

**MINUTES OF ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**0930 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Present:**

In the Chair; Nick Bradley, Rear Commodore Sailing  
Martyn Collinson, Commodore  
Bob Lombardelli  
Nick Measor  
David Fox  
David Porter  
Katie Davies  
Mark Lacey  
Alan Hans Hamilton  
Mark Hall (on zoom)

**In attendance:**

Jojo Minchin, Sailing Secretary  
Tom Blackburn, Head Boatman

**01/24 Apologies.**

Graham Fell  
Jeremy Willcock, Chief Race Officer

**02/24 Approval 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Minutes.**

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

**03/24 Matters Arising.**

None

**04/24 CRO Report**

John Doerr has been assisting Race Management with the updating of RSYC Sailing Instructions, they will be distributed before the start of Spring Series.

In July the new Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 will be published; John Doerr has offered to assist with the writing of RSYC SIs 2025 in a more modern template.

It is proposed that the exclusion zone be removed as it is difficult to manage in certain conditions.

It was discussed whether the Blue Sail Marine sponsored buoy at the end of B trots, could be used as a racing mark, but agreed this might lead to confusion and bring racing boats close to moored boats on the trots.

Separating Laser Sunset from Keelboat Sunset has been reverted back to be on the same week 12-15 August.  
NB confirmed there will be no charge to sailors for regular racing, charging will only happen with special events such as the Turkey Cup, Centenary Chase, Ancient Mariners etc

PL Insurance for the IW Youth Championship in October 2024 has been decreased to £3million because Gurnard SC contacted their insurers who confirmed it was 'adequate'. However, it was felt that £5million is more appropriate so RSYC will insist on this for the IW Youth Championship in 2025

**JM**

**05/24 Class Captains**

**XOD**

ML; all XODs being refitted, no new boats on the Yarmouth scene this year.

ML and James Lord have purchased *Annabelle* X111 and will keep her at Cowes Corinthian YC to race on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

ML has invited the 6 Cowes XODs to join the Yarmouth XODs for the GINS Passage Race.

ML spoke with CH about a fund raising event on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August; a fun friendly Dog Show with entry fees going to good causes. Early days and ML will report back with progress.

**ML**

XODs and YODs have been in discussion and agreed to reset handicaps when racing in Class 3.

**JM**

## YOD

AHH reported the very sad news that the owner of YOD 4 *Anthea* Adam Harding-Domeney passed away very swiftly before Christmas. His Funeral was very well-supported and his Wake was held at RSYC where friends raised £300 for Parkinsons and Sea Scouts. Further funds are being raised by selling Adam's Raspberry Vodka at £10 per shot for the same causes.

YOD Prize Giving and Annual Dinner at the end of November was well supported.

At the recent YOD AGM, the following were re-appointed; Graham Fell Captain, Alan Hans Hamilton Sailing Representative, Colin Finney Treasurer, Jennie Beaver Hon Secretary.

AHH confirmed that the YODs had all agreed to reset handicaps for Class3 racing.

7 of 9 boats plan to be afloat this year. The owner of *Magnolia* lives in the USA and is happy for someone else to sail her, AHH was unsure of Al Sheward's plans for *Francesca*.

## Folkboats

MAH; Three Folkboats (*Svane*, *Bossa Nova*, *Raei*) sailed with the Class 1&2 in Winter Series.

*Bossa Nova* did well with her results in 2023.

Discussion on handicaps will be held at the Folkboat AGM which will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024, followed by dinner & prize giving.

There are no new Folkboats joining the Yarmouth Division and it was confirmed that *Ajax* has now been sold and moving to the east coast.

MAH discussed how to manage the occasions when Winter Series 1030 start time interferes with the 1030 Wightlink departure. Options are 1) amend the Sailing Instructions allowing flexibility, 2) bring the race forward to 1000 (potentially difficult for boats coming through the bridge) or 3) encourage Race Officers to use the AP until the ferry has left. Nick Bradley to consider adding a flexibility line in the SIs but it was generally felt AP would be sufficient.

**NB**

## Lasers & Dinghy Sailing

NB; there were some new sailors in 2023 including Bruce Mayo sailing his Aero who is keen to join Wednesdays. If enough sailors show interest, Sunday racing could also restart.

DP questioned when the 'RSYC Duty of Care' finishes after Wednesday Evening Racing regarding providing RIB cover as sometimes the dinghy sailors go off for a 'jolly'. It was agreed the Duty of Care finishes when the racing ends. However;

Need to check wording in the Risk Assessment in the RSYC SIs.

**JM**

Check with the RYA where RSYC responsibility lies

**JM**

Check RSYC Insurance

**JM**

## Class 1&2

BL: 4-6 boats raced in the Winter Series.

Contessa 28s did well in 2023.

AGM & Prize Giving is Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

## Cruising Group

DP: the Start of Cruising Lunch is planned for 29<sup>th</sup> February and will be preceded by an illustrated talk by Jojo Minchin on her two sailing expeditions to Antarctica and South Georgia.

Out to Lunches planned so far:

7<sup>th</sup> March Lymington Town Sailing Club

9<sup>th</sup> May Royal Victoria Yacht Club

11<sup>th</sup> June RORC Cowes

16<sup>th</sup> June BBQ Newtown beach

TBC Sept Royal London Yacht Club

DP working on July, August and October, and would like to do something at Buckler's Hard.

## Club Boats

TB: all three boats are out the water at River Yar boatyard; *Solent RIB* is being rewired, and will be relaunched in time for Spring Series 10<sup>th</sup> March. *Countdown* is stable for a few more years, TB to refit and check VHF. *Marksman* is having a full refurbishment of the corroded jet unit. The jet engine is out and being serviced, TB is rewiring.

Racing marks being repainted, re-antifouled, and TB is replacing all logos/stickers.

Antifoul is changing from red to black/blue on the race marks and boats.

LTSC are not replacing #5 so TB is negotiating RSYC taking over #5.

There have been some changes to the racing mark sponsors, 2024 sponsors are as follows,

No 2	Charles Stanley
No 3	Yarmouth Folkboats
No 4	NOW (Gareth Davies)
No 5	In discussion with LTSC about taking this over, no sponsor as yet
No 7	YODs in memory of Adam Harding-Domeney
No 8	Harwoods
No 9	River Yar Boatyard & Wight Marine
No 11	Delphie Lakeman Memorial Trust
No 14	Yarmouth XODs
#	Towers
RSYC trots	Blue Sail Marine (marking the eastern end of B trot)

#### **06/24 Tetrablock Update**

NB fed back that the proposal to install tetrablocks at the end of the RSYC jetty is on hold at present.

#### **07/24 AOB**

It was confirmed that Class 1&2 will not be renewing their VPRS certificates and will run with the NHC handicaps for 2024, carrying them forward from the end of 2023.

Discussion on YTC rating system, (run through RORC/RYA), wont be used in 2024 for Class 1&2.

NB confirmed that the RSYC racing follows the rule that one boat constitutes a race including at WER. AHH – YOD class rules stipulate that two boats are required to constitute a race but there is always discussion beforehand to ensure at least two boats turn up to race on each occasion.

MC reported now the priority issue of the RSYC Workshop (east shed) has been finalised, the General Committee is turning its attention to the remaining sheds located on the Club's southern boundary. In order to avoid the potential for a perceived conflict of interest, the Vice Commodore, Graham Fell, also YOD Class Captain, will step back from the working group for this phase of the project which will be led by the Commodore. The Commodore will be supported by John Poyner (RCH) & Richard Pierrepont (GC Member). They are currently consulting with groups and individuals who may wish to make an input and a briefing document is available from the Secretary for any Member who has any thoughts or recommendations they would like to make. Responses are required by the end of February.

NB formally thanked Tom Symes for all he did over two and a half years as Rear Commodore Sailing, Tom stood down recently due to personal circumstances. NB and the Sailing Committee conveyed their very best wishes to Tom and Beth at this time.

#### **Date of next meeting:**

0930 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024