

## **RYHA Officers and Committee Members**

### **Dominic Crawley**



#### **Position**

Chairman April 2021 onwards

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. 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Ian Kennedy**



### **Position**

Member

### **Represents**

Elected as mooring holders' representative in March

### **Biography**

Ian Kennedy moved to the village in the early 1970s and learnt to sail on the river. A retired marine engineer, he lives within the Riverian Parish and has been a mooring holder since the 1990s. He was a Cadet with the Yealm Yacht Club; held the positions of Yacht Secretary and Rear Commodore Sail, and has been a Sailing Committee member since 2016. He is also an active member of the Royal Naval Sailing Association and continues to explore the Channel coasts by sea kayak, dinghy, dayboat or classic yacht.

## **John Endicott**

### **Position**

Member

### **Represents**

Appointed by Yealmpton Parish Council October 2016. Reappointed every three years since 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## **John Stansell**

### **Position**

Member

### **Represents**

Appointed by Wembury Parish Council in March 2024

### **Biography**



I have lived in Wembury for 23 years as owner and manager of Churchwood Valley Holiday Park and have had a boat on the river for all but the first few months of that time. But I have been a regular user of the Yealm for at least 40 years, as my family spent holidays here at least three times a year, using 4 Warren Cottages which were owned by Bob, Patience and Roger Stansell. I have also sailed cruising yachts I have owned (The Ark of Connemara (an Irish trading vessel) and Josh, a 45ft steel boat I subsequently sailed to Cyprus into the river. To say that my family and I love the river and its environs is stating the obvious. I hope that by serving on the RYHA, as member representing Wembury Parish Council, I can contribute to its vital role.

## **Martyn Oates**

### **Position**

Member; previously Chairman 2016-2019.

### **Represents**

Appointed by Brixton Parish Council April 2003 reappointed every three years since 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **Tom Edie**



### **Position**

Member

### **Represents**

Appointed by South Hams District Council in 2023.

### **Biography**

Having grown up in Surrey I am now a resident of Noss Mayo and live with my wife and young family. I have been involved in various community groups and fundraising projects over the years and was elected as South Hams District Councillor for Newton, Noss, Yealmpton and Sparkwell in 2023. My work as a media producer results in organising national and international filming projects for a wide range of organisations. In addition to this, I am the Chair of the River Yealm Regatta Authority and regular user of the River Yealm through the Gig club and Yacht Club.

## **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 March 2024

### **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 and 90 North Foundation.

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.

## **Stephen Maltby**



### **Position**

Elected as Mooring Holder Representative March 2024

### **Biography**

I joined Royal Navy and did 10 years service of which 9 was in submarines. Post that I went back to College and did Sales Marketing and Business Management.

For the last 29 years of my working life I owned and ran a Healthcare Uniforms manufacturing business which I sold in 2021.

I have lived in Newton Ferrers since 2003 and moved to the South Hams in 1983 and have been sailing on the river since then. I have had a 'A' mooring since 1999 and have both motor and sailing boats on the river.

I have joined the team as an Assistant Harbour Master now I am retired so will be in a good position to ensure I see you all and get to hear your opinions.

Please feel free to ring and have a chat at any time 07770782523

## **Jez Spring**

### **Position**

Harbour Master

### **Biography**

I joined the Royal Navy in 1981 and served as an Aircraft Technician and Engineer working on a range of military helicopters and Sea Harrier jets. Having left the RN in 2002, I spent the next 18 years as an Instructor at Britannia Royal Naval College (BRNC), Dartmouth, as an Academic Instructor (Weather, Climate, Aviation Systems) and a Leadership Coach and Assessor. Whilst at BRNC I learnt to sail and also became an instructor, teaching boat handling to young Officer Cadets on Picket Boats and Motor Whalers. Having taken up Sports Diving early in my Naval career, I qualified as a Military Sports Diving Supervisor and Powerboat Instructor. Over the past 18 years, I have been fortunate to organize, supervise and instruct on over 40 UK and foreign diving expeditions. My other main interest during this period has been my involvement in organizing and supervising Military Ski Races out in the French Alps.

I have lived in the local area for 21 years and for the past 2 Summer Seasons, I have been the RYHA Deputy Harbour Master, which I hope has given me a good insight into the operation and demands of the Harbour Master role.

## **Debbie Rhead**

### **Position**

Office Manager

### **Biography**

I have been a resident in Newton & Noss all of my life and was really happy to take up the role of Office Manager at the Harbour Office when the position became available. Following on from Helen Phillips who had worked here for 17 years was a hard act to follow but I hope to continue to provide a helpful and friendly service to all of our residents and visitors as they come to use the river.

Having previously worked in the local Primary school for a number of years and always being a resident in the parish I am familiar with many residents and look forward to catching up with them and all of the people I have yet to meet over the coming seasons.