

HAYLING ISLAND SAILING CLUB

SOCIAL SAILORS AGM: 17 October 2025

Minutes of Meeting

Meeting attended by thirty-six members with eight apologies for absence.

Christopher Rainbow, recently appointed Manager to HISC, introduced himself and welcomed Members to meet with him to discuss any issues about which they might need advice / information.

Rosy Raines, Chairperson of the Members Lunch Group was introduced when it was explained that for the monthly winter lunches – with after lunch speakers – Rosy and Delia Clarke (representing Social Sailors) would be combining the respective groups to ensure a worthwhile attendance for inviting visiting speakers to make presentations. (This was later reflected at the lunch after the AGM when fifty-six members of the two groups joined together to hear an intriguing presentation by Richard Coates on the involvement of Hayling Island – to include HISC – during the two World Wars).

Minutes of AGM held on 18 October 2024: These were approved

Past Year's Activities: Norman Payne (Social Sailors Captain) firstly expressed appreciation for the previous support provided by Gary Gledhill in ensuring the continuing development and interest provided for the Social Sailors membership.

During the past twelve months Delia Clarke had organised winter monthly lunches at the Club. David Dodgson, David Archer and Tony Button had arranged sailing rallies and Terry McMahon arranged summer events that included lunches and sailing opportunities in Chichester Harbour.

With appreciation Jane Blaydes had continued to look after the group's accounts and maintaining the email addresses of members.

The draft programme for 2025/26 as prepared by the Committee was circulated. Views on the programme and any additional events were requested. No suggestions were received so the Committee organisers were in a position to proceed.

Details of each event held over the past year were provided by – David Dodgson on a Bembridge rally that included a BBQ attended by thirty members. David said that he had organised events for a number of years but would not be available next year.

David Archer described the July sailing rally to Haslar and Yarmouth. Said that he was willing to organise another July rally next year.

Tony Button – held a rally to Cowes and Lymington which, unfortunately was adversely affected by strong winds but still attended by six stalwart Social Sailor members. As Tony said "That's sailing"! Tony also said that he would not be available to organise an event next year.

Terry Mc Mahon provided Chichester Harbour events including a lunches at Emsworth SC and The Deck, sailing and optional car trips with lunches to Chichester Yacht Club (twice) and a BBQ generously provided by Anna and Viv Williams.

Winter Lunch Events: Delia, unfortunately, was unwell. Together with Rosy Raines of the “Members Lunch Group” six winter lunches – with speakers had been organised. Delia, in her absence, had prepared a note on the past year’s events and this was read to Members by Peter Litchfield. Together with Rosy, after today’s lunch, a further five lunches have been arranged when it is hoped that by combining the two groups worthwhile events can be held to justify the Club providing catering on a Friday when it is normally closed.

Much appreciation was made by those attending the AGM for all the time and preparation offered by Delia in achieving such worthwhile social events.

Treasurer’s Report: Jane Blaydes, treasurer had apologised for missing the meeting as she was unwell. Barry Blaydes presented her report advising there are now 116 members of Social Sailing. The financial position is sound with, including this year’s annual fee of £5.00 per person, sufficient to cover anticipated expenditure. The meeting thanked Jane – in her absence – for attending to the Group’s finances.

Communication Between Members: The issue of making contact between individual Social Sailor members was discussed. Barry Blaydes – who looks after the web site – provided advice on how to achieve contact between members in compliance with the Data Protection Act. The suggested procedure will be circulated. Angie Driscoll explained about the system used by the Members Lunch Group which could be an option.

Volunteers to Support Social Sailors Group: With the unavailability of David and Tony and to sustain the Social Sailors Group there was a need to achieve more volunteers to work with the Committee. NP asked if any-one interested in being involved would talk with him after the meeting .

(To advise that after the meeting no volunteers came forward. It is to be hoped that support will be provided to sustain the future of the Social Sailors Group).

Ideas for Next Year’s Events: For next year – rather on the lines of this year’s “Orient Express” event a “Revival” event is being organised for the Club membership in general. With regard to Social Sailors events no suggestions were made.

AOB: NP advised that three boats on moorings had been broken into. He was working with “technical” Club members to suggest suitable alarm systems that could be adopted for next season.

Social Sailing Committee: Delia Clarke, Jane Blaydes, David Dodgson, Tony Button, David Archer, Terry McMahon, Steve Bannister, Norman Payne. Co-opted – Rosy Raines from Members Lunch group.