

## Minutes of the RTYC General Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2022

### Present:

Commodore:	Martin Morgans (MM)
Vice Commodore	Karen Cox (KC)
Rear Commodore Sail	Piers Hodges PH
Rear Commodore Cruising	Don Gray (DG)
Hon Secretary	Stuart Carter (SC)
House Officer	Judy Pearson (JP)

Terry Adams (TA); Andrew Beaumont-Hope (ABH); Dave Parish (DP); Mike Brand (MB); Rachel Morgans (RM)

**Apologies;** John Barrett, Mark Kingsland, Frank Martin, Nigel Collingwood, Peter Thomas

**Approval of Minutes of the last meeting Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2022.** The minutes were agreed and signed by the Commodore. Proposed Vice Commodore, seconded RCC

**Matters Arising Therefrom:** KC queried an action from the last minutes reference advertising of the Navigation school courses. The action required an input from ABH. ABH explained that as the Day skipper course was full and the Yachtmaster course had been cancelled due to low take up there had been no need to advertise

**Correspondence.** No correspondence apart from resignation letters which will be covered under membership

**Honorary Secretary.** The report from the honorary secretary had been distributed to the GC members. There were no comments.

**Hon Treasurer:** Hon Treasurer has resigned by WhatsApp. Julie Rook has agreed to stand in as temporary Treasurer until the AGM. Commodore announced that there is a new bookkeeper who has produced September's figures to go to Dudley Gore so they can prepare end of year accounts.

A P&L statement has been produced which shows a profit in September of £14,115.19p. The data has been gathered from all of the possible sources. The number and variety of those sources is part of the problem with ensuring accuracy. A lot of the inputs to the Sage system are conglomerated from an ad hoc spread sheet. We are now trying to eliminate the spreadsheet by using a direct coded input to a rebuilt Sage from all systems.

The Commodore explained that they were looking into the disproportion allocation of costs between various centres. E.G. the purchase of toilet rolls for the building is an expense on the bar where it is clearly the hotel that uses the overwhelming majority of the product. In the future there will be a greater equity in cost apportionment between cost centres.

**Rear Commodore Sail.** PH was pleased to note that we eventually started the autumn series foreshortened due to the Royal Mourning period. The series will now be 5 races with 1 discard. With regard to the racing marks, they have been out for 2 winters now, and they need to be brought in for maintenance. This will incur some costs and the best and most cost-effective methods for retrieval are being discussed now. Next, season there will be a review of the mark positions by the sailing committee.

The Academy produced 3 members to racing unfortunately late in the season. It had been hoped that Academy members could be eased into sailing/racing during the more clement weather of the summer. PH said that, for various reasons, there would be several boats missing from the racing fleet next year, leading to a shortage of crew berths. He proposed that there be a hold on the Academy crewing for the racing fleet.

It would help the situation if there was a possibility of a closer liaison between the club and the Sea Scouts/Sea Cadets so that resources could be pooled to get more youths interested in sailing on bigger boats. The Commodore urged RCs to ensure that the sailing committee and all interested parties met early enough to sort out a strategy. It was agreed that the plan for the way forward for the Academy that was written by PH 3 years ago should be revisited and incorporated into the strategy.

**Rear Commodore Cruising.** The report from RCC had been circulated and will be published in the newsletter. The Cruise to St Katherine's was a great success even if the stay at Queenborough was eventful. The Cruising supper is on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

**House Officer's Update.** The trophies are at Carthews being refurbished. A structural engineer for the company that installed the reinforcement for the dance floor/Hold bar ceiling is awaited but it was agreed that there should be an independent assessment. With regard to the boilers the quote of £7000 has been accepted and the replacement is being planned. JP said that the Ladies toilets was in need of decoration. The Commodore told the meeting that the building and contents, including trophy cabinet, had been reassessed for insurance purposes.

**Entertainments.** In September several members supported their club with birthday parties bringing people into the bar. The quiz night once again was a great success as members both old and new attended and filled the bar. Discussions with the quizzers suggested it was time to make the quiz a monthly event. The cost will increase due to the sharp rise in the cost of the nibbles provided. October has had a few let-downs on the entertainment front. Firstly, it was decided not to continue with the bangers and mash night as the caterer was asking too high a price for the meal and no alternative caterer was available. The Rotten Ramsgate tour, booked at the start of the year, has just informed me that she has closed down and can no longer facilitate our tour. A "dates for your diary" email has been sent out to members with all the dates for the rest of the year including Christmas and New Year's Eve. RM has arranged a meeting with some of the members who will hopefully form the entertainments committee and help with next year's planning. If anyone has any thoughts of events for next year please pass them on. KC asked that there be a new members evening and it was decided that the next music night would be advertised as such.

**Ramsgate Week.** The website is starting to look good, with lots of work being done behind the scenes. The NOR for 2023 has been added and the entry forms updated. We are now open for entries with an early-bird discount being offered which runs till the end of January. Our plans are to have a sponsor section outlining the different opportunities available for sponsorship which may hopefully attract more. We are still awaiting a reply from Euromarine, who are in the process of being bought out. So it's exciting times for them but leaves us a bit on tenterhooks. Our sponsors from 2022 are being approached to see if they would like to increase their sponsorship levels.

Sue Pelling from Yachts and Yachting has been in touch. She is doing an article on Ramsgate Harbour which will of course mention our Club and the regatta. This will be in print. And she has also asked if she can come down to attend the regatta in person again next year for another article in print about Ramsgate Week.

Rob Brown is leaving for pastures new (to Estuary Services, so not that far!) on 31 October. It was suggested that it might be nice for the Club to buy a small leaving present.

**Navigation School.** ABH stated that the Day Skipper course was full with 20 places filled. The Yachtmaster course was undersubscribed and has been cancelled. The school currently has a balance of £2,500.

**Academy.** See RCS report.

**Social Media.** Ongoing

**Membership.** The list of 4 new members was circulated for authorisation. One of the candidates was queried as she had applied for a crew membership and was not currently crewing on any Member's boat. The HonSec agreed to talk to her and establish the facts. The rest of the candidates were passed unanimously.

**Membership Cards..** The new card printer had developed a fault and was back at the manufacturers being mended. (PM note: The printer is now back, and cards have been printed for all those paid up members as of 21/10/22).

**AOB.**

- a. ABH stated that lights were needed outside of the Hold bar as the back entrance was quite treacherous. (PM Note: the Commodore has fitted new lights).

**DONM. Thursday 3rd November**

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