

MINUTES OF A MEETING
GENERAL COMMITTEE HELD THE CLUBHOUSE
On 7th September 2026 AT 7 pm

Attendees: Mike Lowe (Commodore); Di Best (Vice Commodore); Peter Roe (Hon Treasurer); Emma Broad (Hon Sec); James Norton (RC Amenities); Peter Wyatt (Captain Adult Sailing); Nick Reuter (Captain Dinghies); Chris Emes (Captain Safety Boat); Fred Kearsley (Captain Moorings, Beach & Pontoon); Liam Johns (Captain Amenities); Tom Parker (Captain Social); Chris Hosken, Captain Sailing

Meeting Chaired by Mike Lowe, Commodore **Minutes by** Emma Broad, Hon Secretary

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	2. Interior Bar top to be resurfaced and suitable products are being investigated. Action: Work to be schedule for January when club is closed. Bioethanol fire/burner vs wood burner was discussed. Requires no flue, burns cleanly (producing only CO2 and water vapour). Cost approx £600, with a budget of up to £1,000 to include hearth. Could be stored away in summer. Units provide limited heat output (up to 3kW) and are intended for ambience. A naked flame would require normal care. Action: A visit and demonstration to local stockist ahead of a final decision. Clubhouse interior: Need to create a cosier feel to the clubhouse for the winter. Ideas discussed including curtains to screen end rooms, upholstery on the bar seating, lighting (lamps), and other soft furnishings. These should follow one coordinated design theme rather than being addressed piecemeal, building on ideas raised last year. The Treasurer confirmed £5,000 included in draft budget. Action: A coordinated design theme for curtains, upholstery and lighting to be developed with Lizzie and Sally Kitchen floor Action: Kitchen floor to be resurfaced (deep clean and a protective surface coating, Planned for January 2027 when the club is closed. New gas fryer for the kitchen Action: Arrange purchase and installation of new gas fryer this financial year. New TV / screen – electrician to quote for sockets required to mount new TV screen in the middle of the end wall (a larger screen, and improved sound (Wi-Fi speakers) were discussed Action: To obtain pricing for the socket relocation and to investigate options for a larger screen/TV for the end room. 3. Job roles and responsibilities Action: Committee job roles and responsibilities to be updated by sub committee	Mike Mike Di/Emma James James James/ Ollie Mike
5	Zodiac re-tubing and Viper engine issues A comprehensive report from Captain Safety Boats was circulated in advance and discussed by the committee. (Full report attached - Appendix 1). Zodiac: A recent patch on Zodiac had failed and options for retubing vs replacing were discussed. The committee agreed that further information on costs and warranty terms is needed before a decision can be made. Action: Quotes and confirmation of warranty agreements to be confirmed and discussed again at October meeting. Sea Viper: Engine approx. eight years old (c.1,300 hours) with ongoing issues. Risk of continuing to spend money on repairs for an ageing outboard versus the cost of a replacement (estimated £7,000–£8,000 for a new engine of similar or slightly smaller size) were discussed. Zodiac: It was agreed that Zodiac's (c.1 year old) Mercury engine was in need of it's first service and should be carried out by DL Marine (the supplying dealer) to protect the warranty. Action: DL Marine to service Zodiac's Mercury engine and inspect Sea Viper Other more minor items were discussed including ignition key numbers for all boats have now been recorded. Action: To order replacement/spare keys for the club's boats.	Chris E Chris E/ James Chris E
6.	Sailing Matters > New race marks for 2027 The Committee discussed whether the race pole markers are a danger on the river noting no history of incidents, while acknowledging the need to be mindful of an increasing "litigation culture". It was agreed that the poles to be replaced with bouys only in main channel area.	

	POFSA replace around three buoys a year so spares may be available. Overall cost estimated in the region of £200–£300. Action: To confirm availability of bouys with POFSA and provide final costings to the Treasurer for inclusion in the draft budget.	Chris H
7.	Financial Report, Budget and Forecasts A monthly Financial Report was submitted by the Treasurer and circulated to the Committee in advance. This report is available to all members by requesting a copy from the Treasurer. The Treasurer reported balances significantly up on this time last year though there is a £19k VAT payment due in November. The P&L according to Quickbooks is bouncing around at the moment due to timing differences in income and expenditure. However, everything points to a successful year once the accounts are done. The total income for the bar and catering is up 38% on last year with a month still to go. While the weather has been favourable this is a tremendous success for Ollie, Ciaran and the team. The club rules state that it is a not-for-profit organisation and does not distribute profits to members. These are critical to the club's status as a "mutual" which directly impacts the club's classification for VAT and Corporation Tax purposes. However, there is no clear policy on what P&L results should be targeted to ensure ongoing financial stability, especially in the face of major expenditure in the years ahead such as the pontoon, clubhouse roof, car park etc. Work has started on the budget for 2026/27. It is proposed that in addition to the one year window, we gather best estimates on cashflows and major expenditures for 3 to 5 years ahead. The idea then is that the committee adopts a policy where we target £20k p.a. as "normal" operating margin but add a sum as required to save up for the major costs ahead. These sums will be held in a special reserve to remain identifiable. An existing bank account for pontoon reserves might be renamed for this purpose. Action: To arrange a budget working session with the relevant Captains to consider expenditure over the next 1, 3 and 5yrs. The committee's thanks go to Ollie and Ciaran for an excellent summer and the committee request that their appreciation be formally recorded.	Peter
8.	Membership Applications New membership applications: July: Edward & Rebecca Osman; Matthew & Anwen Quartley (Joint); Luke & Ella Lindforth-Delaney (Joint); Jamie Smith & Sara Pugh (Joint); Liam Mainstone (Single + 2 juniors); Harriet & James Cridland (Joint); Tom Baldock & Georgie Mardell (Joint); Feinn D'Arcy-Hyder (Single); Vanessa Cartwright & Jago Hurley (Joint); Mark & Kathy Thompson (Joint); Christopher & Elizabeth Knock (Joint); Tim & Fional Cullis (Joint + 2 Juniors); Nick & Emma Marsh (Joint); August: Oliver Croft (Single); Fin Walsh-Newton (single); Dan & Jan Clayden (Joint); Yvonne Johnson (Single); Stephen & Rebecca Payne (Joint); Eliza Gaon (Single); Roley & Francesca Short (Joint); Tom Dawson (Single); Peter Austin (Single); Thorarinn Thorarinsson (Single);	
9.	Correspondence Correspondence received from POFSA re AGM: Saturday 21 November 2026, 10am, at RCYC. Action: Representatives to attend the POFSA AGM on 21 November.	Chris H Mike
10.	Any Other Business New Members' / Open Evening Saturday 26 September. To be opened up to prospective members. Event to be run under a Temporary Event Notice (TEN). Action: Posters and social media to advertise. Cadgwith Gig Club Cadgwith Gig Club paid a winter membership last year which was carried over at their request after they did not ultimately use the club. It was noted that Coverack Gig Club may also be interested in using the club facilities during the winter months. Action: To follow up with Cadgwith Gig Club and Coverack Gig Club regarding use of the club, and to invite both to visit.	Di/Peter Fred

	Trestle tables Action Six trestle tables (for use at events such as Christmas lunches) to be purchased Trafalgar Night / "Pickle Night" Saturday 14 November, renamed as "Pickle Night" (commemorating the arrival of news of the Battle of Trafalgar via HMS Pickle) rather than a traditional officers' Trafalgar Night. Chris Newman has kindly agreed to give the address again Craft Fair Saturday 5 December; the RNLI have already been in contact regarding attending. New gas fryer Approved by House Committee, T be scheduled around the planned January kitchen floor works. Action: To arrange purchase and installation of the new fryer. Advertising signage request River Boatyard (Gweek) requested to install an ad sign for his boatyard offering £150 per year. The committee discussed the club's general position on businesses advertising on site and the wish to avoid signage proliferation. The committee agreed to keep the option of a small, properly costed and consistently sized signage/sponsorship scheme (e.g. along the driveway) under review for the future. Action: Respond to Adam Davis, proposing a Yearbook advert and foyer business card in place of a sign for now. Pontoon works MMS will be on site this month to replace rope strops with chains at the top end of the pontoon. Trailer, tender and hard-standing labelling Action: Single, consistent labelling system for trailers, tender, dinghies on pontoon and the hard standing to be implemented ahead of next season. Dinghy Sailing report The May Cup took place in July (postponed from May); ten competitors took part. A provisional date (4th July 2027) has been agreed with the May family. The Dinghy Regatta and Wayfarer Cup were held in blustery conditions: of twelve boats that went to the start, eight started and eight finished, including two Wayfarers. The Laser Plate race has been postponed to this coming Sunday. It was noted that the fleet's strong results at Falmouth Week were not publicised, which was felt to be a missed opportunity — linked to the ongoing need for a new website and better use of social media. Numbered bays on Dinghy Park: Captain Dinghies reiterated a previous proposal for numbered bays on the hard standing, to make it easier for the office to track which boats have paid and to match boats to their allocated space. A scale plan has been produced. Action: To bring a formal proposal for numbered hard-standing bays (with plan and rationale) to a future committee meeting. Racing numbers have fluctuated through the season, largely weather- and school-holiday-dependent (from as few as two to as many as nine boats on different weeks); overall the season was considered satisfactory, if not exceptional. Prize-Giving Saturday 7 November. As previously suggested, it was agreed to try to build this into more of an end-of-season "laying-up supper" for both dinghy and yacht sailors, rather than an event attended mainly by prize-winners; trophies/prize glasses will need to be reordered. Action: To order prize glasses/trophies ahead of the 7 November Prize-Giving Posh Nosh: Taking place on 25 September. All welcome	Ollie Tom/Di James Fred Fred/Nick Nick Nick
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	Wayfarer/Adult sailing report Seven Wayfarers are now operational following recent additions to the fleet, with strong turnout on Tuesday evenings (typically 10–20 sailors) through the season with new members participating	
11.	Date and Time of next Meeting(s) Monday 5 th October 2026 and Monday 9 th November at 19.00hrs	

Appendix 1: Report from Captain Safety Boats

Items submitted in advance:

1. Agenda for Sept meeting
2. Minutes of July meeting for approval
3. HRSC Account Balances (*Peter Roe*)
4. Safety boats Report (*Chris Emes*)
5. Minutes August Flag Officers meeting (*Mike Lowe*)
6. Social Events (*Di Best*)
7. Adult Sailing Report (*Peter Wyatt*)
8. Junior Sailing Report (*Marc Shepherd*)

Signed..... Date