

**MINUTES OF A ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 23RD MAY 2025 AT 1600 HOURS**

Present:

Susie Breare, Rear Commodore House
Catherine Holmes
Helen Le Gassicke
Jules Wood

Apologies: Caroline Norris

In Attendance:

Lucy Case, Events Manager
Claire Hallett, Secretary

39/25 Apologies As listed above.

40/25 Approval of 17th April 2025 Minutes

Jules Wood requested a change to the minutes as his comment regarding a BBQ for the general public as his intention was to recommend a BBQ open to visitors to Yarmouth Harbour. **The Secretary will revise the minutes accordingly.**

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41/25 Matter Arising from Minutes (All on agenda)

42/25 Points from Rear Commodore House

Charity Summer Party & Raffle Prizes. An email to the membership requesting prizes for the charity raffle had gone out earlier today. Adrian Bolton had kindly offered to donate a meal for two and a bottle of wine at The Waterfront in response to this. RCH has also kindly offered a stay at her holiday home. **The Head Chef is working on the menu which will be published next Friday when the Events Manager returns from annual leave.** Eighty members and guests have already pre-booked, the maximum will be 160 attendees. The ticket price is £49 per head, to include a £10 donation to the HIOW Air Ambulance. **The Club Steward is liaising with drinks suppliers regarding the donation of alcohol for a complimentary welcome drink.** The Events Manager confirmed that there are plenty of green and yellow decorations in stock and not much else is needed, other than flowers. **The Events Manager will liaise with HIOWAA regarding the provision of branded decorations, promotional material and freebies for the tables.** HIOWAA is donating a visit to their current base in Thruxton and to their new base in Southampton as raffle prizes. The ABBA tribute band will be located in the Hudleston Bar, band-only tickets may be offered at a reduced price once the party is fully booked. The raffle will be opened up in advance so those not attending may purchase tickets. HIOWAA are giving a talk on the evening of Thursday 24th July, followed by an optional supper.

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43/25 Past Events

- 18th April, SW Shingles YC Lunch – 89 attendees
- 18th April, Good Friday Moules Night – 55, great feedback
- 19th April, Boat Jumble & Lifejacket Clinic – quite a few tables, clinic worked well, david Temple raised a lot for Parkinsons UK.
- 20th April, Easter Sunday Lunch – 76
- 23rd April, Gents' Lunch – 40
- 26th April, Hallberg-Rassy Dinner – 65
- 2nd May, Wedding – 74, very successful. Good happy hour on the lawn and in the Hudleston Bar which was therefore replicated the next week as the weather remained good and there were sufficient bar staff. Stuart & Hugo were thanked for their efforts holding the fort so well in the Hudleston Bar on a very busy evening.
- 3rd May, Open Day – 6 prospective members as a result, although more membership enquiries have been received since. Lower footfall than last year, probably due to the financial climate.
- 3rd May, Port Solent Dinner – 38
- 8th May, Probus Lunch – 33 in total for lunch
- 8th May, VE Day Cake Sale & Afternoon Tea – successful event, raised £460, with the leftover cake sold at happy hour the next evening.
- 9th May, Shustoke SC Dinner – 31
- 10th May, Royal Motor YC Dinner – 84, thoroughly enjoyed it & rebooked for next year
- 14th May, BCM Talk & Lunch – 10
- 14th May, Solent Shrimpers joined sailing supper – 18
- 15th May, Royal Southern YC Dinner – 22

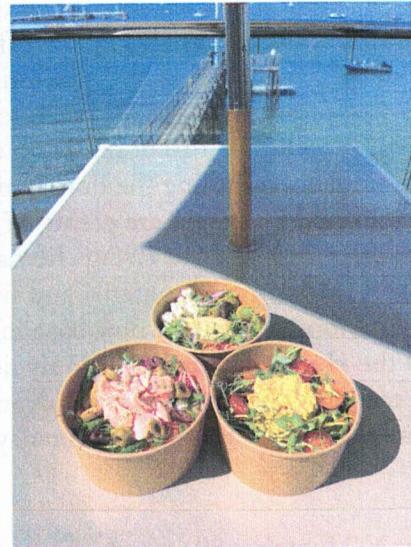
- 16th – 18th June, Contessa Regatta – 50 for the Friday supper, 92 for Saturday supper, pizza van on Sunday worked well and the Club had 44 bookings for roast lunch.
- 22nd May, BBQ – 25
- 22nd May, Ferry Captains' Race & Dinner – 26, very successful and a good means to maintain and strengthen good relations with Wightlink.

44/25 Upcoming Events

- 30th May, Evening for Recently Joined Members
- 7th June, Round the Island Breakfast
- 17th June, Malcolm Harrison's Wake

45/25 Catering & Bar Points

- Salad bowls – the Head Chef came up with an idea for salad bowls and has sourced takeaway bowls and created 3 sample salads for the House Committee to view (Chicken Tikka, Mediterranean and Poached Salmon Nicoise – shown below right), which were very well received. The price point is tbc, but will hopefully be under £10. Takeaway regulations need to be adhered to if they are being taken off site. **The Events Manager is planning to create labels in house similar to those RCH photographed in South Africa (below left):**



- Seafood platter & glass of fizz – will be organised for the Summer
- RCH felt that the kitchen team should be congratulated, particularly for achieving another 5 star hygiene rating and also in terms of accommodating last minute walk-ins for lunch or dinner.
- There was a request for more fillet steak on the summer menus, it was noted that the Head Chef is happy to provide this to members with advanced notice.

46/25 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 19th June 2025 at 1400 hours.

John Pearce