

The Cornish Crabbers Club

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Forum start date : February 2012

Date of first Club committee meeting : 10th December 2013

Aims of the Cornish Crabbers Club

The Cornish Crabbers Club (CCC) shall encourage interaction between owners and enthusiasts of all current and historic models of Cornish Crabber built yachts, day boats and dinghies, thereby promoting safe, enjoyable sailing, good seamanship and a pride in the Cornish Crabber range.

The CCC will provide, using resources from within its membership, together with technical support from Cornish Crabbers Limited Liability Partnership (CCLLP), practical, sailing, technical and maintenance advice to all members using 'forums' and technical pages within a dedicated CCC website under the editorial control of the CCC General Committee.

The CCC aims to organise sailing events and rallies for the sole purpose of encouraging interaction between owners and admirers of Cornish Crabber built yachts, day boats and dinghies.

CCC Disclaimer

CCC members should be aware that the information and advice contained within the CCC website or given by the Club's officers or event organisers, has been provided by members on the basis of their own personal understanding and experience. While every reasonable effort is made to ensure that all such information is correct, the CCC, CCLLP and their contributors cannot accept any responsibility for the way this information and advice is used. Anyone undertaking work on their boat, or setting out on the water, should satisfy themselves that they possess the necessary knowledge, experience and expertise to carry out the work or plan and complete their journey in safety. If in doubt, members are urged to seek professional help or ask for advice from appropriate sources before putting their boat, themselves and their crew at risk.

CCC Powers and Limitations

The Cornish Crabbers Club is a not for profit, amateur organisation, open to all owners and crews of Cornish Crabbers built boats and anyone with an enthusiasm for the Cornish Crabbers range.

The names 'Cornish Crabber', 'Crabber', 'Shrimper', 'Shrimper 21', 'Cormorant', 'Clam', 'Limpet', 'Adventure' and 'Mystery' are protected as international Trade Marks by Cornish Crabbers LLP. These, and the names of new models added from time to time, are used within the CCC with the permission of CCLLP.

There shall be no CCC membership fee.

The CCC may raise money for the sole purpose of constituting a direct benefit to CCC activities.

Any money raising activities must have the approval of the General Committee.

No private or commercial financial transactions may be promoted or advertised by individual members of the CCC without the express permission of the General Committee or via General Committee-approved web site activities.

The CCC membership may not directly employ any personnel to act on their behalf as Club members or be responsible for any professional services undertaken by sub contractors without the express permission of the General Committee.

All advice given or taken by CCC members (via the Club forum, for example) should be accepted, and potentially, acted upon, with the understanding that the CCC will not be held responsible for any consequences thereof, as set out in the CCC Disclaimer.

The activities of the CCC shall be governed by the Laws of the UK & Ireland.

The CCC may, with the agreement of the General Committee, encourage interaction with other clubs, organisations (for example the Shrimper Owners Association, Old Gaffers Association, Royal Yachting Association & British Marine Federation) and businesses with similar aims and objectives, in order to support CCC activities for the benefit of members and to foster the preservation and longevity of privately owned Cornish Crabber built boats.

Membership

Membership of the CCC will be free; a register of members will be kept by the General Committee & CCLLP with due regard to the law on data protection, for the purposes of enabling the effective administration of the Club and sending out CCLLP factory news, information on CCC social, sailing and other activities which the General Committee feels are relevant to and in the interests of the membership.

The information captured for the register will be: Full Name, Gender (this is a required field within the platform we use, and cannot be removed), Email address, Date joined, Sailing Area, Home Port, whether or not a current owner of a Cornish Crabber built boat, and if so, which type and Sail Number, and a picture of the owner and/or his / her boat (optional).

Membership will be for life. A member may terminate their membership without notice. Where, in exceptional circumstances, a member's actions are deemed to have clearly contravened the terms of his/her membership as set out within this constitution, the CCC Secretary may terminate his/her membership without notice. A member in such a situation shall have the right of appeal to the General Committee. If appropriate, a lesser sanction will be applied in the first instance.

Members are entitled and encouraged to take part in all club business, including online CCC discounts, forum discussions, sailing and social events.

Committee, Officers and Accountability to Members

The Cornish Crabbers Club shall be managed by a General Committee, which shall be structured as follows:

Commodore
Secretary
Treasurer
Events Co-ordinator
Webmaster
Technical Co-ordinator
Builder's Representative
Area Representatives¹

¹ As of February 2016 we have three Area Representatives, although two of these also occupy the Posts of Commodore (Southern) and Webmaster (Scotland). The remaining area represented is the South West. This brings the total strength of the Committee to seven.

The General Committee will be set in the area with the most representation in that year, and will endeavour to meet at least 4 times a year, either person to person or via conference calls. The quorum for a Committee meeting shall be 4. The Secretary will publish ratified minutes of meetings on the Club website.

The period of office of each member of the General Committee shall be for 24 months from 1st March to 28/29th February. They shall be eligible for re-election after serving a two year period of office. They should, by 15th November, inform the Secretary if they intend to put themselves forward for a further term.

The Secretary will, by 30th November, use the website to invite nominations for positions on the General Committee, to be received by by 31st December if a mid-term vacancy has occurred, or a term of office is coming to an end. Where a single nomination is received for a position, the candidate shall be put forward for ratification at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM). In the event of a competitive election, the candidates will be consulted, and agreement sought, on the procedure to be followed.

The General Committee shall be supported by sub and/or area committees according to need. An area should endeavour to form a committee to include at least a Chair, Secretary and Events Co-ordinator. Area Secretaries will be supported by the CCC Secretary and national Events Co-ordinator in developing the Club in their locality within the terms and spirit of this Constitution; if they are unable to attend General Committee meetings, they should endeavour to maintain at least quarterly contact with the CCC Secretary, providing him/her with copies of Area Committee minutes and other pertinent information.

The General Committee shall invite members to serve as Fleet Captains, one for each type of boat in the Cornish Crabber range (current and historic), to promote and monitor the use of the Club's forum and the technical pages of the website.

Before 15th November each year, the General Committee will post on the club's website the date, time and place of the Club's AGM, to be held during the following February, and will email members to prompt them to visit the website for further information about the agenda, elections (if any) to the General Committee, etc.

The AGM will enable the General Committee to report to the membership on their activities in the previous calendar year, to present the Club's accounts for that year, and to receive ideas from the membership for the Club to consider with a view to possible implementation in the following year. Such ideas may be sent to the Secretary by email prior to the date of the AGM, or presented in person at the AGM.

Both the annual report and the Club's accounts will be posted on the club's website at least 14 days prior to the AGM. The quorum required to enable the AGM to adopt the previous year's accounts shall be 6, at least 2 of whom shall not currently be serving as members of the General Committee. Other items of business shall not require a quorum, as long as at least 4 members of the General Committee are present.

Finance

The CCC will aim wherever possible to be a self financing organisation. CCLLP will assist in the provision of finance for the Cornish Crabber Club, either by way of direct financial support where appropriate, or through the engagement of suppliers of equipment and services to CCLLP. Further revenue will come from the sale of CCC approved items and merchandise from the CCLLP website shop.

The CCC bank account exists for the express purpose of providing a mechanism for managing events, supporting activities approved by the General Committee, and helping to guarantee accountability.

Any cheques drawn against club funds should hold two signatures from the following signatories:

Peter Thomas
Zoe Allister
Julian Biggs
Stephen Evatt

Area Committees shall not set up their own bank accounts. Instead, they will be supported by the Club, within its resources, with the approval of the General Committee.

The CCC will plan events which are financially self supporting, charging fees where appropriate to meet out of pocket costs associated with holding social activities both on shore and afloat.

All financial relationships entered into by the CCC with the approval of the General Committee will be considerate to the commercial position of CCLLP and their relationship with suppliers of equipment and services.

Review

The Club's Constitution was adopted at the inaugural AGM on 8th February 2015. This amended version was put forward by Steve Evatt, Secretary, and agreed by the General Committee in October 2015, prior to being adopted at the AGM on 28th February 2016.

Steve Evatt
Secretary