

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.

Stephen Maltby



Position

Vice Chairman from April 2024 - 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

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 Stansell

Position

Member

Represents

Appointed by Wembury Parish Council in March 2024

Biography

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.

Kevin Thomas



Position

Member

Represents

Appointed by Newton & Noss Parish Council in 2024.

Biography

Grew up in Portsmouth where I learnt to sail aged 7 in a home built Graduate dinghy and subsequently have sailed and raced many types of Dinghies, Windsurfers and Yachts. Taught sailing and ran the cadet section at Papercourt Sailing Club near Guildford and supported both my children around the UK and Europe when they were sailing Optimists, Toppers and 29ers.

We moved to Noss Mayo when I retired in 2018 and I joined the Parish Council in 2019. As part of the Parish Council, I am active in the environmental groups and I am passionate about the river.

We bought "Catre of Ellos" our Hallberg Rassy 36 in 2011 and have sailed her around the Channel, the West Coast of France, the West Coast of Scotland and to the Baltic.

I'm an active member of Yealm Yacht Club and sail a Devon Yawl in the Wed evening races

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.

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.

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 Steggle



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.

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.

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.