



RAYC Committee Minutes 5th February 2025_{v1}

Minutes from RAYC Committee Meeting run via TEAMS

Items 1 and 2. Welcome / Approval of Past Minutes (Annex A)

The Commodore and Admiral welcomed all to the meeting (see list of attendees and apologies in annex A). The Admiral felt the Club was upbeat and very healthy e.g. winter AT activity, the strong representation in Army inshore sailing, and solid finances. The minutes from September were reviewed and approved.

Item 3. RAYC Financial Reports (Annex B, C and D)

Financial reports were shared, including a draft report for the AGM. Colin thanked the Audit Committee for their work. The Club is in a healthy financial position with total cash reserves of £385,875, including continued improvements in our investments currently valued at £300,741. Discussion about ASA grants and about what level of ASA membership we should take (see action below). CW suggested we should be more connected with ASA plans, although he said that we were unlikely to need ASA moorings as we still have 46 years left of our moorings debenture at PM.

Item 4. Commodore's Report

Tony thanked Ed Johnson and Josh Bates for running St. Barabara V's successful winter AT to the Canary Islands. He highlighted the positive plans that are being developed for inshore sailing, together with the work on the new website. He announced that he would leave the Army in the summer and hand over duties to Nat Webber.

Item 5. AGM Plans / Annual Members BBQ at Thorney Island

It was agreed to run an online AGM on Monday 17th March to approve the financial accounts, and to hold a more informal members meeting / BBQ at Thorney Island (17th July TBC) for broader AGM items e.g. prize giving. Nat Webber suggested we might also include time on the 17th of July for a brainstorming session to review the Club's 5-year plan.

Item 6. Website Update (Annex E)

Report on SCM work to manage 2025 renewals plus update on new website that should be live before the AGM.

Item 7a. Board Sailing (Annex F)

RC(BS) Nik Barnes shared Board Sailing plans for 2025 and the successes from 2024, including excellent Gunner Sailing representation at Army level events e.g. Ex Zenith Samba. Approval of funding for personal contributions.

Item 7b. Dinghy Sailing / Keel Boat Regatta Plans (Annex G)

RC(D) Stuart Deakin was unable to attend but sent a report at annex G, including plans for the dinghy regatta 14-18 July. There was a lengthy discussion about the financial viability of the Seaview Keel Boat Regatta. Admiral and Commodore suggest running alternative event (possibly at Thorney Island) that is easier to get to and with lower costs. James Boutle volunteered to champion Seaview Regatta for 2025 to maximise participation / financial viability e.g. event part of the Regimental Victor Ludorum. After an online vote, members voted 9 to 3 in favour of keeping Seaview for one more year.

Item 7c. Offshore Sailing / Bosun Succession Planning (Annex H)

New RC(O) Jon McCleery provided a comprehensive report on offshore activity, including the success of Exercise Canary Ubique and list of future ideas for the boats. Jon led the meeting's congratulations to LBdr Johnson on his promotion and transfer to 16 Regt. The Bosuns succession was discussed, and a potential candidate has been identified.

Item 8. Membership Report (Annex I)

Membership is strong, with 415 active members. Good progress on offering Associate Membership to other corps (idea to extend offer to AGC). The renewal process is going well. Ran out of time to make a decision on Clement Allen's application.

Item 9. Boat Booking Report (Annex J)

Healthy boat bookings for 2024 with Bombardier 3 at 53% "summer occupancy" and 92% for St Barbara V driven by winter AT plans. Bookings for 2025 are open with good early bookings for both boats.

Item 10. AOB / Dates for Next Meeting

No other business was discussed. Suggested date for next committee .

Follow Ups / Key Actions

1. MS to confirm dates and plans for the AGM (17 March) and annual members meeting / BBQ (17th July TBC).
2. MS to work with NW to confirm details for a brainstorming session for future Club plans (17th July TBC).
3. Rear Commodores to submit summer season grant bids for ASA grants....suggested by end of February.
4. CW to circulate letter with details of ASA affiliation....and to recommend the level we should take.
5. CW and core committee to review our links to ASA / how we could have greater involvement with their future plans.
6. JB (and team) to lead plans to promote and run the Keel Boat Regatta on 9/10 July.
7. RC(O) and Bosuns to identify a potential replacement for LBdr Johnson.
8. MS to work with TW on approval of Clement Allen's membership and idea to offer AM to the AGC.