

**MINUTES OF A ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 21st FEBRUARY 2025 AT 1600 HOURS**

Present:

John Poyner, Rear Commodore House
Susie Breare
Sarah Davey
Catherine Holmes
Helen Le Gassicke

Apologies:

Claire Hallett, Secretary
Caroline Norris

In Attendance:

Lucy Case, Events Manager

11/25 Apologies As listed above.

12/25 Approval of 24th January 2025 Minutes The minutes were approved as a true record.

13/25 Matter Arising

Summer Programme Suggestions.

Bingo – The Events Manager advised that there had been a cancellation on Saturday 5th April and suggested a possible Bingo Night. Everyone felt that this was a good idea. AFTERNOTE – this is only a week before the Fitting Out Dinner and may decrease the number attending either event. An alternative external event had now been booked. A Bingo Night will be added to the Autumn/Winter Programme.

VE Day – this year marks the 80th Anniversary of VE Day. Yarmouth Carnival Committee are planning an event (possible street party) to mark the occasion. The Secretary had spoken with Anne Kyle regarding a joint event for the RSYC and Yarmouth Carnival Committee and is yet to hear back. The Events Manager would discuss this with the Secretary in more detail.

Ladies Lunch – Catherine Holmes advised that she had spoken with RSYC Member Rosemary Luck who is interested in speaking at a Ladies Lunch. The date suggested is Wednesday 4th June. Catherine will speak with Rosemary to see if she is available. AFTERNOTE – Rosemary isn't available to speak on the 4th June but would still like to speak at a lunch later in the year.

Summer Champagne Charity Ball.

Susie Breare advised that she has spoken with Mal Butler from the IoW Observer, who is happy to cover the event. It was felt by all present that a magician wasn't needed as there would be a limited time for them to perform.

14/25 Past Events

JANUARY

- Saturday 25th – Burns Night Dinner – 28 in attendance, great food and better format. It was agreed to repeat the same format for 2026.
- Friday 31st – John Doerr Talk & Supper – 18 in attendance.

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 5th – First Wednesday Talk. A talk by Alan Jenkins entitled “RADAR: Bats, Bulbs, Birds Nests and Lancaster Bombers”. A popular speaker, 30 in attendance. There are two follow up talks that would be ideal for First Wednesday Talks in the Autumn/Winter.
- Thursday 6th – Scrabble & Backgammon, 9 in attendance.
- Friday 8th – Murder Mystery Night, great food & a very successful evening with 61 in attendance.
- Thursday 13th – Film Night “Joy – The Birth of IVF” 13 in attendance, very good food.
- Friday 14th – Gentlemen's Lunch. 24 in attendance.
- Thursday 20th – Wine Society - A talk & tasting by Stuart Porter of Corney and Barrow.

15/25 Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 26th – Ladies Lunch, fully booked at 72 attendees
- Friday 28th – John Doerr Talk, currently 5 booked

MARCH

- Wednesday 5th – First Wednesday Talk, Talk TBC
- Thursday 6th – Scrabble & Backgammon
- Saturday 8th – Commodore's Supper, A Talk by Matt Power & Frances Reincke about the 1979 Fasnet Race

- Thursday 13th – Film Night, A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
- Wednesday 19th – Start of Season Cruising Lunch
- Thursday 30th – Wine Society

16/25 Catering & Bar Points

- In her absence, Caroline Norris had forwarded an email from a member requesting the Bar to be open from 16:00 on a Friday afternoon. The Events Manager had spoken with the Club Steward who had advised that takings need to be in excess of £150 to make it financially viable. The Events Manager had researched the takings for Friday afternoons in July and August 2024 between 16:00 and 18:00. There were only 3 occasions during this time that the takings were in excess of £150. It was therefore felt that during quieter months, takings would not be high enough to make it worthwhile opening.
- There was a discussion regarding Friday Evening Happy Hour and how to increase numbers for Happy Hour and how to encourage members to stay on afterwards. It was suggested that complimentary crisps should be offered during happy hour. It was also suggested that to avoid the pinch point at the bar, the telescope should be moved this is during the winter months only.
AFTERNOTE – complimentary crisps have been introduced, and the telescope has been moved.

17/25 Any additional points

18/25 Points for Next Meeting

- Summer Charity Party

19/25 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 20th March at 1100 hours.

John 20/3/25

