

MINUTES OF A VICE COMMODORE'S COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB, ON FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2025 AT 1100 HOURS

Present:

In the Chair: Rudi Fortson, Vice Commodore (Zoom)
Susie Breare, Rear Commodore House
Peter Crowhurst
David Porter
Sarah Turvill

Apologies:

Alan Roffey-Jones
Lesley Tregear

In Attendance

Claire Hallett, Club Secretary

92/25 Apologies As above

93/25 Approval of the Minutes of 23rd October 2025: The minutes were approved as a true record.

94/25 Matters Arising (covered by agenda points)

95/25 Vice Commodore's Points

EV Charging Byelaw. The VCC's proposed new byelaw prohibiting the charging of electric vehicles via the power points in the South Sheds was approved by the GC in its October meeting.

Solent Lottery Promoter. Guardian Anne Kyle stepped up to take on the role of Promoter of the Solent Lottery at the October GC meeting.

96/25 Membership Matters:

Applications: There are three applications for four prospective members this month:

	Applicant (s)	Proposer	Seconder	Comments/Interests
1	Neils Wagner	Peter Crowhurst	Alan Roffey-Jones	Interested in racing, cruising, crewing, and Laser training. Wife hasn't made the move from Denmark yet.
2	Josh MacGregor & Chloe Ridgway	Jen Allen	Alan Pollitt	Josh & Chloe's Wedding Party is here at the Club in 2026.
3	John Gleeson	Robert Quain	John Poyner	Interested in crewing, motorboat training, socials, and race management.

All were recommended for approval to the GC. VC

97/25 Marketing Matters

Recently Joined Members' Evening. Well organised by the Membership Secretary – thirteen new members attended the drinks reception and ten stayed on for supper, joined by twenty-eight other members. The event worked well in the Solent Room.

Open Day Seconder. There had been no volunteers at the GC meeting for the role of Open Day seconder so it is proposed to ask Lesley if there any particular members she would like to approach to support her at the Club's Open Days. VC

98/25 Governance Matters

Non-members in Club Boats. The issue of non-members in Club boats was raised with the insurance brokers, Gallagher. Gallagher advised that it was not essential to make the non-members temporary members, but if the Club did so it would provide an added benefit of widening their insurance cover to include the member-to-member extension on the Club's policy. The Club could add a clause to the Declaration and Condition of Entry forms stating that any non-members will be made temporary members for the duration of the race. This would be handed over to the Sailing Committee to deal with. David Porter added that any former members who have been excluded or suspended from the Club should be excluded from this arrangement, which was felt to be a very valid point.

Reciprocity. The Vice Commodore has written to Real Club Náutico de Barcelona (RCNB) regarding reciprocity, and is awaiting a reply. As circulated by the VC prior to this meeting, Yacht Club Como has also

approached us for reciprocity. Peter advised that his friend lives near by and advised that it's a classy club situated on Lake Como. All confirmed that they were happy for the VC to write back and confirm reciprocity. Peter also recommended approaching the yacht clubs in northern France, such as Honfleur, for reciprocity as they are within cruising distance and have nice marinas.

Membership Category Analysis. Peter proposes to form a working group to review his comprehensive proposal, with the aim of submitting it to the GC by the end of February. Any GC approved category changes would need to be voted in at the AGM and would come into effect from January 2027. Peter's key findings are that the categories for ages 25 to 34 are overly segmented and there's a large jump in subscription fees from age 24 to age 25. Any category changes should help stimulate growth, incentivise people to join and deter people from leaving. The financial impact shouldn't be huge as the categories have low numbers. A meeting is planned for next week. All agreed that a better rate is needed for those at university or in full time study to encourage them to keep their memberships on hold. Many young people have family ties with the Club so will want to continue their memberships.

99/25 AOB

Protocol at Formal Dinners. There are a number of etiquette rules that attendees of formal dinners are supposed to observe, such as remaining seated before the loyal toast, passing the port to the left, not picking up the trophies on the tables until after the loyal toast. It was recommended that the poster for the event shares details of any protocol that attendees are expected to follow.

New Website. The Club Secretary reported that a key issue with the functionality of the online booking system had been resolved and now needed testing. It is hoped that it will go live by February 2026.

Club Jetty. Sarah enquired as to when the Club's jetty was constructed, what its likely life span is and whether it was checked for gribble worm? [The Club Secretary will look into this and Sarah will ask Yarmouth Harbort who they use for carrying out checks of the pier.](#) **SEC, ST**

100/25 Points for Next Meeting

- Junior membership applications & junior payment cards
- Membership categories analysis

101/25 Date of next meeting: 11am on Friday 23rd January 2026

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