

MINUTES OF A ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB HOUSE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER 2025 AT 1130 HOURS

Present:

Susie Breare, Rear Commodore House
Catherine Holmes
Helen Le Gassicke
Caroline Norris

Apologies:

Jules Wood

In Attendance:

Lucy Case, Events Manager
Claire Hallett, Secretary

74/25 Apologies As listed above.

75/25 Approval of 18th September 2025 Minutes The Minutes were approved as a true record.

76/25 Matter Arising from Minutes None.

77/25 Points from Rear Commodore House

Christmas Bingo. Scheduled to take place on Friday 5th December as the last fund-raising event this year for the Hampshire IOW Air Ambulance. The Club Secretary had secured two Gallagher Premiership Rugby tickets from the Club's insurers as the main prize, together with a bottle of wine and chocolates as other prizes. There was a suggestion by the Club Secretary for an Australian themed 'Dingo Bingo' next Spring! [The Events Manager will approach Anthony Davies to be the caller again.](#)
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Ladies' Lunches. Caroline Blest and Rosemary Luck are confirmed as speakers for next year's Ladies' Lunches. Sir Nicholas Francis and Claire Spragge are other possibilities.

7th March Event. Following the last meeting, the Events Manager looked at costs for a Casino Night and shared these with the House Committee:

Shuffles events offer different packages for the casino, please see below:

Queen Package – 1 blackjack and 1 roulette, 3 croupiers, champagne prize, suitable for up to 75 guests - £445.

King Package – 2 blackjack and 1 roulette, 4 croupiers, champagne prize, suitable for up to 125 guests - £545.

The Queen Package works out at £5.93 per person and the King Package works out at £4.36 per person based on all 75 or 125 places being filled. We could either turn it into a themed Bond type evening with meal or simply offer a set menu and informal casino.

It was felt by those present that it should be a smart casual dress code rather than black tie, as this would be more popular. [The menu is to be confirmed, but in the meantime the event should be promoted as a save the date with a 'Monte Carlo or Bust' vibe.](#) **EM**

New Year's Eve Party.

- 100 places @ £50 a head
- Wight Hot Pipes (£1k)
- Touch of Tartan dress code & Hogmanay theme
- Two Course Finger Buffet
- Band to play in Members' Loung & Dining Room
- Food to be available in Solent Room & Bar
- £30 for food, £10 for band & decorations, the remainder for welcome drink & small profit.

Summer Party.

[Lucy to contact Honky-Tonk Highway re cost and availability on 8th August.](#) **EM**

It was suggested the menu could feature chili dogs, jacket potatoes and fried chicken.

150th Anniversary. RCH plans to create a sub-committee next year to look at dates in 2028 for anniversary events. The Events Manager has suggested an RSYC Proms as the main event, with a formal black-tie dinner followed by a concert at The Towers, provided of course that John Caulcutt agrees to this.

Christmas Draw Squares. It was decided that Christmas Draw Squares should be re-introduced at the Commodore's Christmas Lunch as they were popular. The price will be £3 per square or 4 for £10, with squares on sale in the bar. Winners will choose randomly from a pile of wrapped presents. Helen had brought in a number of presents to offer to the draw and other committee members also offered to donate wrapped prizes.

78/25 Past Events

- 20th Sept – Red Squirrel Ball – 160 attendees
- 24th Sept – WER Prizegiving Dinner – 79 attendees
- 27th Sept – RSYC Clay Shoot Lunch – 30 attendees
- 30th Sept – Private Lunch – 22 attendees
- 1st Oct – First Wednesday Talk – 33 lunches
- 2nd Oct – Scrabble & Backgammon – 10 attendees
- 3rd Oct – Gents' Lunch – 30 attendees
- 4th Oct – RAFYC Dinner – numbers down from 45 to 16 due to bad weather
- 9th Oct – Film Night – The Good Liar – 35 attendees
- 10th Oct RNLI Fundraising Supper, Quiz & Raffle – 62 attendees & £698 raised.
- 11th Oct – Keyhaven & Lymington Town SC Dinner – 41 attendees
- 14th Oct – Spence Wake – 100 attendees
- 16th Oct – Wessex Heartbeat Quiz & Supper – 61 attendees
- 18th Oct – Little Ship Club Dinner – 61 attendees
- 21st Oct – Dunlin Lunch – 23 attendees
- 22nd Oct – Bridge Lunch – 25 attendees
- 23rd Oct – Wine Society – 48 attendees
- 24th Oct – Dallison Wake
- 25th Oct – Private Dinner – 28 attendees

79/25 Upcoming Events

- 28th Oct – Tuesday Afternoon Classic 'Casa Blanca'
- 5th Nov – First Weds Talk – high numbers.
- 5th Nov – Fireworks Night – supper fully booked at 101.
- 8th Nov – Laying Up Dinner (currently at 60+)
- 12th Nov – End of Season Cruising Lunch
- 14th Nov – Recently Joined Members' Evening
- 18th Nov – Ladies' Lunch
- 20th Nov – Wine Society

80/25 Catering & Bar Points

- RCH said that she has only heard positive comments about the food and service.
- The Club Secretary mentioned that Dave has joined the bar team and has settled in well and Kelsie has joined the waiting team for a couple of shifts a week in between her studies.

81/25 AOB

- RCH asked whether those present would be happy for Mrs Jane Roberts to join the House Committee? Jane is a keen, pro-active and moving down to the Island full time soon. All present agreed with the suggestion.

82/25 Date of Next Meeting: 11:30am on Thursday 20th November

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