

MINUTES OF ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING
0930 Monday 24th February 2025

Present:

In the Chair; Nick Bradley, Rear Commodore Sailing
Martyn Collinson
Katie Davies
David Fox
David Porter

Jeremy Willcock, Chief Race Officer
Mark Lacey
Alan Hans Hamilton
Bob Lombardelli

In attendance:

Jojo Minchin, Sailing Secretary
Tom Blackburn, RSYC boatman.

12/25 Apologies

Nick Measor

13/25 Approval Minutes 27th January 2025;

Approved and signed by NB

14/25 Matters Arising

To be picked up during the meeting

15/25 CRO Report

Malcolm Thorpe has offered to start a feeder race from Bembridge Harbour to Yarmouth on the Friday of Taittinger weekend. MTh is invited to the next Regatta Afloat meeting on 3rd March to discuss **JM**
Robot buoys: feedback from KJD's son who attended a conference in Cowes recently, due to the strong tides off Cowes, the batteries in the robot buoys ran out quickly and they automatically returned to their base.

16/25 Class Captains

XOD – ML: 14 XODs raced in 2024; hopefully 13 XODs will race this year ~ *Waxwing* isn't launching as Dom BT plans to race his Laser instead ahead of the Island Games (12-18 July 2025 in Orkney).

YOD – AHH: AGM to be held on Sunday 16th March. Due to ill health AHH will not be putting himself forward as a YOD Committee member next month.

Folkboats – DAF: Prize-giving Dinner Friday 14th March. No new Folkboats for the 2025 season, aiming for the Spring Series 9th March but unsure how many will make it Race 1.

Dinghies – NB: Dom BT will be a welcome new addition to the Dinghy Class this year.

Clubs interested creating an Island RYA Pathway Hub met recently (RSYC, YSC, Gurnard, Brading Haven and Royal Victoria) to discuss how to progress.

The RYA plan was launched at the RYA Dinghy Show, JM to register RSYC.

Bob Lombardelli's kind offer of the FYT bus at the weekends is only for Island trips, not mainland. **JM**

Class 1&2 Cruiser Racers – BL: AGM is 1st March. Hoping for six boats at the Spring Series as the Contessa 28s are to be launched this week.

Cruising DP: first Out to Lunch is 25th February to The Haven in Lymington, 28 members attending including five boats. 19th March RSYC Start of Season Cruising Lunch, 15th April Gins Farm, 13th May RVYC, Summer BBQ at Oysterbed Gardens in Hamstead Sunday 17th August by kind permission of Camilla and Jonathan Read, September at LTSC, October Royal London and RVYC in November.

Club Boats

TB: *Solent RIB* is ready to be anti-fouled and launched this week. Modifications to the trailer are complete. *Countdown* has been in the RYB shed for her hull to be repainted. Engine work has had a temporary fix which will make her workable for this season, TB to re-assess at the end of the year.

Marksman engine work is complete, ready to be installed. Requires a run in period with low revs.

There is much re-sealing required and TB will work on her once Spring Series is underway.

All race marks sponsors have renewed their support for 2025, buoys are all now repainted.

Biltmore have been slow with their printing so TB is concerned buoys won't all be ready for the Spring Series but will chase. New stickers are needed for #2, #5, #7 and #9.

BL reported on #5; Jeremy Rogers are sponsoring in 2025, Contessa 26 association will sponsor in 2026 and it is hoped that the Contessa 28s will sponsor in 2027.

17/25 Racing Rules and John Doerr talks; so far well attended.

28th Feb 1830~1930 John Doerr part II ~ RRS 2025-2028

7th March 1700~1800 Pre-season briefing including Etiquette Afloat with Q&A.

4th April 1830~1930 John Doerr ~ Protest Protocol.

18/25 Balcony Start

Plans are underway for a balcony start line, but Grants will be backup for Spring Series if required.

After discussion on course boards, it was agreed these need to continue. TB produced the potential new size of course board (previous course board cut in half) and it was agreed the long term aim is to have half size course boards in a wooden frame on the sea wall, rather than rebuilding the metal frames. **TB**

19/25 Spring Series; 9th March, 7 races, 3 discards.

20/25 Wightlink Ferry Captains' Cup; 22nd May

After discussion, NB to ask the Flag Officers whether RSYC will pay for (max) 8 x Wightlink Ferry Captain's dinners at cost price of £8 per person ie £64, estimating 30 will attend at full price. **NB**

21/25 AOB

DP shared an email from Meraki Sailing, a flotilla service/yacht agency in the Ionian Sea, offering sailing clubs promotions on private flotillas, JM to find out more and share as required in Sailing News. **JM**

The RSYC Sailing Instructions 2025 are currently with John Doerr, KJD reminded that the Time Limits were removed a few years ago and need to go back in and/or reference to RRS 35 needs to be made on each occasion. **Race Management**

22/25 Date of next meetings 0930 Mondays:

- 24th March
- 22nd April
- 27th May
- 23rd June
- 21st July
- No August meeting
- 8th September
- 6th October
- 10th Nov
- No December meeting