

## YHAC CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of**  
**The Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee**  
**held virtually via Zoom**  
**on 26 May 2021 at 0900 hours**

<b>PRESENT</b>	David Fox – Chair Anne Bamford Ginny McKee Sue Hawley Peter Spink Danny Arthur Martin Palmer Katie Davies Jamie Sheldon	Royal Yachting Association Freshwater Parish Council YHC Staff Representative Estuaries Officer Isle of Wight Council Yarmouth Business Association Yarmouth Sailing Club Royal Solent Yacht Club Country Landowners Association
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Tim Adams Sarah Judd Don Tregear Scott Neill	Chief Executive/Harbour Master Minutes Commissioner Deputy Harbour Master
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Bill Attree Martin Gulliver John Howe Lee Hall Jamie Allen	Commercial Fishermen’s Association Wightlink Representative Totland Parish Council Commercial Operators Representative Yarmouth Town Council

The Chairman welcomed new members Anne Bamford representing Freshwater PC, Peter Spink representing IWC and Martin Palmer representing YSC to the meeting. He also welcomed Don Tregear, Commissioner.

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies were tendered as noted above.
2. **Approval of Minutes**  
The Minutes of 17 March 2021 were approved.
3. **Matters arising**
  - The Chairman mentioned the upcoming AGM which is scheduled to take place on 4 June virtually. JS tendered his apologies for this.

#### **4. Yarmouth Harbour**

##### **Lockdown Restrictions**

The harbour continues to encourage people to wear face coverings indoors and are also encouraging them to wear them on all harbour property.

##### **Safety**

Yarmouth Harbour is starting to see people that are inexperienced arriving on PWC's. There was a near miss recently involving a small water craft and the Wightlink Ferry. The individual was cautioned and was very apologetic. The harbour has signage up around the harbour relating to safety and it is hoped that this is not a regular occurrence.

##### **Harbour Works**

The renovation of the showers is now complete. General maintenance around the harbour is ongoing. Customer wi-fi is currently experiencing problems – new parts are required and these are delayed due to the pandemic impacting production in the Far East and by the hold up in the Suez Canal. YHC are working to rectify this as quickly as possible.

##### **Performance**

May – bad weather has led to a poor month so far. However, with the weather forecast for the next week looking promising, the harbour is hoping for a busy Bank Holiday weekend.

##### **Harbour Development Concept**

The CE/HM presented the Committee with a series of slides which outlined potential improvements to the facilities south of the bridge by the Dinghy Park. The aim of this is to obtain feedback from all YHAC members and the stakeholder groups that they represent. The CE/HM asked for questions/comments at the end of the presentation and these have been noted on a separate document.

#### **5. Wightlink**

The Wightlink representative was not present at the meeting and no report was given.

#### **6. Clubs**

YSC – All sailing and training events getting very booked up for the season which is encouraging.

RSYC – Sailing season has now started and is being well supported. The Club is now open for inside dining on tables up to 6.

The Taittinger Regatta is going ahead – so far there have been around 140 entries.

#### **7. Councils**

The Freshwater PC rep kindly said that she would feedback the harbour development concept to the Parish Council.

The new IWC rep said that he felt on first impression that any regeneration has got to be a good thing.

A group of Yarmouth residents are in the early stages of organising an ice rink in the square at Christmas time. Members stated that this sounded like a great idea.

#### **8. RYA Latest**

A member offered to send a link onto members so that they could read the latest Solent Forum Newsletter which contains lots of useful information on the whole of the Solent.

#### **9. Boat Yards**

There were not any boat yard representatives present at the meeting.

#### **10. Events**

- Old Gaffers Rally – 3-6 June 2021 - 58 entries so far.
- Taittinger Regatta – 16-18 July 2021 - approx. 140 entries so far.
- Fair on the Green – 10-17 July 2021 (TBC)
- Carnival Week – 7-14 August 2021
- Sea Shanty Event on the Green – 3-5 September 2021

Date of next meeting: 21 July 2021

*The meeting closed at 10.05am.*