



GENERAL COMMITTEE NOMINEES



Peter Boote (Nominee for Commodore)

Peter and his wife Maggie live just outside Dartmouth and their two sons are based in London and Winchester. They moved to Devon from Rutland 27 years ago becoming members of RDYC with their Squib. Since then, they have owned several yachts during which time Maggie served on the General Committee and was a founding member of Ladies Afloat. Peter now sails a restored Yachting World Diamond classic day boat.

Peter worked for British and American companies in the aerospace hardware business in both engineering and sales roles travelling extensively throughout Europe and America. On their move to Devon Peter and Maggie set up their own specialty fastener business in Totnes which designed and manufactured quick release mechanisms for the aerospace/defence, industrial and motorsport markets. They sold the business to a plc six years ago and Peter is retained as a consultant.

Peter is also Chairman on the Joint Regatta Sailing Committee (JRSC) responsible for the sailing side of the Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta.



Mark Simpson (Nominee for Vice Commodore)

Mark began sailing when a young teenager because of his father taking up the sport when advised by his doctor to get a hobby! His father chose sailing rather than golf but it soon ignited a passion for the sport that continues strongly amongst his wider family today. Pretty soon, the family were racing their yachts such as a Nicholson 30, Sonata and Sigma 33 and did so together for the next 20 years. Mark continued to crew on various racing yachts until he and his wife Ruth moved to Kingswear at which point he bought and raced a Squib and now latterly, an Albin Ballad – SULA – and, in turn, moved from the front of the yacht as foredeck crew to the blunt end as helm and skipper! Nearly 50 years old, Sula is not fantastically competitive but is admired for her looks! He hopes in time to convince Ruth to do a bit of cruising on her.

Having started in business as an economist in the motor industry, Mark soon moved to begin a career in the publishing industry that has spanned nearly 40 years, mostly in magazine publishing and across numerous industries as varied as farming, investment banking to computer games. He has held middle and senior management roles at three major international publisher and led a management buy-in of a fast-growing magazine company in 1999. Having successfully sold the business in 2003, he then became CEO of the acquiring publicly quoted company.

Mark and his wife Ruth first acquired a property in Kingswear in 2003 and moved permanently to the village in 2008. They set up a local publishing company that year, launching the popular By The Dart magazine and now publish other local magazines, websites and yearbooks for clients such as the Dart Harbour Authority, Darthaven Marina, Dartmouth Visitor Centre etc.



Colin Bower (Nominee for Rear Commodore House)

Colin and his wife, Carol, live in Brixham. They have three sons who are all accomplished sailors and RDYC members. Colin was born in Brixham and has been a member for approximately 40 years! Keen motorboat sailors, Colin and Carol own a small Princess motor cruiser, but keep their hand in sailing on friends' yachts.

Colin, a well-known Club member, is also the Club's senior power boat instructor, having gained much experience from his 35 years serving on the RNLI Torbay Lifeboat Crew.

He ran a successful industrial paint supply company for 36 years and when he sold the business took over the reins of a local pontoon manufacturers, before retiring in May 2019.

Colin is also a member of the Joint Regatta Sailing Committee (JRSC) responsible for the sailing liaison side of the Port of Dartmouth Royal Regatta.



Rosemary Tomison (Nominee for Rear Commodore Sailing - co-opted)

Born close to the sea on the Isle of Bute, Rosemary left her native Scotland for Bristol after leaving university. Her professional career as a Dentist was spent in Bristol, but frequent sailing trips cemented her love of the coast and the West Country in particular. Having retired, Rosemary has resettled in Kingswear.

Rosemary got the sailing bug on a work organised trip and discovered you didn't need to own a boat to get on the water. Coming through the RYA programmes she got her Yachtmaster in 2004. After cruising the West Country on charter boats with a local cruising club, she started racing on a Sigma 38 and a JOD 36 in the Solent. Ultimately building up to taking part in the Fastnet and several Cork and Cowes Weeks. With the racing itch scratched (mostly) Rosemary came back to cruising with a large commercially structured syndicate, where she was asked to be involved with running the company.

Looking to recapture the pleasure of her early sailing adventures in the West Country, she bought her own boat a Jouet 920 in 2012 and based it in Dartmouth. Though now mainly enjoying cruising, the highlight of the year is taking part in Dartmouth Regatta with her son, an experienced sailor. Rosemary also has a daughter, now based in Bristol also, and is looking forward to introducing her grandchildren to the water.

Coming from a non-sailing family, I have always been very passionate about providing opportunities for people to get on the water and experience the thrill of all different types of boating. I see the role of Rear Commodore Sailing as a fantastic opportunity to help and support people who love being on the water in many different ways and to facilitate this within the Royal Dart Yacht Club.