

**ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB**  
**SAILING COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of a Meeting held at 0930 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Present:**

Nick Bradley, Rear Commodore Sailing (Chair)  
Mark Lacey  
Nick Measor  
David Fox

John Poyner, Commodore  
Jeremy Willcock  
Stephen Carson  
Bob Lombardelli

**In attendance:**

Jojo Minchin  
Tom Blackburn

**88/25 Apologies**

Katie Davies, David Porter

**89/25 Approval Minutes 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

All approved, signed by NB.

**90/25 Matters Arising**

BOTS: CRO has now spoken with MAH who confirms his sponsorship for 2026.

SOLENT RIB: At the last SC meeting it was agreed that Solent RIB wouldn't be in attendance during the Sunday Series. Post meeting, after discussion, it was agreed that Solent RIB should be available and ready for service. To be noted, Solent RIB has helped at several incidents; a yacht hitting Yarmouth Pier, a yacht beaching in Bouldnor Bay, a solo sailor having a problem and needing to retire from the race. In addition, there is a lot of communication between the Boatmen and the Race Officers on the Balcony which is helpful to the Race Committee.

It was unanimously agreed that Solent RIB will continue to be in attendance for racing.

MOORINGS: re TBs idea about moving A trot to the end of B trot.

NB has investigated the Crown Estate paperwork and doesn't consider there to be an issue.

At GC, Hamish Fletcher raised the question re the MCZ which was implemented in 2018.

NB is checking the position of the MCZ to ensure that the Club will not lose its rights to maintain moorings on A trot if it removes them. File obtained from Anne Kyle.

To counter any potential issue, it was suggested we leave behind the two marker buoys marking the two ends of A trot. TB

**91/25 CRO Report**

Winter Series scoring; a few years ago when there were more Folkboats, after each Winter Series race the handicaps were amended to match the highest Folkboat handicap. CRO proposes that the winner on the first race becomes the handicap for subsequent races. Race Management

It was proposed that Class 1&2 reset to base handicaps for 2026 Spring Series, WER and Winter Series (Boxing Day rolls on from Winter Series handicaps), ie keep the handicap system (NHC) and revert to base at the start of every series. This was unanimously agreed. BL will put this to the forthcoming Class 1/2 AGM. JM BL

Dates now available for Race Officer training, Rod Angel's radar talk and John Doerr's quiz. These will be shared with the membership as soon as possible.

CRO TB and JM to attend the RYA Conference in November.

#### **92/25 Class Captains**

##### XOD

ML: XOD Association have given us a Cup to race for on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026 which is now in the Sailing Calendar. XODs will have a Youth Trophy to be raced over an August weekend with two races on Saturday and one on Sunday, restarting this after 8 years. ML requested some funds from the Millennium Fund for prizes, ML to do a paper for NB and JP to discuss at F&A meeting. **ML** Further to previous mention of a Navy Association showing interest in doing some XOD racing, similar to the Wightlink Ferry Captains' Cup, but there has since been radio silence.

14 XODs were out this year, Sarah Turvill has offered *SPRAY* for anyone to sail regularly in 2026. XOD AGM is at RLYM next Saturday.

TB: confirmed 7 trots will be available on B trot (there were 4 this year) but they will be closer together than this year which were spread out to keep the footprint.

NB suggested a piece entitled "More opportunities for Youth Sailing" in the next Sailing News.

##### YOD:

SC: Six YODs now in South Sheds with one more to come. *TYRRICK* is occupying the eighth shed. Everyone delighted with the sheds with some members working on their boats. The lighting works well and it was agreed the boats look beautiful in there. SC mentioned the electric light switches have tiny labels giving clear instructions on how to use, as they are potentially quite easy to damage. *MAGNOLIA* is also available for anyone to use next summer.

YOD Class dinner is this Saturday.

##### Folkboats

DAF: thanked the RSYC for the Charles Stanley Discretionary Award at the Laying Up Dinner which was given to thank DAF and TF for their exceptional contribution to Folkboat Week.

Potentially ten RLYM Folkboats will join Sunset Series next summer.

Cowes Week have offered the Folkboat Association a start, 12-15 are interested. DAF not worried about it affecting Folkboat Week as Cowes Week will probably be one-off for the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Folkboat Week 2026 programme is settled.

The inter-club events between RLYM and RSYC fit in well together.

##### Dinghies

NB: no dinghy sailing at present. Regular racing set to begin for WER.

After discussion on Laser Training it was discussed about offering something during May half term or even before Christmas. JM TB KJD and Claire Backhouse to meet at the Boathouse soon to show Claire B the facilities there. **JM**

NB fed back that members have been advised three times that the Dinghy Byelaw has been amended (via Secretary's New 21<sup>st</sup> October, Sailing News 31<sup>st</sup> October and direct email to all dinghy owners 4<sup>th</sup> November). The latter two wrote Byelaw 15 states dinghies be removed for a fortnight in January to allow maintenance of the dinghy park. Further communications to follow. **JM NB**

On 5th November, RSYC member George Newman, 14, flew to Bermuda to participate in the 2025 Bermuda Optimist Open National Championship at the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club. Racing is on November 8, 9 & 11 with a maximum of 11 races scheduled. George will be racing with RSYC on his sail as the Millennium Fund contributed towards a new optimist sail.

### Class 1&2 Cruiser Racers

BL: Good turnout for the Winter Series 1, further discussion on NHC handicap and agreed that the handicaps will return to base for the start of 2026.

### Cruising

DP: End of Season Cruising Lunch is this week, David and Eileen will be thanked for their huge contribution to the Cruising Group 2021-2025. Final Out to Lunch is at Royal Victoria Yacht Club on 26<sup>th</sup> November which is Island based to enable people to drive if weather is bad.

### Club Boats:

TB has been working on a boat budget is being put together this week ahead of a Budget meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> November.

### **93/25 Winter Series**

Good courses, nice weather, good race management, well attended.

### **94/25**

Sailing Calendar is nearly there, meeting with Class 1&2 after SC meeting.

### **95/25 AOB**

BL: HE has been removed for maintenance.

JP: raised concerns that Taittinger is the week before Cowes Week 2026. NM informed similar will happen in 2030, Taittinger must happen over a neaps weekend so we are guided by the tide times.

JP: Royal Naval Volunteer Club wish to attend a lunch at RSYC next year, no sailing involved.

NB: confirmed the YOD / XOD sailing separately would be trialled at Sunset Series 2026.

NB: Taittinger meeting recently covered three topics:

1) Internet was slow at RSYC which impeded the results system. RSYC looking at how to update the system for the Taittinger weekend with Tony Sceales' help.

2) Pricing for Taittinger and Contessa 2026 were discussed and proposed that the prices will be 4% increase in line with inflation.

2) Re "TracTrac" a tracking app. RSYC is investigating using a digital tracking system on the fleets to help Race Officers with the starts and finishes and potentially with results.

**NB to speak with ILCA management**

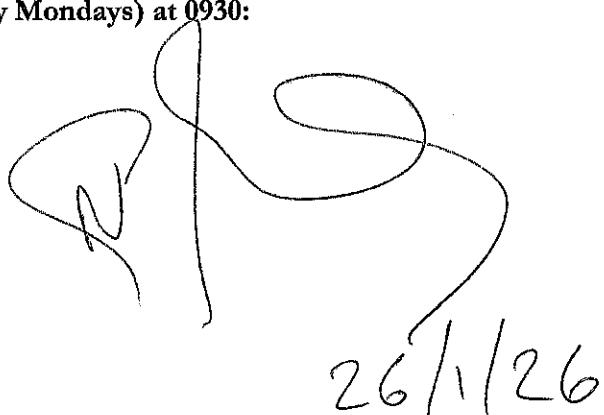
Confirmed we are investigating having a St John's Ambulance on site through Taittinger Regatta.

JP enquired about holding a life jacket clinic here at RSYC.

**BL to book a date**

### **96/25 Date of 2026 meetings (mostly Mondays) at 0930:**

- 26<sup>th</sup> January
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March
- 20<sup>th</sup> April
- Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June
- July TBC
- No meeting in August
- 21<sup>st</sup> September
- 19<sup>th</sup> October
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. J. 26/11/26', is written over a stylized, abstract drawing of a figure. The figure has a large, bulbous head, a long neck, and a body with flowing lines. The date '26/11/26' is written in a cursive hand at the bottom right of the drawing.