

SPOSC COMMITTEE MEETING 1915hrs 23rd AUGUST 2018

THE DEVILS DYKE PUBLIC HOUSE

1. **Present:-** Owen Poplett (Commodore), Anne Darling, Catheryn Pedersen, Peter Ewen. Alwyn Evans(Treasurer) and Richard Bates.
Apologies received:- Kevin Claxton.
2. **Minutes of the previous meeting:-** Were agreed as a true and accurate record
3. **Commodores update:-** The sailing season for the year has effectively come to an end with Frost Bite in April, the UKFC competition in May and the Cross Channel trip in August. Consideration was giving to arranging an October trip but this would as always be subject to finding the necessary skipper and interest from the members.
4. **Treasurers Report:-** The Treasurer reported that the finances of SPOSC were in a healthy state.
5. **SPSA:-** Owen reported that the SPSA was currently struggling for funds as there was a shortfall in the numbers of new staff joining or actually knowing about the association, and the opportunities available to participate in the various sports. There was a general discussion as to how to get the message across of what was available to new recruits.

Owen reported that he had recently been able to give a presentation to a group of new recruits on the benefits of the SPSA and SPOSC which had been beneficial.

The suggestion was put forward whether or not posters could be displayed advertising the SPOSC.

Action:- Owen to look at the composition of posters advertising the SPOSC with a view to them being sent out to the Divisional reps for display.

Owen, or anyone willing to give him a hand, to continue with his input on the excellent available sailing to those that join the SPOSC and the benefits of the SPSA.

- 6. Training courses and Subsidies:-** As a result of the recent survey on what courses the members thought would be most beneficial for them and the club there was a general discussion as to how this could be progressed.

The courses most requested were:- A sea survival course.
A diesel course or engine course.
A radio/VHF course.

Action:- Awlyn agreed to make some inquiries as to the feasibility and cost of the suggested courses, with a view to, subject to numbers, arranging a suitable date, possibly February 2019.

7. 2019 Cruising/Racing Calender:-

March/April....Frostbite and Skippers refresher course.

May/June..... Summer Charter Passage.

August Charter (Devon Dash) with skipper Alwyn to fix a date.

September (23rd till 27th September) NCA/PSUK regatta. Skipper Alwyn
September (23rd till 27th September) NCA/PSUK Support boat.

Skippers will be required for the support boat and the March/April....
May/June trips with specific dates to be confirmed by the Skippers.

A decision was made not to take part in the UKFSC in 2019n as the Sunsail yachts used in the race were showing signs of age and were well used, resulting in several equipment faults.

- 8. SPOSC Skippers Register.** Currently there is no register of SPOSC Skippers. The previous register is no longer accessible but Alwyn may have a copy of it and it can possibly, be resurrected. If not a new one will have to be compiled. Richard suggested that it might be possible to form a Whats App group of Skippers or members and he would explore this further.

- 9. AGM.** It was agreed to hold the AGM in the same venue as this year, Shoreham Yacht Club, in February 2019.

Action:- Alwyn to contact the club to arrange a suitable date.

- 10. AOB** No other business and the meeting concluded at 2055hrs.