

**MINUTES OF ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**0930 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**Present:**

In the Chair; Nick Bradley, Rear Commodore Sailing  
Nick Measor  
David Fox  
David Porter  
Alan Hans Hamilton

Jeremy Willcock, Chief Race Officer  
Katie Davies  
Bob Lombardelli  
Mark Lacey

**In attendance:**

Jojo Minchin, Sailing Secretary

**67/24 Apologies.**

Tom Blackburn RSYC boatman.  
Martyn Collinson, Commodore

**68/24 Approval Minutes 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Once 'Solent Sailing Club Manager' was removed from in front of "Dutyman" the Minutes were approved as a true record and signed by NB.

**69/24 Matters Arising**

Dutyman; discussion on whether the Sailing Office adopts this tool for the Race Officer rota as the current spreadsheet is difficult to read with so much data on it. **JM JDW to investigate**

The alternative is the Sailing Office emails the relevant Race Officers each Monday.

Eco Moorings: Guy Ashton put in four eco moorings in 2011 by D trot. After a recent inspection they appear to still be in good condition. Investigate costs. **JM DP**

Seagrass: the survey is complete and results will be shared in due course.

Crown Estate: an agreement is almost reached, RSYC may continue to receive a discounted rent.

Harry's Rock: the boatmen have replaced the red and black marker buoy that broke free.

Volunteer Boatmen: BL has some members who are willing to become volunteer boatmen. TB to do the training in future, PB2 is required, those without it need to be trained up to PB2 standard.

**70/24 CRO report**

Transit Point: NB and JDW viewed the RSYC from the water with a view to reinstating a transit on the RSYC Clubhouse. Considering installing a post with a diamond and a second diamond elsewhere, these are needed for occasional balcony starts. No 9 ODM will not be moved. **JDW**

John Doerr: confirmed with three dates in the new year, one of the topics will be to cover protests.

There is a current Class 1&2 incident that could have been sorted the same day had the boats involved protested at the time. It was agreed that protest hearings need to be easier and more accessible.

**71/24 Class Captains**

XOD – ML: in discussion with the Lymington XODs to join RSYC Sunday morning racing, it was agreed that all they need to do is complete the online Condition of Entry form. No fee. **JM**

It was requested and agreed that Lymington Week 2025 goes into the RSYC Sailing Calendar; the first day of racing in Lymington Week is £25 and does not clash with RSYC racing. **ML JM**

Wightlink Ferry Captains: a date has been agreed to invite Wightlink ferry captains to RSYC, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025. Their enthusiastic response to the initial invitation was for 30-50 people to join in with supper. 8 ferry captains are interested meaning 8 XODs are required. NB to negotiate/request the ferry captains and the XOD owners have free suppers afterwards. **NB to discuss at F&A meeting**

JDW reminded previous Sailing Instructions are available and it was important that for *any* collision, *both* XODs retire. **JDW**

YOD – AHH: YODs all secured for the winter. There was a recent zoom meeting to discuss fund raising for the boatsheds. YOD suppers are on-going with fifteen or so at most evenings.

Annual Dinner and Prize Giving is Saturday 16th November 2024.  
AHH and other YOD sailors are volunteering for Winter Series 2 Race Officer duties.

Folkboats – DAF: two Folkboats racing in Winter Series II.  
Annual Dinner and Prize Giving has been moved to 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025.  
The 2025 programme now includes five Saturdays with Lymington and RSYC racing together.

Dinghies – NB: IW Youth Championship was held 5<sup>th</sup> October, 18 sailors raced out of RSYC on fourteen boats; five ILCA 4, five ILCA 6, four Fevas. Several grandchildren of RSYC members raced. CRO confirmed no dinghy racing will be organised on Sundays in 2025 unless it is requested.

Class 1&2 Cruiser Racers – BL: good turnout for Sundays although disappointingly light wind conditions in several of the races.

Cruising DP: 19 members attended 22nd October Out to Lunch at the Master Builder's Restaurant in Beaulieu. Good meal and service in the Admiral's Room but large deposit required and expensive at £45 for two courses. Two boats attended with the rest coming by car.  
Last Out to Lunch of the year is 19<sup>th</sup> November returning to Royal Victoria Yacht Club in Fishbourne, a lovely venue that is available by boat and car.  
Start of season cruising lunch will be at RSYC in February and will include a cruising talk.

#### Club Boats

*Solent RIB* is in the water, service is due in early November.

*Marksman* is now out of the water.

*Countdown*: Jim Pritchard, IW Surveyor, did a survey on *Countdown* on 7<sup>th</sup> October both in and out of the water. Survey is available and discussions are underway with Flag Officers, Richard Pierrepont, RSYC boatman Tom Blackburn, Claire Hallett, Jamie Allen River Yar Boatyard and Nick Bradley.

NB gave a summary of the survey on *Countdown*; she is serviceable. Engine is sound and parts are still available. The cabin is rotting and needs replacing. The hull has osmosis but isn't too serious and satisfactory for Committee boat work. The cost of immediate work is £10K, long term is £40K. She was built in 1985 so is younger than generally thought. There have been holes drilled into the side leading to buoyancy tanks. DP fed back these tanks would have been filled when carrying troops as these types of boats were designed to run up the beach.

The alternative could be to purchase an Offshore 105, one of which is available locally for £20K but needs £20K spent on it.

There is an offer of a new engine from a RSYC member but it will cost £16K to fit.

NB meeting RYB to discuss refitting her in readiness for 2025 season as RYB are fully booked through the winter for a larger refit.

#### **71/24 AOB**

JM updated with plans for marking 30 years since the Needles lighthouse went automatic with a cruise to the lighthouse on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, returning to RSYC for a short film of footage of the life in the lighthouse and early Needles Relief events, finishing off with RSYC lunch. RLYM will join in.

ML has XOD owners interested in both an official VHF course as well as a refresher course.

**JM**

Fandango may be moved to Thursday – to be checked with Derek Sandy and sponsors Harwoods.

**JM**

ML shared that XODs are planning an Under 25 race next year.

Bembridge Marina owned by RSYC members Malcolm and Fiona Thorpe are short listed in the British Yachting Awards, JM to share the link to vote for them.

**JM**

#### **72/24 Date of next meeting**

- 0930 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024