

MINUTES OF ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING
0930 Monday 15th April 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
Alan Hans Hamilton

In attendance:

Jojo Minchin, Sailing Secretary, Tom Blackburn, Head Boatman

14/24 Apologies.

Graham Fell.

It was noted that Mark Hall has now stood down as Folkboat Captain, superseded by David Fox.

15/24 Approval Minutes 11th March 2024

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

16/24 Matters Arising.

None

17/24 CRO Report

Contessa Regatta entries are up to 17, a little slow but not worried yet.

BL to contact the Contessa 26 Association website designer to update with Regatta information.

It was requested to tweak the website so that it is possible to see the classes.

JM

18/24 Class Captains

XOD

ML; first XODs will be launched next week, weather permitting some should be in for first WER.

Gail Wannell has enjoyed helping out in the race box and also learning the results; Gail has expressed a wish to help on a regular basis and has offered to help in the office for the Taittinger Regatta.

Richard and Cordelia Ellis have spoken about their interest in being on the Protest Committee.

YOD

AHH; four YODs to be launched soon, seven YODs will race this year. YOD class held their monthly social which Victoria Harding-Domeney and her two daughters attended. All going well in the class.

Folkboats

DAF; four Folkboats are now in the water and nearly all have been completed their Condition of Entries.

Dinghies

NB; five dinghy sailors met recently. There was interest in racing on Sundays; discussion followed on whether Sunday racing could be made 'open' for non-members to participate in, as per WER. It was agreed to trial opening it for Dinghy class only. If membership is required in due course, perhaps the Millennium Fund could be made available should the cost be an issue. To monitor. **JM to promote**

Class 1&2

BL: season well underway with four of six Spring Series races now completed, one race left before Summer Series 1, seven boats regularly on the start line.

Cruising Group

DP; sadly Gins Farm on 11th April had to be cancelled as the Clubhouse had been flooded earlier that week. DP to check with Gins Farm later this week to see how they are faring with a view to rebooking a lunch in the late summer/early autumn; DP to feedback to XODs planning their Passage Race & lunch in June. The next Out to Lunch will be at Royal Victoria Yacht Club which is accessible by car and boat. DP is encouraging the Class 1&2 cruiser racers to join in with the Cruising Group.

Club Boats

TB; Nathan Moore the Assistant Boatman has left and interviews are taking place for his replacement.

RSYC dinghy marks are all fully refitted and now laid.

Solent RIB's hooter and flags are all sorted and on board. Depth gauge is on order and will be fitted ASAP.

The tetradock pontoon is in place off the RSYC jetty, the wearing blocks have been replaced.

Countdown will be launched this week, RYB have been working hard on her engine. Due to the rain, her topsides and interior flooring have yet to be painted, TB plans to finish once she's on her mooring, but she should be ready for Wednesday Evening Racing on 24th April.

Marksman is now launched and her sea trials are done, all working well. Her fuel and depth gauges need final checking and then she will be ready for the season.

Grant's diamond (marking the start line) swivels in the tide and wind because the bottom bracket is rotten; once the Assistant Boatman is in place TB will work on mending this which needs ideal tidal conditions.

19/24 Youth Sailing

MC is keen to encourage youth sailors to RSYC; discussion followed on how to encourage this.

IW Olympic hopeful Arthur Farley will be here on Friday giving his presentation, YSC youth sailors to be invited to attend. **JM to promote to members**

20/24 AOB

It was agreed that the donated Laser hulls may have to be passed on as they are not ideally suited to RSYC at present and taking up space. **TB**

DAF reported negative comments about the coffee machine in the Hudleston Bar and upstairs. Discussion on how to improve but it was agreed difficult without extra staffing (as per PO41 which requires staff to operate their coffee machine).

To consider having 'Man in a Van' during busy events such as Contessa Regatta, Taittinger, Dinghy Week etc. **JM / House Committee**

Taittinger Regatta to be 'soft launched' today ahead of a publicised launch on Wednesday 17th April which will include a covering email from the Regatta Chairman to the Taittinger database.

Date of next 2024 meetings 0930 Mondays:

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