

ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB

SAILING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held at 0930 Monday 21st July 2025

Present:

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

John Poyner, Commodore
David Porter
Stephen Carson
Jeremy Willcock

In attendance:

Tom Blackburn, Jojo Minchin

66/25 Apologies

Bob Lombardeli

67/25 Approval Minutes 23rd June 2025

All approved, signed by NB.

68/25 Matters Arising

TAITTINGER:

Time Stamp Pro had been purchased for Taittinger on all four iPads that were used.

On *MOON*, no one on board knew how to turn on the iPad.

DP went to collect the start sheets from black group after Sunday's second race and was told there were no start sheets for the second race.

69/25 CRO Report

A dedicated Taittinger wash up will happen soon, discussion on Committee Boats for 2026:

MOON hasn't written off helping again next year.

JDW has booked *THREE C's* for 2026

KJD is happy to offer *BEAR*.

James Charrington has indicated he may be happy to assist with *SEASPRAY*.

PURITAN is for sale.

BOTs were a great success and appreciated by the sailors.

Reducing from four to two VHF channels 77 (black) and 72 (white) was a success.

Black group courses were repeated many times on VHF, discussion on black group boat about putting the courses on WhatsApp but they were unable to do so as a) they were not admins and b) we had agreed to use VHF and course boards and specifically not WhatsApp.

70/25 Class Captains

XOD – ML: season going well, 14 XODs on the moorings, average 6-7 boats at each race.

SANDPIPER won their first race ever recently.

XOD division is trying to encourage sailors to visit each other's clubs to race in each other's series.

In other clubs, boats participating in other events are given average points, ML is going to raise this at the XOD AGM to see if there is appetite to do this at RSYC.

XODs have a Youth Race on 10th August, ML needs to find the Trophy.

YOD: SC: confusion about receiving the course on the VHF from Grants. **TB aware**
Boatsheds progressing well, JP requested a funding update ahead of next GC meeting. **SC**
Chris Saunders (Saunders Sails) visits soon to advise on sails and rig tuning.
MAGNOLIA is launched and Alex Kornman is offering her to members to sail.
CHOYD race this weekend, space available on *ANTHEA*. Meryl Clark will be on *KATINKA*.

Folkboats DAF: weekly RSYC racing isn't particularly strong.
THE OTTER and *NJORD* are doing the CSSS (Cross Solent Series) with RLYM.
Folkboat Week has 31 entered, DAF working hard on increasing numbers for the 60th anniversary.
Cruising Folkboats (non racing) need entertainment on the water. **DAF**
Christine Hartley-Webster's husband Adrian has died recently, Christine has done the 'ditti' for many years, it is hoped she will attend Folkboat Week.
Folkboat Week header board is progressing and will be ready for Folkboat Week.

Dinghies – NB: 5-6 sailors regularly at WER.
Claudia and Henry Olmi running Laser Training; 9 sailors in transitional group, 7 in intermediate.
Dinghy Week 4th – 7th August has 20+ sailors signed up. JM to promote more. **JM**
Sunset Series usually has more adults, JM to launch asap. **JM**
Discussion about offering dinghy-only racing/coaching on Mondays, details to be looked into but JP thought the Millennium Fund could be tapped into to help cover costs **JM JDW**
Island Games: Dom Breen Turner didn't compete as he's just had a son.
Bruce Mayo's grand son Olly won Laser Radial / ILCA 6.
Arthur Farley who gave a talk here last year won Laser Standard / ILCA 7.
Discussion on the state of the dinghy park; boatmen spent days removing and returning the dinghies for Taittinger. Solution required on what to do with boats that are never sailed.
DP suggested investigating By Laws. **DP/VCC**

Class 1&2 Cruiser Racers – JP: good racing this season, boats other than the Contessa 28 fleet are winning, *PIMMS* is refitted and back racing. Fleet is increasing and courses are good.
Longer races are proving popular, three now completed, fourth is over the Royal Artillery Regatta.

Cruising – DP: 1st July at Island Sailing Club, 31 members, 10 boats and 1 car, very pleasant visit but food was dull. Extremely hot during the heatwave for sailors on the return with no wind.
DP organising an "Extended Cruising Group," meeting 12+ members 1700 Friday 25th July to discuss trips with up to three night stops so people can dip in and out.
Summer BBQ is from 1700 Sunday 17th August at Oyster Bed Gardens, Newtown, DP can ferry ashore, HW 1830. The firepit is being gifted as Buddles Butt is being sold so storage is required.

Club Boats TB: all three Club boats are going well:
COUNTDOWN, Will has mastered driving her.
MARKSMAN: on-going issue with bucket control ram, a known issue with the manufacturer, and is progressively getting worse.
SOLENT RIB needs a service at River Yar at end of season, Rod Angel has worked on the aerial.
Trinity House has been in touch regarding lights on our race marks. They are all sealed units (some on warranty) and should be working but TB will check at nighttime. **DAF offered to check**
PB2 was postponed last week due to bad weather, TB suggesting moving to 6th /7th October. **TB**
Ten on waiting list for PB2 next year, TB to discuss dates for 2026 with JM and LP **TB JM LP**
TB and Will have learnt how to drive the BOTs very fluently.

71/25 AOB

Discussion on how to identify crews who race regularly on Wednesdays and are non members. Many return to RSYC more than six times (at the discretion of the RCS) and are generally encouraged but can be difficult if people abuse the system. If a crew attends a lot, Class Captains requested to speak with their boats to see whether their crew wishes to join the RSYC. **Class Captains**

2026 RSYC Sailing Instructions:

- 1) NM wishes to clarify the reference to WhatsApp throughout.
- 2) Ensure clarification of the balcony line is re-written.
- 3) Dinghy ODM from the balcony line needs to be amended from 19 to 11.

A new member sailing a Argo Topaz enquired about joining WER, after discussion, it was agreed to let them in.

TB: raised the concept of a Dinghy Cruising Division, it was agreed to assess Monday evenings for dinghy-only racing/coaching before launching a Dinghy Cruising section.

ML: raised that Royal Anglesey YC are on the IOW next year 27/28 June and XODs would like to invite them to RSYC for team racing. As it is Contessa Regatta the resources need to be carefully managed but if Grants is used, it should work well. Socials could be merged if numbers allowed.

Race Officers Party will be at the Sceales House on 13th September.

Handicap system seems to have anomalies, JM is investigating. **JM**

DAF: 11th August 1430 Sunset Series there will be a Folkboat Class meeting here at RSYC.

DAF: Southampton Boat Show 19th – 28th September

KRAKEN is due to start first week of August from Yarmouth Hailing Station to Lymington.

DAF recommended looking at Yarmouth Harbour Lifestyle Youtube for some good local footage.

JP recommended looking at Matthew Sheahan's video from Taittinger, JM will share. **JM**

DP: during the bad weather at Taittinger, some afloat helpers were brought ashore. DP asked about Risk Assessment protocol for Race Officers and their ability to be afloat. JP felt it appropriate that the SRO on the Committee Boat is responsible for their crew and whether to go to sea or not.

JP: proposing at the next GC that RSYC offers reciprocity to San Francisco YC. **JP**

As Commodore, JP has accepted many recent invitations and is proud to represent the RSYC:

Royal Southern YC International Council of Yacht Clubs was an international meeting, also the RORC Centennial Lunch. During Cowes Week, JP will attend ISC and Royal London events.

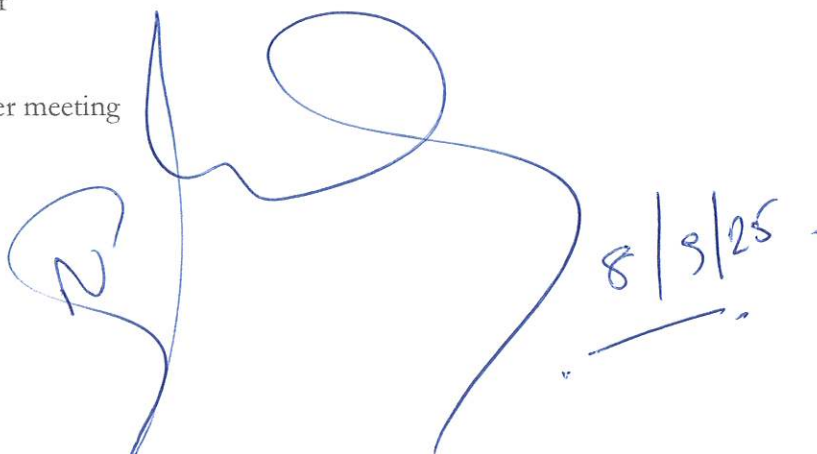
Fastnet Race begins Saturday 26th July; RSYC members Max Newman will be racing on a First 40 HORUS and Max & Nick Bradley on the Club Swan 42 CONSPIRACY.

Lifestyle Magazine has a photograph of MERAK II on the front cover.

Andrew McIrvine presented RSYC with a beautiful book of the International MAXI Association.

72/25 Date of next meetings 0930:

- No August meeting
- 8th September
- 6th October
- 10th Nov
- No December meeting



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