

Nominations for Main Committee

Abbey Rance.



I have been a member of BVSC for three years but I have taken part in Family Week and SCAMPS events for several years before as a guest member. I always try to support BVSC events, including open days, family events, summer balls and other evening events. In the last year I have graduated from Goldsmiths, University of London with a BA Ed in Design and Technology. I am now a Teacher of Technology at a Gillingham secondary school and currently am chairman of Tonbridge Young Farmers Club. If I were elected to the committee I would aim to reinstate SCAMPS weekends and support all family events at BVSC as I feel that these are the most important events.

Richard Smith



I have been a Club member for 5 years. I have owned and sailed various types of boat at Bewl and have had the honour of being named as the 'official receiver of wrecks' by a former fleet captain. It's a position I hold dear to my heart having just purchased another heap from eBay! I love tinkering with boats and sailing on what I think is a great stretch of water.

I have been lucky enough to have served on the Main Committee for the last 2 years and am keen to continue contributing to the running of the Club. I am currently working on the programme for 2013 and hope we can introduce more family-based sailing activities, cruising and social events, whilst continuing to host open racing events for various classes and age groups.

As a keen racer, I think it's very important that race results are produced on the same day and, to this end, I took a member of the Main Committee's comments literally when I complained that this was not happening - I am now the Results Secretary! You may have noticed that the Club's Facebook page is now being used to communicate far more often; this is something I have taken on to improve our profile as a Club and more importantly, communicate with fellow members. I also serve on the Sailing Sub Committee so am not afraid of getting my hands dirty! Anyone considering being part of the Main Committee must get stuck in and help the Club in these difficult financial times.

I hope you will consider me for election this year.

Michael Wallace



Previous MC experience 1996 to 1999. Maintenance, checking of the boat park and the introduction of better marking of boat park spaces. Currently MC member and Chair of the House Committee looking into the development of the Clubhouse. Personally upgraded the disabled toilet in recent times, but would like to see even better improvements for disabled and able members.

Personal Skills: Knowledge of building regulations, 20 years experience in maintenance of buildings and land drainage. Availability as one of the Club's photographers. Currently looking into the Act of Parliament for Bewl Water to see if there is a clause that may benefit the Club.

What I bring to the MC is representation of the sailors who do not sail often, a MC member that spends on average more than two hours a day on club business and available to talk to members most Sundays. If re-elected I would continue to be an active and productive member of the committee.



David Hewett

Chartered Building Surveyor, Club Member since 1989, Main Committee member 2005, and for the last 3 years. Long standing supporter of Family Week and SCAMPS.

Preference for Cruising having organised more than 60 BVSC Away Cruises since 1991. Now a Senior member. I believe I have acquired a sound knowledge of the Club operations and rules, and am supportive of ideas and improvements benefitting the membership overall.



Ray Tennant

A Club member for 20 years, I regularly sail a Wanderer and an RS Vision, and have taken the Wanderer on many Club and Wanderer Association cruising weekends. As an RYA Dinghy Instructor and a Sea Scout Leader, with an interest in Training, particularly of children and young people, I fully support the good work done by our Training Centre.

Professionally, I am a Chartered Certified Accountant and have over 30 years Board experience up to Managing Director and Chairman level in a number of Companies. I am Honorary Auditor to a number of voluntary bodies.

The Club faces many challenges at a time of financial constraints, including a difficult landlord, an ageing building and the proposed over-development of other facilities at Bewl Water. If elected to the Main Committee, I will use my long sailing experience and business skills to help the Club to meet these challenges.

RICHARD HAYDEN



BACKGROUND:

Deputy Manager of Conference and Watersports Centre (10 Years).

Head of Outdoor Education Centre and RYA Principal (11 YEARS).

Outdoor Education Centre Manager – Managing five Outdoor Education Centres – 3 in Kent, 1 in North Wales and 1 in France .(5 YEARS).

Outdoor Education Adviser for Kent County Council (4 YEARS).

Senior Outdoor Education Adviser for Kent County Council (6 YEARS).

National Governing Body Watersports Qualifications include: RYA Dinghy Senior Instructor, RYA Powerboat Instructor. BCU Level 3 Coach (Kayak and Open Canoe)

BVSC Honorary Members from 1995

Full member since 2011

I was a late starter to sailing. Although I was taken sailing at the age of 9 yrs I did not get 'hooked' until my early twenties. Most of my sailing has been linked to instructing/coaching in the South East but I have also enjoyed some racing in both dinghies and yachts on the River Thames, River Medway while my cruising, mainly on yachts, has taken place in the Solent and South Coast, the Channel Islands, the East Coast and South of France.

INTERESTS (other than BVSC):

Chairman of Mariners of Bewl – Integrated Sailing for Disabled and Able bodied Club and Registered Charity.

Sailing – Coaching, cruising and yachting.

Although I have only served on the Main Committee for 18 months I have very much enjoyed making a positive contribution to the Club and especially as the lead member for what I named 'Operation Waterchase', the project to improve accessibility to the water for all members, irrespective of water levels. This resulted in the successful bid to Sport England and the installation of our new pontoon and disability hoist.

I have also enjoyed being the Main Committee representative working closely with the Training Centre and supporting Dave Radford with the management and development of this important part of our Club.

My main aims are to:

- Continue to help with the development of the Club as a facility where those who are less able and/or with disabilities can participate in all Club activities on an equal basis and where access is not an issue.
- Promote and support integrated sailing.
- Support and advise Bewl Valley SC Training Centre. Raise standards and assist with developing the training facilities so that even more 'customers' become members of the Club.
- Raise/Improve 'on the water' safety standards.
- To have fun sailing with the 'Mobsters' Members of the mariners of Bewl fleet

I wish to stand as a member of the main Committee for the next 12 months as I would like the opportunity to continue the work that I have started and to fulfil the aforementioned aims.



Sue Humphries

My name is Sue Humphries and I have been a member of BVSC for 18 years .

During that time I have experienced most aspects of club life including racing (mostly Enterprises) -most Sundays in all those years!, cruising on the away w/e's in a variety of boats,

I have enjoyed Family weeks and was involved with MOB when I taught visually impaired children- bringing them down to experience the wonders of sailing.

For the past year I have been a member of M C and feel I am beginning to get my feet under the table, so I would hate the rug to be pulled from under me just as I'm getting into my stride!

I have been the instigator in setting up a group of volunteers to help with 'in house jobs' and DIY to improve the clubhouse for everybody. I also had a hand in compiling the recent Nautical Notes , of which there will be another edition soon.

I attended the New Members evening where it was good to welcome members I might not otherwise get to know, and would look forward developing a role as membership sec, should I be re-elected.

I can usually be found sailing on a Wednesday and Sunday, crewing anything from an Enterprise to a FF, or even an RS, or helming a Gul.



Sarah King

In a previous life I was a nurse and midwife but for the last seven years I have run my own business, Bumps and Beyond Photography, from a studio at my home.

I have been a Family member of BVSC for ten years, and during that time my three children and I have all undertaken different training courses, and attended SCAMPS and Family Weeks every year bar one.

3 years ago I was elected as Hon Secretary, but unfortunately had to resign abruptly just before the following AGM when my mother was terminally ill and I needed to nurse her.

Time moves on and my children are now 19 and 21 – but they still sail regularly and come to SCAMPS and Family Week.

I now also come with two of my partner Mike's granddaughters, and they have learned to sail at BVSC too, have been to Family Week twice and want to become regulars!

I now feel I have time to contribute to our sailing club again, particularly representing Family Members. Also, the next financial year is possibly the most important in the Club's history and I wish to be a part of it. Please elect me to be a member of the Main Committee.



Gill Hill

Having joined the Club in 1997, with a young family I have seen the benefits of encouraging younger members of the Club to progress through the various activities and training available to members and would like to see this continue developing.

Personally I am a fair weather social sailor and have taken part in Open Days, Camping weekends, various evening functions and Family Week which I have organised and coordinated for the past five years.

I believe the Club has a challenging time ahead and feel my previous experience both on the Committee and as an ordinary member will be beneficial in contributing to the future aims and successes of the Club.



Trevor Spink

I re-joined the club in 2011 after being an optimist sailor at the club back in the 80's now as a father I am keen on building activities for younger families.

I have a strong background in marketing having run my own web development agency in Tunbridge Wells for 10 years, my skills include...

Management & Staffing

In depth understanding of management techniques, excellent communication skills, proven team leadership and the technical ability to realise the full potential of any project. Having had a staff of around 12 people in his business and managing projects with many more stakeholders.

Design Consultancy

Website design, graphically and with a keen awareness of usability, project development methodology and management. A wide range of branding and marketing experience including brand development.

Technology

A solid understanding in the architecture of the backend technology. Can specify, design and deploy both hardware and software required. Developed software architecture for advanced website content management , form handling and workflow application and a full intranet based CRM system.