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SUSSEX POLICE OFFSHORE SAILING CLUB
& DINGHY SAILING CLUB



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Corona Virus Impact

COVID19 puts sailing events on hold. The latest update from Owen Poplett, Commodore

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Congratulations to the Committee!

On organising another AGM at the Sussex Yacht Club. Few members but splendid buffet!

CORONAVIRUS & SPOSC

This global emergency is having an impact on us all.

SPOSC charters are with immediate effect cancelled until further notice. If you have already paid for your participation, or SPSA membership in preparation for taking part, Alwyn Evans (Treasurer) will contact you to arrange a refund.

As a Police Sports Club we need to be seen to be following Government advice, acting in a sensible and appropriate manner. Also taking into account the additional burden of responsibilities likely to be placed upon serving staff during the coming months.

Being in the close confines of a yacht would mean that if one person had been exposed to the virus the entire crew would be at risk of infection. In addition visiting yachtsmen would find few facilities open to them in ports and harbours anywhere.

The PSUK National Committee have cancelled all scheduled PSUK events up to the 1st June, 2020. This will be reviewed and the period extended as necessary.

While I wish to remain optimistic, realistically it is unlikely that the PSUK/NCA Regatta will take place in September but we will continue to monitor this and hope for the best.

Should a spell of nice hot summer weather improve the situation sufficiently we will endeavour to arrange extra charters later in the year.

Thanking you for your forbearance, stay well.

Owen Poplett Commodore



Editorial Note

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SPOSC

Minutes of an Annual General Meeting Held at Sussex Yacht Club at 7pm Tuesday 11th Feb 2020

Welcome

Alwyn Evans, Kevin Claxton, Owen Poplett, Terry Clothier, Anne Darling, Pete Ewen, Sharon Ford, Mark Ford, Mike Tagg, Richard Bates.

1 Apologies

Paul (Dusty) Miller, Steve Fairmainer, Phil Russell, Pete Kennett, Frank Hooper, Alan Haffenden, Bob Trevis, Phil Mears, Roy Jackson, Jonny Walker, Cathryn Pedersen, Graham Castell, Lenny Wheeler, Dave Cherry.

2 Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the last AGM (Tuesday 12th Feb 2019) were read and acknowledged

3 Matters Arising

There were no actions arising

4 Commodore's Report

Report prepared by Owen Poplett was read to the meeting

5 Secretary's Report

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Report prepared by Kevin Claxton was read to the meeting

6 *Treasurer's Report*

Report prepared by Alwyn Evans was read to the meeting

7 *Election of Committee*

Vice Commodore	Alwyn Evans	– No other nominations
Secretary	Kevin Claxton	- No other nominations
Assistant Treasurer	Anne Darling	- No other nominations

Alwyn Evans Kevin Claxton and Anne Darling were therefore duly re-elected.

8 *AOB*

Cruising & Racing

The notice of the race for the PSUK meeting has come out for 20th September. Sussex is waiting to hear if we have been allocated a boat.

9 *Close of Business*

10 *Presentation of Trophies*

Roger Dice	– Graham Castell,
Scuttlebutt	– Brendan Wyatt
Commodore's Trophy	- Lenny Wheeler
Portobello Cup	- Not Awarded

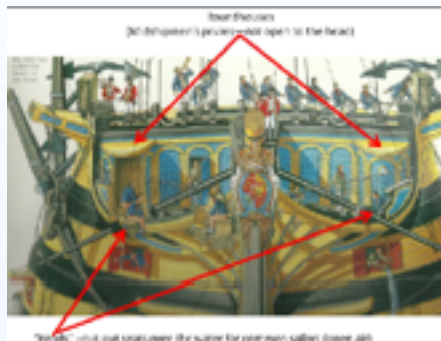
The winners were congratulated on their achievement.

Meeting Ends

A big thank you to those of you who made the effort to attend the AGM. I hope you enjoyed the buffet with the opportunity to have a catch up and talk about the forthcoming season, even though those plans are now in tatters! I will give much more notice of the date of the next AGM in the hope that more of you will be able to come along.

Owen Poplett Commodore

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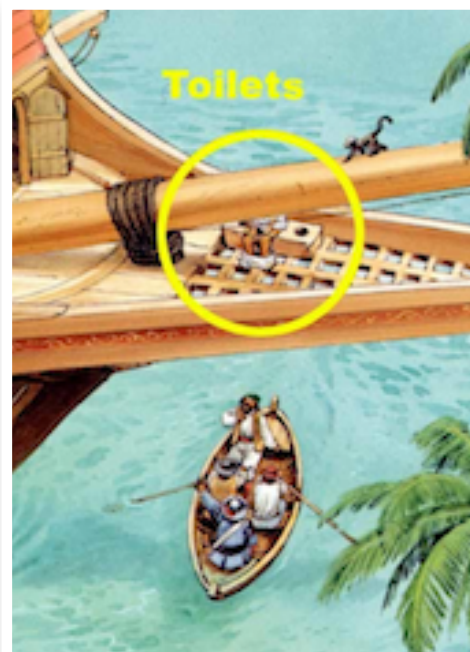


Why is the ship's toilet called 'the heads'?



"The Head" (Toilet) The name derives from sailing ships in which the toilet area for the regular sailors was placed at the head or bow of the ship. In sailing ships, the toilet was placed in the bow somewhat above the water line with vents or slots cut near the floor level allowing normal wave action to wash out the facility. Only the captain had a private toilet near his quarters, at the stern of the ship in the quarter gallery.

Since the wind was blowing from the rear to the front, the "head" (or front) of the ship was the best place for sailors to relieve themselves. So, when the shipmates went to the toilet, they went to the head.



(I guess a sailor could have said, "I'm going to the bow.")

By Alwyn Evans

(Editor's Note: The use of the heads in stormy conditions must have been difficult and extremely unpleasant. I do wonder however if the sea action in rough weather inspired the French sailors to invent the bidet in the late 17th century!)



SPOSC offers it's congratulations to the Royal Yachting Association which celebrates 50 years of RYA Training this year!

Since 1970 the RYA have developed and offered their amazing training scheme which is accepted worldwide as the finest training for leisure and professional sailors. Many SPOSC members over the years have received the benefit of this training, with some going on to be instructors for the RYA.

Well done to the RYA for their excellent work and long may it continue.

Terry Clothier Editor