

**MINUTES OF A ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2025 AT 1600 HOURS**

Present:

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

Apologies: None

In Attendance:

Lucy Case, Events Manager
Claire Hallett, Secretary

1/25 Apologies As listed above.

2/25 Approval of 21st November 2024 Minutes The minutes were approved as a true record.

3/25 Matter Arising from Minutes

Nomination for RCH. Susie has stepped forward to stand for the position of Rear Commodore House as John is standing for the position of Commodore. Susie has approached Jules Wood, who now leads the Gentlemen's Lunches, to join the House Committee as he is proactive and enthusiastic.

Dog Trial. It was agreed that the trial of allowing dogs in the Hudleston Bar had gone well and it should be recommended to the GC that the bye-law B10 is updated accordingly, to include the restrictions that applied to the trial. All present agreed that whilst assistance and guide dogs are permitted anywhere in the Club, therapy dogs should still be restricted to the Hudleston Bar.

Clare Spragge Talk. Caroline will approach Clare about a talk on her career as a film costumier for the autumn Ladies' Lunch in October/November.

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4/25 Points from Rear Commodore House

Summer Champagne Taittinger Charity Ball. It was noted that John and RCS will be away due to the Fastnet Race, but unfortunately there's no alternative date. The maximum attendance would be 160, with welcome drinks and live music in the Hudleston Bar/lawn and both bars open. Janetta Anderson's brother Nigel is booked to play saxophone during the welcome drinks in exchange for two tickets and travel expenses. A 4 piece ABBA tribute band has also been booked at a fee of £1,200. The Club's nominated charity this year is the Hampshire IOW Air Ambulance and its project to build a new base closer to the Island at Southampton airport, they could be approached to send representatives to attend the event and help with the raffle and fundraising and to supply a goody bag. The ticket price needs to be established to take into account the cost of a 3 course meal and cheese/coffee station (or a brie on each table), the cost of chair and glasses hire, the cost of decorations and entertainment – potentially including a magician or illusionist. A photo area with a backdrop was felt to be a good idea.

1. Secretary to liaise with Simon at Hatch Mansfield regarding their involvement,
2. Events Manager & Secretary to look at all costs and ticket price.
3. Secretary to approach Air Ambulance
4. HC Member to contact local press (IWCP, IW Observer, Style magazine) regarding a free photographer and press coverage for the event.
5. HC member to look into an illusionist or magician.

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Please can we have volunteers for points 4 & 5.

May Bank Holiday Weekend. The Events Manager advised that a Commodore's Party had been scheduled for Saturday 24th May, but John will be unable to attend. A lunch booking for 40-60 people has been received so it is proposed to take this on the 24th and schedule a reasonably priced Members' Summer BBQ on Sunday 25th May in lieu of a Sunday Roast. All present agreed with this suggestion.

Fastnet Race. In the last staff meeting, it had been suggested that a brunch is held on the departure day of the Fastnet Race on Saturday 26th July, all present were in agreement.

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5/25 Past Events

NOVEMBER

- Thursday 21st – Wine Society, Wine Therapy, Tapas Evening - 43 in attendance
- Saturday 23rd – XOD Dinner, 46 in attendance
- Thursday 28th – Dabchicks Dinner, 17 in attendance
- Friday 29th – Sunday 1st – Robin McInnes Picture Sale
- Saturday 30th – Après Ski, CANCELLED due to low numbers

DECEMBER

- Tuesday 3rd, Dunlin Boys Christmas Lunch, 37 in attendance
- Wednesday 4th – First Wednesday, CANCELLED due to Members wake
- Thursday 5th – RNLI Christmas Fair
- Thursday 5th – Scrabble, 8 in attendance
- Friday 6th – West Wight Floral Arts Society Dinner, 36 in attendance
- **Saturday 7th – Helpers Drinks, 70**
- Sunday 8th – Waterfront Christmas Party, 31 in attendance
- **Tuesday 10th – Needles Relief Anniversary Lunch, 55 in attendance**
- **Wednesday 11th – Senior Citizens Xmas Lunch, 48 in attendance**
- Thursday 12th – Probus Christmas Lunch, 10 in attendance
- Thursday 12th – Marlow Wake, 40 in attendance
- **Thursday 12th – Wine Society Christmas Party, 47 in attendance**
- Friday 13th – Gent's Lunch, 34 in attendance
- **Saturday 14th – Needles Relief Lunch, 79 in attendance**
- **Sunday 15th – Commodore's Xmas Party, 83 in attendance**
- **Friday 20th – Carols at the Club, 68 in attendance**
- Saturday 21st – Lusted Christening Lunch, 21 in attendance
- Saturday 21st – RNLI Christmas Dinner, 31 in attendance
- **Tuesday 24th – Christmas Eve Brunch, 75 in attendance**
- **Tuesday 31st – New Year's Eve Brunch, 55 in attendance**

JANUARY

- Thursday 23rd – Film Night “The Miracle Club”, 13 in attendance
- Saturday 25th – Burns Night Dinner, 28 in attendance.

6/25 Upcoming Events

JANUARY

- Friday 31st – John Doerr Talk & Supper – 18:30 start

FEBRUARY

- Wednesday 5th – First Wednesday Talk. A talk by Alan Jenkins entitled “RADAR: Bats, Bulbs, Birds Nests and Lancaster Bombers”
- Thursday 6th – Scrabble & Backgammon
- Friday 8th – Murder Mystery Night, 50 signed up
- Thursday 13th – Film Night “Joy – The Birth of IVF”
- Friday 14th – Gentlemen's Lunch
- Thursday 20th – Wine Society - A talk & tasting by Stuart Porter of Corney and Barrow. Traditional Wine Merchants with offices in London, Scotland, Hong Kong and Singapore entitled “Wines of the Americas”
- Wednesday 26th – Ladies' Lunch. Caroline suggested Salmon en Croute as the main course as it was delicious at the RNLI Crew Dinner.

- All agreed that Burns Night should be given a break for a while as it is decreasing in popularity.
- Following the success of the last Jazz event, the Events Manager suggested an afternoon of jazz for Saturday 29th November, which all felt would work well with an Afternoon Tea.
- It was also suggested by Susie that strawberries and cream could be on offer during Wimbledon.

7/25 Catering & Bar Points

- The Head Chef had prepared a Friday evening special for tonight's happy hour of Homemade Chicken Tikka with Naan Bread & Curry Sauce for £8, so it is hoped this proves popular.
- Extra sides are back on offer alongside the usual Sunday Roast menu.
- There will be a Chinese themed winter warmer offer menu next week as it's Chinese New Year.
- Catherine enquired whether an English sparkling wine could be added to the wine list.
- A request had come in from John Veal to show rugby on a TV in the main bar.

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8/25 Any additional points

Labelling Dispensers. It was suggested that labels should be added to the hand cream and soap in the cloakrooms as it is difficult to differentiate between the dispensers.

Film Subtitles. Helen suggested that the staff ask for a show of hands before the film to see if attendees

require subtitles turned on.

Overdrawn Payment Cards. Helen asked whether members could be contacted when they are overdrawn on their payment card accounts. A present the staff will discretely advise members that they are overdrawn when they come to pay at the till, usually by giving them an overturned receipt. The Secretary explained that it's a very manual process to contact each member who is overdrawn and current staffing doesn't always allow for this.

9/25 Points for Next Meeting

- Summer Champagne Taittinger Charity Ball

10/25 Date of Next Meeting: Friday 21st February at 1600 hours.

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