

## Minutes of the HISC SOCIAL SAILING AGM

*Friday Oct 18th 2024 at 11a.m.*

**1. Welcome from the SS Captain.** The captain welcomed the 24 members present at the start of the meeting. The number present eventually rose to 41.

**2. Apologies for absence** were received from: the Caves, Ripleys, Becks, Tongs Curties, Marshalls, Lyn Smith, Jane Hooper, Peter Wareham, Rosemary Gledhill and Pat Bovis.

**3. To approve Minutes of last AGM held on Friday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

Ray Stewart proposed we accept the minutes as a true record.

This was seconded by Toni Durrant. The minutes were passed nem con.

**4. Matters arising not covered on this Agenda.**

The captain's assurance that all matters arising were covered on the agenda was accepted.

**5. Reminder of issues from the SGM and matters arising.**

Ditto item 4 above.

**6. Treasurer's Report + subscription decision.**

Jane reported that this year she had circulated a copy of the accounts to speed things up!

SS started the year with £583 in the bank and ended with £775 as detailed on the accounts below which were circulated at the meeting.

### HISC SOCSAIL: ANNUAL INCOME & EXPENSES

<b>2023</b>	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2024</b>
500	Subscriptions	590
270	SS BBQ	285
30	Terry Events	705
65	Flags	70
0	Donation	10
<b>865</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1660</b>
	<b>EXPENSES</b>	
	Speaker's lunch	33
51	Party Flowers	53
81	Ferry & Berthing	30
21	Rewards for Supporters	100
381	SS Week BBQ	312
90	Bembridge BBQ	90
30	Terry Events	705
71	Stewpot party	34
95	Web & Domain	104
	Treasurer's Expenses	7
<b>820</b>	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1468</b>
45	Nett	192
<b>583</b>	<b>BANK BALANCE</b>	<b>775</b>

The accounts show spending has been spread equally over the wide range of SS's activities.

Jane reported that this had been a rather quiet year with not so many expensive events. Also, we have a lot of new cruiser members who joined to help out with funds for the

Bembridge BBQ.

There were no questions regarding the accounts.

Jane said she had some SS flags left – large @£35.

She indicated that she might buy any second-hand flags from owners of sold boats.

A recommendation that the subscription for 2025 remain at £5 was passed nem con.

### ***7. Solent Sailing Report and plans for 2025 David D***

David reported that the 2024 season had been another success for those cruising in the Solent. The highlights were the joint ventures with the other cruising groups within HISC, which were at Bembridge and Folly followed by Beaulieu, both scheduled to include a weekend. There was also a rather windy Yarmouth to Lymington trip.

About 25 boats and over 50 sailors participated in the most popular rallies with boats spread evenly from the HISC cruising-groups. All events were well attended.

David will be meeting with his co-event leaders, Tony Button and David Archer shortly to structure the Solent programme for 2025. Latest news post AGM:

(May9/10 BBridge, May11th Cowes: July8th Haslar, 9/10th Yarm: Sept 6th Folly7/8 Lym)

David is looking for an additional event leader possibly for Seaview.

### ***8. HISC lunches and talks Report from Delia C***

I would like to thank Nick, Martin, Bev, Ollie and the crew for their help in organising these events. Without all of you this group would cease to function.

Thank you for your continued support and good communication.

It is a valuable get together to share experiences, both on and off the water for we all have a passion for sailing events, meeting in our home club and at other venues around the harbour and the Solent.

As in previous years these winter lunch events are for SS and LWL.

I have had several discussions with Angie and Gusti and shared ideas about planning some of these events. I would like to thank them for their organisation of speakers during the past year, and I believe they still have some other ideas up their sleeves!

However we would appreciate suggestions too, both for speakers and menu choices!

I would also like to thank people who have organised other events throughout the year; Sue and Peter Bannister, Margaret and Ray Stewart, Judy and Mike Cave, Terry and Candice and 'hot off the press' Paul Cook has negotiated with HISC crew that the traditional club Turkey Dinner will this year be on Sunday Lunch time, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Looking back over the past year, I know Gary is hopeful of advice on planning SS week in July. From my perspective, our visit to HGC raised some problems, other SSs, and for staff at HGC. The event is planned for HISC SS as a visiting group to HGC.

A cold buffet menu that caters for all dietary needs is chosen as it is mid-summer so a very different menu to other events in the year.

I appreciate it is more expensive than usual, as for a buffet more dishes are needed, but that gives a great variety of choice. It is a pleasure to enjoy the wonderful setting and attractively laid tables in the alcove. I would like to plan a similar event next year,

but I am not agreeable to having two different groups of HISC members, some ordering independently from HGC menu.

In contrast the event at CYC worked well. There were to have been seven boats taking 23 HISC members but bad weather intervened and only two boats with 4/5 crew arrived.

The remaining groups came by car. The menu had to be pre-ordered, as we do for HISC lunches. I think this event is popular as it is the only event now that combines a sailing activity and the opportunity to drive. So I think this event should be continued. Looking forward to this winter, we have lunches and hopefully a speaker/ activity on Nov15th, Dec13th, Jan17th, Feb21st and March21st

Please support these events – it makes it more fun to meet a wider group of SS members and, of course, it has to be profitable for the venue!

### ***9. Off-Campus social events Terry M***

Terry spoke on behalf of Candice and the many members who had helped organise social events throughout the season. There had been a wide range of events and take up had varied from a select few to over-subscribed (see below) but generally there were events spread throughout the year to suit most members.

#### **Harbour Group Visits 2024**

Sussex Brewery Feb, 16 attended

Goodwood House, 20 attended March

Vineyard lunch and tour , only 4 people

HMS Nelson, 10 attended

WAVERLEY Paddlesteamer 2 attended, last year 22!

Weald and Downland Museum only 3 people so postponed.

Sunflower Fields non organised suggestion

Lavender Fields non organised suggestion

**2025** these are Ideas so far and Terry would like to hear from you if you like these or you have alternative suggestions. However....

**Next year we will only proceed if we have 10 people.**

Suggestions are;

Uppark National Trust lunch and tour

Tangmere military aviation museum

National Garden Scheme local visits

Fishbourne Roman Villa

The Deck House Emsworth Marina

Skittles lunch Barley Mow Walderton W.Sussex

Anchor Bleu Sail / Drive

Solar Tour Chichester Harbour

Nautical Quizz in Square Rigger or hisc

### ***10. Report from Steve Bannister on HISC Membership Committee***

Steve Bannister updated SS members on the current membership status at the club.

Membership stood at 3060 boosted by 60-70 seasonal Winter Youth members which is normal during the closed season.

The underlying membership is around 2900, a reduction of 200 compared to a year ago.

A steady stream of new members is still joining and all are expected to attend a briefing by one of the membership committees. This covers a wide range of topics following a guidance document. The scope is comprehensive and is designed to ensure new members know what is expected from them, to make sure they can connect to the club activities and to identify any help they need to successfully join the club. SS is included as a topic. During 2024 most new members tended to be younger people/ families more interested in racing and training but there had been one recent example where a couple had been connected to SS

Given the current situation in the country it was a challenging time to maintain membership levels in an environment where club costs were rising and various maintenance activities would be needed.

### ***11. Other social events in particular SS-Week. Gary G***

The 2024 SS-week had mostly been highly successful (see Delia's report) but the sea element had been minimal. The situation can best be summarised by repeating what was said last year so that those planning the 2025 programme are best informed of my thinking, see below. There was support from other SS members for a total rethink so that most of the events were retained but spread over a longer period in June and July with 2 events (say) each week.

*“Avoiding a hard choice for Solent Sailors. Gary said that while the Social Sailing Week was often well supported, the timing of it, in mid-July, to coincide with the HW near mid-day might have to be reconsidered as this was also the perfect tidal pattern for sailing in the Solent. Only one of the passages (by sea to CYC, say) against the tide might be the price of selecting a less than perfect time for SS-week.”*

**BBQ hosts?** There were no volunteers for this event, assuming it is retained.

In view of the change in leadership these matters will need to be resolved by the SGM. Hence the usual practice of publishing a summer programme on the SS website following the AGM will be delayed.

### ***12. Report on recent HISC events and plans for 2025. Gary G***

Earlier in the meeting Gary had asked Tony Button to report on the HISC ferry arrangements for 2025 as unlike Gary, Tony had been at the recent meeting of the CC. Tony had reported that almost identical forecasts were being made to those of a year ago, namely that the pontoon would be restored and a suitable ferry boat for 9 passengers *might* be delivered by the start of the 2025 season. (However, a clearer picture might emerge shortly at the club AGM)

Gary said that since he had invited Jo Cox to speak to us next month he would remain as Captain through the winter months continuing to delegate business to David and Delia.

**Captain's statement made at recent meetings.** Gary said that his statement still described the present situation which can be summarised as “things are going pretty well, an able and hardworking team are delivering what members want and the finances are sound”.

**Gary explained that since he was finishing his term of office at the SGM of 25, so he would leave planning of the summer events to his successor and/or the Team.**

### ***13. Consideration of Team Membership and Captaincy for 2025.***

Having stood aside and back, I am at last standing down at the next SGM. I still hope that someone with appropriate experience and significant involvement with SS will

offer to stand.

David and I have already made every effort to find a replacement.

**14. AOB.**

Members were encouraged to come to the Cruiser Dinner on Oct 25<sup>th</sup>  
*(Earlier in the meeting Sue Bannister described the Orient Express Dinner she is organising for April 4<sup>th</sup> 2025. She had set out a table in the dining room so that we could reconnect with exciting upper class Train Travel of Yesteryear. Detail to follow)*

*October 20th 2024*