

Poole Yacht Club Cruising Section  
AGM Minutes  
25<sup>th</sup> October 2023 20.00hrs

Apologies received from John Woodruff and Richard Kaye.

Approval of last year's minutes proposed by Peter Hayton and seconded by Keith Askew.

**Class Captain's report.**

Last year was a great success, and our activities were featured in the Soundings magazine.

We had **talks** from Juliette and Chris Elfes about their man overboard incident, Tom Cunliffe talked about sailing the French coast and he is booked again for winter 23/24. Nick Chevasse spoke about his involvement with Imray, and Elaine and Bob Hazel regaled us with tails of their Pacific Ocean adventure. The Hazels are also booked to talk again in January 2024.

Various **walks** were organised and enjoyed by many, and the first aid and VHF training days were well attended and brought the section some revenue. The Man overboard courses were found very useful by all those who attended, and this course will be repeated in March 2024.

Gerald paid tribute to Richard's contribution over the years, and thanked Keith for taking on the treasurer responsibilities. He also thanked Peter for his organisation of all the cruising, saying it was second to none. Peter also developed the section's website which has been a roaring success with many vessels joining in cruising and new participants to the section. It has certainly raised the section's profile.

Gerald said as he completes this year his aim is still to try and get some younger members onto the committee.

**John Lewis** proposed a show of gratitude for the present committee.

**Gerald** then outlined the new protocol for voting in a new class captain. The only nominee had been Peter Hayton who won 28 votes (the total of those who voted)

**New Class Captain Peter Hayton:**

Peter gave thanks to Gerald for the work he had done over the last year. He went on to outline the future programme. The walks, talks, courses, and the cruising programme will be on the website. A handout was provided at the AGM showing the winter events so far planned. A question was asked about communication with members as not all use WhatsApp, website etc. Peter therefore suggested that we may send a quarterly email to all members.

**Ken Wilding** suggested we could have a skittles night again, maybe January 2024?

**Allen Ryder** suggested that cruising members also opt into Ken Wilding's communications for classic boats.

**Phil Hunt** Suggested we might have once per month evening get togethers.

**Treasurer's report:**

Keith said that the section had had a successful year and that the bank balance was £3531.30.

Income amounted to £5785.00.

Expenses totalled £5281.

Surplus of £503.37.

A detailed breakdown sheet was given at the meeting.

Changes at the club now means that AJ will oversee our training activities, but the section will still receive the profits.

Rally bookings will now require no deposit, instead, a fee of £5 per vessel will be charged to fund a pontoon party.

**Proposal from Cliff Gribble:** That the section adopts a more tax efficient (for the charities) way for giving donations. Keith and Peter agreed, and discussions will be held to agree a workable system. Cliff was invited to the next committee meeting.

**Phil Hunt** then proposed that the section nominate their own charity for the year. There was general agreement.

**John Lewis** asked if we have a rep on general committee. The answer is no, but the class captain is invited if there is anything relevant being discussed.

**Keith Taylor** made the point that we should be aware of what general committee might take for granted. e.g., the derrick. Although we are assured now that this issue is being dealt with.

**Social Secretary:**

Jan said that she has in the past reported plans either way between us and the social committee so that there were no overlaps on bookings, but now bookings are all computerised, and AJ has access to all information for each booking, the whole system is much swifter.

Social committee has agreed that the cruising section now be responsible for all talks to be held at the club.

**Phil Hunt** gave a vote of thanks to the committee and the meeting closed at 21.10.