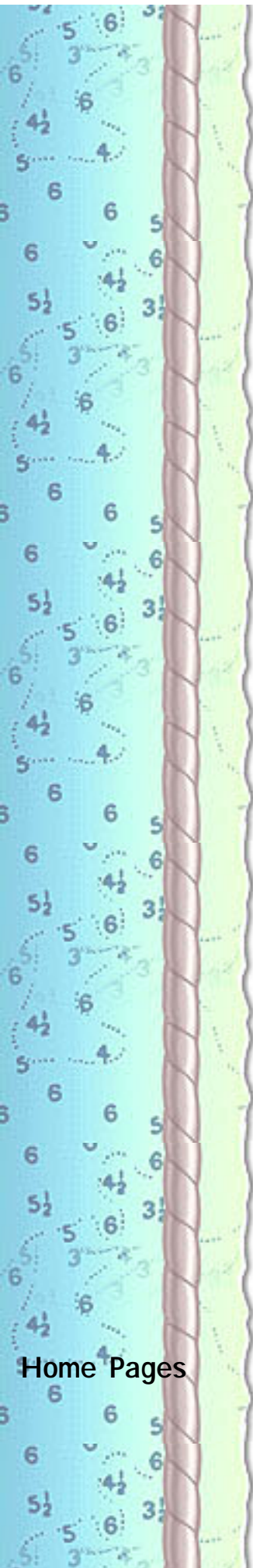


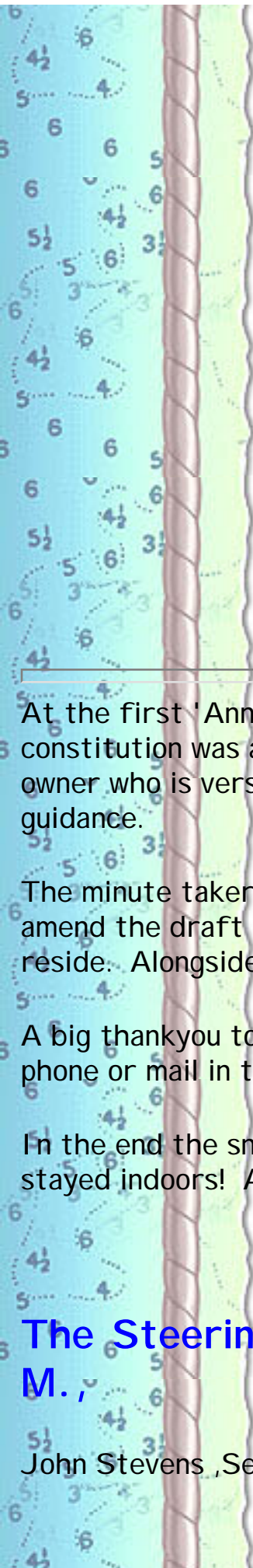
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At the first Annual Meeting at Danbury on Wednesday 23rd of February 2005, the new constitution was agreed. It is as you see it below. We are fortunate to have with us an owner who is versed in this sort of constitution writing, Andrew, we thank him for his guidance.

The minute taker for the evening, Mike, has sent the typed up minutes, and I have amend the draft constitution and we will have now found a place on the site for it to reside. Alongside it will be the minutes of meetings and accounts in the fullness of time.

A big thankyou to those who travelled to Danbury to help and to those who troubled to phone or mail in their comments and votes!

In the end the snow did not materialise, but with the threat of it so real, many wisely stayed indoors! Another good night and meal, was had by all who attended!

The Steering group, as voted in at Danbury at the first A. M.,

John Stevens ,Senior Owner

Mike Field, 3 Tonner owner in Australia.

Chris Sinnett, Senior owner, in Holland

Doug Hoadley, Waterwitch Owner

John Williams, Eventide Owner.

The following were elected as well,

The Webmaster , Barry Sturrock, (Associate Member).

The Donation Fund Manager, Brian West, Justice of the Peace. (Associate Member).

The Website Coordinator, John Williams.

J.W.

THE CONSTITUTION OF :

The Eventide Owners Group

1. *NAME

The Group (referred to as EOG in this document) will be known as: the Eventide Owners Group. But shall have power to change its name at the EOG annual meeting, ('the AM').

2. * AIM

The aim of the EOG is to provide advice and support for owners, by owners, manage the EOG website and any additions to it for the benefit of the owners of any Yachting Monthly sponsored designs and boats by the same designers, namely, Maurice Griffiths, Alan Buchanan, Colin Faggetter, John Rowland and Kenneth Gibbs. Sailing and builders/restorers meets, of these designs, are to be encouraged.

3.* MEMBERSHIP

'Full Voting Membership' shall be open to any person owning, and 'actively' either sailing or restoring one of the Y.M. designs, or owning and 'actively' either sailing or restoring a boat designed by the same designers, and who have been 'registered' for 1 year.

Non Voting, Associate Membership, (or 'Friends' membership), shall be open to ex owners or those perhaps wishing to purchase, those who may have sold, or other interested parties, that for one reason or another do not own one of these designs.

Membership shall be free, but donations are gratefully accepted to ensure continuance of website.

The Group is to be internet based, but free and open to owners and associate members without web access. Those without web access, but registered for a full year with the EOG, therefore with 'Full Voting Membership', will have the right to vote at the AM.

Printouts of the latest edition of the 'Newsletter' are to be made available to those 'offline' at nominal cost.

A list, database, shall be kept of all owners, their boats and also of associate members. This information will not be divulged without the consent of the parties involved.

4. * MEMBERS of the steering group

The steering group shall consist of not less than 3 or more than 6 members. Individuals can volunteer or can be nominated annually by the registered members at least 7 days prior to the AM. or in person at the AM.

Not less than 3 nor more than 6 members may be appointed to the steering group at the AM. (except that the first members of the steering group will be those persons who have stepped forward prior to the first official AM.) Members of the steering group may include the webmaster, the Fund Manager, the web site Coordinator, and 'Associate Members' if voted in by members.

The steering group will 'meet' as and when needed only. The steering group will select their own chair at each meeting. Minutes to be published on the site after ratification.

Any major decisions/problems can be posted on the website and advice sought from 'members'.

5.* AM

The EOG shall hold an AM once in each year at a place and time designated by the steering group, to be convenient for the majority of members. Every subsequent AM shall be held no more than 15 months after the previous AM. Notice of every AM and its agenda shall be displayed on the website for not less than 28 days prior to the meeting. (except the first meeting.) The notice shall invite nominations for the steering group from any owner who has been registered for at least a year prior to the AM. Nominees must also be registered for 1 year. Nominations should be to the web site manager at least 7 days before any meeting.

6. * RETIREMENT

All members of the steering group shall retire annually at the AM but may stand for re-election or be re-nominated.

7.* VOTING

The members of the steering group, shall be elected by a majority of 'voting members' present at the AM. A 'postal' vote of all 'members' on the website, may be conducted. If there are more nominations than vacancies those with the most votes shall be elected. If there are no nominations or not enough nominations the retiring members shall have the power to choose further members for the forthcoming year.

8.* OFFICERS

(there are to be no Officers in the normal sense of the word)

At the AM the EOG may elect the Website Manager or Coordinator, Webmaster and the Donations Fund Manager for the year. The advisors need not be elected, but a further 3 persons, including advisors, owners and 'Associate Members', (if they volunteer or are nominated), can act as members of the steering group. ('Associate Members' in this category will only have no vote at the AM.)

9.* CO-OPTED MEMBERS

The EOG shall have power to co-opt additional members to the Steering

Group at any time during the year for any reason. The number of members of the steering group including elected and co-opted members shall not exceed 6.

10.* DELEGATION

The steering group shall have power to delegate any of its powers to any person or body for better management of the website whether or not such person or body is an elected member of the steering group, but such delegation of power shall not extend beyond the next AM unless ratified by the 'voting members' of the EOG at or following the AM.

11.* ACCOUNTS

The EOG shall keep proper accounts and records which shall be disclosed at the AM, and published on the website.

12.* FUND RAISING

The steering group shall have power to raise funds, seek donations, in such manner as it thinks fit in order to maintain the website or to acquire a legal or beneficial interest in the designs or any additional items it considers beneficial to the Owners Group. Any such decisions to be ratified at the next AM. (Membership to remain Free.)

13.* SAFEGUARD

If for any reason no AM is held or the steering group ceases to exist then the website manager and/or the owner members of The EOG may vote online to form a new steering group.

14*. QUORUM

50% of the members of the steering group or 2 members (whichever shall be the greater) shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the steering group, either in person or on line.

15.* The WEB SITE.

The website and any forums, shall be managed by the web site manager or 'coordinator'. The web space remains the property of the EOG even though it may be registered by others, on behalf of the EOG. The coordinator undertakes to update the website on at least a weekly basis and to ensure that any payments are met and claimed from EOG funds where applicable. These payments are to be listed on the website and included in the accounts.

16.* RULE CHANGING

The steering group shall have power to make new rules and regulations or amend any rules and regulations contained herein for the better operation of the EOG and it's website. Any such changes must be agreed by those 'voting members' present at the next AM or be reversed.

17.* CODE OF PRACTICE

The EOG, its steering group and it's members must at all time act within the law and with due courtesy and respect. The website is a 'Family safe' environment and no items may be allowed that fail that standard. The site manager or coordinator is to ensure no unsafe items are left on the open public pages. Any person who is accused of flouting this code, by another registered member, may be barred from the site and membership, at the discretion of the steering group. The steering group will allow any such person to explain their actions within 1 month. There will be the opportunity given to appeal to the next Annual Meeting. The members will decide the outcome.

26.2.05

You can still [Comment on the EOG Constitution on the Forum, you will have to be registered, but click here to go to it.](#) The constitution cannot now be altered till the next Annual Meeting.

This is the new fully approved version. We were fortunate to have a member present who has knowledge of these sorts of constitutional agreements to advise us.

We altered quite a few odd words as a result of your comments, in Feb at the first 'Annual Meeting' we got them almost right!. It has to be pointed out that at present both the Webmaster and the Fund manager have no 'vote' at the 'AM' as neither of them now own one of our boats, they do not have a problem with that as they see it is the 'Owners' who should have the say, not the Friends', they are just here to help, and we thank them for that.

J. W.

Standard Agenda.

1. Apologies.
2. Approve minutes of last meeting.
3. Reports from Database keeper, Fund manger, Website Coordinator, Steering Group. etc..
4. Election of 'Steering Group' and 'Officers'
5. Any other Business. (no votes can be taken on anything brought up in this section, but it will go to the Steering group, and if needed back to the next Annual Meeting.)
6. Awards.

Note, any items for the agenda, raised in time, see rules, will be added prior to item 4. 'Elections of Steering Group' etc.

There is no post of minute taker, one will be appointed from volunteers at the meeting.

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