



# St Helier Boat Owners Association

## Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 1730 hours

Present:	Will Simpson (WS)                      David Wood Christine Gill (CG)                      George Gaudin (GG) Kevin Hennelly (KH)                      Phil Carter (PC) Mike Capraro (MC)	
1. Apologies	Nick Wood, Peter Rose, Matt Clarke.    Absent Vic Walker	
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting held via Zoom on 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
3. Matters Arising.	<p><u>Dinghy pontoon.</u> WS reported that it seemed that the problems have been fixed, there were no further instances of dinghies stuck below the apron. PoJ had been very instrumental in resolving this.</p> <p><u>Elizabeth Marina Storm Gates.</u> These were lifted out as planned and are currently on NNQ, it is not yet known if they are repairable. The sill now has 0.5 m less water over it.</p> <p><u>AGM.</u> The possibility of a virtual AGM was again discussed and it was agreed that it is worth pursuing, with one month's notice being given to members, and the possibility of holding it 'in person' should restrictions change sufficiently in the near future to do so.</p> <p><u>Marina Services.</u> WS reported that the office on NNQ has now opened again.</p>	WS/NW/ CG
4. Chairman's Report	<p>The Chairman had sent an update to Simon Porritt (SP) on matters concerning our members, the result of which had been a constructive meeting last week between himself, NW, SP and the Harbour Master and the following matters had been discussed.</p> <p><u>Boat Owners Survey.</u> PoJ had shared the results of the 2020 Boat Owners Survey with the Association and the chairman tabled the report. PoJ had suggested that the Association might become more involved in setting up the 2021 survey and this idea was welcomed by the committee.</p> <p><u>Non-Transferable Access Cards.</u> It transpires that berth holders in Elizabeth Maina were not routinely granted access to St Helier Marina &amp; vice versa (although all berth holders' card would work for the La Collette holding berth). Some members would like access to both marinas, e.g. if checking up on the boat of a family members or friend in the other marina. PoJ had said that as a matter of policy (for reasons of security) they did not recommend unfettered access to all marinas for all berth holders. WS reported that in discussions with PoJ they had indicated a willingness to be flexible on this, on a case-by case basis.</p> <p><u>Craning facilities.</u> Boat lifting operations seemed to be a bottleneck in moving boats between the water and the boat park, partly because there were fewer trained operatives this year. The committee was concerned that this might become a problem during the busy Spring &amp; summer months. Unusually, in St Helier the craning is undertaken by PoJ as a service to the boatyards, as compared with the more usual situation where boatyards operated their own</p>	

	<p>crane. The committee wondered if PoJ might consider outsourcing the craning operations to the commercial operators who could then tailor the boat lifting function to meet their requirements.</p> <p><u>Berth management.</u> There seem to be berths allocated to people who are “looking for a boat” and the berth remains empty for some considerable time. In other cases, small boats are being kept temporarily on berths meant for larger vessels, creating a long wait-list for genuine users. PC noted that he is particularly concerned about one such long-term case in La Collette which is not being addressed.</p> <p><u>Drying Pads.</u> PoJ now planned to retain the St Helier Marina Drying Pad.</p> <p>There is a waiting list to use drying pads, and PoJ had also noted that there is an emerging environmental issue over antifoul rubbings being left in situ after a boat has been sanded down, although for the time being there is no plan to remove any of them. The Environment Dept was becoming quite proactive about this. GG suggested that maybe a pad at the top end of the Old Harbour could be built which could incorporate a sump to allow the waste to be collected.</p> <p>PoJ are proposing to introduce an on-line and transparent booking system for drying pads, and this recommendation was welcomed by the meeting. The committee wondered whether similar transparency could be introduced in other areas of activity such as berth allocation and craning operations.</p>	
5.Treasurer’s Report	<p>DW reported that the On-line Banking System is now up and running, on-line payments can be made and members can pay their subscriptions with either Debit cards or PayPal. The System links into accounting software so the whole process has now been streamlined and simplified. Membership stands at 263, with a number still outstanding to pay their subs for this year, which the Treasurer continues to chase where possible.</p> <p>There was some discussion about increasing the membership, which has been gradually falling in recent years as the demographics change. MC said people need to be encouraged to join, and offered to approach businesses with a view to asking for discounts for member.</p>	MC
6. Boat Jumble	<p>MC noted that, with things opening up, it was becoming more feasible to plan a date to hold the Boat Jumble Sale. PoJ were offering support and assistance in planning the event. It was agreed that September should be aimed for. WS said that he would write to members to get an idea of the level of support and it was suggested that the same notice be put on Facebook. CG suggested that the <a href="mailto:hon.sec@sthboa.co.uk">hon.sec@sthboa.co.uk</a> email address be given and she would collate responses received.</p> <p>MC also reported that he now had a template for risk assessment and had received a quote for single event liability insurance of £200. It was agreed that this would be paid out of the current account should the Sale go ahead.</p> <p>There was further discussion about the best site for the Sale, SP having offered South Pier, however La Collette was thought to be better for the availability of parking. MC to follow up.</p>	MC/NW WS/CG  MC
7. Immigration – trips to France.	<p>The Chairman noted that there was no change in the situation regarding trips to France and thought it unlikely anyone would be going there in the near future. He noted that visiting the Bailiwick of Guernsey is feasible – but one is not allowed to land on any of the islands without isolating for a period, so in practice the difficulties are considerable.</p>	

8. Any Other Business	<u>Derelict Dinghies.</u> CG raised again the matter of unkept dinghies, particularly at the pontoon at South Pier where there are 6 filled with water and at least 6 with no name, out of a total of 41. The water-logged dinghies can make it difficult to access the pontoon and, as there had been no rain for a month, it was clear that they are not being attended to. She would take photographs to send on to the Marina Office to illustrate the problem. Another dinghy cull is needed.	CG
9. Date of Next Meeting	The meeting closed at 1900 hours. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 1730 hours. ( <i>postponed to 2<sup>nd</sup> June</i> ).	