

**MINUTES OF A ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON FRIDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2024 AT 1600 HOURS**

**Present:**

John Poyner, Rear Commodore House  
Susie Breare  
Sarah Davey  
Catherine Holmes  
Caroline Norris

**Apologies:**

Claire Hallett, Secretary  
Helen Le Gassicke

**In Attendance:**

Lucy Case, Events Manager

**66/24 Apologies** As listed above.

**67/24 Approval of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Minutes** The minutes were approved as a true record.

**68/24 Matter Arising from Minutes**

Film Night Sound Issues – The Events Manager reported that a different sound system had been used for the latest film night, which had helped considerably with recent sound issues. The sound was much clearer for the latest film and subtitles had also been used as the dialect was difficult to understand. It was suggested that a sound bar may be a possible alternative if the current speakers need replacing.

Club Sandwich & Moules – The Club Sandwich and Moules are now both available to order from the daily menu. RCH had tried the Club Sandwich and felt it needed a little refining. It should be toasted and not as chunky with the addition of a Club burgee pick.

Champagne by the glass – The new device which can preserve the bubbles in an open bottle of champagne had been ordered and will be available to use very soon. This will enable Taittinger Champagne to be sold by the glass with little to no wastage.

High end wine discounts – The Club Steward had reduced the prices of the high end wines and these had been promoted around the Clubhouse for the past three weeks.

Après Sail Menu/crab & lobster/new sandwich fillings – An Après Sail menu and crab and lobster would be revisited in the spring of 2025 in readiness for the sailing season/summer. It was suggested that a toasted sandwich would be a popular addition to the menu for after sailing.

**69/24 Points from Rear Commodore House**

Après Ski Night – decorations – These would be similar to last year's decorations, with members bringing props from home. There are a number ski themed items available at very reasonable prices on SHEIN and Temu. The menu was discussed and felt to contain too much cheese, the starter will therefore be changed to a French onion soup.

NYE Brunch – decorations - It was felt that the existing Christmas decorations would be sufficient decoration for the NYE Brunch.

**70/24 Past Events**

20<sup>th</sup> September – Roberts Birthday Party, 50 in attendance. It was reported that the karaoke was very popular and may be popular for an event at the Club.

21<sup>st</sup> September – X Yachts Dinner, 29 in attendance

25<sup>th</sup> September – WER Prize Giving, fully booked, 95 in attendance. All agreed it was a great evening. The main course would have benefitted from a little extra veg, but the dessert was amazing.

28<sup>th</sup> September – RAFYC Dinner, 27 in attendance, already booked for 2025.

2<sup>nd</sup> October – First Wednesday Talk, Kevin Shaw, 50 + in attendance with 41 dining.

3<sup>rd</sup> October – Scrabble & Backgammon, 9 in attendance.

4<sup>th</sup> October – RNLI Curry Night, 66 in attendance. There are plans to change the format of the event for 2025, with bingo being a possible addition.

5<sup>th</sup> October – Christchurch Sailing Club Dinner, 77 in attendance, already booked for 2025.

10<sup>th</sup> October – Film Night, Bob Marley, One Love, 31 in attendance. As previously mentioned a different sound system was used with subtitles during the second half to help with the difficult dialect.

11<sup>th</sup> October – Gentlemen's Lunch, 26 in attendance for the first lunch hosted by Jules Wood. There was a great atmosphere and good food.

12<sup>th</sup> October – KYC & LTSC Dinner, 36 in attendance, already booked for 2025.

15<sup>th</sup> October – West Wight Birds Talk & Walk with Hamish Fletcher. 30 in attendance, really good feedback had been received for those who attended.

17<sup>th</sup> October – Nicholson Celebration of Life, 50 in attendance.

### **71/24 Upcoming Events**

19<sup>th</sup> October – Jazz Night – 32 currently signed up.

24<sup>th</sup> October – Wine Society – fully booked. Talk and tasting by Laithwaites, funds donated to HIOWAA.

5<sup>th</sup> November – Firework Night Dinner, 2 course meal, £2 added to ticket price for Carnival Committee funds.

6<sup>th</sup> November – First Wednesday talk by Martin Woodward.

7<sup>th</sup> November – Scrabble & Backgammon.

9<sup>th</sup> November – Laying Up Dinner, 4 courses and coffee for £42, it was felt this was really good value.

13<sup>th</sup> November – Ladies Lunch

14<sup>th</sup> November – Film Night, Wicked Little Letters, ice creams will be available to purchase during the interval.

15<sup>th</sup> November – Gallagher Insurance Talk & Lunch

Recently Joined Members Evening

21<sup>st</sup> November – Wine Society - Tapas Night

### **72/24 Catering & Bar Points**

All were in agreement with Caroline Norris who commented on the great value and standard of food at the Club lately.

### **73/24 Any additional points**

The format of the 2025 New Years Eve party was discussed. All present felt that there needs to be a very different format to previous years. Suggested ideas are karaoke, fancy dress and a grazing table in lieu of a sit down meal. All ideas are to be discussed further.

### **74/24 Points for Next Meeting**

- Summer Champagne Ball

**75/24 Date of Next Meeting:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 1100 hours.