

MINUTES OF A ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2025 AT 1100 HOURS

Present:

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

Apologies:

Sarah Davey
Helen Le Gassicke

In Attendance:

Lucy Case, Events Manager
Claire Hallett, Secretary

20/25 Apologies As listed above.

21/25 Approval of 21st February 2025 Minutes The minutes were approved as a true record.

22/25 Matter Arising from Minutes (All on agenda)

23/25 Points from Rear Commodore House

Ladies' Lunch Speakers. Neither Claire Sprague or Rosemary Luck are available for a June talk, but would like to do a talk at some point in the future. RCH advised that he can arrange for a lady who's a psychometric tester and gives talks regularly to do a talk free of charge. Caroline felt that a June Ladies' Lunch is too soon after the end of February lunch and they would be better every 6 months. **It was suggested that Wednesday 10th September was available so Catherine would enquire if Rosemary Luck was available for this date and if not, RCH would contact the psychometric tester.**

Summer Charity Ball/Party. The Secretary explained that she and the Events Manager had a higher than normal workload this year (recruiting & training a Membership Secretary, the new website project and a new rep for the Taittinger RSYC Regatta) so the demands of arranging a formal Ball would unfortunately be too much on top of this. Plus, there was an RNLI Gala Ball held at the Club last year that many members attended. It is therefore suggested by the Secretary that a fundraising party be held rather than a Ball. The response from committee members was that a party with a lower ticket price would attract more attendees and raise more funds. It was agreed that Janetta's brother should still play saxophone on arrival and the ABBA tribute band would still provide live music during the evening. The band would cost £6.25 per person if there are 160 attendees. Ideally £10 of the ticket price should go to the Air Ambulance and the ticket price should remain at £45 per head if that's feasible with a summer buffet, but no complimentary drink. **A fundraising raffle would also be held, with members and sponsors to be asked by the House Committee to donate prizes.**

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The Events Manager advised that Patrick & Jacky Sellers had said they would match £5k of fundraising for the Air Ambulance (which is the Club's chosen charity this year) and have discussed the provision of a helicopter simulator for an event at the Club. However, the simulator isn't compatible with long dresses and heels, so the Events Manager suggested that it could be brought over on the Wednesday of Carnival Week (13th August) when there would be sailors and young members around, with a donation for having a go on the simulator. The Secretary suggested this could be combined with a Sausage Sizzler event in the evening.

VE Day. There is no information yet on what event, if any, is being planned in Yarmouth for the 80th anniversary of VE Day on Thursday 8th May. It was agreed that the Club should put up union jack bunting and dress overall.

Post meeting – the Secretary proposed a charity cake sale and afternoon tea to raise funds for the Royal British Legion on 8th May.

24/25 Past Events

- 26th February, Ladies' Lunch – amazing food and great talk. 68 attended
- 28th February, John Doerr Talk – 9 attended
- 1st March, Private Member's Lunch for 20
- 4th March, Hooke Society Lunch
- 5th – 7th March, The George Yoga sessions (room hire fee)
- 6th March, Scrabble & Backgammon – 17 for supper
- 8th March, Commodore's Supper & Fastnet Talk – 64 attended, good talk & food
- 12th March, First Wednesday Talk – good talk on Roman Britain & 49 for lunch
- 13th March, Probus Lunch – 13 attended

- 13th March, Film Night – 14 attended. [Need ideas for films in the autumn/winter from everyone.](#) Caroline recommended 'Conclave'.
- 14th March, Folkboat Dinner – 33 attended
- 19th March, End of Season Cruising Lunch – Great talk by the Sailing Secretary. Negative feedback about the lunch as the portions were too small.

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25/25 Upcoming Events

- 20th March, Wine Society – 45
- 28th March, Opera Night – need more to attend ideally. [RCH to ask Anne Kyle to introduce and thank the singers.](#)
- 29th March, Clay Shoot & Lunch – 31 for lunch thanks to Catherine's efforts.
- 30th March, Mothering Sunday Lunch
- 1st April, Dunlin Boys Talk & Lunch
- 3rd April, Scrabble & Backgammon
- 4th April, John Doerr Protest Talk
- 7th April, re-opening Monday lunchtimes
- 12th April, AGM & Fitting Out Dinner
- 16th April, Scottish Country Dancing & Ceilidh
- 18th April, Good Friday Moules Night
- 19th April, Boat Jumble & Lifejacket Clinic
- 20th April, Easter Sunday Lunch

RCH

26/25 Catering & Bar Points

- [A chicken roast would be popular, the Secretary will ask the Head Chef about doing chicken supreme.](#)
- All agreed it would be good to change happy hour to 6pm to 7:30pm as may encourage members to stay for supper if they drink until 7:30pm. Secretary to discuss with staff. (Post meeting: agreed to start Happy Hour & a Half from 4th April).

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27/25 Any additional points

The last meeting for the current Rear Commodore House who thanked everyone for their support and was in turn wished all the best in the role of Commodore, which he will be great in.

28/25 Points for Next Meeting

- Ladies' Lunch Speaker
- Summer Party & Raffle

29/25 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 17th April at 1400 hours.