

MINUTES OF ROYAL SOLENT YACHT CLUB SAILING COMMITTEE MEETING
0930 Monday 13th May 2024

Present:

In the Chair; Nick Bradley, Rear Commodore Sailing
Jeremy Willcock, Chief Race Officer
Nick Measor
Katie Davies

Martyn Collinson, Commodore
Alan Hans Hamilton
David Fox
Mark Lacey

In attendance:

Jojo Minchin, Sailing Secretary, Tom Blackburn, Head Boatman

21/24 Apologies.

Graham Fell, Bob Lombardelli, David Porter.

22/24 Approval Minutes 15th April 2024

The Minutes were approved as a true record and signed by NB.

23/24 Matters Arising.

None

24/24 CRO Report

Lizz Whizz Windward Leeward race weekend was well supported despite difficult southerly winds.

Prince Consort (Long Race East) all 20 boats completed the course in ideal conditions, very positive feedback.

Contessa Regatta entries are up to 24; CO26 x 6, CO28 x 4, CO 32 x 13, CO43 x 1.

Contessa 26 fleet have been emailed as concern that this class has dropped from 20 entries in 2023 to six now;

JM to contact membership secretary to encourage further entries

JM

Folkboat Week meetings with DAF on-going and everything on course. Soft launch planned within the next ten days, hard launch to follow.

Taittinger Regatta at 125 entries, earlybird runs to 31st May so Regatta Chair will email a reminder on 24th May.

XOD class wont be having the earlybird extension.

King's Coronation Cup is on bank holiday 27th May 2024.

25/24 Class Captains

XOD

ML; six XODs launched and racing regularly.

Harry's Rock and the pipe at Pennington obstructions causing some difficulties for sailors.

TB has spoken with Ian Woodford who is going to try and lift the Harry's Rock sinkers at the end of season.

In the meantime, TB will see if he can sort an additional marker on the second sinker and put a line of floats between the two, as an interim measure

TB

TB also interested in costing out laying the moorings ourselves.

TB

ML Seabird Trophy was cancelled to no wind, ML asked if the Seabird Trophy could be re-run, date TBC

ML

Fifteen XOD sailors and RSYC members are going to Royal Anglesey Yacht Club on w/e of 17th May, burgees were exchanged two years ago when RAYC raced here.

Planning for Gins Farm passage race on 8th June is currently underway.

YOD

AHH; seven YODs now launched and racing regularly. Monthly suppers are going well.

Long Race East (formerly known as Prince Consort charity race) was won by *PUFFIN*.

Request to revert back to calling it simply "Prince Consort" despite potentially not using the mark.

Folkboats

DAF; disappointing start with few Folkboats out, only *RAEV* and *BOSSA NOVA* racing regularly.

Dinghies

NB; five dinghy sailors racing regularly on WER which have included the Newman boys.
There is interest in racing on Sundays, just need all sailors to be available on the same Sunday.

Class 1&2

The Spring series of Sunday morning races ended on 21 April, it was affected by unsuitable weather on 2 occasions, nonetheless it was attended by 4 to 8 boats and was won by *MERAK II*, with *ALBORAN* and *TOLEDO* as runners up in both the Class 1&2, and in the Class 1&2 & Folkboats series. The Contessa series was won by *MERAK II* with *TOLEDO* and *MARGARITA* runners up.

The summer Sunday series started on 28 April. With 2 races sailed (up to 5 May) the series was affected by variable winds and consequently there was a high number of retirements.

The Spence Willard WER series 1 started on 24 April with 2 races sailed so far. 6 boats have regularly entered and this looks to be a very competitive series.

Cruising Group

Successful Out to Lunch at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club with 21 members and five boats.

Next lunch is at RORC on Tuesday 11th June.

David Porter has secured a BBQ fire pit for the 16th June Newtown event.

Club Boats

New assistant boatman Will Marsh is settling in well, summer boatperson interviews underway.

COUNTDOWN – everything functioning, all going well but the engine is an on-going concern.

MARKSMAN – depth gauge is only working intermittently so TB focussing on this.

SOLENT RIB – an incident at Yarmouth Harbour's fuel berth recently means new gel coat is needed to patch damage, this will be done during her mid-season haul out.

RSYC outhaul – this was broken by a visiting yacht causing £200 of damage to the outer block, TB and his team will mend in due course.

Dinghy Park – to be repainted when all the dinghies are returned after the RNLI ball

TB

Buoy sleeves – TB would like to put a sponsor sleeve onto the inflatable ODM; Spence Willard during WER and River Yar Boatyard & Wight Marine for the winter series.

TB

26/24 Youth Sailing

Opportunities are presenting themselves and discussions are taking place.

27/24 Old (donated) Lasers

TB has been approached by local sailors wishing to purchase, TB to investigate options.

TB

Laser sailor Bob Sims wishes to purchase one of the donated laser trailers, radial sail & mast.

28/24 AOB

AHH: YODs held a zoom meeting recently to discuss the Towers Party; JC's band as well as new RSYC member known as "Jack Russell" will be playing. Doors potentially opening at the earlier time of 2015.

NB reported on an impending RYA Inspection at the end of June with Tim Griffin.

RYA Affiliation is changing and requires Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policies amongst others.

NB will ask at GC for a 'champion' to assist with this task, deadline for completion is April 2025.

NB

29/24 Date of next 2024 meetings 0930 Mondays:

24th June, 2nd September, 30th September, 28th October, 25th November.