

ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB

SAILING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held at 0930 Monday 8th September 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

73/25 Apologies

Jojo Minchin
Tom Blackburn

74/25 Approval Minutes 21st July 2025

All approved, signed by NB.

75/25 Matters Arising

All included below

76/25 CRO Report

Use of WhatsApp to be restricted and be limited to Sailing Office and CRO or other official on duty.

JM

Spring Series will start 8th March 2026.

Fandango will revert to Wednesday during Dinghy Week.

Sunset Series dates to be sympathetic to low water times Nick M is liaising with YSC.

Winter Race Officer training to take place with emphasis on encouraging training sailors the art of course setting.

Class captains to rota their sailors on dates to act as Race Officers.

JDW to prepare rotas with Class Captains, JDW to keep Commodore informed of progress JDW

It was agreed that although this will not be mandatory we will endeavour to encourage

participation. COUNTDOWN to be the preferred place for training.

Rod Angel has agreed to hold a further talk on Radio/Radar

77/25 Class Captains

XOD

ML: reminded everyone that the Race Officers' party was this Saturday 13th September at Tony & Caroline Sceales house Plevna, South Street, Yarmouth, PO41 0QE.

Royal Anglesey have confirmed their visit 27th & 28th June (same as RSYC Contessa Regatta).

XODs request for 2026:

A Cup for top Yarmouth XOD during the Taittinger Regatta, all agreed.

To run an U25 series in August, 3 races over 8 days (Wednesday, Sunday, Wednesday).

Make the Navigation Race an XOD-only event as it was originally set up.

No George Cup during Cowes Week or major regattas.

To have Lizz Wizz (6 races) and Coronation Cup (2 races) on separate b/h weekends.

One week between Cowes Week and Sunset Series.

YOD:

SC: there are two YODs on the market *BLANDINA & MAGNOLIA*.

MAGNOLIA is available for any competent helm/crew, please contact Steve.

Folkboats

51 entries for the 60th Folkboat week in two divisions; the Nordic racing fleet was joined by a 15 boat strong Classic fleet with their owners sleeping aboard. Yarmouth Harbour had 10 mother ships along with 15 Nordics, so was a splendid site with all boats moored together.

Thanks to Scott at the Harbour for sorting it all out.

Socials were all sold out with 133 sitting down for the final prize giving dinner.

A Sail Past the end of Yarmouth Pier took place with the IW Lord Lieutenant Susie Sheldon, Rear Commodore Sailing Nick Bradley and Folkboat Organiser David Fox taking the salute.

The local fleet that usually have a poor weekly turnout was at its best during the Sunset Series, perhaps because it was just before Folkboat Week.

Folkboat Nationals Committee are debating if we have too many racing dates across the 3 fleets and could we combine events to get more boats to provide better competition and quality racing.

Dinghies

NB Remind all users of Dinghy Park rule B15

Class 1&2 Cruiser Racers

The Commodore reported in the absence of the Class Captain; turnout for regular racing had been excellent this year and the numbers for 2026 looked very positive

Cruising

David Porter reported that the Summer BBQ at Newtown was very well attended.

This Friday there is Cruising trip to Lymington.

David also reported good responses from cruising interest in further afield trips he is planning to arrange for 2026.

78/25 AOB

It was unanimously agreed that the BOTs had overall been a great success and we should endeavour to continue with them next year looking at the possible funding options.

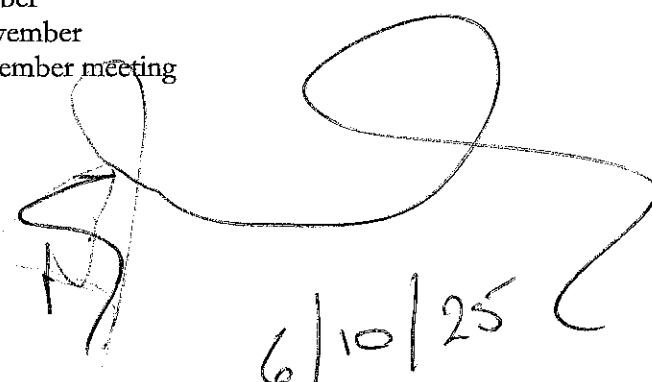
Royal Barcelona Yacht Club and San Francisco Yacht Club are having continuing conversations regarding reciprocity.

An On the Water Wash Up meeting for Taittinger is scheduled for 30th September

A Folkboat Week Wash Up meeting is scheduled for early October

79/25 Date of next meetings 0930:

- 6th October
- 10th November
- No December meeting



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