



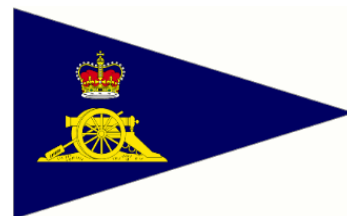
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HONORARY MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT – FEB 25

1. **General.** Good news up front... the Club continues to enjoy a steady trickle of applications for new memberships – I have approved three in the last week. Conversely, I have also actioned a handful of resignations arising from the recent renewals process: I am not concerned – this is becoming a routine part of the annual battle rhythm as people review their outgoings or change of circumstances.

2. **Actions Arising from Previous Meetings:**

a. **Offer of Associate Membership to other Army Yacht/Sailing Clubs.**

(a) **General.** Agreement was reached at the last Committee Meeting that I would widen the invitation for new Associate Members beyond the pre-agreed targeting of Royal Signals and Army Air Corps Yacht Clubs. I have achieved varying degrees of progress with the following entities (... and will keep the Committee up to date with developments as they happen):

- **Royal Signals Yacht Club.** After delays imposed by the departure of the in-post Cdre, with whom I started discussions, I am pleased to report that I have been asked to draft an 'offer' which will be circulated around existing RSYC members. They are happy for us to offer full access to all Club disciplines.
- **Army Air Corps Sailing Association.** Cdre very recently put me in touch with the R.Cdre Offshore and we have literally just initiated discussions. They have an interest in achieving greater access to offshore sailing, but I get the impression they feel well served by their corporate membership of the AOSC at Gosport, so uptake may be limited. I would expect to make a similar offer to one for the RSYC.
- **Army Medical Services Sailing Association.** Initial approach made, early days for negotiations – point of contact on deployment.
- **Intelligence Corps Sailing Association.** As with AMSSA, not yet beyond initial discussion.

b. **Yearbook.** Ongoing – I will discuss the best way to migrate the Yearbook to a digital format with the webmaster

3. Current Membership Figures:

Ser	Type	Oct 2021	Jun 2022	Sep 2022	Mar 2023	Jun 2023	Feb 2024	Feb 2025
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)
1	Associate	74	28	28	28	34	35	36
2	Associate Honorary Life	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
3	Associate Life	0	0	0	0	3	3	3
4	Ex Officio Honorary	0	0	0	0	3	3	3
5	Family	10	7	8	4	7	3	3
6	Honorary	7	7	7	6	6	1	1
7	Honorary Life	79	6	7	8	80	78	78
8	Retired	227	78	83	81	103	116	114
9	Retired Life	30	7	7	7	37	29	29
10	Serving	270	79	84	122	133	135	144
11	Temporary	104	36	85	0	14	9	2
12	Totals	801	248	309	241	422	414	415

a. **Renewals.** I'm not sure I should be tempting fate, but the renewals process appears to have worked remarkably well this year! We still have some outstanding Subscriptions, but Treasurer is doing sterling work hunting them down. I will defer to him at the meeting for an update on where we stand.

4. Proposed New Members.

a. **Full.** None requiring Cttee input.

b. **Associate.** I received the following approach via 'online enquiry' on SCM:

I am enquiring about joining the Royal Artillery Yacht Club as an Associate member. I have been on numerous trips over the past year on both St Barbara and Bombardier with Stuart Kennon as helm, the highlight being Cowes Week last summer. I am now very keen to join the RAYC to be able to skipper Bombardier (and naturally St Barbara once my qualifications allow) and partake in other Gunner Sailing activities. A bit about my sailing experience: - Day Skipper - Marine Radio SRC - Powerboat Level 2 - RYA First Aid - Used to work as a summer Dinghy Instructor as a teenager - Occasional RS800 racing crew - Currently working towards Coastal Skipper and Yachtmaster Theory A bit about myself: - Software engineer in London - Aged 28 - Living in Hertfordshire (all too familiar with the Friday afternoon slog down the M25 and A3 to Gosport!) I have support from Stuart Kennon and Sam Fowler as referees. Please let me know if I can provide any more information to help support my application. Kind regards, Clement Allen

Stuart Kennon is himself an Associate Member and Sam Fowler is now 'Temporary' only: I do not believe either are particularly strong Referees! I am minded to say 'thank you, but no thank you' on the grounds that he has no Regimental connection (bottom line is that we do not want to set a precedent of opening membership up to random civilians). **I would be grateful for a committee level decision on this so I can go back to him.**

5. **Rule 49 Action.** Nil.

6. **Members Who Have Died Since Last Cttee Mtg.** Peter Youlton.

7. **Blue Ensign Permits Issued Since Last Cttee Mtg.**

- a. *Alcyone of Lymington*, Contessa 32', Brian Copper.
- b. I am about to conduct a full review of Ensign Permits, with a view to identifying those who have exceeded their period of validity. I will report to the next Cttee Mtg.

8. **Newly Recorded Qualifications.** Nil.

9. **Miscellaneous.**

- a. **Succession Planning.** I remain hopeful (and slightly less patient...).

Signed electronically.

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