

Minutes of the RTYC General Committee held on Friday 5th August 2022

Present:

Commodore:	Martin Morgans
Vice Commodore	Karen Cox
Rear Commodore Cruising	Don Gray
Hon Secretary	Stuart Carter
House Officer	Judy Pearson

Rachel Morgans; Terry Adams; Nigel Collingwood; Andrew Beaumont-Hope; Dave Parish, Mark Kingsland, Frank Martin, Peter Thomas

Apologies: Rear Commodore Sail; Mike Brand, John Barrett, John Stoneley

Approval of Minutes of the last meeting Wednesday 1st June 2022. The minutes were agreed and signed by the Commodore. Proposed Vice Commodore, seconded Dave Parish

Matters Arising Therefrom: There had been a number of letters offering condolences which have been answered by the Commodore

Correspondence. None

Honorary Secretary. The report from the honorary secretary had been distributed to the GC members. There were no comments. The HT said that he had sent a preliminary warning e-mail to all members reference Web Collect. Some GC members had not received the e-mail. (PM note some e-mails had gone into Spam folders.

Hon Treasurer: No Report. Commodore said that we have had tremendous help from Julie Rook who is trying to put better accounting procedures in place, including using our Sage package for everything financial. Currently some invoices and some receipts are recorded on Sage and some are recorded on a separate spreadsheet leading to confusion. The Commodore will meet with the Hon Treasurer as soon as possible to discuss possible ways forward.

Bar previous month & YTD plus stock. The Commodore said that he had income figures comparing bar income for July 2019 with July 2022 and Ramsgate Week income for the same years. The figures for the bar were: £37,800 2019, £43,755 2022. RW bar figures (including accommodation) were: £22,362, 2019, £21,405, 2022. Unfortunately, we have no figures for costs because we are still waiting for access to the Bank account for The Commodore, Honorary Treasurer and Club Manager. The Commodore will be visiting the bank on Monday to try and sort the situation out. ABH asked if we still use the external stocktaker. After the stocktaker retired the Club manager does an internal stocktake.

Rear Commodore Sail. Report was issued to GC members via e-mail. VC said we are struggling to fix a date for 2023 Ramsgate Week because Cowes week have shifted their dates meaning the normal gap would mean that RW would be during spring tides. There was a discussion about historical reasons for taking Cowes into account when arranging RW dates. PT suggested we should ignore Cowes and go back to the tradition of RW being during the school holidays. It was agreed that as RW is becoming more of a cruising regatta it was the general consensus among the racing fleets that August would be the best month to hold RW.

Rear Commodore Cruising. RCC apologised for the lateness of his report which meant that it was not sent to GC members. He went through his report which is available on request and will be published in the newsletter.

House Officer's Update. HO stated that she had been in touch with the company that installed the reinforcement for the dance floor/Hold bar ceiling, and she will be meeting with them at RTYC as soon as practicable. Boilers are going up in price and are becoming hard to source. Are awaiting an updated quote. Following an inspection of the premises with the Club manager, a short list has been compiled including the need for carpet cleaning. There was also a need for smart televisions in the main letting rooms. Club manager will be investigating prices. The HO has also been in touch with the builder who installed the gent's toilet and who was unaware that the job had not been fully completed with the builder's waste still present. This has been added to the list. FM asked about the plaque that used to be in the gent's toilet as he had had several inquiries about during RW. HO said that Simon Gaston had taken the plaque to be refurbished and had not yet returned it. There had been complaints about the excessive light levels and there was some discussion about ways of reducing them. Investigations are ongoing.

Advertising. The Commodore stated that the banner that had been fixed to the gate at the bottom of the stairs to Westcliff Arcade has "gone walkabout" during Ramsgate Week. He asked if any of the GC new of a suitable site to fix the second banner as it seemed to be a very cheap and effective way of getting the message across.

Entertainments. The entertainments Report was circulated to GC members via e-mail. The Summer Ball was a great success. RM asked for a consensus on booking whole tables to avoid any conflict over seating arrangements. This was agreed. The caterer has confirmed all of the upcoming the major events. The recent wedding that was held at the club was a great success and the professional photographs of the event are being given to us to use as promotional material. Given the success of the event the Commodore stated that future weddings and similar bookings would be charged at a more commercial rate.

Ramsgate Week. The Ramsgate Week report was circulated to GC Members via e-mail. There was some discussion about the need to mandate the wearing of personal buoyancy aids when racing. Although the RYA and IRC have no recommendations on the subject there is a possibility that if the RTYC insist we then become responsible parties and become culpable in the event of an incident. Currently race control has the option of flying the Y flag when the wind strength reaches 25kn and can disqualify if race participants do not comply. There was a proposal that racers were reminded before starting that RTYC recommend all persons on the water wear buoyancy aids at all times. RCC suggested that knee jerk reactions to the tragic accident during Ramsgate week could give rise to the perception that our procedures were wrong prior to the incident. The Commodore asked that the names of those on board are passed to Race Control on Whatsapp prior to the race.

Navigation School. ABH said that registration for the day skipper course was going very well but the Yachtmaster course is very quiet. VC asked if there was any chance of running race management courses. ABH said he would talk to the RYA to see if there was a course available, but it was slanted towards dinghy racing. ABH said they would be starting courses in October on Wednesday evenings

Academy. Not a lot to report. 6 academy members so far this season and they are about to be allocated yachts by RCS. NC said there was a problem with lifejackets which need some refurbishment.

Social Media. Going well especially the RTYC Facebook page which is receiving good feedback from local community.

Membership. The list of new members was circulated for authorisation. And all were ratified.

Membership Cards. The Commodore asked for £1000 for printing equipment and blank cards so that we can start issuing new membership cards. Agreed

AOB. JP said that Carthews were **to** refurbish the trophies that were used during Ramsgate Week
The painting that was lent to the club by the Crow family fell off the wall downstairs and damaged the frame, HO was investigating repairs
NC gave an update on the oil spill in the Channel
ABH and RCC both expressed sadness at the death of Brian Martin which marked the end of an era.
The Commodore made a plea for those in charge of various departments to present expenses in the form of a VAT invoice and to be in a position report financial profits or losses with their own spreadsheets. This would be of great help to the office

DONM. Friday 2nd September

Meeting finished: about 2020