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Lyme Regis Sailing Club ByLaw:-Criteria for awarding Honorary Life Membership

See Club Rules 9.1g & 9.2e

Background

It is recognised that the Club only functions successfully through the continued dedication and hard work of its members. Indeed, lots of members are keen sailors who sail regularly and continuously support the club in various ways over decades without special recognition – this is the norm.

However, in very exceptional cases it may be appropriate to award a Life Honorary Membership to a person who has made an exceptional contribution to the club or the sport of sailing. The criteria for selection is detailed below:

1. Outstanding Service

Significant contributions to the club and its development over prolonged timescales (25+ years). Significant contributions include such things as:

- Unstinting service to the Club with unwavering support of club policies:- as an Officer/Director of the Club and/or on a Committee and/or managing a specific area of club activity.
- Playing a key role in organising multiple major events at the club.
- Training/Mentorship of junior sailors within the club.

2. Achievements in Sailing

- Representing our Country/Club at high profile international sailing events such as the Olympics.
- Bringing recognition to the club through sailing achievements or awards.

3. Financial or Material Contributions

- Significant donations or contributions towards club facilities/funds in combination with long term active club involvement.

4. Exceptional Circumstances

- Acts of heroism or notable service to the sailing community.

Process for Granting Honorary Life Membership:

Nomination:

Any member can nominate an individual for consideration by forwarding the proposal with supporting justification (including supporting signatures from at least 3 full club members) to the Club Secretary. In turn, the proposal will be considered at the next convenient General Committee Meeting.

If the nominee is part of the voting or consultation procedure, then they are to be excluded from the discussions and voting process but their vote counted in favour.

Approval:

The Club's Committee will review the nomination and vote on it via a secret ballot.

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In order to maintain a consistent standard of nomination, the Commodore will seek the views of at least 4 previous past Commodores, 2 of which (the two most recent) will be required to vote (as permitted in the Club rules).