

MINUTES OF ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING 0930 Monday 11th March 2024

Present:

In the Chair; Nick Bradley, Rear Commodore Sailing
Jeremy Willcock, Chief Race Officer
Nick Measor
David Porter
Mark Lacey

Martyn Collinson, Commodore
Bob Lombardelli
David Fox
Katie Davies
Mark Hall (on zoom)

In attendance:

Jojo Minchin, Sailing Secretary, Tom Blackburn, Head Boatman

08/24 Apologies.

Graham Fell, Alan Hans Hamilton

09/24 Approval Minutes 12th February 2024

The Minutes were approved as a true record and signed by NB.

03/24 Matters Arising.

IW Youth Championship PL insurance has been agreed with all participating Clubs to be £5 million. Claire contacted Ben Bennett at AJG insurers regarding David Porter's query re 'Duty of Care' after racing has finished, their response was that it is a concern faced by many Clubs, and that so long as RSYC makes it clear to skippers what is/isn't official Club 'organised' activity, then it would be unreasonable to hold the Club liable if an incident/loss occurred pre or post-event. Skippers can then take part in activities (as they do when sailing recreationally) at their own risk. NB added that the primary obligation of seamanship to go to the aid of any vessel in distress always applied in any event. KJD raised the issue in the Sailing Instructions about ensuring the Finish Time for all races is made clear; discussion to be continued with Race Management and John Doerr

Race Management/JD

04/24 CRO Report

Exclusion zone has been removed, NB has emailed David Mildon
Sailing Instructions are now shared and online.

Protest Training Workshop was led by John Doerr with Nick Bradley, Rudi Fortson, Richard & Cordelia Ellis, with JDW and JM in attendance. All very positive with a follow up session planned for the autumn.

Race Officer training sessions went well and were well attended.

Pre-season Re-familiarisation session, prior to Spring Season starting, was informative and appreciated by sailors. Discussion followed on how critical it is to display the red flag should a boat wish to protest.

John Doerr had also covered how attitude towards bad language has hardened (ruled 69).

Contessa 26 Association are funding the sponsorship of racing mark No 5 and it now has a sticker "Jeremy Rogers Contessa". JDW has a keen new buoy sponsor for 2025 should a vacancy arise.

05/24 Class Captains

XOD

ML; all XOD owners are aware it is six weeks until the first Wednesday Evening Racing.
ML shared an XOD newsletter last week. Eleven members are travelling to Royal Anglesey Yacht Club over the w/e of 18th May to participate in Team Racing, as organised by Dominic Breen-Turner.

XOD Association has a Youth Bursary Trust who are open to paying for entries and moorings during Cowes Classic and/or Cowes Week. James Meaning is willing to loan his XOD *Vexilla* for these events.

The XOD load cell has gone missing, last seen 3 years ago, it was suggested ML asked Nick Wittle.

Holding a Dog Show on RSYC land has been vetoed by the House Committee, John Caulcutt has offered The Towers Gardens; 1400 Sunday 25th August 2024. RSYC Members only. DAF offered to source a judge **DAF**

YOD

AHH phoned through a report; twenty YOD members met recently for their monthly dinner at RSYC. Another one is planned this month, they are proving popular and enjoyable. YOD are sponsoring racing mark #7 and TB has arranged a sticker with the YOD logo and words "In memory of Adam Harding-Domeney".

Folkboats

MAH; The AGM is in Lymington at 1100 this Saturday. DAF will be present as Captain of the Folkboat Fleet. Yarmouth Folkboat Division AGM is at RSYC Saturday 23rd March followed by dinner and prize giving. Spring Series began on 10th March but no Folkboats are launched yet.

Lasers & Dinghy Sailing

NB; an Aero will be joining the Laser fleet being sailed by Bruce Mayo. NB is keen to get the dinghy sailors together to make plans for 2024, and whether there is enough interest to race on Sunday **NB** DP enquired whether it is possible for dinghies to carry VHF Radios, NB and others felt it would be impractical to do this, and unnecessary for races held in Bouldnor Bay with support boats in the vicinity.

Class 1&2

BL: Four boats currently committing to participate in Spring Series, BL to spread the word.

AGM & Prize Giving was on Saturday 17th February 2024, well attended

BL plans to send out a Newsletter along with the AGM Minutes

BL & JM

Cruising Group

DP; there was a successful Out To Lunch at LTSC last week which was well attended, and greatly helped by Brian Crawford taking over members in *Brainwave*.

Schedule of Cruises planned so far:

Thursday 11th April ~ Gins Farm, Beaulieu where DP keen to invite along the XODs

Thursday 9th May ~ Royal Victoria Yacht Club in Fishbourne (reachable by car)

Tuesday 11th June ~ RORC in Cowes (the former Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, reachable by car)

Sunday 16th June ~ Newtown Spit Summer B.B.Q. with a huge communal BBQ. Late afternoon or early evening event with H.W. Yarmouth 2011

Tuesday 23rd July ~ Master Builder, Buckler's Hard, Beaulieu

Thursday 19th Sept ~ Royal London Yacht Club

October tbc ~ Rising Sun, Warsash/RVYC/Lymington Yacht Haven; also DP is hoping to have an overnight trip to Bembridge, via dinner and overnight at Royal Victoria YC. **DP**

February's Start of Cruising Lunch Illustrated Talk by JM on her expeditions to Antarctica and South Georgia was well attended, DP has booked JM for another talk in February 2025.

Club Boats

TB; *Solent RIB* is launched and ready, TB will fit a depth sounder before the season starts.

All racing marks are now repainted, new stickers, and in place.

Dinghy racing marks will go in next month, as will the tetradock pontoon off the RSYC jetty, TB will replace the wearing blocks which are very worn.

Countdown has had her pre-season service, River Yar engineer is aware of an oil leak.

Marksmen has had a major overhaul, including work on the bilge pump fuel gauge; TB has reassembled the jet unit, needs to swap the cutlass bearing and put back together. The engine is being put in on Monday. TB plans to raise the water line by around 2 inches. Aiming to launch in early April so that extensive sea trials can be conducted.

07/24 AOB

KJD asked the timings for King's Coronation Cup be checked as the SIs show XOD, YOD and Folkboats all starting at the same time. Also check the class flags.

BL fed back the positive comments from Class 1&2 re longer passage-type races.

NB reminded those present about Arthur Farley's presentation on Friday 19th April, an island-based potential Olympian who is on a fund-raising campaign.

Date of next 2024 meetings 0930 Mondays:

15th April, 13th May, 10th June, 22nd July, 2nd September, 30th September, 28th October, 25th November.