

**MINUTES OF ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**1700 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

**Present:**

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

Jeremy Willcock, Chief Race Officer  
Nick Measor  
Alan Hans Hamilton  
Bob Lombardelli

**In attendance:**

Jojo Minchin, Sailing Secretary  
Tom Blackburn, RSYC boatman.

**01/25 Apologies.**

Mark Lacey

**02/25 Approval Minutes 24<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Approved and signed by NB

**03/25 Matters Arising**

To be picked up during the meeting

**04/25 CRO Report**

John Doerr; on the evening of Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January, JD will be covering rule changes from the new RRS 2025-2028 which are recently published. He will also cover some of the basic racing rules.

Sailing Instructions 2025; underway and will be shared soon.

JM

JDW to speak with Anthony Davies re being a PRO at RSYC as he does PRO in St Lucia.

JDW

Malcolm Thorpe has offered to assist with a feeder race from Bembridge to RSYC before Taittinger.

The SCRA have discontinued their support of the IRC Solent Championship, of which Taittinger is Event 3, so will be run by RSYC, Royal Southern YC and ISC with the help of Lois Chell.

JM

**05/25 Class Captains**

XOD – there was no report in the absence of ML.

YOD – AHH: AGM will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Folkboats – DAF: Prize-giving Dinner Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

Folkboat Week 2025 has a new 60<sup>th</sup> logo and the Notice of Race is nearly ready to publish.

DAF is being asked to consider team racing but not within Folkboat Week.

Folkboat National Association prize-giving dinner is Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at RLYM.

Dinghies – NB: there has been interest from some new dinghy sailors this summer.

RYA Pathway Hub; RSYC, YSC, Gurnard SC, Brading Haven and R Victoria YC are discussing how to progress the concept of an island-wise RYA Pathway Hub for island children to sail at different clubs through the winter. Bob Lombardelli kindly offered the use of a FYT bus at the weekend.

JM

Class 1&2 Cruiser Racers – BL: held a Committee Meeting recently. AGM is 1<sup>st</sup> March. Class 1&2 has offered £300 sponsorship for the balcony transit line; to be finalised with the Flag Officers

NB

Cruising DP: the first Out to Lunch will be on 25<sup>th</sup> February to The Haven in Lymington.

19<sup>th</sup> March RSYC Start of Season Cruising Lunch with Illustrated Talk "Two Years in Zanzibar".

15<sup>th</sup> April Gins Farm. 13<sup>th</sup> May RVYC. DP working on dates for summer BBQ back at Oysterbed Gardens in Hamstead. September will be LTSC. October Royal London and RVYC in November.

DP reported on his progress investigating the state of the screw-in moorings currently off the RSYC and is organising a talk here from the contact at Studland Bay, date tbc.

#### Club Boats

*Solent RIB* is in good condition having received regular maintenance all along.

*Marksman* the engine is out and with Dave Crawford in Lymington. It does not need an engine rebuild and only some of the parts are needing to be replaced. NB, TB and Richard Pierrepont are working through the quotation of work and will consider what is a priority for this winter to work on.

TB is currently working on the jet unit and steering unit.

*Countdown*: antifoul is stripped and the hull is now airing and drying. Engine work is complete, the hull will be repainted when weather warms up.

*Summer boatman* TB confirmed Andy Stewart has been signed up as summer boatman, he will begin the week before Contessa Regatta.

Flag Officers and CRO discussed the future of *Countdown*. It was agreed she is sound for 2-3 more years then a major decision will need to be considered in 3 years. NB doing a paper. **NB**

#### **06/25 Racing Rules and Etiquette Refresher and further John Doerr talks**

Dates as follows:

- 7<sup>th</sup> Feb Race Officer refresher
- 14<sup>th</sup> Feb VHF Knowhow with RSYC member Rod Angel
- 21<sup>st</sup> Feb Race Officer refresher
- 7<sup>th</sup> March Pre-season briefing including Etiquette Afloat with Q&A.
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb John Doerr II ~ RRS 2025-2028
- 4<sup>th</sup> April John Doerr ~ Protest Protocol.

#### **07/25 Balcony Start**

Discussion on the potential new balcony line: a diamond painted on the tiles above the balcony, second transit diamond on a board under the balcony. NB expressed potential problems for dinghies racing from a balcony line without considering an outer distance dinghy mark. The balcony start/finish may encourage spectators. The Sailing Committee were supportive of this concept with Class 1&2 donating £300 towards it, NB to discuss with the Flag Officers before proceeding. **NB**

#### **08/25 Spring Series**

9<sup>th</sup> March, 7 races, 3 discards.

#### **09/25 Wightlink Ferry Captains' Cup**

22<sup>nd</sup> May, JM to discuss further with ML XOD Captain. XOD Association may be requested to cover the XOD owners and Ferry Captains supper. **JM ML**

#### **10/25 AOB**

DAF: Wightlink are holding an Open Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April. Venue tbc.

AHH: enquired after the Grants mast, TB confirmed they are still working on it.

#### **11/25 Date of next meeting**

- 0930 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

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