



Royal Brighton Yacht Club
The Sailors' Club

GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday 14 December 2023, 6.00 PM

PRESENT - Niesje Hees, Peter Demura, Marnie Irving, Murray Cowdell, Tony Hennessy, Cath Hurley, Peter Gebhardt, Debbie Jonker

APOLOGIES - Brett Heath, Peter Coleman, Neil Sargeant, Phil Hall

PREVIOUS MINUTES

- True and accurate record;

MOVED: Murray Cowdell **SECONDED:** Tony Hennessy **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING

- Nil

CORRESPONDENCE

- Nil

MEMBERSHIP

Accept new members as listed.

New Members to be ratified - 14.12.23 meeting

Mark Deacon	Senior
Rachel Edwardes	Senior
Ian Tauman	Crew Plus
Liam Jordan	Intermediate
Mow Spencer	Intermediate

MOVED: Peter Gebhardt **SECONDED:** Cath Hurley **CARRIED**



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SAILING REPORT

- The Sail Melbourne Report was tabled, noting the dates for next year's Sail Melbourne are confirmed as Thursday 28 Nov 2024 – 1 Dec 2024. Key lesson learnt is to write to classes as soon as possible so that they can make plans to participate. Noted that the Australian Para Championship will be part of Sail Melbourne 2024, and that there is a new classification for sailors with intellectual impairment. The club to work with AS to ensure adequate understanding of running races for the para classes.
- Proposal from Vice Commodore accepted by Sailing Committee to use a different wind limit as guidance for windward leeward courses (approx 25 knots depending on sea state), and to be able to change to a passage race if conditions are too fresh for windward leeward but not too fresh for a passage race (ie. not a gale warning). The NOR will allow for this (ie. for a scheduled windward leeward race to be changed to a passage race).

CRUISING GROUP

- Report tabled. Peter Gebhardt is the current Cruising Group Chair (chair to be rotated). Eight boats have expressed interest in the Bass Strait Cruise.

IDAG REPORT

- No report this month

ASSET REPORT

- No report this month. Noted that responses to tender for Forecourt Redevelopment are due 15 Dec 23. Recommendation will be made to next GC meeting (29 January 2024).

CSC REPORT

- No report this month

SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE / proposals

- Minutes of recent meeting were distributed. Cath noted the enjoyable visit of the Social Sub-Committee to the Calvin Club and the successful Olsen Hooper swim.



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GENERAL BUSINESS

- PD – noted that quote for cameras on the marina is expected early in the new year, leveraging work already done when this was considered in the past (noting technology has moved on also, and that current central system can be utilised).
 - PG – asked about budget update – will be provided next meeting
 - PG - noted maintenance items – Fire Systems on marina (PC will address) and blocked toilets (which are unblocked when reported). DJ suggested maintenance log be kept at reception to allow members to report maintenance items when they are noticed.
 - MC – asked about status of new race tower – quotes to date have been very costly.
 - DJ – noted audit issues experienced by prominent tennis club as a cautionary tale (need to continue to ensure audit processes are sufficiently robust)
 - NH – noted that Water Technologies will progress approval for dredging permit in the new year, now that environmental surveys are complete.
- MEETING CLOSED: 7:15 PM
- NEXT MEETING: Monday 29th January 2024