



EAST DOWN YACHT CLUB NOTICE OF THE 55th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY 5th DECEMBER 2021 AT 2.30PM

held remotely via Zoom

Commodore Stephen Dow

The 55th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the members will be held remotely via Zoom and will commence at 2.30pm on Sunday 5th December 2021.

To attend the meeting please email the Honorary Secretary by Monday 29th November at edycsec@gmail.com to receive an invite. Invites will be issued closer to the date of the meeting.

AGM AGENDA

- 1.0 Apologies.
- 2.0 Minutes of the 54th Annual General Meeting held on Zoom on 6th December 2020.
- 3.0 Commodore and Sailing Committee Annual Reports for 2021.
- 4.0 Financial report for 2021.
- 5.0 Resolutions.
- 6.0 Election of the Executive Committee.
- 7.0 Election of members of the Sailing Committee.
- 8.0 Any other business.

ITEM 1 - APOLOGIES

If you cannot attend the AGM and wish to send an apology please email the Honorary Secretary at edycsec@gmail.com

ITEM 2 MINUTES OF THE 2020 AGM

Copies of the 2020 AGM minute will be issued to those attending the meeting or you can email the Honorary Secretary and request a copy.

ITEM 3 - COMMITTEE REPORTS

COMMODORE'S REPORT 2021

Dear members, welcome to the annual round up of events on and off the water at EDYC.

My first year as Commodore has been a challenging, but rewarding one. The first thing I realised, after my appointment, was how quickly you have to hit the ground running. This was particularly true in 2021 given the very reactive season we had ahead of us.

As a committee we had to have plan A, B and sometimes C in place, in order to keep events on the calendar. But we are a resilient bunch at EDYC, so plan ahead we did.

The start of the season saw a continued rise in new membership, with Strangford Lough becoming even more popular as a holiday destination for many, during the Pandemic.

I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to welcome all new members to the Club and thank all loyal members for their continued support during an unpredictable season.

As the club house opened slowly again after it's forced closure, it was great to see so many members arriving on site and putting preparations in place to get back out on the water. The new boat shed is a great asset to the club with the enhanced security giving members peace of mind.

As it became apparent that the way ahead for socialising lay outdoors, plans were put in place to improve the site's amenities. The foreshore was improved with a major tidy up of the dinghy park and the creation of a picnic area and the pontoon gangway was serviced. Bob's Garden was well utilized this year during club events, with the weather being kind when we needed it most. The new awning did not arrive on time for the regatta, but it should be in place early in the 2022 season.

Following COVID guidelines this year has been difficult. As RYANI responded diligently to each new directive, the committee kept a close eye on changing events and responded well to the shifting sands that challenged us all. Our priorities lay firmly in the camp of providing all members with as normal a season as possible. Club racing was firmly back on the calendar, social events back on the agenda and regattas made a welcome return to the Lough.

The first big event was the Club's race training weekend, with a refresher for all on the water - racing rules in particular. The start sequence was simplified, the committee boat was subject to "social bubbling" (a new term in all our vocabularies) and rescue cover could be provided again. A full set of races made a welcome return.

We ran a successful mid summer BBQ and the Drascombes were back, marking the first return to normality. The BBQs were lit and the arrival of Alfie's outdoor catering company marked a social turning point with the promise of a good season ahead on the horizon. The sun shone and the weekend was a great success, with the usual positive feedback from our guests.

This year, more than ever, the success of such events relied heavily on the weather. John Miller organised a great cruising event for dinghies and leisure 17s which was also blessed with sunshine. We hope that this event will return to the calendar next year.

By this point in the year, EDYC was almost back to business as usual. The continued arrival of new Impalas and Leisure 17s became a regular fanfare on the Club's Facebook page. We have proudly become a centre of focus for both classes. An Impala or Leisure 17 race week could be on the agenda for next season.

A cruise in company section has also been discussed. This would provide new members with a safe environment for exploring the cruising grounds of Strangford Lough and beyond.

We had continued good fortune with the weather during our regatta. Our Vice Commodore, Keith Carr, ran a very successful set of races and the day's festivities carried on into the early hours, under the stars in Bob's Garden and bar area. Bangor Yukes provided the music and Alfies outside catering company provided BBQ packs. A great day was had by all.

The youth event, organised the following day, for the increasing numbers of young sailors in the Club, was a great success. Many thanks to all involved. The day was made particularly special by a surprise visit from RNLI who joined us for a BBQ after the event. An end of season event in Carrickfergus was well attended by our younger members, where they were very successful. The number of young sailors involved in the club is very encouraging for the future.

The unpredictability of the season meant that the Commodore's Cruise was a bit of a last minute event, but with encouragement from Keith Maxwell we managed to fit it in at the end of August, on yet another sunny day. Breakfast was provided, boats were stocked up with provisions and we set off for Salt Island. For a last minute event it was unexpectedly well attended and we had a great day among friends.

To end the season, our die hard racers took part in the Frostie Series at Whiterock, finishing on a high, enjoying fair winds and success on the water.

Early in the year, the Club lost two of its most respected members, Frank Petticrew and Gil Stevenson, Frank was a founder member, past Commodore and Trustee. Gill was a past Commodore, former Trustee and an Honorary Member. Both will be sadly missed.

Graham Wright is proposed as a new trustee. Graham, a past commodore, continues his work on the executive committee as a respected and valued member of the team.

In closing I would like to take this opportunity to thank all on the Club's committees for their continued support and hard work. EDYC is a self help club and would not run smoothly without the loyalty and support of all our members. It has been a difficult couple of years for us all and I appreciate your patience and understanding as we look forward to the 2022 season.

Stephen Dow

Commodore EDYC 2021

SAILING REPORT 2021

Ahoy! End of another season with a great weather spell for haulout. With most of the boats laid up for the winter, it won't be long until the club is busy again with the sound of power tools, and spring prep.

As usual, we have a short note to recap on the year past, and think about the next one coming.

We are hoping that COVID restrictions continue to ease over the next period, to bring us back to a normal round the club. We saw this start with a relaxation in the summer to the extent we could restart club racing – which was well attended overall. Many thanks to the sailing committee that got marks out, racing scheduled and well managed at short notice. Thanks also to those who took on duties to enable other members have their

races. Events in the lough started to make a comeback, with several well attended regattas (including our own!) and with some great results for the club.

We now have 10 Impalas at the club. There has been some keen racing in this class, with great competition. These boats have competed strongly amongst themselves, and taken honours at the Frosties and elsewhere – making EDYC a force in that class. With almost 20 Leisure 17's at the club, that class too continues to grow. Perhaps not as many racers amongst them, but keen competition with some of them non the less! Maybe we will see more of them racing next year? EDYC can now boast having the largest class fleets in both in Ireland – probably Europe! Not to be outdone, as well as racing, our Wayfarers were out for a weeks 'staycation', racing and cruising this summer in a well attended week of boating. The cruisers had a few outings too – while the favourite destination of Peel was out of reach for much of the summer with Covid restrictions, many boats travelled to Scotland, Dublin and elsewhere.

There are a lot of new members who need help getting orientated, and some might need a little help with their new craft – remember we are here for our members – please take a moment when you are down to help new members get themselves up to speed and introduce yourselves. The boat park is quite crowded now – please keep in mind that there are other users and keep the place safe and tidy for other members. Be aware of your personal safety at all times and of what is going on round you while you are working on your craft.

Opportunities for training were fairly limited this year. We did run a successful youth week, but had to limit the numbers. Our training offering was not as wide as we would normally run. Powerboat training was also limited to a few sessions and small numbers at the end of the year. We hope to change this going forward. Please watch the website, as we gather interest for various courses this year.

We were glad to host the RYA youth conference in November, where we were well represented. The youth conference focused on accessibility and environmental issues.

The Sailing committee would like to take this opportunity to have a healthy and happy off season – and look forward to seeing you in the new year.

Finbar Jennings
Rear Commodore Sailing EDYC 2021

ITEM 4 - 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Copies of the 2021 Financial Report will be issued to those attending the meeting or you can email the Honorary Secretary and request a copy.

ITEM 5 RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 5.1

PREAMBLE

The Executive Committee wish to increase membership fees in line with inflation at around 2%

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

To increase membership fees as set out in the tables below :-

CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP, ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS AND ENTRANCE FEES.			
Class	Entrance Fee	Membership Fee 2021	Proposed Membership Fee 2022
Family Membership (to include children up to 18 years and students up to 25 years)	£ NIL	£323	£330
Single Membership (over 18 years)	£ NIL	£239	£244
Student Membership (for individuals 18-25 years in full time education, not already in a Family Membership)	£ NIL	£44	£45
Cadet Membership * (Under 18 years and not already in a Family Membership)	£ NIL	£33	£35
Temporary Crewing Membership (Valid for 2 years only) Temporary Crewing Membership is a discretionary two season introductory scheme intended for newcomers to the Club to get involved in sailing by crewing on club members boats. It is not for those who are rejoining the Club after a period away or for those who are using their own craft. First year of membership (33% of single membership) Second year of membership (50% of single membership)	N/A	£80 £120	£82 £122
Outport Membership			
Outport Membership is intended for Members resident outside Northern Ireland and who do not have boats, trailers or equipment at EDYC	N/A	£27	£28
Senior Membership			
Open to those Members over 60 years of age who have been members of the Club for at least 10 years and who do not own a boat or have a caravan at the Club and who wish to take advantage of such membership	N/A	£65	£67
Honorary Member (non voting)	N/A	NIL	NIL
Temporary Member (per week, or part thereof, for individuals during EDYC club organised training courses and events)	N/A	£20	£20

ANNUAL FACILITIES CHARGES - BOAT OWNERS		
Facilities Charges – All craft using EDYC slipway		
Keelboats, their punts and Sailing Dinghies	£44	£45
Other boats above 4.5 m	£113	£115

Winter Storage Charges – 1st November to 16 March, or part thereof		
Keelboats/boats below 20ft	£119	£121
Keelboats/boats 20ft to below 25ft	£138	£141
Keelboats/boats 25ft to below 30ft	£157	£160
Keelboats/boats 30ft to below 35ft	£177	£180
Keelboats/boats 35ft to below 40ft	£197	£201
Keelboats/boats 40ft and over	£215	£219
Sailing dinghies and empty boat trailers	£63	£65
Summer Storage Charges – 1st June to 31st August, or part thereof.		
Storage for every craft not in commission shall be charged at double the appropriate winter rate	Winter x 2	Winter x 2
Long-term Storage Charges.		
Storage charges (Winter and Summer) for each successive year that a craft remains out of commission and parked at EDYC	(Winter + Summer) x 2	(Winter + Summer) x 2

CARAVAN SECTION		
Caravan Entrance Donation	£118	£120
Caravan Annual Donation	£237	£242
Winter Storage	£118	£120

No one under the age of 18 is allowed on Club property or premises without suitable adult supervision.

Any craft remaining un-launched and unused during the normal sailing season will be considered to be out of commission.

Members are reminded of the various provisions in Rules 47,48 and 49.

RESOLUTION 5.2

PREAMBLE

Most members will be aware of the sad death of Frank Petticrew in early 2021. Frank was a founder member of East Down Yacht Club and was also a Trustee of the Club. The other Trustees are David Thompson, Jay Colville and Angus McRoberts.

The Executive Committee wish to continue to have four Club Trustees and so have elected Graham Wright as a Trustee and in accordance with Rule 35 wish to ratify its decision with the Club Membership.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

To ratify the decision of the Executive Committee to appoint club member Graham Wright as a Trustee of East Down Yacht Club.

ITEM 6 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ITEM 7 - ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SAILING COMMITTEE

ITEM 8 - ANY OTHER BUSINESS