

ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB

SAILING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held at 0930 Monday 23rd February 2026

Present:

Nick Bradley, Rear Commodore Sailing (Chair)
Jeremy Willcock
David Fox
Brian Crawford

John Poyner, Commodore
Mark Lacey
Bob Lombardelli

In attendance:

Jojo Minchin, Tom Blackburn

10/26 Apologies and welcome

Katie Davies, Nick Measor, Stephen Carson

11/26 Approval Minutes 26th January 2026

All approved, signed by NB.

12/26 Matters Arising

XOD cradle idea will not be going further as too complicated.

NB confirmed the trots amendment is underway with A merging onto the end of B trot.

13/26 CRO Report

WER: Folkboats & Class 1&2 will start and race together, results to be kept separate.

RYA Seminar at Island Sailing Club attended by DAF and Jojo covered membership and juniors:
Membership: clubs share same struggle with older members leaving and less junior sailors joining.
Juniors: one concept to encourage juniors is to engage the family. Discussed the bigger concept to engage with football clubs/scouts/etc to create an IOW Sports Hub to avoid overlap.

SCRA meeting: no RSYC representation at Portsmouth Sailing Club.

Seaview Sailing Trust are expanding to the West Wight, four state schools now signed up with sailing in their PE curriculum for five weeks in the summer term, sailing lessons at the UKSA.

Contessa Regatta 2027: confirmed 11th – 13th June 2027, it will be the CO32 inshore series.

Recent meeting with the Rogers family inc Simon Rogers their dynamic new MD.

Friday talks: Rod Angel's talk went well, John Doerr's talk needs promoting, RO sessions in March.

Spring Series starts 8th March, racing marks wont be ready so inflatable marks will be laid.

Fees: Race Management fees for Gaffers need to be raised from £250 to £300. Need to confirm whether YSC can offer them Saturday evening social. DAF

Race Marks: Race Management had agreed to use race mark # 14 more as TB had considered moving it. TB to chase MarkSetBot. TB

14/26 Class Captains

XOD Mark Lacey: expecting 14 XODs this season, new member from Cowes joining RSYC.

Cowes Week 200th anniversary, 8 XODs going from RSYC.

Anglesey YC Team Racing event is over Contessa Regatta 26 ~28 June, ML to establish ashore & afloat requirements with 3 races Saturday & 2 Sunday. ML

Youth Sailing 22nd /23rd August, ML requested £250 from the Millennium Fund. ML

Wightlink Ferry Captains Trophy 14th May, JM to contact Richard Cruze JM

XODs and YODs to let Sailing Office / Boatmen know when they wish to launch.

YOD: no report

Folkboats: David Fox: two Folkboats will sail early on, others launching mid May.
Six boats from RSYC are going to do three days at Cowes Week.
SVANE and *THE OTTER* will do Lymington racing.
12 members attending Friday's AGM, Prize Giving and Supper 27th February.
Folkboat Association is growing well, new members are joining.

Dinghies: Nick Bradley: Dinghy Park is looking good and will be completed when the jet washer is mended. Katie Davies has kindly offered her Land Rover to help empty the dinghy park at Taittinger/January shut down. Dinghies returning this week, numbers may be reduced this year.

Class 1&2 Cruiser Racers: Bob Lombardelli: AGM on 7th March. Season begins 8th March.
Handicaps return to base for all series. Open Day to host a Crew Match, needs promoting. **BL**
Bob will stand down as Class 1&2 Chairman at the AGM, so this is his last SC meeting, thanks noted to Bob for his five years on the Sailing Committee.

Cruising: NB welcomed Brian Crawford who is heading up the Cruising Group. BC:
1) requested someone to take photos at the Out to Lunches.
2) venues are getting stricter about cancellations, it was agreed that if a member reneges on a lunch, RSYC will pay from the Cruising Group bank a/c (or BC's credit card), RSYC will then deduct members' card and refund whoever paid.
3) all going well with bookings but BC cannot do the August 14th BBQ at Newtown.
4) BC is aiming for all venues to be accessible by car.
5) Members wanting longer cruises to communicate via WhatsApp and lead the cruise, not BC.
6) Venues in 2026: Warsash 20th May, Hornet Joint Services YC 20th June, East Cowes Marina Lifeboat Club June, Folly Reach September, ISC October, RSYC November.
ML recommended Island Restaurant in Island Harbour, Medina River.

Club Boats: Tom Blackburn

COUNTDOWN work hasn't yet started, she will only need a one week refit.

MARKSMAN main job is to fit the refurbished jet unit .

SOLENT RIB has returned from her refit in Hull, new props are back so should be more efficient

15/26 Race Marks 2027

Contessa 26 Association is sponsoring # 5 for 2026 to celebrate their 60th anniversary.

Contessa 28 to be invited to sponsor 2027. Check no clash with the CO32 race mark .

Roach Pittis entrance buoy is sinking so TB has purchased a new one.

JM

16/26 AOB

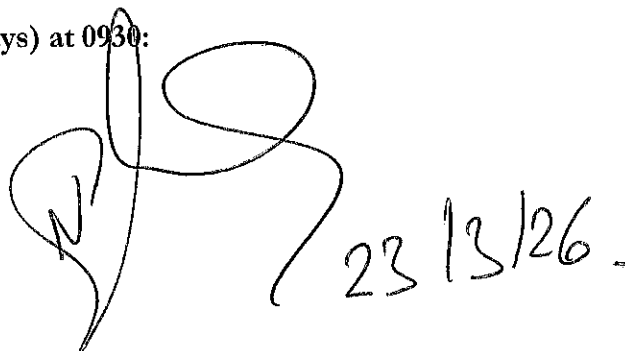
Jojo is leaving on 27th March, Peter Le Masurier, RORC sailor and former lawyer, starting a four week handover on 2nd March. He has had one day at RSYC so far attending the Contessa Regatta.

DAF is attending Hurst Spit Pathway meeting 4th March, will feed back afterwards.

TB crane discussion is on-going, James Meaning will do launching this year.

17/26 Date of 2026 meetings (mostly Mondays) at 0930:

- 23rd March 20th April
- Tuesday 26th May 22nd June
- July TBC No August
- 21st September 19th October
- 23rd November



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