

MINUTES OF THE ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2025 AT 1100 HOURS

GC Present:

In the Chair; Martyn Collinson, Commodore
Graham Fell, Vice Commodore
John Poyner, Rear Commodore House
Nick Bradley Rear Commodore Sailing
Susie Breare
Katie Davies
Catherine Holmes
Caryl Terlezki-Thomas

Lesley Tregear
In Attendance:
Hamish Fletcher, Guardian
Mark Hall, Guardian
Anne Kyle, Guardian
Tony Walton, Guardian
Claire Hallett, Secretary

Apologies:

Rob Quain, Hon. Treasurer
Peter Crowhurst
Richard Pierrepont

Eighty-six members attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM), including four Flag Officers and five General Committee members.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received in advance from 45 members, including the Hon. Treasurer, Rob Quain, and GC members Peter Crowhurst and Richard Pierrepont.

2. Approval of 2024 AGM Minutes – The Commodore

The draft minutes of last year's AGM on 13th April 2024 were reviewed in the April 2024 General Committee meeting and circulated to members via email or post on 21st March 2025. To date no amendments have been requested.

Proposed by Brian Crawford, seconded by James Day and approved unanimously as a true record in 28 votes cast in advance and by a show of hands.

3. To Receive and Adopt the Report of the General Committee for the Year Ending 2024 – The Commodore.

The Commodore welcomed everyone and stated that the meeting would follow the agenda in the Calling Notice and that there would be an opportunity for any questions from the floor at the end of the meeting, with no questions having been received in advance of the AGM. The Commodore highlighted the key points from the 2024 Report of the General Committee:

“It was a progressive year and there was some challenging weather again, but everyone coped extremely well. Price rises continue at a seemingly never-ending pace, but the Club is doing everything it can to avoid passing them all on to members and to reduce its costs as much as possible. On the sailing side, our three main regattas all went extremely well and received very positive feedback from the competitors.

The RSYC Contessa Regatta has Jeremy Rogers Ltd and Louis Jadot as its main sponsors. The Taittinger RSYC Regatta is of course sponsored by Champagne Taittinger, alongside River Yar Boatyard, Wight Marine and the Edelweiss & Gurgl Hotel. Both events are also supported with a supply of fresh berries from Hall Hunter. Folkboat Week is sponsored by Lymington Yacht Haven. A highlight of this year's event was the presentation of the Nordic Folkboat Gold Cup to the Royal Solent. Congratulations to member Ed Donald and his fellow crew members for being the first to race a British boat to victory in the Nordic Folkboat Gold Cup Regatta 2024.

David Porter retired as a volunteer RIB driver after more than 20 years and he was awarded the Gold Lace Bowl in recognition for his services. David continues to run the very successful Cruising Group which is open to all members.

Ashore, ever wider and more imaginative events were on offer last year to appeal to members' diverse interests. Ladies' Lunches reached record numbers – having an interesting speaker appears to be key.

The Club was proud to host the RNLI's 250th Anniversary Gala Ball for 150 guests last May. Our Summer Party for another 150 guests was also a great success with live music and flaming bagpipes from the Wight Hot Pipes who are also booked for this year's New Year's Eve party. The Club hosted another anniversary event in December to mark 30 years since the automation of the Needles Lighthouse, featuring old film footage collated by Bol Minchin.

The boat sheds renovation project is ongoing, with the recent completion of the southeast corner store and the remaining sheds scheduled to be refurbished by the autumn to provide open facilities for winter boat storage and summer events. The situation with next door Bank House was a complex legal matter left to us by history. I am pleased that an agreement was reached with the previous owners and we now have new neighbours who are delightful, Andrew & Jacqueline Greening, who have now joined the Club. My thanks to Tom Symes and Rudi Fortson for their time and expertise in helping to secure a mutually beneficial agreement.

The latest edition of the RSYC magazine is once again a great read – our thanks go to Teresa Fox, Claire and the rest of the team for another professional magazine that shows the world what we do and how we do it.

Our thanks as always go to our amazing staff whose hard work and welcoming approach make this Club a jewel on the south coast which sets the gold standard for other clubs. Our membership closed at the end of the year at 1,138 - its highest level to date. We do ask that our members propose their friends and family and then accompany them to the Club to help them acclimatise and enjoy their experience. Thank you to all those members who have introduced new members to the Club – it makes all the difference and please keep doing it.

In conclusion, we all know that there are challenging times ahead, particularly on the costs front, but we are better placed than most to handle these and, most importantly, we have the team able to manage them. Thank you for your continued support and for listening. Unfortunately, our Honorary Treasurer Rob can't be with us today for personal reasons, but John Poyner will be stepping in to read the Financial Report. Any financial questions at the end of the meeting will be noted and responded to as soon as possible after the meeting.

The 2024 Report of the General Committee was proposed by Kathy Collinson, seconded by Dick Dawson and approved unanimously in 28 votes cast in advance and by a show of hands.

4. To Receive and Adopt the Financial Report for the Year Ending 2024 – Hon. Treasurer (delivered by Rear Commodore House, John Poyner)

“Good morning, everyone. I’ll try to cover the financials briefly before everyone dozes off. For those who attended last year’s AGM, I ended my presentation on a rather optimistic and confident note. For the first 3 quarters it proved to be correct. We were, however, faced with some high costs for essential works on the clubhouse late in the year, which took us into a £16,256 operational deficit.

The Royal Solent’s finances do, however, continue to be sound with sensible cash reserves for capital improvements and other projects as I will mention later. You will see from the annual financial statement our income derives from two main sources; subscriptions from members which is predictable and most arrive in one go in January, and trading income from the bar & catering which is less predictable and skewed towards the late spring and summer. Other income comes from regattas, moorings, merchandise, car parking etc.

After the first two weeks of January, for the normal clubhouse spring clean and staff holidays, the Club was fully open all year. Our annual turnover was lower than in 2023, by just over £5,000, at £947,451. However, unlike in 2023 when I commented on a reduction, our costs in 2024 were higher and our gross profit from trading lower as a result by some £18,198.

I mentioned essential works to the clubhouse earlier. This included vital work to the outside, to the balcony drainage and to the emergency fire escape staircase carried out in the later part of 2024. If we had not done this work, the damage would have been far greater and the costs to resolve, significantly higher. The decision was made to do it now rather than wait, in the knowledge it could have a big impact on our overall financial result for 2024. And so it proved to be.

We were also not immune to higher energy and food prices as well as costs for boat and mooring maintenance all going up. These all fed through to our bottom line. Taking into account all our cost of sales and administrative expenses, the Club’s end of year audited position declined from a deficit of £8,267 in 2023 to an operational deficit of the £16,256, as I mentioned at the start.

I should point out that the Taittinger RSYC Regatta 2024 was a great success on the water, although income from Sailing overall was down by £13,149, partly due to the filming sponsorship we benefited from in 2023 not repeated

in 2024. In addition, the Club sold the old Solent RIB last financial year which improved our bottom line by almost £10,000 then.

Our staff are our key resource and their excellent service is one we are rightly proud of. However, we must attract and retain when local demand for bar and catering staff is high and financial incentives are clear to see. This we did by looking after our staff with affordable pay rises and generous bonuses once again. At this point I would like to thank members on behalf of the staff for their generosity contributing to the Goodwill Fund which operates its own bank account and is not part of the Club's funds.

Subscriptions held up very well and we ended 2024 with more members than we started with and income increasing by £22,413 despite just a modest increase in subscription rates. This rate was significantly less than many other clubs on the Solent.

Our costs as a yacht club are driven by providing facilities for members in the clubhouse, plus racing and cruising services on the water. No surprise there. Salaries and maintenance of the Club's assets make up the bulk of the annual costs and it is a careful balance we must make to ensure we deliver quality at a cost we can afford.

In a normal year we aim to break even or make a little surplus to put towards reserves for future projects, although this is increasingly more difficult to achieve. We have budgeted very conservatively this year and I am optimistic that with careful control of costs, this will be achieved.

Onto the audit. Although not legally required, we have once again had our accounts audited externally by Harrison Black who know our club records well. I'm pleased to report once again only a very few observations were noted. I will be proposing Harrison Black as our auditors for 2025 shortly.

Now, on to capital projects. In 2023 the main project was the refurbishment of the East Shed as the new Boatmen's Workshop. Last year, apart from the clubhouse works mentioned above, we also refurbished the corner part of the sheds as the new Club storage facility, much needed for our outside furniture, racing equipment and space for Solent RIB.

The main projects for 2025 are as follows;

1. New Club website as the current one is no longer supported and lacks some modern functionality we would like. Already underway and planned to go live later this year.
2. Refurbishment of the remainder of the South Shed, with a generous offer of fund raising by the Y Class, and we hope to get this project to restore the sheds underway in the Autumn this year.

2025 may be a difficult year financially. We are all feeling the pinch. The Club is of course affected by the Chancellor's Budget where the minimum wage and NI increases will have a direct impact. Business Rates relief has also been cut from 75% to 40% this year.

However, the Royal Solent is a great club and I remain optimistic and confident that 2025 will be a sound year financially as members continue to use the Club's facilities both on the water and in the clubhouse.

Club social events are well supported and I'm sure this will continue throughout the year with a full programme from the RCH and delivered by our excellent staff. I for one look forward to another successful and enjoyable Taittinger RSYC Regatta this summer.

Finally, I'd like to thank a couple of people who have helped me this year. Janet, our Finance Administrator, has provided me with all the information I have asked for in a timely and efficient way. And also, in anticipation of support this year, past Commodore, Anne Kyle, now one of our Guardians, who has always been a good sounding board with a depth of knowledge on all things relating to the Club's finances."

The 2024 Financial Report was proposed by Mark Hall, seconded by Alan Hans Hamilton and approved unanimously in 28 votes cast in advance and by a show of hands.

5. Reappointment of Harrison Black as Auditors – Hon. Treasurer (delivered by Rear Commodore House, John Poyner)

The reappointment was proposed by Anne Kyle, seconded by Richard Leonard and approved unanimously in 28 votes cast in advance and by a show of hands.

6. Election of Flag Officers – The Commodore

Election of John Poyner as Commodore. Proposed by Martyn Collinson and seconded by Nick Bradley. Elected by a majority in 28 votes cast in advance and by a show of hands.

The outgoing Commodore congratulated the incoming Commodore and presented him with the Royal Solent Yacht Club Commodore's burgee, tie pin and lapel pin.

Election of Rudi Fortson as Vice Commodore. Proposed by Martyn Collinson and seconded by Nick Bradley. Elected by a majority in 28 votes cast in advance and by a show of hands.

The outgoing Commodore congratulated the incoming Vice Commodore and presented him with the Royal Solent Yacht Club Vice Commodore's burgee.

Election of Susie Breare as Rear Commodore House. Proposed by Martyn Collinson, and seconded by John Poyner. Elected by a majority in 28 votes cast in advance and by a show of hands.

The outgoing Commodore congratulated the incoming Rear Commodore House and presented her with the Royal Solent Yacht Club Rear Commodore's burgee.

7. To elect or re-elect the following candidates to serve on the General Committee – The Commodore

Peter Crowhurst

Proposed by the David Porter and seconded by Susie Breare.

Katie Davies

Proposed by Jeremy Willcock and seconded by Anne Kyle.

Catherine Holmes

Proposed by Caroline Norris and seconded by John Poyner.

Lesley Tregear

Proposed by Nick Bradley and seconded by John Poyner.

Sarah Turvill

Proposed by Susie Breare and seconded by Peter Crowhurst.

As these elections were uncontested, they were taken together, and all candidates were elected by a majority in 28 votes cast in advance and by a show of hands.

8. To consider and, if thought fit, approve the following rule changes – Vice Commodore:

The Vice Commodore's Committee and General Committee recommend the following rule changes, which were not reiterated in detail during the AGM having been previously distributed in the Calling Notice:

Current Rule	Proposed Rule	Rationale
20. Classes and Election of Members 20.6 The General Committee shall have the power to admit any person as an Honorary Member or an Honorary Life Member, on such terms as it may think fit, but the total number of such Members shall not at any one time exceed five per cent of the total number of Full Members. The Secretary shall give to a person elected as an Honorary Member or Honorary Life Member written notice of his or her election together with a copy of these Rules and, upon such person indicating in writing his or her willingness to accept such	20. Classes and Election of Members 20.6 The General Committee shall have the power to admit any person as an Honorary Member, Honorary Life Member or ex-Officio Honorary Member, on such terms as it may think fit, but the total number of such Members shall not at any one time exceed five per cent of the total number of Full Members. The Secretary shall give to a person admitted as an Honorary Member, Honorary Life Member or ex-Officio Honorary Member written notice of their election together with a copy of these Rules and, upon such person	20. Classes and Election of Members 20.6 To specifically include ex-Officio Honorary Members within Rule 20.6.

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<p>membership, he or she shall become an Honorary Member or, as the case may be, Honorary Life Member of the Club. Neither an Honorary Member nor an Honorary Life Member shall pay a registration fee or any subscription (but shall not be entitled to a refund of all or any part of any fee or subscriptions previously paid by him or her). Honorary Members and Honorary Life Members shall be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of full membership of the Club.</p>	<p>indicating in writing their willingness to accept such membership, they shall become an Honorary Member or, as the case may be, Honorary Life Member or ex-Officio Honorary Member of the Club. Neither an Honorary Member nor an Honorary Life Member nor ex-Officio Honorary Member shall pay a registration fee or any subscription (but shall not be entitled to a refund of all or any part of any fee or subscriptions previously paid by them). Honorary Members, Honorary Life Members and ex-Officio Honorary Members shall, subject to rule 17.7, be entitled to all the privileges and benefits of full membership of the Club.</p>	
<p>20.6.1 The General Committee shall have the power to withdraw, suspend or terminate Honorary Membership, Honorary Life Membership or ex-Officio Honorary Membership, on such terms as it may think fit, and it may do so on grounds that include, but need not be limited to, a matter that falls to be dealt with under Rule 23. If the General Committee decides that Honorary Membership, Honorary Life Membership or ex-Officio Honorary Membership is to be withdrawn, suspended or terminated, the Secretary shall give the Member concerned written notice of the decision, the reasons for it, and a copy of these Rules. The General Committee may ask the Secretary to invite that Member to apply for standard Membership of the Club.</p>	<p>20.6.1 To define a mechanism by which the General Committee may withdraw Honorary Membership</p>	
<p>20.7 The General Committee shall have power to elect Temporary Members, on such terms as it may determine, for any period not exceeding 30 days in total. Subject to the discretion of the General Committee, no individual may be elected to Temporary Membership</p>	<p>20.7 The General Committee shall have power to elect Temporary Members, on such terms as it may determine, for any period not exceeding 30 days in total or (in exceptional circumstances) such longer period not exceeding one year as approved by the General Committee. Every candidate for</p>	<p>20.7 To provide the General Committee with the ability to extend the period for which Temporary Membership may be granted in exceptional circumstances for the benefit of the Club.</p>

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<p>more than once. Every candidate for Temporary Membership shall be proposed and seconded, in writing to the Secretary. The issue of Temporary Membership may be delegated to the Secretary by the General Committee. Temporary Members shall not be called upon to pay any registration fee, but shall pay such subscription as the General Committee may determine and must deposit money on an allocated Club Card. Temporary Members shall be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of membership except that no voting rights accrue, nor may they purchase or wear any item bearing the Club Insignia.</p>	<p>Temporary Membership shall be proposed and seconded, in writing to the Secretary. The issue of Temporary Membership may be delegated to the Secretary by the General Committee.</p> <p>20.7.1 Temporary Members shall not be called upon to pay any registration fee but shall pay such subscription and deposit such amount on an allocated Club Payment Card as the General Committee may determine.</p> <p>Temporary Members shall be entitled to all the benefits and privileges of membership, except that no voting rights accrue, nor may they purchase or wear any item bearing the Club Insignia.</p>	
<p>23 Complaints, Removal and Expulsion from Membership</p> <p>23.1 Complaints Procedure</p> <p>23.1.1 Members wishing to register a complaint on behalf of themselves or their guests in relation to the Club, any of its Members, staff or visitors must confirm such a complaint in writing to the Secretary, unless the Secretary is the subject of the complaint. In such case the complaint shall be addressed to a Flag Officer.</p> <p>23.1.2 Upon receipt of a complaint the Secretary or Flag Officer concerned shall, as soon as possible, investigate the matter and respond in writing to the Complainant. All correspondence will be made available to the General Committee.</p> <p>23.1.3 If the matter cannot be resolved by the Secretary or Flag Officer concerned, the Member may refer the complaint to the General Committee who will appoint two of its members to review the matter. Having investigated the matter the reviewing members shall, as soon as practicable, make a recommendation to the General Committee as to the appropriate course of action. The course of</p>	<p>23 Complaints, Removal and Expulsion from Membership</p> <p>23.1 Compliance with Club Rules</p> <p>23.1.1 Any refusal to comply with or neglect of these Rules and the current Bye-laws of the Club, or any conduct unworthy of a Member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club, shall render a Member liable to disciplinary action by the General Committee, which may include a reprimand, suspension for a specified period or expulsion.</p> <p>23.1.2 No Member shall admit onto Club premises a person whose application for membership has been rejected or who has been suspended, expelled, or prohibited from entering the Club.</p> <p>23.2 Complaints Procedure</p> <p>23.2.1 Members wishing to register a complaint on behalf of themselves or their guests or a visitor in relation to the Club, any of its Members, visitors, guests or staff, must confirm such a complaint in writing to the Secretary, unless the Secretary is the subject of the complaint. In such case the complaint shall be addressed to a Flag Officer.</p>	<p>23 Complaints, Removal and Expulsion from Membership</p> <p>To clarify the Complaints Procedure and ensure that the steps to be taken when assessing a complaint flow logically.</p>

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<p>action agreed by the Committee shall be notified to the Complainant as soon as practicable.</p> <p>23.1.4 If the Complainant is still dissatisfied, the matter will be referred to the Commodore whose decision will be final. Should the Commodore be the subject of the complaint the matter will be referred to another Flag Officer for a final decision.</p> <p>Notes</p> <p>a) In the case of any formal complaint, written statements should be made by those concerned and any witnesses as soon as possible and forwarded to the Secretary or appropriate Flag Officer.</p> <p>b) Any member of staff who wishes to register a complaint with reference to the Club, a Member, visitor or other member of staff should follow the procedure detailed in the Staff Handbook, copies of which are available to all staff members.</p>	<p>23.2.2 Upon receipt of a complaint, the Secretary or Flag Officer (as the case may be) shall, as soon as practicable, investigate the matter.</p> <p>23.2.3 In appropriate cases, written statements should be made by those concerned (including any relevant witnesses) as soon as possible and forwarded the Secretary or Flag Officer (as the case may be).</p> <p>23.2.3.1 Where the complaint is in respect of a member of staff it shall be dealt with in accordance with the Staff Handbook and (save in the case of the Secretary) rules 23.2.6 to 23.2.16 shall be disappplied.</p> <p>23.2.4 If a Member is the subject of the complaint, and if urgent action is required, the Commodore (or a representative designated by the General Committee) shall be empowered to suspend the Member concerned forthwith (but rules 23.2.12 and 23.2.16 shall apply).</p> <p>23.2.5 The Secretary or the Flag Officer concerned, shall respond in writing to the Complainant and to any person who is the subject of the complaint in an endeavour to resolve the complaint by agreement. All correspondence will be made available to the General Committee.</p> <p>23.2.6 If the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the Complainant (and/or to any person who is the subject of the complaint), or if the matter cannot be resolved by the Secretary or Flag Officer concerned, the Complainant, or any person who is the subject of the complaint, or the Secretary or the Flag Officer concerned, may refer the complaint to the General Committee (via the Secretary or Flag Officer concerned) which will appoint two of its members to review the matter (the “Reviewing Members”).</p> <p>23.2.7 Subject to rules 23.2.8 to 23.2.13, the Reviewing Members</p>	

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	<p>shall, as soon as practicable make a recommendation to the General Committee as to the appropriate course of action.</p> <p>23.2.8 In the event that the Reviewing Members recommend that disciplinary action should be taken against a Member, the Reviewing Members shall inform the General Committee of that recommendation. The Secretary shall give the Member at least three weeks' written notice of the meeting at which their conduct is to be considered by the General Committee.</p> <p>23.2.9 The notice must give details of the allegations against the Member, together with any relevant statements or documents that are to be considered.</p> <p>23.2.10 The Member shall be given full opportunity to make representations and to provide any explanation to the General Committee in person or by a representative (either in writing or by attending the meeting), or of resigning.</p> <p>23.2.11 A resolution to apply disciplinary action, other than expulsion, shall be carried by a simple majority of those members of the General Committee present.</p> <p>23.2.12 A Member may be suspended under Rule 23 for such period and on such terms as the Commodore (Rule 23.2.4) or the General Committee (Rule 23.2.11) think fit.</p> <p>23.2.13 In the event of suspension, a Member shall continue to pay a subscription for that year and no refund will be due.</p> <p>23.2.14 A decision of the General Committee concerning the complaint shall, as soon as practicable, be notified to the Complainant and to any person who is the subject of the complaint.</p> <p>23.2.15 The decision of the General Committee with regard to all complaints shall be final.</p> <p>23.2.16 A Member who is suspended by the Commodore</p>	

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<p>23.3 Expulsion from Membership</p> <p>23.3.1 Any refusal to comply with or neglect of these Rules and the current Bye-laws of the Club, or any conduct unworthy of a Member or otherwise injurious to the interests of the Club, shall render a Member liable to disciplinary action by the General Committee, which may include a reprimand, suspension for a specified period or expulsion.</p> <p>Notes</p> <p>a) Before disciplinary action is taken against a Member, the Secretary shall give at least three weeks' written notice of the meeting at which the Member's conduct is to be considered by the General Committee. If urgent action is required, the Commodore or designated representative shall be empowered to suspend him or her forthwith.</p>	<p>(Rule 23.2.4) may appeal to the General Committee at its next meeting. The Member must give notice in writing to the Secretary or Commodore within three working days of the Member being informed of the suspension. A Member's suspension continues notwithstanding that notice to appeal has been given under this Rule. The Appeal shall be determined by a simple majority of those members of the General Committee present.</p> <p>Notes</p> <p>Any member of staff who wishes to register a complaint with reference to the Club, a Member, visitor or other member of staff should follow the procedure detailed in the Staff Handbook, copies of which are available to all staff members.</p> <p>23.3 Expulsion from Membership</p> <p>23.3.1 Prior to any decision to expel a Member the Complaints Procedure as set out in Rule 23.2 should be followed.</p> <p>23.3.2 A resolution of the General Committee to expel a Member shall be carried by a 75% majority of those present. The decision of the General Committee shall be final and binding, and it shall be communicated in writing to the Member.</p> <p>23.3.3 In the event of expulsion, the former Member shall not be entitled to have any part of the annual membership fee refunded.</p> <p>23.3.4 A Member expelled under Rule 23.3 forfeits all rights and claim upon the Club and its property and is disqualified from entering or being entertained in the Clubhouse and from using the Club premises or property for any purpose. This exclusion would extend to non-entry to the Club and premises during open sailing events.</p>	<p>23.3 Expulsion from Membership</p> <p>Clarification that prior to any Member being expelled, the review steps set out in Rule 23 must first have been followed. Additionally, an administrative modification to the numbering scheme used in Rule 23.2.</p>

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<p>b) The notice must give details of the allegations against the Member, together with any relevant statements or documents that are to be considered.</p> <p>c) The Member shall be given full opportunity to make representations and to provide any explanation to the General Committee in person or by a representative (either in writing or by attending the meeting), or of resigning.</p>	<p>b) The notice must give details of the allegations against the Member, together with any relevant statements or documents that are to be considered.</p> <p>c) The Member shall be given full opportunity to make representations and to provide any explanation to the General Committee in person or by a representative (either in writing or by attending the meeting), or of resigning.</p>	<p>b) The notice must give details of the allegations against the Member, together with any relevant statements or documents that are to be considered.</p> <p>c) The Member shall be given full opportunity to make representations and to provide any explanation to the General Committee in person or by a representative (either in writing or by attending the meeting), or of resigning.</p>
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Current Rule	Proposed Rule	Rationale
<p>weeks of the due date shall be notified by the Secretary in writing that, if it is not paid in full within a further period of four weeks, he or she will cease to be a Member of the Club. His or her name shall then be removed from the List of Members and notification to that effect shall be sent to him or her in writing by the Secretary.</p> <p>b) The General Committee (or Secretary, if authorised) may take into consideration the case of any Member whose registration fee or subscription remains unpaid as above, and he or she may have his or her name restored to the List of Members provided he or she is able to offer a satisfactory explanation as to the cause of their failure to pay.</p>	<p>weeks, they will cease to be a Member of the Club. Their name shall then be removed from the List of Members and notification to that effect shall be sent to them in writing by the Secretary.</p> <p>23.4.2 The General Committee (or Secretary, if authorised) may take into consideration the case of any Member whose registration fee or subscription remains unpaid as above, and they may have their name restored to the List of Members provided they are able to offer a satisfactory explanation as to the cause of their failure to pay.</p>	<p>An administrative modification to the numbering scheme used in Rule 23.3.</p>
<p>25. Visitors and Guests</p> <p>25.2 No person mentioned in Rule 25.1 shall use the facilities of the Club for more than seven days in any period during a calendar year, except for guests who are regular crew when racing with Members at open sailing events who may, at the discretion of the Rear Commodore (Sailing), exceed the seven-day limit.</p>	<p>25.2 No person mentioned in Rule 25.1 shall use the facilities of the Club for more than six days in any period during a calendar year, except for guests who are regular crew when racing with Members at open sailing events who may, at the discretion of the Rear Commodore (Sailing), exceed the six-day limit.</p>	<p>25. Visitors and Guests</p> <p>25.2 Rule 25.1 specifies those persons who are not Members of the Club but who may use the Club's facilities. The proposed amendment to Rule 25.2 is designed to encourage couples to become and remain Members rather than one partner applying for Membership and the other relying on the ability to attend the Club as a guest by reducing the number guest visits to six in any one calendar year. Additionally, following a survey of 20 other yacht clubs, to align the Club's rule with the average number of times that guests may attend the other yacht clubs surveyed.</p>

The rule changes were proposed by Brian Crawford, seconded by Richard Leonard and all were approved by a majority in 28 votes cast in advance and by a show of hands.

That concluded the formal part of the meeting.

Questions

No questions had been submitted in advance of the AGM and no questions were received from the floor at the AGM.

Lottery Results

Drawn by Kathy Collinson:

Solent Lottery

3 rd prize of £25	-	Rod & Shirley Hockin
2 nd prize of £25	-	Catherine Holmes
1 st prize of £50	-	Harry & Beryl Castle

Thanks by the Commodore

The outgoing Commodore, Martyn Collinson, thanked all the members of the General Committee and the Guardians, in particular Graham Fell, John Poyner and Dick Dawson for all that they contributed during the terms that they have served in their respective ranks - only 10% of yacht clubs have over 1,000 members so the fact that we do says a great deal. The outgoing Vice Commodore, Graham Fell, was presented with a Past Vice Commodore's burgee and a bottle of wine. Dick Dawson was presented with a bottle of wine, following the end of his seven year term as a Guardian.

Thanks by Mark Hall, on behalf of the Guardians

"The interest of all the members are represented at the General Committee by the Guardians, that's myself, Hamish Fletcher, Anthony Walton and Anne Kyle. As Martyn has already mentioned, Dick Dawson has been a great colleague to work with over many years and he will continue to monitor the progress of the Club. My principal task is to thank the Commodore and Vice Commodore for the leadership they have provided over the last three years during difficult times, especially in terms of membership growth, the redevelopment of the south sheds and workshop and the resolution of a tricky situation with the previous owners of Bank House. I would now like to present Martyn with a Past Commodore's flag and lapel pin."

John Collinson 25/4/21