

CoM Nominations 2026

Name	Post Nominated for	Personal statement	Seconded by;
Thomas John Lewis	Commodore	Having served on the Council of Management since 27 March 2019, I have gained valuable experience and a deep understanding of our Club's operations and values. Over the past two years as Vice Commodore, I have worked closely with fellow members to support the Club's growth and stability. I believe progressing to the role of Commodore is a natural next step, allowing me to continue building on that work. With the support of the existing Council of Management, I am committed to providing steady leadership and ensuring the continued success of Cardiff Bay Yacht Club	James Dwyer
Harvey Preston	Vice Commodore	Previously held this position and delivered improvements for members with the team around the marina and yard. Active member and promoted the club externally and also managed the development of the Angling Section for the past 5 years. Looking to develop the marina in line with members' expectations.	Alan Thorne
Alan Thorne	Rear Commodore	The last 2 years on COM have been a productive one, which I'm hoping will continue for the benefit of all involved	Harvey Preston
James Dwyer	Treasurer	As current treasurer, I have a deep knowledge of the club's finances.	John Lewis
Mike Steel	Membership Secretary		Alan Thorne

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Nick Hankins	Sailing Secretary	I have been a club member for 26 years and have served on the Com for the last 2 years. I'm an active member of the dinghy section and have sailed in the Bristol channel for over 45 years. I'm a business owner and have experience working for both large and small companies at levels up to senior management.	Chris Williams
Simon Gadsby	Training Centre Principal	As Training Centre Principal, my goal is to lead a centre that is widely recognised for excellence in youth sailing, sailability, and for providing a consistent, high-quality training programme that serves both our members and the wider community. I want the club to be known not only for competitive success, but also for accessibility, development pathways, and a culture that nurtures confidence, skills, and a lifelong love of sailing.	Nick Hankins
Roger Wallington	Honourary Secretary	I have been a member of the club for over 15 years and Secretary since early 2023. I feel that continuity in that position is required especially since the changes made by Companies House. I hope to serve again in 2026.	Idris Dibble
Ashley O'Hara	General Member	I've really enjoyed being a member of the club and would love the opportunity to be a part of the COM so I can help the club continue in its success on a more personal level and represent women sailors.	Howard Easton
Duke Wayne Mayor	General Member	Hi, most of you know me as Duke, for almost every year, you are asking me to be on the C.O.M. so here goes. I am very much a people person, enjoy the clubhouse most weekends ,think that I have a good ear for us members, will be your voice, to be heard, have to start somewhere, so, hope I can help.	Randall Holmes

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Mike Kenrick	General Member	I have been a member for 36 years and have participated in racing, cruising and socialising on a regular basis. I particularly like fishing when cruising away from base although my success is not great and I need a lot of tips. In 2025 I was a member of COM that delivered a number of projects for the club. I love the comradery and willingness of members to help each other. Over the years I have built a large group of friends and it is a pleasure to offer my professional experience to Cardiff Bay Yacht Club. We have become the flagship club of Wales; long may this continue.	Paul Akerman
Paul Akerman	General Member	Been on COM for several years and wish to continue in the role of fishing section representative	Alan Thorne
Umur Chohan	General Member	I would like to be elected to the committee because I am passionate about our yacht club and the strong community it represents. I am committed to supporting its continued growth, maintaining its high standards, and ensuring it remains welcoming to all members. I bring a positive attitude, reliability, and a willingness to contribute my time, effort and skills where needed. I value teamwork, clear communication, and practical decision-making. If elected, I will work collaboratively to support club activities, enhance member experience, and help ensure the club's long-term success both on and off the water.	Alan Thorne