

YHAC CONFIRMED MINUTES

Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners
Minutes of a Meeting of
The Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee
held virtually via Zoom
on 18 May 2022 at 0900 hours

PRESENT	David Fox – Chair Jamie Allen – Vice-Chair Jamie Sheldon Louisa Mamakou Tom Gregory Tom Symes John Howe Martin Gulliver Sue Hawley Daniel James	Royal Yachting Association Yarmouth Town Council Country Landowners Association Marketing & Communications Officer/YHC Staff Rep Yarmouth Sailing Club Royal Solent Yacht Club Totland Parish Council Wightlink Representative Estuaries Officer Freshwater Parish Council
IN ATTENDANCE	Tim Adams Sarah Judd Brian Mitchell Scott Neill	Chief Executive/Harbour Master Minutes Commissioner Deputy Harbour Master
APOLOGIES	Peter Spink Danny Arthur	Isle of Wight Council Yarmouth Business Association

The Chairman welcomed Brian Mitchell (Commissioner), Tom Symes (RSYC) and Cllr Daniel James (FPC), to the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were tendered as noted above.
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
The Minutes of 16 March were approved.
- 3. Matters arising**
YHC recently undertook an oil spill exercise which involved a fire evacuation, deployment of booms and a desk top exercise. This went extremely well.
Representatives working on the Solent oyster project ‘Solent Seascape’ visited the Island recently. The project will focus on the restoration of seagrass, saltmarsh and oyster beds within the Solent and is currently waiting for funding approval.

4. Yarmouth Harbour

➤ **Appointment of New Commissioner**

Anne Kyle has been recruited as the new Commissioner with an immediate start and will replace Sue Poston. Jamie Clarke will join the team in 2023.

➤ **Safety**

The pontoon by YSC and the bridge has now been replaced. One side of this will be for use by the Club and the other side will provide a safe waiting area for vessels if required whilst waiting for the bridge. YHC have also applied to the MMO for a Licence to install a similar waiting pontoon north of the bridge.

➤ **Harbour Works**

The Sandhard pontoon has recently been refurbished. The new foyer area in the Harbour Office is now complete. The unisex/disabled outside toilet is very nearly finished. Fenders need repairing on the ferry berth – this will be done by BW Moorings at night after the last ferry leaves. There was a problem with the main drains outside of the ferry terminal office due to a blockage caused by a ‘fat burg’. This has hopefully now been resolved.

➤ **Performance**

Overnight, short stays, sailing school and LTV boat numbers are above average for the start of the year to date.

5. Wightlink

Advance bookings are looking good for the up coming season. The plan is to run a two-boat service and the timetables are likely to remain as they are. A member enquired about whether there would be any further ‘Meet the Manager’ type events held by WL in the near future. The WL rep said that he would look into this and report back accordingly.

6. Clubs

RSYC – The next big event is the Taittinger Regatta on 22-24 July 2022. There are still ongoing problems with fishing lines on the Pier during racing. The DHM said that if there are obvious issues, YHC will do their best to help if possible if someone calls via radio.

YSC – The club are very pleased with the new pontoon by the bridge. There is currently lots of training going on ready for the season ahead.

7. Councils

Freshwater PC – the marker buoys at Colwell Bay will soon be put back in the water to highlight the safe swimming area.

Totland PC – Works to the restaurant at the end of the pier continue. A member enquired about seagrass conservation in and around Totland Bay and the Estuaries Officer said that she would send over some links for further information on this as there are several projects going on in the Solent currently. A member also asked the Committee if anyone knew who was in charge of policing the bay in terms of looking at vessel safety etc. It would be useful to seek clarification on this in time for the next meeting.

Yarmouth TC – The Town Council have a newsletter that is just about to go out – this contains information on various Jubilee celebrations that are planned over the extended BH weekend.

8. RYA Latest

Cowes Harbour Commission is currently undertaking a survey – Your Harbour, Your View’. This can be accessed by clicking the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/CHCreview2022>

Lymington Harbour have gone out to consultation on the implementation of its Strategic Plan. This can be viewed by clicking the link below:

<https://www.lymingtonharbour.co.uk/harbour-development-plan>

The Environment Agency are currently giving away free litter picking equipment. This can be requested by emailing Plasticsandsustainability@environment-agency.gov.uk.

9. Boat Yards

The representative thanked YHC for the new waiting pontoon south of the bridge.

10. Events

- 1-5 June 2022 Old Gaffers Rally to Yarmouth Harbour
- 2-5 June 2022 – Queens Jubilee Long Weekend
- 18 June – JOG Races
- 22-24 June – Taittinger Regatta

11. Any Other Business

The YHC AGM is on 10 June 2022 at 1730 at CHOYD. All welcome.

YHC currently have 286 subscribers to the e-newsletter.

12. Date of Next Meeting - Weds 20 July 2022.

The meeting closed at 1000.