

## YHAC CONFIRMED MINUTES

**Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of**  
**The Yarmouth Harbour Advisory Committee**  
**held virtually via Zoom**  
**on 19 January 2022 at 0900 hours**

<b>PRESENT</b>	David Fox – Chair Jamie Allen – Vice-Chair Jamie Sheldon Louisa Mamakou Sue Hawley Katie Davies Martin Gulliver Peter Spink	Royal Yachting Association Yarmouth Town Council Country Landowners Association Marketing & Communications Officer/YHC Staff Rep Estuaries Officer Royal Solent Yacht Club Wightlink Representative Isle of Wight Council
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Tim Adams Sarah Judd Gill Kennett Scott Neill	Chief Executive/Harbour Master Minutes Commissioner Deputy Harbour Master
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Bill Attree Martin Palmer John Howe Danny Arthur Anne Bamford	Commercial Fishermen’s Association Yarmouth Sailing Club Totland Parish Council Yarmouth Business Association Freshwater Parish Council

The Chairman welcomed Commissioner Gill Kennett to the meeting. He also thanked everyone that was involved in setting up the Yarmouth on Ice event prior to Xmas – this was very well received and in particular thanks go to Danny Arthur and Mandy Miles for all of their hard work. Approx £20,000 was raised to give to local charities which is fantastic.

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies were tendered as noted above.
2. **Approval of Minutes**  
The Minutes of 17 November 2021 were approved.
3. **Matters arising**
  - The installation of the new waiting and pink pontoons has been delayed until October.

#### 4. **Yarmouth Harbour**

##### **Safety**

The channel markers coming into the harbour have been renewed. No other safety issues were raised.

##### **Harbour Works**

The Dinghy Park has been resurfaced and looks much better. Work on the refurbishment of the outside toilets and the reception area of the Harbour Office will commence on 7 February 2022.

##### **Harbour Development Concept**

The Estuaries Officer is currently working on the licence application to the MMO for the new harbour development proposal south of the bridge.

##### **Performance**

The CE/HM gave a brief overview of the harbour's performance during 2021 and reported that it had fared pretty well in terms of boat visits/overnight stays/LTV's and Sailing School numbers given that it was a covid year and the UK was at times in lockdown. Full and final figures will be available at the next YHAC meeting.

##### **YHAC Communications**

An email has been received via the YHAC contact email address that was recently set up. It is from a visitor to the harbour who is querying the booking and allocation of berths. The CE/HM and the DHM explained that although there are only limited number of bookable berths there are still 150 plus others that are allocated on arrival and the BM's rarely turn anyone away. The Chairman agreed to put together an email to the gentleman by way of a response.

#### 5. **Wightlink**

Traffic volumes remain steady. Bookings for the summer season are currently looking good also. If there are any changes to the current service at any point the Wightlink rep kindly agreed to keep everyone up to date but at present the current two boat service remains.

#### 6. **Clubs**

Yarmouth Sailing Club – There was no representative present at the meeting.

Royal Solent Yacht Club – The Club is now closed for refurbishment and deep cleaning etc until 22 January 2022. They have a meeting scheduled for next week to discuss the issue of fishing lines causing concerns for some members.

*Jamie Sheldon joined the meeting at 0925.*

#### 7. **Councils**

**Freshwater PC** – There was no representative present at the meeting.

**Totland PC** – There was no representative at the meeting.

**Yarmouth TC** –There was no meeting held in January and the next meeting is scheduled for February. The lights in the Square over Xmas looked good and Carols in the Square event went well.

**8. RYA Latest**

The MMO Marine Planning team would like your support in collecting data to strengthen the monitoring and reporting of England's marine plans. Monitoring surveys are one method to support MMO understanding of the influence marine plan policies have in decisions. View the South Plan Survey at: [Online Survey Software | Qualtrics Survey Solutions](#).

**9. Boat Yards**

There was nothing in particular to report other than this is a busy time of year with boats out of the water for winter storage/works.

**10. Events**

LM reported that she is currently working on a list of island Events to go into the new Visitors' Guide. She asked if the Yacht and Sailing Club could please forward their events programmes as soon as possible so that they may be included.

**11. Any Other Business**

The Chairman explained to the group that the current Commercial Operators representative on YHAC is no longer able to attend meetings. It was noted that communication with the commercial customers currently operating out of the harbour is already very good. The Chairman recommended that he - as the Annual Mooring Licence holders' representative on YHAC (as well as the RYA rep) would happily take on this role as part of his remit. All members agreed that this was the best way to proceed.

Date of next meeting: Weds 16 March 2022.

*The meeting closed at 0940.*