apply to Sailing members and Other water sports members. Fees for sailing members are higher due to the cost of providing safety boats, course marker buoys, fuel and regular maintenance to facilitate dinghy racing.

**Young adult and Student membership**, for 18 - 24 year olds, is aimed at easing the fee transition from Junior towards Full and Family membership. Student fees are lower as many will be living away from home, often reducing their participation in club activities during term time.

**Junior membership**, for those under 18yrs, is aimed primarily at young people who wish to enjoy club activities and who are not covered by a Family Membership. Fees for this category are modest to encourage access to the sports offered.

**Senior memberships** are offered to former sailing members who no longer sail but wish to retain their links with the club and its social activities. Senior members are over 65 years old and qualify for lower fees.

**Associate (social) memberships** shall be open to past full members of not less than five years standing and to others at the discretion of the general committee. Such members shall be non- sailing members.

**Honorary membership** - a special category for former sailing members who have given exceptional commitment and service to the club. Appointments confirmed annually by majority vote at an AGM

**Temporary membership** is offered to take part in sailing or water sports activities, on a one day basis and usually limited to three occasions in a season. Fees for temporary water sports members are lower due to the lack of infrastructure required.

**Commercial/Charity membership** categories are occasionally offered to accommodate specific groups who may bring different individuals to the club on each visit.