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Dated *14 April* 1932.

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Sir Hugh Michael Seely Baronet

to

Trustees of Solent Yacht Club

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Acknowledgement

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GUARDIAN ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED whose registered office is situate at 68 King William street in the City of London hereby acknowledge the right of JAMES BORLAND WALKER of Eastmore Bouldnor Yarmouth Isle of Wight a Major in His Majesty's Army (Retired) CECIL HENRY BRENT GOOD OF Norlands Yarmouth Isle of Wight a Lieutenant Colonel in His Majesty's (Territorial) Army and Alexander MARK ROMER TOPHAM of 13 Old Square Lincolns Inn London Barrister-at-law and each of them to production of the documents mentioned in the Schedule hereto and to delivery of copies thereof

IN WITNESS whereof this Acknowledgment has been signed by George William Reynolds as the General Manager for and on behalf of the said Guardian Assurance Company Limited this first day of April One thousand nine hundred and thirty two

The Schedule above referred to

Vesting deed dated the 11th day of January 1926 and made between the Public Trustee and Henry Houghton Enfield of the one part and Sir Charles Hilton Seely Bart of the other part

Special Probate of the Will of the late Sir Charles Hilton Seely (Limited to the Settled estate) dated the 20th day of July 1926 granted to the Public Trustee and Henry Houghton Enfield by the Principal Probate Registry

Vesting Assent dated the 29th day of July 1926 made by the Public Trustee and Henry Houghton Enfield as the Special Personal Representatives of Sir Charles Hilton Seely Baronet in favour of Sir Hugh Michael Seely Baronet

Deed of Discharge dated the 17th day of March 1927 and made between the Public Trustee and Henry Houghton Enfield of the one part and Sir Hugh Michael Seely Baronet of the other part.

*George W Reynolds*  
General Manager

for and on behalf of the said Guardian Assurance Company Limited.

AMALGAMATION OF SOLENT YACHT CLUB & WEST WIGHT SAILING CLUB.

The Committee of the Solent Yacht Club met on the 7th June '45 at YARMOUTH and approved the under-mentioned terms of amalgamation.

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N A M E: IT WAS AGREED, bearing in mind the importance of the Royal Warrant held by the Solent Yacht Club, that the name of the parent club should remain "THE SOLENT YACHT CLUB," and the name of the Junior Section remain "THE WEST WIGHT SAILING CLUB."

M E M B E R S H I P: IT WAS AGREED, that all present senior Members of the W.W.S.C. to be elected automatically full Members of the S.Y.C. New Members to be elected to the S.Y.C. by the normal methods.

J U N I O R M E M B E R S: IT WAS AGREED, all present Junior Members of the West Wight Sailing Club below the age of 18 remain Members of the W.W.S.C., which will become known as the Junior Section of the re-constituted S.Y.C. New Junior Members would continue to be elected to the W.W.S.C. Juniors on attaining the age of 18 years cease to be eligible as Members of the W.W.S.C., but would become eligible for full Membership of the S.Y.C. if they so desire, without election.

O F F I C E R S: In order to ensure *equity* in the discussions and management of the Club prior to actual amalgamation, it is felt that the Acting Vice-Commodore should be a Member of the W.W.S.C., and the Acting Commodore and Rear Commodore Members of the S.Y.C., and that the General Acting Committee should consist of 8 Members exclusive of Flag Officers, - 4 from the present Membership of each Club.

CLUB & SAILING FACILITIES FOR 1945: For the remainder of the year, as and when the S.Y.C. premises are re-opened, it was recommended that all possible facilities be offered to both Clubs from the S.Y.C. premises as if the amalgamation was actually in being.

PROPOSED DATE OF AMALGAMATION: Both Sub-Committees recommended that everything possible be done so that the proposed amalgamation should take effect as from 1st January 1946.

S U B S C R I P T I O N S: IT WAS AGREED, to recommend that the Junior subscription be 10/6d per annum, and the Senior Subscription be £2/2/- per annum, with an Entrance Fee of £2/2/- for new Senior Members.

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# WEST WIGHT SAILING CLUB

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Col. Brent Good,  
Norlands,  
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YARMOUTH.

20th  
June,  
1945.

Dear Colonel,

Thank you very much for your letter of the 9th together with a report of the Committee Meeting of the Solent Yacht Club held on the 7th June '45.

I have re-drafted the agreement, which has now been confirmed by your Committee.

My Sub-Committee are in entire agreement with the alterations, and also consider the Entrance Fee for new Senior Members of £2/2/- is fair.

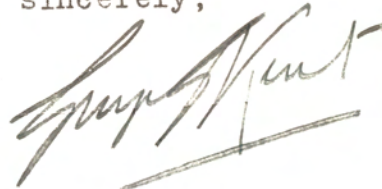
I have called a Meeting of our General Committee on the earliest date possible, which is Saturday, June 30th. 2.30 p.m. The Island Sailing Club have lent me their Committee Room for this purpose. I had to call it at Cowes because of lack of accommodation at Yarmouth.

It is my intention, if it can be arranged, to have a tentative discussion on FINANCE some time on Sunday, July 1st, when I would come over to YARMOUTH.

I am perfectly sure that my Committee will agree to the recommendations of the Sub-Committee. I should think it would be quite in order for you to send out the letter to your Members.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,



GCK/1 EB.

AMALGAMATION OF SOLENT YACHT CLUB and WEST-WIGHT SAILING CLUB.

The Committee of the Solent Yacht Club met on the 7th. June at Yarmouth, when the draft prepared by you after the sub-committees met on the 25th. May in London, was discussed.

While in general agreement with the points made, my Committee submit the following amendments for your favourable consideration, before sending a circular letter on the subject to their members.

Para. 2. line 2. after 'name' delete 'of the senior club.'

Line 4 after 'junior' substitute the word 'section' for 'club.'

In Para. 4 line 6. after '18 years' insert 'cease to be eligible as members of the W.W.S.C. but' would become etc....

Para. 5. dealing with Regattas and Y.R.A. and S.C.R.A. representation.

In view of the fact that amalgamation is envisaged it is felt that it would be a mistake to try to claim the privileges of two clubs under this heading.

Para. 6. Under 'Officers'. In order to ensure equity in the discussions and management of the club prior to actual amalgamation it is felt that the Acting-Vice-Commodore should be a member of the W.W.S.C. and the Acting-Commodore and R.C. members of the S.Y.C., and that general acting committee should consist of

eight members exclusive of Flag Officers - four from the present membership of each club. (Omit all names)

Para. 10. 'Subscription.'

After 'Subscription £2. 2. -. per annum' insert 'for the new senior members an entrance fee of £2. 2. -. will be imposed.'

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18th May, 1945.

## NEGOTIATING COMMITTEES - S.Y.C., W.W.S.C.

A Meeting of the two Sub-Committees will be held at  
12.45 p.m. Friday, 25th May, Flemings Hotel, Half Moon  
Street, Piccadilly, W.1.

A Private Room has been reserved for both the Meeting  
and Luncheon.

### A G E N D A.

To discuss the possibilities of amalgamating  
the two Clubs.

Yours faithfully,



Hon. Secretary.

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mottistone, C.B., C.B.G., P.S.O. } S.Y.C.  
& 2 others. }

Mr. George G. Kent. }  
Rt/Lt. M.R.N. Jennings, } W.W.S.C.  
Mr. J.G. Leonard. }

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28th  
May  
1945.

Dear Colonel,

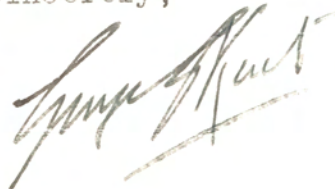
I am enclosing a copy of the Minutes, which I hope have set out correctly the points we agreed on.

There is one matter which I forgot to bring up which is rather important. On the death of our late Hon. Secretary - Capt. Stanton - who really made the success of the W.W.S.C., as a mark of the Club's appreciation Mrs. D. Stanton was made a Life Honorary Member. This is the only Life Member we have, and I am sure the West Wight would be most grateful if the S.Y.C. would continue this promise by making her a Life Member of the S.Y.C.

The question of finance would have to be dealt with at a later date, but I see no difficulties on our side.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,



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*Yacht Club*

July 1945.

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Flag Officers and General Committee of the Solent Yacht Club consider that the re-opening of Yachting facilities in the West Solent is an opportunity to effect an amalgamation of the SOLENT YACHT CLUB and the WEST WIGHT SAILING CLUB.

To that end several meetings of sub-committees have taken place, and I have pleasure in setting before you the agreed terms of fusion.

The great advantages from the Solent Yacht Club point of view, are:-

- a. Increased membership.
- b. Attraction of the young entry as the very successful 'Scow' class will be available.

It will be noted that the name of the West Wight Sailing Club, is retained for the junior section of the Club ONLY --that is, only for members under 18 years of age who will be encouraged to run their own show--subject, of course, to Solent Yacht Club supervision.

It is proposed that the new flat rates of subscription should take effect from January 1st. 1946, (when subscriptions become due) and that subsequently a general meeting should be held at the Club to elect all Flag Officers and new committee. It will, of course, be entirely in the power of this meeting to make any alterations they wish.

The apparently arbitrary allotment of Flag Officers and members of committee between the two existing clubs is to be established a "caretaking" body, temporally, to get the amalgamated Clubs working as one.

The Flag Officers representing the S.Y.C. during this interim period are:-

COMMODORE:- Maj.Gen. The Rt.Hon. the Lord Mottistone,  
P.C., C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

REAR-COMMODORE:-Col. T. C. Cunningham, D.S.O.

As the Club is not yet in commission and the inconvenience of travel at the present time, your committee suggest that your answer to the above proposals be made on the enclosed post card.

Yours faithfully,

Acting Hon. Secretary,

PAGE  
PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR FAMILIES

## Amalgamation of the Solent Yacht Club and the West Wight Sailing Club.

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MEMBERSHIP. It was agreed, that all present senior Members of the W. W. S. C. to be elected automatically full Members of the S. Y. C. New Members to be elected to the S. Y. C. by the normal methods.

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PROPOSED DATE OF AMALGAMATION. Both Sub-Committees recommend that everything possible be done so that the proposed amalgamation should take effect as from 1st January, 1946.

SUBSCRIPTIONS. It was agreed, to recommend that the Junior Subscription be 10/6 per annum, and the Senior Subscription be £2/2/0 per annum, with an Entrance Fee of £2/2/0 for new Senior Members.

NORLANDS,

NORTON,

YARMOUTH, ISLE OF WIGHT.

June 9th. 1945.

Dear Kent,

I herewith return your draft as amended by our Solent Yacht Club Committee.

If you will consider these amendments with your Committee and let me have your decision I will try and get a circular letter drafted to all our Members and place the matter before them.

As you will see the alteration was mainly with the idea of not stressing the identity of the separate Club, but indicating their union as one Club.

It was thought better to omit actual names of Members, as some alterations will certainly be necessary at this end.

Let me take this opportunity of thanking you for a very pleasant lunch.

Yours sincerely,

*Geo. C.H. Broadgood*

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4th  
July,  
1945.

Dear Colonel,

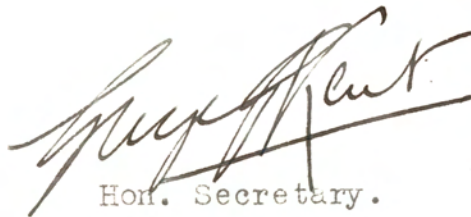
At a Committee Meeting of the WEST WIGHT SAILING CLUB, held on Saturday, 30th June '45, at COWES, I was instructed to inform you that the Agreement entered into has been approved by my Committee, with one addition, as follows:-

THAT THE SOLENT YACHT CLUB WILL AT ALL TIMES FOSTER AND ENCOURAGE THE ART OF SAILING AMONGST THE YOUNGER GENERATION BY THE CONTINUANCE OF A WEST WIGHT SAILING CLUB SCOW, OR SIMILAR CLASS, AS AT PRESENT CONSTITUTED.

With this amendment, my Committee is recommending our Members by Referendum to approve our action.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,



Hon. Secretary.

GCK/TEB.