

MINUTES OF ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING
0930 Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Present:

In the Chair; Nick Bradley, Rear Commodore Sailing
Mark Lacey
Katie Davies
David Fox
John Poyner

Jeremy Willcock, Chief Race Officer
David Porter
Stephen Carson
Bob Lombardelli

In attendance:

Jojo Minchin, Sailing Secretary

37/25 Apologies

Tom Blackburn, RSYC Head Boatman
Nick Measor

38/25 Approval Minutes 21st March 2025;

Approved and signed by NB

39/25 Matters Arising

To be picked up during the meeting

40/25 CRO Report

Race Management Committee met on Friday, all topics are on the Agenda.

41/25 Class Captains

XOD – ML: 4 boats going in today, 13 signed up for the season. Maurice Garlick is moved to Sunday 27th April as there is a race in Lymington on Saturday that everyone wants to compete in.

YOD – SC: 6 going in today, 6 signed up for the season. Francesca, Blandina and Magnolia not sailing for the foreseeable future. All YODs go up the river today for a few days, and will be on the moorings later in the week. YOD purchasing a replacement trailer.

The first Sunday race will be a shake down, Tim Carter is on standby to take photos, SC has arranged a sail maker to be in attendance.

At the first WER race, YODs will be racing as Class 3 only, no YOD results will be scored.

Graham Fell has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the YODs regarding the sheds.

YOD class is organising a seated rock concert with curry meal on the Friday of Taittinger as a fund raiser for the sheds, this will follow the Taittinger Champagne reception £50 per person. Hoping to raise £25,000 on the night, capacity 500 guests.

Discussion on towing XODs and YODs to the RSYC moorings:

RSYC Boatmen have always been willing to assist with towing what has generally been a handful of boats to and from the moorings. ML and SC did not anticipate there would be more than usual this year. There was some concern the PB2 courses were getting in the way of the boatman doing his main job. There was strong resistance to the possibility of an extra charge.

RCS to report to the Flags meeting, if requested, that we should monitor it this year, and if it did turn out there were 19 boats to be towed out, it would need to be reviewed.

It was also suggested TB ensures the second boatman is trained to tow day boats.

TB

Folkboats – DAF: 3 sailed in the last Spring Series race. 5 Folkboats are now in, 3 more being launched within a few weeks, one is waiting for a new mast. Folkboats needs weighing over at Lymington which makes it difficult for those who wish to be weighed at Nick Wittle's boatyard, DAF sorting. Four Folkboats entered into Taittinger. A few have entered into Windward Leeward.

Dinghies – NB: on going growth in the class.

Class 1&2 Cruiser Racers – BL: Spring Series has concluded with 7-8 boats participating. *SAMPHIRE* 1st, *PIMMS* 2nd, *MERAK II* 3rd. All 7 races took place with good conditions. Cruiser Challenge is this Saturday, 4 signed up so far.

Cruising – DP: 42 members made it to Gins Farm including 8 boats. Gins were very organised, the service was quick, menu simple and everyone enjoyed it. Chef had pre-prepared all the meals on the premises and was given a round of applause at the end.

13th May Royal Victoria YC is the next Out to Lunch. New House Manager is very efficient and has produced a good menu.

DP plans to pass a RSYC 'hat' around for tips to assist future bookings.

Club Boats - all three boats are refitted and on their moorings. Dinghy marks going in tomorrow. Discussion on driving *COUNTDOWN* in and out of the harbour. First WER may be from Grants.

42/25 MarkSetBot

We have two MarkSetBots sponsored by Hall Hunter for the season, arriving any day.

JDW, Katie and Nick Measor to be trained on the app.

Full training available on WER when required.

If we need assistance eg Contessa Regatta, there will be an added cost.

Potentially have four for Dinghy Week.

Provision for more Bots in due course.

Launching needs consideration whether off the RSYC slipway or jetty.

43/25 John Doerr

Considered to go well, turn out was excellent, the event was good fun and witnesses were a helpful positive influence. The main point learned by many was to ensure the red protest flag is easily accessible during all races, at all times.

44/25 Balcony Starts

This was improved with the new large bright orange diamonds on boards, it was agreed that for the moment, there is no need to paint anything on the RSYC roof. It is be used for Winter Series too. Should Sunday Race Officers wish to use the balcony to finish, a blue flag is required.

45/25 Wednesday Evening Racing

Starts 23rd April.

46/25 Contessa Regatta

17 boats entered, a few that still haven't yet entered. BL offered to ring the Contessa 26, NB offered to ring the Contessa 32. Contessa 28s may be three this year as *PIMMS* has no skipper. **NB BL**

47/25 Taittinger Regatta

Launched last week, 68 entries since launching. Some changes in the RO rota afloat.
JDW has spoken with RNLI crew to drive the Royal Thames YC boat *GEMINI BREEZE*.
SC requested that Race Officers tell boats who finish to clear the line.

JDW

48/25 Wightlink Ferry Captains Cup 22nd May

Five skippers keen, three considering. ML asking around the XOD fleet, so far four have committed.

ML

49/25 AOB

DAF concerned about Coronation Cup time limits, DAF to speak with JDW.

DAF is keen to get Folkboat Week up and running.

DAF JM

Feed back from the Lifejacket clinic held at Saturday's Boat Jumble; 19 out of 23 lifejackets needed attention, mostly it was cartridges that had become detached and would not have made the lifejacket inflate. On many, cartridges were out of date.

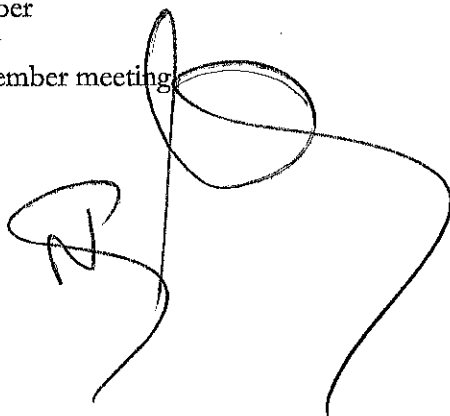
JP fed back a request from the Harbour to repeat this Lifejacket clinic during Contessa and Taittinger, however it was agreed not to advertise as there is plenty of other ashore activities to promote, also sailors will pass by the kiosks on the Quayside.

DP fed back that screw moorings are coming in at £3K per mooring plus the cost of a diver to inspect annually, NB requested a breakdown of costs.

DP

50/25 Date of next meetings 0930:

- 19th May
- 23rd June
- 21st July
- No August meeting
- 8th September
- 6th October
- 10th Nov
- No December meeting

A large, stylized handwritten signature, possibly reading 'RJ', is written over the list of meeting dates.

19/5/25.