

Minutes of the Social Sailing S.G.M

Friday 17th April 2026 at 11.30am.

Welcome:

David Dodgson (DD) opened the meeting by explaining that he was standing in for Social Sailing Class Captain Norman Payne, who was unable to attend. Some fifty members were welcomed.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Norman Payne, Alan and Delia Clarke, Ann Dodgson, Paul Cook and Mike and June Tong.

Past Year's Activities:

Norman had asked DD to say that he thought the partnership with the members' lunch group had worked well, helping to fulfil the intention to arrange lunches at the club and get good speakers.

DD reported that 3 sailing rallies had been held in 2025 .The first to Bembridge and Cowes with 16 boats at Bembridge. The two other rallies organised by David Archer to Haslar and Yarmouth and by Tony Button to Folly.

*Separate reports regarding the sailing programme , the summer programme and winter lunches were to be presented later in the meeting.

Treasurer's report and update on membership:

Jane Blaydes stated that currently 101 members have paid their subscriptions thus the total income to date is £530. Expenditure to date is £173 on speakers lunches and gifts.

For the remainder of this year organisers have been asked to limit their plans as expenditure is rather uncertain which will hopefully limit expenditure over income to around £140.

The bank balance is healthy and forecast to be £780 at the end of the financial year

Winter Lunches and Speakers:

Barbara Palmer read out a report written by Delia Clarke regarding the winter lunches and speakers. This reviewed last winters lunches and speakers and called for members support in suggesting speakers for next season.

Summer (Non-sailing) events:

Terry McMahon presented an account of the planned activities for this summer. This included lunches at Hayling Island Golf Club, Itchenor SC, Chichester SC and a BBQ at the home of Margaret and Ray Stewart.

Summer Sailing Rallies:

DD reported that Norman Payne will be running the May rally at Bembridge on 15/16/17th May.

David Archer will be running the rally to Cowes and Yarmouth. DA gave further details of the difficulties currently being experienced when attempting to book dinners for big groups. Many venues are now demanding large deposits in advance which the meeting agreed should be avoided as far as possible.

Ideas and suggestions for future events:

Gill Thallon suggested the idea of a progressive supper at one of the sailing rallies. However, Viv Williams said that the Class Captain, Norman, had been concerned about this when John Blake wanted to run one. A discussion followed and members thought it should be possible with the stipulation that a suitable indemnity was agreed to by all attendees.

Gill Thallon and John Blake to discuss this further with the Captain and the Social Sailing committee.

Nominations for providing support:

DD stressed that more support was needed from members if there were to be more sailing events whether to run rallies, one day sailing event or helping organised one of the sailing rally dinners.

Inclusion of non-boatowners:

Angie Driscoll had sent in a request that the SGM should consider members without boats being taken to sailing events.

The general feeling was that this was not workable on an overnight rally. Steve Bannister suggested that it would perhaps be more feasible on one day events. The general feeling at the meeting was that this would be more practical. It should be left to cruising members to extend any invitations on day outings - as has been the case until now.

AOB:

i) Viv Williams spoke about the Kids on the Water programme and how there was usually a clash of dates with the SS May rally. He asked whether there could be some coordination to try and avoid this issue in future – although he accepted tide times did not necessarily make this easy.

ii) Rosy Raines spoke about the winter lunches and stressed the need for suggestions for speakers.

iii) Steve Bannister raised the issue of the HISC Open Day on 4th May, the object of which was to recruit new members and he hoped the Cruiser section of the club would be prepared to help in a variety of ways.

Meeting ended at 12.25.