

ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB

SAILING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held at 0930 Monday 26th January 2026

Present:

Nick Bradley, Rear Commodore Sailing (Chair)
Katie Davies
Nick Measor
David Fox
James Meaning (XOD)

John Poyner, Commodore
Jeremy Willcock
Stephen Carson
Bob Lombardelli

In attendance:

Jojo Minchin, Tom Blackburn

01/26 Apologies and welcome

Mark Lacey

02/26 Approval Minutes 10th November 2025

All approved, signed by NB.

03/26 Matters Arising

SOLENT RIB: Nov mtg decision was overturned and she was in the water during Winter Series. It was proposed and agreed that during Spring Series, *SOLENT RIB* is used.

TB confirmed these Sundays will be used as refresher days for the volunteer boatmen.

As she is still under warranty, manufacturers are collecting her to attend to structural damage.

MOORINGS: in the autumn a proposal was discussed to move the A trot chain to the eastern end of B trot, ie extending B trot to accommodate day boats, visitor boats and Committee boats.

As there had been no objections, the Flags Officers and GC agreed to go ahead. Ian Woodford has now lifted the A trot chain.

Since then, the XODs held their AGM and the class have raised some concerns which James Meaning explained:

- 1) once the A trot has gone can RSYC get the A trot back?
- 2) when visitors come it is good to see them from the RSYC, B trot will be very long.
- 3) JM queried the reasons and whether it was cost?
- 4) JM concerned 4 boats were damaged in 2023 when the trots were close together, might this happen again?
- 5) The day boats on B trot feel protected by having the bigger boats on A trot seaward of them. This protection will be removed with this plan. *WAVERLEY* goes between A and B trots when heading to the Pier, the day boats will potentially be more exposed to the *WAVERLEY*.

TB responded:

- 1) RSYC wont 'lose' A trot; A trot chain can be re-laid in the future. NB has looked at how the MCZ works and as it stands there would be no restriction relaying A trot;
- 2) Yes B trot will be long
- 3) TB confirmed the financial saving over 5 years will be £3K - £4K
- 4) TB confirmed the depth has been remeasured and risers will be reduced where necessary to mitigate the risk of collisions;
- 5) It is planned to lay two markers where A trot was which might help protect the boats on B trot.

NB: Crown Estate lease is confirmed for 25 years and RSYC has a blocked off area.

The fee is directly related to the number of moorings that are laid.

We can be flexible where these trots are within the area footprint, so we are not restricted from relaying A trot within the area.

KJD: tide is very strong at A trot, B trot will be less tide for *COUNTDOWN* when mooring her.

JDW finishing regattas using No 9, it is useful to use A trot to tie onto and use 9, JDW requested a cost to drop a concrete block for *COUNTDOWN* to tie onto and use as finish line.

Discussion on whether Blue Sail marks the end of usable B trot.

If Blue Sail was right at the eastern end of the B trots, it could potentially used as a racing mark.

JM asked whether Grants could be used more often.

NB considered whether a) pause the plan or b) reverse and go back to what we had.

NB proposed that as the work has already been done, we continue, but recognize that we can reverse it if it doesn't work next season.

04/26 CRO Report

JDW: TB, KJD and Jojo met YSC rep at the boathouse re running youth sailing.

TB and Rod Angel are making two vertical lights for the balcony start line.

Winter Race Officer training is looking thin, may re-schedule John Doerr to April. **JM**

13th Feb Rod Angel, 13th and 20th March JDW race officer training. 17th April pre-WER talk.

RYA website is proving difficult to issue PB2 certificates, TB and JDW working on this. **JDW TB**

Bob Gatehouse in touch re a 6m Regatta, pushed to 2027 or beyond as no date available in 2026.

Most dinghies in the dinghy park have been removed, boatmen now refurbishing.

05/26 Class Captains

XOD Mark Lacey sent in a report:

1. The XOD class wish to adopt average points for when a boat is unable to sail because the Sailing Office has requested RO assistance (not to boats sailing away from the club at open events) XODs will supply a rota of willing sailors.

3. Richard Ellis has taken over from Martin Wannell as Yarmouth XOD Divisional Measurer.

4. Mark Lacey to remain as divisional Captain for one more year so as to be able to transition to overall class Captain in November 2026. Henry Murray-Smith will take over as Divisional Captain.

5. The idea of developing a system to temporarily haul XODs and YODs out of the water on some type of trailer/cradle for scrubbing on the club slipway was raised. No details put forward but could Tom the club boatman suggest something? **TB ML**

JM added the Harbour crane now requires expensive PL insurance, previously covered by RSYC

insurance but currently paid for by individuals. TB offered to get trained up. **NB CH**

YOD: Steve Carson:

YOD sailor Dennis Cross died recently, he will be remembered at the YOD AGM 1st Feb.

The YOD trailer currently on site is going to be moved soon. 8 YOD boats in the south sheds.

YODs concerned at the increasing cost of launching and recovering each boat, YODs would support an in-house solution to having RSYC member certificated to use the Harbour crane.

XOD and YOD owners were requested to let Boatmen know launching dates asap.

Folkboats: David Fox:

Re suggestion to proposal Folkboats sail with YOD. At Race Management it was suggested that

Folkboats sail with Class 1&2, all results can be tandem. **Sailing Office**

Dinghies: Nick Bradley:

Sailing Office to let all dinghy owners know what maintenance has been done. **JM TB**

Class 1&2 Cruiser Racers: Bob Lombardelli:

Winter Series went well, AGM 7th March, BL to speak with Sailing Office re growing the membership of Class 1&2.

BL JM

Cruising

Before David Porter stood down organising cruising events at the end of last season, he arranged three for 2026. Brian & Maxine Crawford and Catherine Holmes will start the season before the Crawfords head off cruising in May. More volunteers needed, especially longer and overnight trips. Younger members are encouraged by holding events on Fridays/weekends. More boats needed. Sailing News to remind members the cruising group is motor *and* sailing boats.

RSYC Start of Season Cruising Lunch Wednesday 28th January.

LTSC Wednesday 18th February.

Gins Farm Friday 6th March.

Royal Victoria Yacht Club Wootton Friday 17th April.

Club Boats: Tom Blackburn

COUNTDOWN not too much work required this winter.

MARKSMAN jet unit has been stripped down for maintenance.

SOLENT RIB going back to Hull for maintenance

Race Marks are all sponsored but 7 need new stickers, this is time consuming so TB would like to put together a working party to do this down at Shalfleet Quay. TB

No 4 – huge thanks are noted to Gareth Davies who sponsored No 7 then No 4 buoys since 2021 with “Generation Estates” and then “NOW Students”, his support has been much appreciated.

Mike Surridge will now sponsor No 4 buoy with his business “BDM Group”.

No 5 – the “Contessa 26 Association” will be taking over the sponsorship from Jeremy Rogers.

BOTS given the go-ahead for 2026 sponsored by Hall Hunter; huge thanks are noted to Mark Hall.

06/26 Sailing Calendar – now live and on the website

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Spring Series – 8th March from the balcony line. Helpful to let sailors know in good time if the race course is going to be shortened to enable them to line up for the finish line.

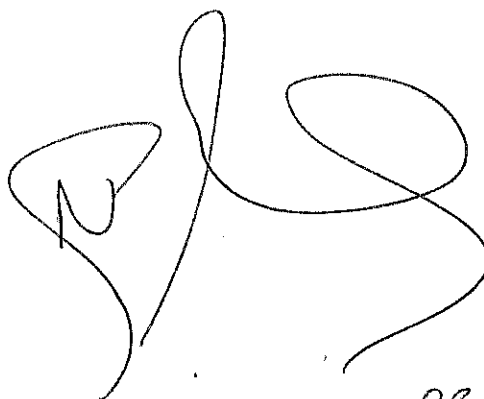
1 minute engine rule for Class 1&2 has been removed.

08/26 AOB

SCRA AGM this Saturday 31st January at Portsmouth Sailing Club, RSYC has given apologies. Commodore’s Dinner 7th Feb was promoted with Magnus Wheatley talk on the America’s Cup. JM mentioned XOD *ARROW* has been pictured in the Cowes Week bicentenary promotion, connecting her to the original *ARROW* of the original America’s Cup story.

09/26 Date of 2026 meetings (mostly Mondays) at 0930:

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



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