

**MINUTES OF A ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 18TH 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 19th 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

20th 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.

21st September – X Yachts Dinner, 29 in attendance

25th 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.

28th September – RAFYC Dinner, 27 in attendance, already booked for 2025.

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

3rd October – Scrabble & Backgammon, 9 in attendance.

4th 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.

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

10th 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.

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

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

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

17th October – Nicholson Celebration of Life, 50 in attendance.

71/24 Upcoming Events

19th October – Jazz Night – 32 currently signed up.

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

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

6th November – First Wednesday talk by Martin Woodward.

7th November – Scrabble & Backgammon.

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

13th November – Ladies Lunch

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

15th November – Gallagher Insurance Talk & Lunch

Recently Joined Members Evening

21st 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 21st November at 1100 hours.