



Royal Brighton Yacht Club

The Sailors' Club

GENERAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting held Monday 26th May, 6.00 PM

RBYC Committee Room

PRESENT – Peter DEMURA, Peter GEBHARDT, Brett HEATH, Marnie IRVING, Debbie JONKER, Andrew HOLMES, Murray COWDELL, Mark WOODLAND, Grant DOW,

APOLOGIES - Greg CLINNICK, Cath HURLEY, Phil HALL

PREVIOUS MINUTES

True and accurate record:

MOVED: Murray COWDELL

SECONDED: Mark WOODLAND **CARRIED**

BUSINESS ARISING

Nil

GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT

- Past Commodore Peter Strain has presented a written proposal to run a Classic Car Show at the Club on Father's Day, September 7, 2025. The proposal is to support Bryan Drummond with a Classic Car Show at RBYC. Bryan is competing in a car rally supporting a cancer research charity. **Motion:** PASSED
- Past Commodore Paul Pascoe has proposed running a one-design keelboat regatta in 2026. Initially, the event was planned for September 2025, but the Sailing Committee agreed that there was not enough time to run in 2025 and that more information was required to make a decision.
- BH will provide the costs of running an international regatta like the World Etchells.
- Understand who is providing funding for the regatta.
- PD provided an update on the repairs to the northern wave attenuator. The cost to repair will be \$27,560 + GST.
- Accessible walkway to the club's rear needs an infill to prevent falls. It was agreed that options such as glass or stainless-steel uprights would be explored and installed.
- A letter will be sent to the owner of Moonshadow, which has fallen into disrepair and has outstanding lease payments. BH suggested providing 14 days' notice to take action and mentioning that a recent inspection showed the vessel was listing.
- The club supports a government and Lions Club joint venture with RBYC to have a skin check caravan in the public carpark outside the club's entrance in July. The club will support the Lions Club to operate.

Motion: PASSED



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TREASURERS REPORT

BH spoke to the written report.

- Operating surplus is \$81k for April. The budget was a \$44k surplus.
- \$23k was a reversal of the aircon unit in the Members Bar, moving to the balance sheet (was in March accounts).
- Gross profit was up \$56k on budget.
- The cost of sales was 41.2%, with a yearly target of 37.5%, below our target of 39%.

2025/2026 Membership and Marina / Storage Fees

The Finance Committee has proposed a 3.5% increase to 25/26 Membership Fees across all membership classes and marina and hardstand leases. The main reason for the rise in fees is to cover the significant increase in insurance premiums. **Motion: PASSED**

2025/2026 Monthly Instalment Surcharge

The Finance Committee has proposed a 3% increase in the Monthly Instalment surcharge. **Motion: PASSED**

Five-Year Right To Use Proposal

A letter of offer will be sent to all marina boat owners to secure a five-year Right-to-Use Agreement. Ten of these agreements are available, and they will be secured at a fixed rate with a small discount. The Marina Maintenance Fee will still need to be paid annually. The funds raised are for the long-term maintenance of the marina, and monies will only be used for the marina and not for other club assets. **Motion: PASSED**



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MEMBERSHIP

PD spoke to the membership report.

The club has reached 1,758 members, a new record for the club.

Accept new members as listed.

MOVED: Peter GEBHARDT

SECONDED: Andrew HOLMES

CARRIED

New Members to be ratified at May Meeting

Andrea	Minuti	Senior
Ben	Brindle	Senior Family
Janine	Fenwick	Senior Family
Liza	Boston	Crew Plus
Grant	Reynolds	Crew Plus
Martin	Sheldon	Crew Plus
Thomas	Fisher	Intermediate
Danielle	Walsh	Intermediate
Emily	Shaw	Intermediate
Matthew	Cronjaeger	Intermediate
Henry	Johnson	Intermediate
Allanah	Leyden	Intermediate
Peter	McAlpine	Gym
Clair	MacDougall	Gym
Rachel	Pears	Aquatic
James	Magner	Aquatic
Angeliki	Venizelakos	Social
Sheetu	Partola	Social
Murray	Rogers AM	Social

SAILING SUB COMMITTEE

- Minutes tabled.
- Presentation Night will be Friday, July 11th, 2025. Nominations for awards are open and will close on June 23rd, 2025.
- Frostbite regatta is on Sunday, 22nd June 2025. GC volunteers required.
- Update on recommendations from the Weather Incident last November. A disaster simulation for all volunteers will be carried out in July 2025. Implementation of other recommendations is largely in place or in progress.

CRUISING GROUP

- Minutes tabled.



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IDAG REPORT

- No report

ASSET REPORT

- Dredging is awaiting approval from Park Victoria.
- The Thursday Working Group is working with Diver Dan to remove significant debris before dredging.
- The insurance claim for replacing the damaged mast for the training yacht has been approved.

CSC REPORT

- No report

SOCIAL SUB COMMITTEE

- Minutes tabled.

SAILING EXCELLENCE CENTRE

- AH and GD updated the committee on the progress of this initiative.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Commodore will invite volunteers to a thank-you lunch on Sunday, 13th July.
- Provide a Membership QR Code on all restaurant tables, promoting joining the Club.
- MC reminded the committee to check that their Working with Children Check was up to date. MI will table the reminder at the Sailing Committee Meeting.

MEETING CLOSED 9:00 PM

NEXT MEETING: Monday 30th June 2025 6:00 pm