

RYHA Officers and Committee Members

Dominic Crawley



Position

Chairman April 2021

Acting Chairman during March 2021

Vice Chairman April 2019 to February 2021

Represents

Elected as Mooring Holder Representative April 2018 – end Feb 2021

Nominated RYA Representative March 2021 – onwards

Biography

I worked in financial services for 40 years, latterly as Global Head of Rating Services at S&P Global Ratings. I am now semi-retired. I live in Newton Ferrers and have a long association with the South Hams, with various close family members having lived locally for over 50 years. I have a life-long love of the sea and sailing, progressing from dinghy racing and yacht crewing in my teens and twenties to yacht owning since my 40s. I have had a mooring up at Kitley for over 20 years and currently own a Maxi 1300. I am a commercially endorsed off-shore Yachtmaster.

Rodney Carter

Position

Vice Chairman – March 2021 onwards.

Chairman – April 2008 - March 2012

Represents

Appointed by Newton & Noss Parish Council in March 2021 serving my 12th term.

Biography

I have been a resident of Newton Ferrers since birth, working on the water all my life as a Boatman / Boatbuilder/ International Paint site manager (world wide testing facilities). Regatta committee member since 1964, Parish council member since 1982, Founder member of the Gig club, member of the Yealm Yacht Club sailing committee, member of the Wednesday night sailing committee.

Andrew Matthews



Position

Member.

Chairman April 2005 to March 2008

Represents

Elected as mooring holders' representative in 1997 and re-elected as such to date.
8th term

Biography

I have worked both as a lawyer and an executive in finance, industry and private practice. I continue to work in a part time judicial post, although I am now mostly retired.

I have lived in the Parish for over 30 years and sailed out of the Harbour for 45 years or so. I sail boats of all sizes, both cruising and racing.

One of the reasons I moved back to the Westcountry was to live and participate in a relatively small community, which I have always enjoyed. After 10 years in Newton and Noss I took on various community jobs. I have been Commodore of the Yealm Yacht Club and a Parish Councillor and I continue to Chair the local Twinning Association (with Trebeurden).

Dermod Drought

Position

Member

Chairman April 2012 to March 2016.

Represents

Appointed by Wembury Parish Council March 2002 reappointed every three years since
6th term

Biography

Moved to Plymouth 1971, to Wembury 1977. 30 year waiting list for mooring, gave up hope of owning own boat. 30 years in the pharmaceutical industry as medical rep Devon, Cornwall, Somerset Channel Isles. CFE yacht competent crewman/day skipper certificate mid 70s. Sailing/motor boating UK, Ireland, Germany, France, Greece fresh water/ sea throughout period. Not a boat owner, open minded.

John Endicott

Position

Member

Represents

Appointed by Yealmpton Parish Council October 2016. Reappointed every three years since 2nd term

Biography

Born in Plymouth moved to Newton Ferrers as a child in the 60's. Grew up in and around the Yealm attending Plympton Grammar School and going on to university, graduating with a B.Sc. in Fishery Science.

Moved to London in 1978 to start employment and a career in BBC engineering. Majored in Spectrum Management, retiring in 2009 and moving back to Yealmpton. Now Vice Chair of YPC. I started using boats at a very tender age and still indulge that passion for the water and sailing.

Martyn Oates

Position

Member; previously Chairman 2016-2019.

Represents

Appointed by Brixton Parish Council April 2003 reappointed every three years since 6th term

Biography

Have operated a business in the fishing industry for over 30 years with both catching sector and shellfish farming. Degree in Fisheries Science; member of the Marine Biological Association. Active water sports enthusiast interested in marine environmental issues.

Mark Steggles



Position

Member

Represents

Appointed by Newton & Noss Parish Council 2021

Biography

Born in Hertfordshire where I went to school until 1979.

I then went to Southampton Institute to complete a three year course in yacht and boat design.

In 1989 I attended Marjohm to re-train as a teacher.

From 1993-2016 I worked as a technology teacher at Liskeard School.

Since then I have been self-employed working within the village.

I have been a mooring holder since 1981 and I have a Falmouth working boat.

Nicky Tewson

Position

Member

Represents

Elected as mooring holders' representative in 2021

Biography

An A mooring holder since 2002, outhaul 1991. Both supported access to the beautiful playground the estuary offers. Through the PTA, as a school governor, Joint YYC cadet secretary and secretary of the Newton and Noss Network I have supported the cadets and community sailing. Also, I have participated in a number of environmental projects in the Estuary.

My career was varied. My main focus was in developing people and organisations through management programmes and training, across all levels in the statutory, voluntary and community sectors. I have worked strategically developing evidence based health policies. Identifying and analysing need and interests where encouraging 'buy in' amongst stakeholders from diverse communities and professionals was key to successful outcomes.

I am always interested in hearing about issues that the RYHA should consider.

Peter Hinchliffe OBE

Position

Member

Represents

Appointed by Newton & Noss Parish Council in 2021.

Biography

Served in the Royal Navy 1973 to 2001 predominantly in the Submarine Service with three seagoing submarine commands. Joined the International Chamber of Shipping in 2001, appointed as Secretary General in 2010 and retired in 2018. Now providing consultancy services on maritime issues and serving on several charity boards including chair of the Nautical Institute Executive Board.

Moved first to Noss in 1983 and then across to Newton in 1993. Started sailing at the age of 13 and have enjoyed sailing and boating ever since.

Mark Beighton

Position

Harbour Master

Biography

I started sailing at the age of 10 after I helped my father build a Mirror dinghy in our garage. Since then, I have owned a wide variety of dinghies, most of which I have raced. I started offshore racing when I was 17 and was a crew member of a Half Ton boat which won the selection trials for the GB team in 1981, sadly my Final Exams at University precluded me taking part in the BLRA Half Ton Cup itself. After a spell of working abroad I moved to Yealmpton in 1987 and have lived in the Riparian Parishes since then. My family love water sports and we have owned a wide range of boats from stripped out racing yacht to a family cruiser along with a plethora of dinghies and windsurfers. I have had various moorings on the river since 1993.

Helen Phillips

Position

Office Manager

Biography

I took the job of Office Administrator in January 2006 as a temporary post whilst taking a career break from Financial Services to raise my children. Try leaving an office with a view like the one in the Harbour Office! Fifteen years later I am still here.

I have always enjoyed sailing and outdoor sports and was lucky enough to be given an A mooring in 2021 having been on the waiting list for 16 Years. I progressed from a D mooring for our Caprice to a C mooring for our Yawl through to a First 285 which is our current boat.

I use to work at the Yealm Yacht Club after finishing at the Harbour Office doing their book keeping, and am currently on the management committee. The two positions tie in very well.

We are a friendly office and always try to take a fair and level approach to anyone who contacts us. Dealing with a finite commodity it is difficult to keep all the people happy all of the time but we do our best.
