

# ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB

## SAILING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held at 0930 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

### Present:

Nick Bradley, Rear Commodore Sailing (Chair)  
Mark Lacey  
Nick Measor  
David Fox  
Katie Davies

John Poyner, Commodore  
David Porter  
Stephen Carson  
Jeremy Willcock  
Bob Lombardelli

### In attendance:

Jojo Minchin, Tom Blackburn

### 80/25 Apologies

None

### 81/25 Approval Minutes 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025

All approved, signed by NB.

### 82/25 Matters Arising

JDW to speak with Mark Hall re whether the BOTs will be available for 2026

JDW

### 83/25 CRO Report

JDW: re XODs and YODs racing as Class 3, proposed trialling Sunset Series 2026 be raced as two separate classes after requests to do so. Whilst Class 3 offers sailing as a bigger fleet sometimes the YODs have pulled out due to high winds leaving the XODs to race on their own.

Doesn't help that upwind/downwind races give classes different advantages.

Black Rock Trophy needs to be re-assigned if no 'Class 3' at Sunset Series.

Proposed to reduce to one race (except Dinghy Class) then races can all be done from *COUNTDOWN*.

Winter Race Officer training is being planned.

A radio session will be open to all members and recommended for February.

JM

John Doerr has offered to visit in the spring and do a Racing Rules Quiz in the similar format to RSYC

Film Night; ie Quiz, Supper, Answers.

JDW

JDW to do a pre-season reminder talk to all sailors.

### 84/25 Class Captains

#### XOD

ML: *MYRTLE* X76 came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Golden Tiller which is a combination of summer Regattas (Taittinger, Cowes Week, Itchenor, Poole, Lymington and Central Solent Championship). John Tremnell who won it has been recommended for the RYA Yachtsman Award. KJD suggested *MYRTLE* receive the Distinction Bowl at the Laying Up Dinner with this excellent result.

JP JM

It was confirmed that XOD sailors who do a Race Officer slot can get average points

JM

Martin Wannell has introduced a contact who would like to do an evening with the Royal Navy personnel, similar to the Wightlink Ferry Captains' Trophy.

ML JM

ML keen to do a youth series of Wednesday, Sunday, Wednesday which impacts on the last race of Series 2 and the first race of Series 3.

ML / Sailing Office

The Ellis and Murray Smith families have youth sailors keen to do Cowes Week in an XOD, the XOD division will pay entry fees and mooring costs.

XOD end of season dinner and prize giving is 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

ML confirmed XOD owners pay £100 for the local class and £100 to the XOD division.

#### YOD:

SC: all YODs are out of the water, *DLATOM* is in the south sheds, others are being refitted before going into the sheds. *FRANCESCA* will remain in Thorley for the season. If not all slots are filled with YODs, they will be offered to XODs or RIBs (not cars). Non-YOD shed winter charge still to be set, dates are 1<sup>st</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> April. YODs remaining the shed through the summer will be charged.

YOD end of season dinner and prize giving is 15<sup>th</sup> November.

SC confirmed YOD owners pay £25 and associate members pay £15.

#### Folkboats

DAF: confirmed the local Folkboat owners (Yarmouth division) pay £50.

#### Dinghies

NB: plenty of boats were out this season, including youth sailors. RSYC and YSC have worked together to produce a programme for dinghy sailors next summer. Need to find a new Laser Training instructor.

DP confirmed from the VCC meeting that Bye Law B15.8 is amended:

The dinghy park will be available for use year-round less two weeks when boats will be stored elsewhere to allow for maintenance to take place. The Club reserves the right to remove all dinghies and trailers left on the park without permission and arrange for them to be stored off – site at the owner's expense.

The period in question is after the annual January shut down, ie approx. 20<sup>th</sup> January for a fortnight.

Discussion whether we charge for boats not moved/what to do with them/where to store them. NB

#### Class 1&2 Cruiser Racers

BL: the season was well supported, WER went well with *OVERTURE II* winning the series. The Sunday Series went well and Winter Series began yesterday. Discussion on whether the Spring Series began too early and/or need to reduce the number of races, it was agreed that boats needn't turn up if they didn't want to participate, as it was, 12 boats engaged with the Spring Series this year so clearly it was popular.

BL: Class 1&2 pay £25 to be part of the Yarmouth division.

#### Cruising

DP: LTSC was the most recent lunch with 34 people and 8 boats booked but 24 people and 2 boats turned up with last minute cancellations as weather was bad. Very difficult for DP organising these events. Gins Farm have changed their policy making Out to Lunch more onerous ie requesting the lunch invoice is paid in advance with two forms completed. DP complained so the requirement was removed. RSYC has offered an End of Season Lunch on 12<sup>th</sup> November to discuss what lies ahead, and in particular finding a replacement for David Porter who is standing down as Captain of Cruising (so far no-one has been forthcoming). DP to attend one more Sailing Committee on 10<sup>th</sup> November. NB gave a heartfelt thanks to DP for years of hard work at the Cruising Group, everyone gave a round of applause.

#### Club Boats:

TB: *COUNTDOWN* and *MARKSMAN* are up the River Yar and their refits start this week.

*SOLENT RIB* will remove dinghy marks and floating dock then be stored in the new shed over winter.

Discussion on whether we need to launch the RIB for Sunday racing; at the spring SC meeting it was agreed to have the RIB in the water. In light of the fact that recent MOB's are rescued by other racers, it

was unanimously agreed not to launch the RIB for the Winter Series which should save money/wear & tear. The Sunday boatman will still be in attendance to set up the balcony start/finish line, and also walk down Yarmouth Pier to warn the fishermen.

*Following the meeting, the CRO raised further concerns with RSC about the impact of the decision not to have the RIB available during the Autumn and Spring series. RSC has agreed, pending further consideration, that the RIB should remain in the water, moored at the end of the club jetty for Sunday racing, with a crew on standby, so it can be deployed promptly if required.*

Sponsorship arrangement with River Yar Wight Marine expires on 17<sup>th</sup> October, CH, TB, NB and RP had a positive meeting recently with Jen, Wight Marine, to discuss renewing their three year contract.

#### **85/25 Winter Series**

Good turnout for the first race in windy conditions with plenty of place changes. Out of the three first across the line were two single handed sailors. Balcony start/finish line worked well.

#### **86/25 AOB**

NB fed back from GC meeting the concept that sailors should be charged for racing/per race as RSYC is constantly looking to raise funds, it was considered those who race should pay to go racing. Much discussion regarding money that comes in after racing, and at Regattas, with all bar takings and socials going to 'bar' rather than 'sailing'. JDW and JM can share their analysis of costs. **JM JDW**

Entries for the Morva Cup, John Leonard Trophy, Roger Goodwin Tankard to be decided **DP JM**

TB has had an idea for re-arranging the moorings in 2026 by extending the B trot for the Club boats, and remove A trot. This will save money and be in less tide. *COUNTDOWN* could potentially remain on her eastern most mooring for Race Officer duties. Committee members were asked to consider this proposal and report back.

The general feeling at the meeting was that this would work, it would reduce maintenance costs, would leave the club boats less exposed to the *WAVERLEY* which now approached and departed Yarmouth Pier between A trot and B trot, and would be moored in less tide. Decision needed by end of 2025 to let BW Moorings know.

BL: confirmed the Contessa 26 Association will sponsor # 5 for 2026.

NB: Kit Rogers standing down from Jeremy Rogers Ltd; his brother Simon to take over as MD.

#### **87/25 Date of next meeting 0930:**

- 10<sup>th</sup> November
- No December meeting

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