

CHICHESTER YACHT CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING 12/02/2022

The General Committee, chaired by Commodore Tony Mobbs, met on Saturday 12 February and dealt with the following business:

- The vacant positions in the Kitchen and Hospitality have now been filled and morale is good. The policy of employing experienced staff seems to be paying off.
- We are now looking to engage a specialist consultant to review our Hospitality and Kitchen operations with a view to creating a more integrated service.
- It was agreed that we face uncertain times with costs and inflation potentially soaring. Prices will inevitably have to rise although we will continue to seek savings within the Club.
- With this in mind, GC agreed an increase in annual subscriptions and dinghy park fees of around 6.5%. Even so, the Club budget as approved for 2022-23 will barely produce enough profit to cover the unexpected costs that always arise during the year. As a result, new capital projects will be held unless things get better or our forecasts prove over pessimistic.
- There is a plan to get the Club registered as an RYA Shore-Based Training Centre in addition to our current accreditation. An appropriate instructor is required.
- The Committee approved the recommendation from a disciplinary panel which will result in a member being expelled indefinitely due to inappropriate behaviour towards a member of our Hospitality team. All members and staff are encouraged to report behaviour which contravenes house rules.
- The new Chair of the Member Services Committee, Steve Cray, presented a number of ideas which he will be asking MSC to consider.
- Checks will be carried out on boats in the Dinghy Park to establish whether they are properly insured and display current harbour dues plaques. Owners of boats that are not being used will be asked to remove them to create more space for active members.
- The list of Honorary Members of the Club was reviewed and amended. No new members were added but some were removed as inappropriate over time.
- Section Rear-Commodores were asked to find a solution to the logjam that occurred recently when the 2022 cruise lists opened for booking. This will be considered at MSC.
- Louise Varley agreed to take the lead in forming a team to deal with the integrated marketing and communications theme.
- The Committee discussed a report from Tony Mobbs on our IT systems and security. We continue to research improvements to all our IT.
- Sections were reminded that it is necessary for them to review their risk assessments.
- It was agreed who will represent the Club at the Chichester Harbour Federation and the RYA.
- Health and safety was discussed and directors reminded of their responsibilities.
- The sound attenuation trial in the Quarter Deck should commence shortly.

The next General Committee meeting will be on Tuesday 21 June 2022 at 20:00.

David Pearce
Hon. Secretary