



ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB LTD

Yarmouth, Isle of Wight, PO41 0NS

CALLING NOTICE FOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 12th April 2025 at 11:00

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
THE ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB LIMITED WILL BE HELD
AT 1100 HOURS ON SATURDAY 12TH APRIL 2025**

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of the 2024 AGM Draft Minutes (Reviewed at April 2024 GC Meeting)
3. To receive and adopt the Report of the General Committee for the year ended 31st December 2024
4. To receive and adopt the Financial Report for the year ended 31st December 2024
5. To re-appoint Messrs Harrison Black as Auditors to the Club
6. To elect the following candidates to serve as Flag Officers:
 - Commodore: John Poyner
 - Vice Commodore: Rudi Fortson
 - Rear Commodore House: Susie Breare
7. To elect or re-elect* the following candidates to serve on the General Committee:
 - Peter Crowhurst*
 - Katie Davies*
 - Catherine Holmes*
 - Lesley Tregear*
 - Sarah Turvill
8. Other Business – Proposed Rule Changes

REPORT OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE 2024

Commodore, Martyn Collinson

We enjoyed a progressive year in 2024, although the weather remained almost as challenging and unpredictable as the year before. Our sailing team, volunteer members and staff all managed the varying conditions admirably and the many races, rallies, regattas and onshore social events that we put on during the year were a great success.

Prices continued their seemingly never-ending rise causing a slowdown in turnover towards the year end. This, together with some unexpected essential maintenance work, resulted in a small deficit in our day-to-day operations for the year and against budget. This essential work consisted of significant repairs to the Members' Balcony and to the external staircase from our main balcony, plus replacing part of the wooden door canopy and fascia boards on the north side of the clubhouse due to rot. To have delayed these repairs would have only resulted in even greater costs going forward.

Sailing

In June, we hosted our second RSYC Contessa Regatta with lead sponsorship from Jeremy Rogers Ltd and Louis Jadot, plus supporting sponsorship from Hall Hunter. The weather was fairly kind and twenty-seven Contessas returned to race at the RSYC. As one contestant wrote "What a fabulous weekend that was - with all the highs and lows that yacht racing brings. The RSYC Team is just brilliant". The event is being held a little earlier this year, from 16th to 18th May 2025.

The weather was more favourable for our Taittinger RSYC Regatta in July and we had one of the most successful weekends in the 16 year history of this event. Our thanks go to Katie Davies (Regatta Chair), Nick Bradley (Rear Commodore Sailing), Jeremy Willcock (CRO) and the volunteers who gave up their time to provide their support and expertise alongside our hard working Staff.

The sponsorship of Champagne Taittinger, Wight Marine and River Yar Boatyard gives us a top level prestigious status and we are very grateful. Our thanks also go to supporting sponsors the Edelweiss & Gurgl Hotel, Yarmouth Harbour, AQL and Hall Hunter and key supporters John Doerr and Peter Kingston (Protest Committee), Simon van de Byl (Senior Race Officer), as well as John Caulcutt and the YOD Class for the famous Towers Party.

The 59th Folkboat Week at the RSYC in August was also blessed with better weather than last year and some good sailing was enjoyed by 39 Folkboats and their crews. Our thanks go to David & Teresa Fox for making it such a success yet again and to the Lymington Yacht Haven for their sponsorship. The highlight of the week was the presentation of the Nordic Folkboat Gold Cup to the Club and our congratulations go to RSYC member Ed Donald and fellow crew members John Wulff (helm) and Cameron Tweedle who sailed Folkboat GBR808 to victory flying our Club burgee. This is the first occasion in history that the Gold Cup has been won by a British team in a British boat.

Also in August, sister/brother duo Claudia and Henry Olmi were instructors during Laser Training, which was well attended and enjoyed by many intermediate sailors. Dinghy Week, sponsored by Harwoods Chandlery and The Delphie Lakeman Trust, had varied conditions and it was impressive to see sailors launching in 20 knots of breeze, determined to complete their races.

An unseasonably blustery Sunset Series from 12th to 15th August was well supported by all classes with 34 boats participating and 12 boats participated during October, November and December in this year's Winter Series, sponsored by Wight Marine and River Yar Boatyard.

At the Helpers' Drinks held in the autumn, Flag Officers and sailors said a heartfelt thanks to David Porter for over twenty years of volunteering as RIB driver on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. David was also awarded the Gold Lace Bowl at the Laying Up Dinner for his many years of outstanding voluntary service to the Club.

Cruising

Though retiring from his voluntary role as RIB driver, David Porter is still leading the successful Cruising Group in 2025. Lunchtime excursions include yacht and sailing clubs throughout the Solent. The Newtown Barbeque was held this year at the Oyster Bed Gardens and our thanks go to members Camilla and Jonathan Read for allowing us to use their little bit of Eden. While all parties are welcome to join the member boats going on these outings, some venues can still be attended by car as well.

Club Events

Off the water, our House Committee and Staff offered the membership the usual wide and extensive programme of events covering all the many interests of our members. The recently revived Ladies' Lunches reached record numbers, film nights were well attended and the First Wednesday Talks had their usual range of talented speakers, and our thanks go to Kevin Shaw for his extraordinary ability to keep finding new speakers.

Highlights of the year included the RNLI 250th Anniversary Gala Ball in May, the Summer Party in August and the December lunch celebrating the 30th anniversary of the automation of the Needles Lighthouse at which attendees enjoyed a short film created by Bol Minchin from historic footage provided by Dave Kennett.

Boat Sheds

Over the last three years the Club has been carrying out a major programme to renovate the boatsheds on our east and southern boundaries. During 2023 the east shed, which was in better condition than the south sheds, was renovated and the Boatmen's workshop moved to this new location. During the latter part of last year, the focus moved to the south east corner and the creation of an enclosed storage area for all the Club's outside furniture, plus gardening and sailing equipment. Our thanks must go to Rear Commodore House, John Poyner, for his time and expertise in making sure this project was completed on time and within budget. It is intended to renovate the remaining sheds during the summer to provide a suitable, sound structure for the storage of boats in the winter and a covered area which can accommodate Club events in the summer.

Bank House

It may not be common knowledge that the L shaped grass strip to the south of our driveway and to the west of our car park has always been the property of the adjacent Bank House. The Club has been permitted to use the grass strip for many years and the owners of Bank House have in turn had a right of way down our driveway to access their car park at the rear of their property. This situation came about due to a number of complex legal agreements (some of which date back to the second half of the last century), which required considered analysis and negotiations.

After a lengthy negotiation, lasting months, I am pleased to report that we have now signed a new agreement with the owners of Bank House. The details are as per the terms approved by your General Committee at its meeting on 29th November 2024, namely that the land is now under Club ownership, apart from the area of land to the south of our entrance from the roadside to just beyond the first tree. This area will be fenced off and used by Bank House as a parking space, subject to planning permission being obtained by them. Their right of way over our drive will remain through a limited number of barrier tags. Bank House has recently been sold on to Andrew and Jacqueline Greening who have recently become members and we look forward to having a good relationship with our new neighbours.

This complex situation could not have been resolved without the enormous amount of time and effort given to us by members Tom Symes & Rudi Fortson, to whom the Club owes a huge debt of gratitude. The Flag Officers feel this is a satisfactory conclusion for the Club to a very complicated historical issue.

2025 RSYC Magazine

The latest edition of the Club's magazine is now available to pick up from around the clubhouse and our thanks go to its new editor, Teresa Fox and our Secretary, Claire, alongside Paul Bellchambers and Anthony Davies on the editing/proof reading team. It is a professional publication, widely read and shows our members, visitors and prospective members what we are about and how much we have to offer. Our thanks also go to our Membership Secretary, Jane, for ensuring the printing and production costs were once again fully funded by the advertising.

Reciprocal Clubs

During the year, the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and the Little Ship Club both joined our list of reciprocal clubs making it over 60 clubs that you can visit while at home or abroad.

Membership

We increased the number of members during 2024 to another record level – 1,138 at the year end. This was helped by two Open Days being held again in May and August. Our thanks go to Lesley Tregear for helping to organise these. I can only repeat that the best way to increase our membership is for our members themselves to propose

people they know and then bring them into the Club during their first months. During the year, the GC granted Honorary membership to Ed Donald for his amazing achievement, referred to above, in bringing the Folkboat Gold Cup to the Royal Solent.

Staff

Last year we saw quite a few changes in our core team of Staff. Most notably, our former House Manager Brooke left us for pastures new after an incredible 10 years at the Club and our Head Waitress Danielle stepped up to take on the role, which she has achieved admirably. We also welcomed a number of new full time staff – Jon as Second Chef, Will as Assistant Boatman and Hannah as Kitchen Porter as well as part-time staff to the House team – Lils, Mandy, Martha, Alfie and Monty. Plus, Stuart received a very deserved promotion to Bar Steward. Our thanks go, once again, to all our staff for their loyalty, the warmth they show to everyone who comes to the Club and their commitment to keeping the RSYC the envy of clubs on the South Coast. Every month we receive letters and emails from clubs, individuals and visiting groups full of praise for the high standard of service and professionalism they receive during their visits.

Awards

The following awards were made during 2024:

- Herbert Davies Decanter for the Dinghy class in the Spence Willard WER series – Miles Norris
- Bernard Turner Endeavour Trophy for the junior sailor showing most determination during Dinghy Week – Eleanor & Amelia Roberts
- Anne Kyle Trophy for the overall winner of the Spence Willard WER series – *Toledo*
- June Sleep Rose Bowl awarded to a Club member who has given outstanding service to the Club – Richard Pierrepont
- Noreen Smith Coaster for services to the life of the Club – Paul Nicholson (*in memoriam*)
- West Wight Sailing Distinction Bowl: Donated by Peter Jennings for a Member's superlative racing performance away from home waters – Ed Donald
- Morva Cup: Named after Colonel Landon's yacht, *Morva*, in which he cruised extensively between 1963-1972. This trophy is awarded for the best kept cruising log – Howard Hodgson
- Charles Stanley Discretionary Trophy: Originally an annual regatta trophy but repurposed as an award for commitment and dedication to the Club, be it on or off the water – Lesley Tregear
- John Leonard Trophy: Given by the Leonard family in memory of their father and awarded to the motor or sailing yacht that has travelled the furthest from its home port – Patrick & Susannah Seely
- Commodore's Award: Donated by the then Commodore, John Crowhurst, in 1999, it is to be awarded solely at the discretion of the Commodore in respect of outstanding service of any kind to the Royal Solent – Tom Symes
- Gold Lace Bowl: This trophy is awarded to a member who has performed meritoriously in furthering the interests or prestige of the Club – David Porter

General Committee

During the year, Tom Symes had to stand down from the GC for personal reasons and we are most grateful to him for the support he gave to Rear Commodore Sailing, Nick Bradley, in particular, and to the GC in general. The General Committee co-opted Sarah Turvill to fill his place until the April 2025 AGM.

The Future

The Club will undoubtedly have some hurdles to jump in the coming years if costs continue to rise at their current pace. With an increase in our membership and numerous volunteers willing to give us their time and expertise, we will be in a strong position to face the future and continue our progress going forward.

Your Flag Officers and General Committee thank you for your support and will continue to do their very best to ensure we remain one of the best yacht clubs on the South Coast. The RYA have told us only 10% of Yacht Clubs have over 1,000 members and we ended last year on 1,139. This is due to your support, the hard work of our Staff, Committee members and member volunteers – the future is positive.

We look forward to another successful and enjoyable year.

FINANCIAL REPORT 2024

Honorary Treasurer, Rob Quain

The General Committee has pleasure in presenting the Financial Report and Accounts Summary to members for the year ended 31st December 2024. A full set of audited accounts is available via the Accounts Office.

The Club was closed for almost three weeks in January 2024 to allow our staff to take extended time off built up during the year as well as carry out essential maintenance and refurbishment of the clubhouse. You will have seen the new shiny banister on the staircase!

We thought 2024 would be a steady year and so it proved until the last quarter when unbudgeted, but essential, expenditure was required on the upkeep of our clubhouse. A budget for growth was agreed for 2024 with challenging targets for both the bar and catering, as well as growing the Club's membership.

You will see from the Summary of Results for 2024 that the Club made an overall deficit after depreciation of £56,072 which is significantly worse than the deficit of £8,268 in 2023. Once depreciation is removed, the Club made an operational deficit of £16,256. While this is not good, given our cash reserves it is sustainable in the short to medium term. As I mentioned earlier, considerable work was undertaken in the final few months to enhance our clubhouse as well as heading off much greater cost in the future had we not done this now. Along with the refurbished emergency staircase from the eastern balcony, rotten wood was replaced on the exterior, stonework patched up and works to resolve water ingress into the Hudleston Bar, urgently undertaken.

Bar and catering margins held up due to greater use of the Club by members and their guests, plus visitors, throughout the year. The overall trading surplus declined to £27,892 (2023: £47,456).

Overall Club turnover slightly declined by just over 0.5% to £947,451 (2023: £952,708) which was a steady result. However, our overheads increased by 13% reflecting higher wages and utility and maintenance costs.

Subscription income increased by £22,413 despite only a very modest 3.5% increase in annual subs, which shows that the Club is attracting new members, as well as sustaining our existing membership well.

We continue to look after our staff well with competitive pay and conditions against a backdrop of staff shortages in the wider hospitality sector. However, our bar & catering staff costs flat lined last year. This is partly down to some gaps in staffing during the year; we plan to return to full staffing this year.

Onto capital projects. Members will remember we rebuilt the new Boatmen's Workshop and last year the additional Club Store was completed to budget. In addition, the new emergency outside staircase project was financed using the Club's cash reserves and progress is being made on the new website, planned to go live later this year.

The Club continues to have sound financial reserves, however given the costs outlined above, the year end bank balance was down on December 2023 by some £40k at £151,180 (2023: £192,094), due mainly to the cost of capital projects undertaken during the year. The generosity of our members with donations throughout the year is most appreciated.

Our 2025 budget is more cautious and designed to break even after depreciation while maintaining a healthy cash flow situation. I am confident this can be achieved.

ACCOUNTS SUMMARY 2024

THE ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB LIMITED SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
Bar		
Income	266,054	273,326
Direct Costs	<u>99,926</u>	<u>99,720</u>
Gross Profit	166,128	173,606
Other expenses	<u>8,344</u>	<u>7,476</u>
Contribution to Club Revenue	157,784	166,130
Catering		
Income	279,602	285,613
Direct Costs	<u>96,330</u>	<u>91,621</u>
Gross Profit	349,400	183,272
Other expenses	<u>16,006</u>	<u>14,442</u>
Contribution to Club Revenue	167,266	179,550
Staff Costs (bar & catering)	297,158	298,224
Total Surplus/(deficit) from Trading	27,892	47,456
CLUB INCOME		
Sailing	57,379	70,528
Subscriptions	313,033	290,620
Other Income	<u>31,383</u>	<u>401,795</u>
	<u>32,621</u>	<u>393,769</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Staff Costs (admin & sailing)	258,127	234,476
Sailing costs	58,100	61,550
Office & Admin costs	<u>124,675</u>	<u>440,902</u>
	<u>112,790</u>	<u>408,816</u>
Excess Income over Expenditure	(11,215)	32,409
Depreciation of Assets	(39,815)	(40,824)
Disposal of Assets	0	9,585
Covid Support Grant	0	0
Covid Furlough Support	0	0
Irrecoverable VAT	(12,129)	(11,244)
Bank Interest received	7,635	1,807
Donated Income	0	0
Taxation	- 548.00	0
Excess/(Deficit) for the year to Reserves	(56,072)	(8,267)
General Reserves brought forward	2,262,001	2,262,841
Transfer between Reserves	(4,667)	7,427
Balance carried forward	2,201,262	2,262,001
Property Reserve	123,069	124,382
Revaluation of Land and Buildings	443,238	443,238
Other Capital Reserves	167,464	156,060
TOTAL	2,935,033	2,985,681
REPRESENTED BY		
Fixed Assets	2,898,705	2,896,776
Cash, Debtors & stocks	215,933	236,576
Current Liabilities	(179,605)	(147,671)
TOTAL	2,935,033	2,985,681

NOMINATIONS

COMMODORE

JOHN POYNER

Proposed by Martyn Collinson

Seconded by Nick Bradley



My wife Judy and I have been members of the Royal Solent Yacht Club since 2013. For the past 2 years I have served as Rear Commodore House, a role I have thoroughly enjoyed. I spent over 40 years in the spectator seating business both here in the UK and on the East Coast of America. As Vice President, my work took me to 48 countries and involved all types of venues from Opera Houses to Olympic Stadia. On returning to the Island, I joined Marine Data Systems as MD, a company manufacturing advanced navigation equipment for naval vessels. My love of sailing has been long and varied. I joined the Royal Ocean Racing Club in 1983, and remain a senior member. I have completed 9 Fastnets, 3 Newport to Bermuda Races, the ARC Transatlantic and have been privileged to visit and sail with many clubs around the world. I now sail with the Contessa fleet here at the Royal Solent.

VICE COMMODORE

RUDI FORTSON

Proposed by Martyn Collinson

Seconded by Nick Bradley



I have been sailing for most of my adult life. I currently own *Excalibur* (a Countess 33) which I fitted out over an eight-year period (as featured in 'Sailing Today'; April 2007).

I am a keen Race Officer Volunteer for the Royal Solent and I regularly attend and support Club events. I am also a member of the Island Sailing Club, the RYA, the RNLI, and the Paddle Steamer Preservation Society (my grandfather, Captain Duncan Campbell, skippered various Clyde paddle steamers, notably, the *Jeanie Deans*).

REAR COMMODORE HOUSE

SUSIE BREARE

Proposed by Martyn Collinson

Seconded by John Poyner



Ever since I helped my father build a 31ft wooden Trimaran, my passion has been sailing. I started in an Optimist before progressing to an Enterprise, Fireball, 505, 470, Contender, Dart, Quarter and Half Tonner, Dragon, Trimaran, Classic Boats etc. Since moving to Yarmouth over 8 years ago, membership of the RSYC has been a pillar in building my community here and as the proud part-owner of YOD *Katinka* that remains as true as ever. In 1990 my late husband and I rescued "Sonata", a 52ft Bermudan Sloop William Fife yacht that his father had built in Bembridge. We spent 2 years restoring her and then many happy times racing her. From a business perspective, I hope to bring to the Club my 15 years of experience working in Finance and PR for a multi-national company and later running a catering company for many years. I've been a member of the General, Vice Commodore's and House Committees for the past 2 years. I love all aspects of life, the joy the sea brings, meeting new people and hope I can share my enthusiasm as Rear Commodore House.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

PETER CROWHURST

Proposed by David Porter

Seconded by Susie Breare



I was born on the Island and have been a member since the late 70s, I believe that every significant Crowhurst family milestone has been celebrated at the Club. I worked in hospitality in London, Brighton, East Asia and South East Asia, as Director of Food & Beverage and General Manager roles. My career evolved into real estate investment and asset management in Beijing and subsequently with ING Bank in Shanghai. I then moved to Myanmar with a Singapore listed company, leading their real estate asset management and investment programmes. I'm now involved with a Singapore based shipping and crew management business as an Advisor and Chief Executive of the British Chamber of Commerce Myanmar (Burma). As for sailing, I've competed in Cowes Weeks and crossed the Channel countless times. I have taken part in the South China Sea Race from Hong Kong to Manilla, long haul races in Australia and taught sailing in Sydney & Cowes. If elected, I look forward to supporting the Flag Officers and the GC.

KATIE DAVIES

Proposed by Jeremy Willcock

Seconded by Anne Kyle



I live in Thorley and have been a member of the RSYC for nearly thirty years, having joined when my family bought the Boathouse in Bouldnor. I am a keen sailor and frequently race with my father in our Folkboat, *Raev*, and occasionally compete in XOD races in X147 *Foxy*. In our Duchy 35, *Bear*, my husband and I cruise around the Solent enjoying time with friends and family. I have been a member of the General Committee since 2016 and was Rear Commodore Sailing between 2019 and 2022. I am currently the Taittinger Regatta Chair and am also very involved in race management and youth sailing at the Club.

CATHERINE HOLMES

Proposed by Caroline Norris

Seconded by John Poyner



A Yarmouth resident for seven happy years now, I have loved being an active part of the Yacht Club, as a GC member and also as a member of the House Committee helping to organise many events. I've also taken on the role of running the Club's clay pigeon shoot days as a keen shot myself. My sailing skills might not match my shooting skills, but I really enjoy being on or around boats, especially via the Club's Cruising Group. A property consultant in London for over thirty years, I now run my own portfolio as well as undertaking viewings for Spence Willard. I'm always happy to be an extra pair of hands whenever needed.

LESLEY TREGEAR

Proposed by Nick Bradley

Seconded by John Poyner



I have been a member since 2017 and a member of the General and Vice Commodore's Committees since 2022. As a retired Head of Youth Justice Services and registered social worker, I was able to review and amend the Club's safeguarding policy; I currently hold the Board Safeguarding Lead role to support the Club in safeguarding matters. I also took over responsibility for organising bi-annual Open Days, alongside the Membership Secretary, which have proved successful in growing the membership. I have enjoyed my time working with other committee members in supporting and developing the Club and its activities and, if appointed for a further term, will continue to show commitment and due diligence in my role as a Director of the RSYC.

GENERAL COMMITTEE
SARAH TURVILL

Proposed by Susie Breare

Seconded by Peter Crowhurst



I have been a member of the RSYC for 50 years although, I must admit, for many of those years not a very active one! I have sailed on the Isle of Wight and elsewhere since childhood but, having moved part-time to Brook in 2012, I've had more time to spend sailing and at the Club. I also acquired X138, *Spray* which is raced most Wednesdays and weekends by my daughter, Hattie, and her husband, who are both keen sailors too. Professionally, having qualified as a barrister, I moved to work in insurance in the City at Willis, where I stayed for the whole of my career - lastly as CEO of the International businesses. Subsequently, I was Chair of the governing body at Exeter University for 10 years. I am now Chair of the Yarmouth Harbour Commissioners. The Club is a very important institution in Yarmouth, the West Wight and the sailing community generally, and now that I have more time and am based mainly on the Island, I am very keen to do what I can to support and help the Club to grow and to continue to thrive in all its aspects.

OTHER BUSINESS - PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

To consider and if thought fit, approve the following rule changes:

Current Rule	Proposed Rule	Rationale
<p>20. Classes and Election of Members</p> <p>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 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>20. Classes and Election of Members</p> <p>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 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</p>	<p>20. Classes and Election of Members</p> <p>20.6 To specifically include ex-Officio Honorary Members within Rule 20.6.</p> <p>20.6.1 To define a mechanism by which the General Committee may withdraw Honorary Membership</p>

Current Rule	Proposed Rule	Rationale
<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 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>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>20.7 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 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. 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>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>
<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 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</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>

Current Rule	Proposed Rule	Rationale
<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 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>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>23.2.2 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</p>	

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	<p>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 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>	

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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>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 (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 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</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.</p> <p>Additionally, an administrative modification to the numbering scheme used in Rule 23.2.</p>

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<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>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>d) 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>e) (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>f) In the event of suspension, a Member shall continue to pay a subscription for that year and no refund will be due.</p> <p>g) In the event of expulsion, the former Member shall not be entitled to have any part of the annual membership fee refunded.</p> <p>23.3.3 A Member expelled under Rule 23.3.2 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</p>	<p>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>	

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<p>and premises during open sailing events.</p> <p>23.3.4 No Member shall introduce as a guest 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 Removal from Membership</p> <p>a) A Member whose subscription has not been fully paid within ten 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>23.4 Removal from Membership</p> <p>23.4.1 A Member whose subscription has not been fully paid within ten 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, 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>23.4 Removal from Membership</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. Visitors and Guests</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>

MEMBERSHIP SUMMARY 2024

Category	Category Description	End Dec 2023	2024 Resignations	2024 Deaths	2024 New Members	2024 Category Changes	End Dec 2024
A	Child under 12	8			5		13
B	Junior (12 – 17)	15			1	-3	13
C	Student/Youth Member (18-24)	53	-4		4	2	55
D25	Member Aged 25	7				-1	6
D26	Member Aged 26	3			1	4	8
D27	Member Aged 27	4	-1		1	-1	3
D28	Member Aged 28	4				1	5
D29	Member Aged 29	3					3
D30	Member Aged 30	2			1	1	4
D31	Member Aged 31	7				-5	2
D32	Member Aged 32	7	-2		1	1	7
D33	Member Aged 33	3					3
D34	Member Aged 34	2				1	3
E1	Single Member (35-64)	101	-6		8	-9	94
E2	Couple (35-64) each	193	-11	-1	29	-18	192
F1	Senior Member (65+)	180	-10	-2	12	15	195
F2	Senior Couple (65+) each	333	-14	-3	26	11	353
G	Family Membership (Lead)	20	-2	-1	5	-2	20
G1	Family Membership (Additions)	53	-5		13	-8	53
H	Overseas Member (Lead)	28	-2		1	1	28
H1	Overseas Membership (Additions)	14			1	1	16
I	Life Member	7					7
J	Honorary Life Member	8			1	1	10
K	Honorary Member	18				-1	17
	Ex Officio Honorary Member	11				-1	10
N1	Senior Member (90+)	10				2	12
N2	Senior Couple (90+) each	4		-1		3	6
Grand Total		1098	-57	-8	110	-5	1138