



CCSC General Committee Meeting
Tuesday 14th Sept 2021, 7:30 pm Clubhouse
MINUTES

Attendees

Adam Bowers, Members Rep
Andy Adler, Vice Commodore
Charlie Camm, Members Rep
Clive Fowler, Moorings Officer
Colin Munz, Hon Secretary
David Brock, Commodore
Diane Fowler, Welfare Officer

Fiona Grant, Hon Treasurer
Grace Martin, Rear Commodore Shore
Ian Green, Rear Commodore Sailing
Nigel Page, Members Rep
Phil Tysoe, Members Rep
Richard Bowers, Hon Sailing Secretary

1 Apologies

- Paul Westwood, Social Committee

2 Minutes of last GC meeting and actions arising

- Minutes agreed.

3 Incidents, Health Safety and Security

- Friday Ladies Sailing – 2 knocks to head by boom during capsizes, 1 slip on slipway due to inappropriate footwear.
- 14th August – Faint message for assistance from club keelboat making poor headway in Portland Harbour picked up by alert ferryman who was able to affect a rescue tow. Ian G to discuss with skipper.
- At W/E a rigging failure to a Lazer caused a capsize with an offshore breeze, which was not noticed by ferryman, leading to a delay in rescue. Ian G will prompt safety crews to always remain alert.
- Major incident during RS700/800 nationals involving collision between two dinghies. Crewman knocked into water unconscious was supported by helm until help arrived and casualty brought to shore at club jetty, and subsequently taken to hospital by ambulance. Fortunately, the casualty recovered sufficiently to return to the race meeting the following day and was very grateful to the rescue team and emergency services and in particular Grace M, for a life-saving recovery.
- Well done to all for implementing club emergency procedures which worked well leading to a successful outcome. However, Ian G will prepare a detailed Incident Report and consider with Sailing Committee lessons learnt and any further improvements to the Safety Procedures.
- Monday evening sailing ferry incident with transferring passenger, partly falling overboard due to poor ferryboat handling. Concern was expressed by committee members about the standard of ferry boat driving and the need to improve skills with more training. Ian G would discuss with Paul Cottrell, Ferryboat Driver Co-ordinator, and possibly involve our training officer Tim Eastaugh.

4 Sailing Secretary and Sailing Committee Report

- Club dinghy racing continues to be well supported, including the Weymouth Regatta and the RS 7000/8000 Nationals, and keel boat racing also. We must build on this for next season.
- An informal Sonata training day is planned for the future, to be discussed with Class Captains.

5 Rear Commodore - Sailing Report

- 5 new VHF radios have been purchased although one lost overboard already and to be replaced. Flotation bags with lanyards now in place. Emission tests are in hand to meet November deadline.
- The club has no detailed records of Royal Dorset Yacht Club members using adjacent moorings and with key fob access to club facilities, although asked for many times. Concern was expressed that

cars are being kept on site for weeks whilst RDYC members sail abroad, a facility not offered to our own members. David B will check what agreements, if any, are in place with RDYC, and Ian G will again text for RDYC member details. It was proposed that next year RDYC fobs would only be turned on on receipt of member details.

- Club boats are generally working well with servicing completed by Bill B on most ribs. A couple of exceptions include Loafer which appears to have an engine management system failure which will cost approx £1k to replace, and Camelot which has had to have a faulty kill cord switch repaired. A steering failure on Durgan Belle has been repaired, although a spare tiller arm should in future be kept on board as an emergency.
- Bill B is again on leave between November and May and although contactable by phone, alternative servicing arrangements will need to be in place during this period.
- A nuisance fisherman continues to lay pots around the club moorings area causing potential damage to members' boats. The Harbour Master is aware and working to keep him away.
- Ian G, Clive F, Grace M and Robert Morley attended a meeting with a Marine Conservation Specialist on the safeguarding of seagrass in the area. Discussions included the trialling of various moorings which reduce damage to seagrass. A survey by the MCS of the extent of any seagrass damage is to be carried out together with development of special moorings.
- The rogue 'ambulance' has returned, overnighing on carpark outside club. Ian G will speak again.
- Grafter upper deck and wheelhouse refurbishment is to commence shortly headed by Keith W. David B will discuss with Andrew Greenshield and others the management of Grafter to clear lines of communication and ensure maintenance work progresses smoothly. It was suggested a senior club manager be appointed to oversee Grafter management, similar to the role Mike Conroy has for Committee Boat Imogen.

6 Rear Commodore - Shore Report

- Catering has been busy this season although bar returns still a little low.
- The card readers are proving very efficient, and the bar cash till is now redundant. No concerns have been expressed by members about 'card only' purchasing and if this continues the till can go.
- The security light has been repaired, boiler is being fixed and fire alarm batteries replaced.
- Andy A asked for key code to switch off alarm when triggered accidentally, although it is usually a case of checking all doors are locked before setting alarm.
- Complaint that main gate stays open too long will be addressed at next service.

7 Hon Treasurer Report

- The club accounts are in a very healthy position with income from new members, boat park and mooring fees up, and a government Covid grant of £25k similar to last year. Key expenses include Crown Estate rental, mooring and club boat repair materials. There is a profit of some £83k although some large expenses are outstanding including Crown Estate rental, PH fees (£11k) and Regatta expenses, and capital projects put on hold due to Covid. Other accruals could include legal fees associated with new 25yr Crown Estate Moorings Lease.
- The club financial year ends on 31st August, but the account audit was not completed in time for last November's AGM. Fiona G is now awaiting proposals from a new auditor for this year.
- Fiona noted that a fiscal year end in August was very challenging given the extra work to complete the accounts during a holiday month and the amount of business that was still going through the books. She suggested a 31st January year end would be more appropriate and would set out a firm proposal for consideration at the October GC meeting. If agreed this change could be announced at the AGM ready for implementation next year. This could also align with the adoption of the Sailing Club Manager software, to replace 'Marusa' which is currently under review for possible implementation next year.
- Unpaid invoices (£6k) remain of concern with some lift in/out invoices due for a second year. It was agreed these boats should not be lifted out until arrears are cleared. WOEC invoice was also due.
- Fiona thanked her team in particular Jane Hayward for all hard work in putting accounts together.

- Increase in next year's membership fees was discussed and a rise of 1.5% to cover inflation was agreed, and would go to the AGM.

8 Hon Secretary Report

- The Moorings Lease is still awaited from Crown Estate solicitors for signing by Trustees. It will be important to retain the existing Trustees until the new document is signed. Subsequent changes to Trustees can be notified to interested parties by letter.
- No further news on the other club legal matters. E.g. Title deeds and Sandsfoot Beach ownership.
- It was agreed that Club members' Liz Austen and Richard Le Mare could hire the club for an evening reception on Saturday 9th April next year. Although bookings were not normally permitted from April, this early date did not clash with any early season club activity. Colin M would advise.

9 Operations Group Report

- Grafter is to be lifted out at the Academy on Friday and upper deck maintenance commenced.
- The meeting on management software tool Sailing Club Manager is to be held next Tuesday by Zoom and will be an opportunity for interested club members to understand and discuss the benefits and issues taking on SCM. It would replace Marusa, Duty Man and finance software currently used by the club, combining those functions to improve the efficiency and ease of club administration, and financial management. Cost £130-£150 pm.
- Andy A already has the interest of officers and club members in key roles and is hoping to get support next month from this committee to agree the implementation of SCM. The change to SCM would then be presented to the AGM, advising members of the many advantages and the few essential changes necessary to facilitate adoption of SCM.
- Lit out preparations continue by Graham Allinson and, because the 20 keelboats can all be located on the lower boat park area. a smaller reach crane is being booked for 9th/10th October 2021.

10 Moorings Report

- New members are requiring extra moorings, using up all the new sinkers purchased earlier in the year and requiring more sinkers and chain in the future. Clive F is hopeful these new members will also provide more needed support to the moorings team.
- Improved processes are in place for the 5 year mooring inspections involving for and after photographs to give owners clearer info on any maintenance work carried out.
- The seagrass meeting discussed three new experimental types of mooring to be trialled although the 'spike' version may be difficult to screw into the shale bedrock in the club moorings area.
- New drivers are coming forward for Grafter and will require training.
- Clive F is awaiting a price for 100 buoys etched with 'CCSC' with a view to replacing all existing club mooring buoys and setting up alternate rows of blue and white buoys, to improve mooring management. Costs would be passed back to owners with old moorings sold on.

11 Members Representative's comments

- Adam B noted the success of the season's dinghy racing enjoyed by all.
- Nigel P informed that Barry Scutt has sold his yacht Varne, currently in the boat park, to a new and active member who has already started work on her hoping to launch next year.
- Phil T suggested a determined effort should be made at the forthcoming new members' BBQ to encourage their participation in racing.

12 Social Committee Report

- Apologies from Paul W who will update later on Charity Comedy Evening.

13 Order of Business

13.1 Prize Giving & Dinner Dance

- The dinner dance would be held at Wellworthy's, off Wyke Road on Sat 20th November with a carvery style meal. A meeting was scheduled for this Friday, Lesley, David, Richard and Paul, to discuss arrangements and anyone interested in helping was welcome and should contact David B.

13.2 2021 AGM – Fri 12th November

- Last month David B attached a Schedule of Events leading to the 2021 AGM in November with key dates shown. Next month was the last opportunity to agree AGM documentation, procedures and the agenda. Officers' reports needed to be posted on the club website by Friday 22nd October.

13.3 Discretionary and Honorary Memberships.

- It was agreed to award Belinda Bentley, who has been a member for some 60 years, Honorary Membership, and Guy Dickinson, Discretionary Membership for services to the club in particular, assisting the Moorings Team by driving Grafter, which he hopes to continue.

14 AOB

- Andy A reminded members to use the online booking sheet to register attendance at the New Members BBQ on sat 25th Sept, for which it was agreed , a new BBQ could be purchased.
- Colin M advised that resurfacing and rolling of boat park would be carried out next Spring after lift in and before dinghies were parked. A date would be set to ensure the area was kept clear.

15 Date of Next Meetings

- Tuesday 12th October 2021 at **19:00** at clubhouse.

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