

**MINUTES OF ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**0930 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Present:**

In the Chair; Nick Bradley, Rear Commodore Sailing  
Jeremy Willcock, Chief Race Officer  
Nick Measor  
Katie Davies (on zoom)  
David Porter

Martyn Collinson, Commodore  
Alan Hans Hamilton  
David Fox  
Bob Lombardelli

**In attendance:**

Jojo Minchin, Sailing Secretary  
Tom Blackburn, Head Boatman

**30/24 Apologies.**

Graham Fell, Mark Lacey

**31/24 Approval Minutes 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

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

**32/24 Matters Arising.**

None

**33/24 CRO Report**

The diamond by Grants needs maintenance, TB to work on this when he has ideal tidal conditions. TB Yarmouth Harbour slipway has had a barrier installed which is proving controversial as it blocks launching and recovery. NB to investigate getting a key for RSYC members (as YSC and boatyards). TB to see Scott

There was an issue with personal watercraft landing on the beach off the RSYC and a RIB driving up the beach whilst people were swimming. After contacting the Yarmouth Harbour Master, RSYC has been requested to display "NO MOORING BY ORDER OF THE HARBOUR MASTER". MC expressed concerned regarding this situation as it could get dangerous very quickly. The marine police could be called if the problem worsened.

YSC met with the Sailing Office to discuss bringing their Picos over to join with Wednesday Evening Racing, they would like to bring their Picos (8 maximum) over occasionally when the tide is flooding.

**34/24 Class Captains**

XOD

Mark Lacey: This month saw 12 XODs sailing and the conclusion of the first Wednesday and Sunday series with X115 *MIX* winning the Heneage Finch Beaker and Hayles Trophy respectively. X175 *XENON* won the Wednesday Evening Racing Class Three series. The Kiszely Trophy to Warden buoy was postponed due to bad weather.

Six XODs completed two passage races to and from Gins farm on the Beaulieu River along with two motor boats where they met three XODs from Cowes. A pleasant lunch for 34 people was enjoyed at Gins farm. The race back to Yarmouth was a crew race with Freddie Davies winning this race but X115 Mix winning the overall passage trophy, a combination of the two races. Cordelia and Richard Ellis on *MYRTLE* and James Meaning on *GLEAM* both sailed at Lymington Week and both finished mid fleet in a very competitive fleet. This coming month sees Keelboat Week at Itchenor and Cowes Classic week where several boats from Yarmouth will be representing the RSYC.

## YOD

AHII; seven YODs afloat, two will remain ashore. Monthly suppers are going well. Planning underway for the Towers Party on the Saturday of Taittinger, gates to open earlier at 2000.

## Folkboats

DAF; not many local boats out sailing regularly, four Yarmouth boats attended Lymington Week; *SVANE* broke her mast in very windy conditions when only 9 of 16 boats started, Harry returned the following day on *RAEV*. Results from 16 entries: 4<sup>th</sup> *THE OTTER*, 5<sup>th</sup> *EALA*, 8<sup>th</sup> *SVANE*, 9<sup>th</sup> *NJORD*. Discussion if comms between FB Captain and CRO could occur as in Folkboat Week, to be discussed further at FB Meeting

**DAF & CRO**

## Dinghies

NB; seven dinghy sailors racing regularly on WER, Miles, Nick, George & Max Newman, Bruce on his Aero, Anna & Faust Keen. Bob Sims (85 years old) has decided not to race any more and he has been invited to go on *COUNTDOWN*. NB still working on getting a laser fleet out racing on Sundays.

## Class 1&2

Sunday Series has 6-8 boats competing and began on 28<sup>th</sup> April, Series 1 was won by *TOLEDO*, two races were cancelled with bad weather. Coronation Cup was won by *BLUE DOLPHIN*

Wednesday evening racing going well. There are 16 registered Class 1&2 boats with 8-12 out regularly through the week, congratulations to *PIMMS* for winning WER Series 1.

Two of the three Passage Races have taken place with *CHAMPASAK* leading.

## Cruising Group

Two events have been cancelled; RORC (still refitting the Clubhouse) and Newtown (bad weather). Newtown is rescheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> August.

The rescheduled Gins Farm was a success with 15 members and five boats attending, the Commodore of the Royal Southern YC attended and thanked them personally for our support in going there for lunch after the storms washed through their clubhouse back in February.

Master Builders Restaurant at Buckler's Hard is the next event on 23<sup>rd</sup> July.

## Club Boats

*SOLENT RIB* – will soon be having her annual scrub, anti-foul and new propellor.

*COUNTDOWN* – having her annual scrub, VHF work, mending the hooter.

*MARKSMAN* – week of 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024; equipment for depth gauge on order.

Summer boatman Hans Bourman, training from scratch.

Looking at repairing *SOLENT RIB*'s road trailer to save £200 each haulout.

## **35/24 Contessa Regatta Feedback**

Kit & Jessie Rogers attended, very enthusiastic and keen to build it up as a rally for cruisers who don't want to race. Discussed starting the races for CO32 first, but CO32 Class said they prefer starting later ~11:30.

Need to let competitors know there is a Prize Giving afterwards – and perhaps offer a RIB to collect crew to attend Prize Giving if necessary. NB spoke to several skippers who didn't realise there was a Prize Giving so we need to communicate this message better to them. 5 successful races in great weather.

MC did good filming on his camera and on the Yarmouth Harbour drone with Lydia Pitman.

2026 will be sixty years since the creation of the CO26 – RSYC to promote.

## **36/24 Taittinger Regatta Feedback**

191 entries, next meeting Friday.

Closing entries Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, nine days before the event.

MC will be filming again having learnt a lot from the Contessa Regatta.

Be good to have a camera at pin end.

**37/24 Folkboat Week**

On RSYC and National Association website.  
DAF will now ramp up the advertising.  
Sailing Instructions are ready.

**38/24 Dinghy Week**

Plans well underway. Sailing Instructions are to be shared. Numbers are predicted to be lower as Dinghy Week clashes with YSC stage 4. JM to remedy this in future. JM

**39/24 RYA**

5<sup>th</sup> July inspection with Tim Griffin, TB and JM to attend.  
Susie Moore, RYA South, brought an RYA group to RSYC for team building & lunch- she has offered to help with affiliation etc to CH and JM, and anything else she can help with. CH & JM

**40/24 AOB**

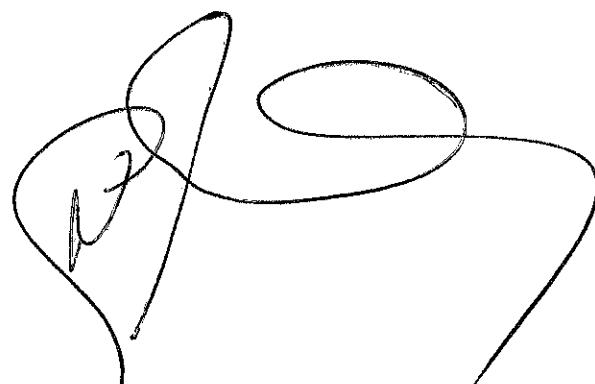
Old Gaffers came in early June but the weather was so bad there was no sailing.  
DAF instead set games ashore, quiz, build a boat, all enjoyed having something ashore to do.  
There were 22 boats who came, five were never going to race whatever the weather.  
Yarmouth Harbour put them all together and they looked good all dressed overall.

**XOD & YOD**

TB – operating with inexperienced boatmen so asking for patience at WER. Please turn up early to get to their boats in time. JM put on WhatsApp please turn up early as new boatman who are training

**41/24 Date of next 2024 meetings 0930 Mondays:**

2<sup>nd</sup> September, 30<sup>th</sup> September, 28<sup>th</sup> October, 25<sup>th</sup> November.



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