

MOTION AND NOMINATIONS TO THE ECYD AGM 2024

Proposed: John Hulme

Seconded: Laura Barber

The Motion to the ECYD 2024 AGM is as follows:

To rebase Freyja, to increase current utilisation, to introduce and develop a wide variety of CSSC/CSSA members to the sport of sailing. This provides diversity of opportunity within warmer Mediterranean waters. This provides new opportunities for existing and participation of the many retired civil servants living in Spain, Portugal plus those employed within the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar to join CSSC/CSSA. A Yacht master overseas cruising committee has been drawn from across the UK, Spain and Portugal to ensure existing members and new participants can make the most of Freyja. In this way an invaluable CSSA asset will have a meaningful and exciting future.

This proposal includes Offshore Cruising Sea time, potentially RYA training and Charter opportunities from Gibraltar for the 2025 season and beyond. Gibraltar offers a diverse range of cruising options both East and West and being based here extends the season beyond our six month UK Sailing Season. There are opportunities to holiday from this base. The option of a return to the UK through the French Canal network is retained due to member interest.

Subject to member feedback, periodic return to northern waters provides opportunities for those wishing to charter Freyja and cruise the Baltic, notably the east coast of Sweden and its archipelagos.

This proposed motion and the associated nomination of its highly qualified committee will provide members with further diverse opportunities to experience Mediterranean, North African and South Spain Sailing including Coastal, Offshore and Ocean passages supporting development of the RYA Yacht master Cruising Programme.

This motion proposes:

- 1. Freyja is rebased to the UK Overseas Territory of Gibraltar/Gibraltar Bay for two or three years.**
- 2. A subsequent plan for Freyja to return to the UK.**

3. The ECYD (Overseas) Committee will arrange rebased ECYD Overseas Sailing Programmes.
4. The following nominees become elected as the new ECYD (Overseas) Committee.

Preamble

Members of CSSA (and entitled to membership of ECYD) note with dismay that 23 online attendees of the ECYD 2023 AGM were unable to have their voices heard at the 2023 AGM. This meant that those on Zoom were unable to participate in the discussion "in the room" about the 2024 cruise programme. This was due to technical problems with the Zoom link at Littleton Sailing Club.

Members are aware that decisions made at an AGM form the basis for the strategic direction and policy for the year following the AGM. It is vital that members have the utmost confidence in any decisions made. A lack of communications then ensued in relation to the dissemination of the minutes of the 2023 AGM. Therefore, members have concerns that the minutes of the 2023 AGM were not circulated for comment and update expeditiously following the meeting on 18 November 2023. As a result a number of CSSA/ECYD members have concerns about the accuracy of the recently published minutes of the 2023 AGM in respect of the exclusion of zoom members.

The motion proposed has been developed following the Club Captain's recent request for support from members in other Divisions to rebase Freyja in order to gain support from the wider membership.

Background:

The 5KSC proposal to the 2023 AGM set out the following:

- Cruise from Ipswich to Barcelona (Spain) via Penzance (UK), Coruña, Gibraltar and Ibiza en-route.
- Visit to Barcelona/Americas Cup Final event and to over Winter at Gibraltar.
- Return via the French canals during 24/25 season.

John Hulme's proposal had, as at 18 November 2023, skipper allocations provisionally booked on the sailing legs to Gibraltar from Ipswich and was available for provisional booking with 5KSC crew bureau. This Sailing Programme was subsequently reported to the AGM zoom members as having been rejected by those attending the 2023 AGM in person. This defeated the purpose of members

attending online to speak in support of the proposal and to answer questions from the floor. No vote appeared to have been taken of all the members including the 23 online who were excluded from discussion.

As a consequence of the ECYD 2024 Cruising Programme decision, 5KSC recognised the membership desire for further overseas sailing and 5KSC facilitated a modified cruise programme. This involved truncating the 5KSC Scottish sailing programme. This permitted a return RYA Ocean Sailing trip to Coruña/Vigo (Spain) and also to the Balearic Islands; cruising from Ibiza on a 45 foot charter yacht. Had the 2023 proposal been adopted, it would have captured interest in CSSA and become an invaluable public relations aid. The Britannia INEOS Yacht competed in the America's Cup Final, its first final in 60 years and achieved the best GB result in 90 years of the 173 years of the World's oldest international sporting cup.

This proposal is for an ECYD (Overseas) committee comprising of the following paid up CSSC/CSSA members:

Club Captain: John Hulme, YM Instructor & Chief Instructor, Shore based Instructor @ RYA Recognised Training Centre 5KSC.

Proposed by Laura Barber.

Seconded by Paul Dunn.

Treasurer: Andreas Arvanitakis, Day Skipper.

Proposed by John Hulme.

Seconded by Laura Barber.

Club Hon Secretary: Laura Barber.

Proposed by Mary Reed.

Seconded by Paul Dunn.

Sailing Yacht Secretary: Mary Reed

Proposed by Laura Barber.

Seconded by Paul Dunn.

Yacht Husband: Warren McDonough, YM Offshore

Gibraltar

Proposed by John Hulme.

Seconded by Bob Fletcher.

Crew Bureau: Amanda Topson, Coastal Skipper

Gibraltar

Proposed by John Hulme.

Seconded by Laura Barber.

Ordinary Member: Reg Morris, YM Coastal

Assistant Yacht Husband Gibraltar

Proposed by John Hulme.

Seconded by Laura Barber.

Ordinary Member: Bob Fletcher, Day Skipper

Proposed by John Hulme.

Seconded by Laura Barber.

Ordinary Member:, YM Ocean.

Proposed by John Hulme.

Seconded by Bob Fletcher.