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NEWSLETTER

Malta Cruising Club news



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Club News

Dear members,

AGM 2024

We held our AGM 2024 on the 26th January 2025 at the 1743 Razzett L-Antik in Qormi.

For the benefit of those who could not join us for the AGM, I will give you a brief 'resume' of what was discussed and agreed at the meeting:

The Agenda for the AGM was:

1. Opening of Meeting
2. Hon Secretary Report
3. Hon Treasurer's Report
4. Changes to the Club Statute
5. Election of the Club Committee for 2025/2026
6. Other Matters

The Commodore, Johann Cuschieri opened the meeting at 11:00 am followed by a detailed report from the Hon Secretary of the events organised by the Club during 2024. This was followed by a report by the Hon Treasurer of the finances of the Club for 2024.

Changes in the Statute of the Club and Membership Fees

The fourth item of the agenda was a proposal to make changes to the Club Statute to conform with the Voluntary Organisations legislation regarding the review or audit of an organisation's annual financial statements. The changes were suggested to us by the Office of the Commissioner for Voluntary Organisations and they were approved by those present at the meeting.

Election of Club Committee for 2025/2026

We have circulated proposal forms to all members for the six vacant seats in the Committee for the two years 2025/26. The closing date for nominations for members to propose themselves for the Club Committee was the 11th January 2025.

By that date, we received eight (8) duly filled in Nomination Forms; so, a vote was taken to select 6 members to stand for the Club Committee. The number of eligible members who could vote during the AGM were 38 and the elected members were: **Nicholas Attard, Austin Calleja, Chris Sciberras, Victor Taliana and Claude Vella**. Candidates Pierre Aquilina and Patrick Genovese obtained the same number of votes and according to Clause 7.10 of the Club statute (which states that "*In the event of a tie the election shall be settled by drawing lots by the Electoral Commissioners*") the lots fell on **Patrick Genovese** who became the sixth member of the Committee.

New Club Committee for 2025/2026

Subsequent to the AGM, the six elected members to the Committee of the Club met at a Committee Meeting on Thursday 20th February 2025 and decided that the officers of the Club shall be:

Commodore:

Austin Calleja



Hon Secretary:

Nicholas Attard



Hon Treasurer:

Victor Taliana



Officer Social Events:

Chris Sciberras



Officer Sailing Events:

Claude Vella



**Officer Tech. Talks
and IT:**

Patrick Genovese



At the same Committee meeting of the 20th February 2025, the new Committee unanimously appointed Johann Cuschieri as **Honorary Commodore** in accordance to Clause 4.16 of the Club Statute.

Johann Cuschieri did not propose himself for nomination for the 2025/26 Committee due to personal reasons.

Johann has been a member of the Club's Committee almost from the formation of the Club itself, 20 years ago. He was the Commodore of the Club for the last two years.

We cannot thank Johann enough for his contribution to the Club whilst he was a member of the Committee and the Commodore of the Club.

We now look forward for Johann to continue to pass on his experience to the members of the current Committee, in his new role.

Other decisions taken at the Committee meeting of 20th February 2025

Technical Talk: We are planning an interesting talk on Celestial Navigation. Celestial Navigation is the practice of accurately determining your actual current physical position on the surface of the Earth by position fixing using stars, the sun or the moon. The talk will be given by a member of the Club, David Jones and we are tentatively planning it to be held on **Friday 14th March 2025** at a venue to be communicated later on. After the talk we are planning a dinner for the members and their family and friends. Please keep the date free!

Gozo Weekend: The Gozo weekend cruise this year will be held between Friday 18th April and Sunday 20th April 2025 (Easter Sunday). More details to follow later on.

Sette Giugno Cruise to Marina di Ragusa: The dates for this year's cruise to Marina di Ragusa will be:

Thursday 5th June 2025 (date of departure from Malta)

Friday 6th June 2025

Saturday 7th June 2025

Sunday 8th June 2025 (return back to Malta)

Booking for this event as well as a full programme of events for these dates and more details will be issued to all members in May 2025.

Renewal of Annual Membership Fees 2025

Lastly, for those members who have not yet done so, may I remind you to renew your annual membership fees for 2025. You will find details on how to do that below.

Thank you.

Regards

Nicholas Attard

Hon Secretary

Membership renewal 2025

The Club annual membership fee for 2025 is €30. New members are required to also pay an Application Fee of €20. Please make your payment either through internet banking or by cheque from a local bank:

Internet banking:

Account name: **Malta Cruising Club**

Bank of Valletta Account number: **40015294696**

IBAN: **MT53VALL22013000000040015294696**

When you send your remittance by direct internet banking, please make sure you include your name on the remittance form of the bank.

BOV Mobile to Mobile Payment:

Alternatively, if you have a Bank of Valletta mobile to mobile payment facility you can send the €30 to our treasurer Victor Taliana mobile number 9904 9439.