



Beaulieu River Sailing Club

MINUTES OF THE 92nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Held on Saturday 30 November 2024 at 17.30 at Beaulieu Village Hall

Over 100 members present

The Commodore, Mary Montagu-Scott opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the BRSC AGM. She reported that there had been a fantastic year of sailing and the delight of having her new boat. The boat is called Surprise after the first Royal Navy ship built at Bucklers Hard with the sail number 600, all very significant.

1. Apologies:

Tim & Frances Robinson, Francesca Morgan, Anthony & Brigitte Haas, Kristen Branford & Erica Neve, Anna Rostand, Vova & Veronic Karavan, James & Elizabeth Gedge

New Members:- Julia Stovold, Martin & Alison Bray

Emailed but not read out:- Tony and Yvonne Bishop-Weston, James Eric and Mary Williams

2. KEY DATES

These were displayed, a few print outs were available but please check the website for dates.

3. Births, Marriages and Deaths

The following births were announced by the Captain:-

Max to Rupert & Sarah DOWNES

Cosima to William & Alice CAVE (nee CHITTY)

Felix to Edward & Bella HAYWARD BROOMFIELD

There were no marriages in the last year but a couple of engagements among our committee members, Tom DYKES to Gemma SWINGLEHURST and Amanda's daughter Georgina BENTLEY-BUCKLE to Charlie LANSDALE.

The Captain read the names of members who had died in the last year and as a sign of respect a minute's silence was observed by those present: -

Shelagh TOWNSEND ROSE

Annette SOUTHWARD

Richard BAVISTER

Jenny HAMILTON

Peter ROGERS

Sarah KARSTEN

4. New Members

The Captain announced that the following people had joined the Club in the course of the year and invited the new members present to make themselves known.

James ISOLA & Barra LITTLE
Malvena STUART TAYLOR
Julia STOVOLD
Amber ELLIS
Martin & Alison BRAY
Michael & Claire CROCKETT
Oliver CROCKETT

5. Captain's Report

The Captain thanked her committee who have worked well as a team and have made her job as Captain very easy.

Despite being a dinghy club, we have also been participating in the Commodore's Invitational Regatta. For the last seven years the Royal Yacht Squadron has invited a group of clubs to race at Cowes in J70s. We have had the honour of being included in this from the start. The split of the regatta is that it should remain very firmly Corinthian with a spread of ages and should, if possible, include at least one Flag Officer, one person of each gender and one under the age of about 26. This adds to the enjoyment and gives an opportunity for Flag Officers to do a bit of networking. In 2025 the regatta is taking place between Monday 2nd and Wednesday 4th June. Please could anyone who is interested let us know.

As a club, made up of private members, we are not capable of owning property or being party to a contract. This is why we need to remember to thank our trustees, Robert Gayner, Anthony Evans and Bill Slee. They work in the background checking that all is shipshape, and they also check and sign our legal documents. The club would not exist without them.

Victoria Bonham Carter as Captain of Scows has worked hard on keeping the website up to date with photographs and reports. I love checking up on what has been happening, but we would be interested to know how many other people are interested. Over two thirds of the room agreed that they had used the website in the last year.

The document section of the website had not been so well perused. June described how you can check our latest risk assessment or the Scow Class rules which are due to be updated for 2025? Racing rules put the onus on you to make sure your boat is safe, are all your boats adequately insured? To enter club events, you are expected to have an insured boat. If you lend a boat, have you discussed who will pay the excess should any damage occur.

To prevent accidents, we follow a certain code of conduct using the latest racing rules. These change every 4 years. If you are still calling for water, go read them. Sadly, the rule I liked best about gentlemanly behaviour has been renamed the misconduct rule.

Every year we try and thank some of our non-committee members who have been invaluable to the club. This year we would like to mention 2 people. Peter Bettridge who has been a constant help in the rescue boat and has been there for both the sail training events and Sara Steele whose pontoon has been invaluable to racing at the top of the river.

6. Honorary Sailing Secretary's Report

This was the last report that Lizzie Anders would be giving as she is due to retire.

The full report together with the results of the racing series can be viewed on the BRSC website.

7. Approve the Minutes of the 2023 AGM

These had been posted on the website and links sent out with the AGM notice email. Their acceptance was proposed by Linda Dearing and seconded by Victoria Bonham Carter.

8. Honorary Treasurer’s Report

all numbers rounded to nearest 1,000	2021	2022	2023	2024 Oct
1. INCOME v SPENDING				
income	28,000	43,000	40,000	34,000
spending	33,000	44,000	38,000	26,000
surplus or (deficit)	(5,000)	(1,000)	2,000	9,000
2. CASH can we pay for things when we need to?				
total cash at bank	56,000	57,000	64,000	77,000
3. how ROBUST are we?				
Needs Ore, safety boats etc	40,000	38,000	33,000	28,000
total capital and reserves, including bank deposits	96,000	95,000	97,000	105,000

The Honary Treasurer Robert Rogers summarised the state of the club. The subs cover our running costs and we have money in hand for any major maintenance. We have had years where we spent more on socials and then years when we spent on maintenance. This year we will be spending money to keep the clubhouse in good shape. So basically, we have cash to pay for things and we are robust enough to cover anything serious.

Rob also thanked the trustees for their input, they have been checking through our insurance. He also reiterated June’s comments about everyone checking they have adequate individual boat insurance. If you are unsure ask us. Rob thanked Richard and June for their support and will continue as Honorary Treasurer.

The acceptance of the 2023 Financial Statement was proposed by Peter Hayward Broomfield and seconded by Bill Slee.

9. Election of Committee Members

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2024 Committee		Proposed 2025 Committee	
Commodore	Mary Montagu-Scott	Commodore	Mary Montagu-Scott
Vice Commodore	Ginna Gayner	Vice Commodore	Ginna Gayner
Captain	June Kirkman	Captain	June Kirkman
Hon. Secretary	Cassie Strang	Hon. Secretary	Karen Rogers
Treasurer	Robert Rogers	Treasurer	Robert Rogers
Membership Sec.	Amanda Bentley-Buckle	Membership Sec.	Amanda Bentley-Buckle
Bosun	James Gedge	Bosun	James Gedge
Captain of Scows	Victoria Bonham Carter	Captain of Scows	Karl Liebat
Captain of Lasers	Tom Dykes	Captain of Lasers	Victoria Bonham Carter
Sailing Sec.	Lizzie Anders	Sailing Sec.	Sam van Holthe
Sail Training	Charlie Bubear	Senior Training	Charlie Bubear
Junior Training	Junior Training	Dan Monckton and Maurice Ormerod
Safety Officer	Sam van Holthe	Safety Officer	Vova Karavan
Social Sec.	Ross McGinn	Social Sec.	Ross McGinn

Richard Chitty not on the committee but has a role as Membership Secretary and Red Johnson has the role of Junior Regatta coordinator

There were quite a few suggested changes to the committee, so they were summarised in a slide.

Lizzie Anders, Tom Dykes and Cassie Strang had retired altogether from the committee. Victoria Bonham Carter was moving to Captain of Lasers and Sam Van Holthe to Sailing

Secretary. Ross McGinn had completed 3 years and was due for re-election. Karen Rogers had agreed to step in as Secretary, Karl Liebat had agreed to take on Captain of Scows with Vova Karavan as Safety Officer.

Charlie has managed to fill the role of Junior Sail Training with Maurice Ormerod and Dan Monckton so he can now concentrate on Senior Sailing.

There were no comments from the members and the committee changes were voted in by a show of hands.

June and Mary then went through and thanked the individual committee members.

Victoria Bonham Carter was presented with a whisker pole or rather it was given to Edward for being so supportive. Victoria thanked all those who had helped her and wished Karl the best.

Lizzie Anders was also presented with a whisper pole and thanked. Lizzie promised that she would support Sam in his new role.

Cassie Strang was thanked for supporting June as Captain, her absence being really noticed during the current AGM where items had not necessarily occurred in the right order.

Tom Dykes was thanked for being one of the younger members of the committee.

Sam was also thanked as he is moving across to Sailing Secretary.

Finally, June thanked Charlie for his work with Junior sailing and asked Charlie to introduce his ideas for Senior Sailing.

Charlie announced that he is planning to try and launch a fun filled Senior Sailing program camping BBQs etc, more like the Junior Sailing. He is also planning to introduce the RS Fever to Needs Ore, so watch the Website or the WhatsApp.

10. Date of the next AGM

The Captain confirmed the date of the next AGM and she thanked everybody for attending. Please note the date given has had to change to 29th November 2025 due to the Victorian Evening.

The Captain then declared the AGM over and introduced Lucy Markby to give a short talk about the Scaramouche Charity, before drinks and canapés were served.