



# St Helier Boat Owners Association

## Minutes of a Committee Meeting held at St Helier Yacht Club on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 1730 hours

Present:	Will Simpson (WS)                      Vic Walker (VW) George Gaudin (GG)                      Phil Carter (PC) Christine Gill (CG)                      Kevin Hennelly (KH) Peter Rose (PR)	
1. Apologies	Nick Wood, David Wood, Mike Capraro	
2. Minutes of the Last Meeting	The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.	
3. Matters Arising.	There were no matters arising.	
4. Chairman's Report	<p><u>St Helier Marina.</u> WS reported that he had recently met with Bill Sadler and Simon Porritt. The works to St Helier Marina were discussed, things are progressing and should be completed on time, perhaps with some minor facilities to be completed when it reopens early next summer.</p> <p>It is not yet known when boats will be allowed back-into the marina, but presumably not until after the boat show.</p> <p><u>Boat Show.</u> See item 7., below</p> <p><u>The 'Master Plan'.</u> WS had asked about ongoing plans. A great deal of work is being undertaken on the Master Plan, most of it on commercial aspects rather than leisure activities, and the Harbourmaster envisaged that there would be communication on the progress made in the near future.</p> <p><u>Maintenance.</u> WS had raised the topic with Ports of Jersey, who had responded that work was now planned for the Elizabeth Gateway buildings and noted that there is to be more effort put into rubbish collection and road sweeping. The Elizabeth flagpoles might possibly be removed, as serving no practical purpose, and those in the Town Marina had been earmarked for remedial work.</p> <p>Matters raised by members were Flagpoles in Elizabeth Marina, the depth gauge, and traffic lights by pontoons A &amp; B, which seem to have gone.</p> <p><u>Customer survey</u> WS had recently sent comments to PoJ, largely reiterating points already made by members. It was noted that the focus of the Questionnaire was very much centred around the marinas and tended to overlook the mud berths and other port areas and that there might be an opportunity for it to become more inclusive.</p>	
5. Treasurer's Report	The Treasurer, being absent, there was no report.	

6. Boat Jumble Sale	<p>In the absence of MC, there were no updates. However, KH said that the Yacht Club was having a marine auction on 30<sup>th</sup> April. PR wondered if a more effective way for the Association to recycle their used boating equipment might be to have a place on our website where people could post items for sale. It was agreed this would be worth looking into.</p> <p>To be carried forward to next agenda.</p>	CG
7. Boat Show 10-12 June	<p>BS had indicated that, for this year, the Boat Show would be on a smaller scale than previously. Many manufacturers did not have sufficient new boats to be put on show and there were ongoing supply chain issues and covid related uncertainties.</p> <p>There is a suggestion for a reception to be held, hosted by PoJ and SHBOA, during the boat show. The committee was keen to progress this idea as a means of raising the profile of the club and its membership.</p>	
8. Any Other Business	<p><u>Immigration</u>. This was discussed at some length, following a notice from PoJ about the regulations for making trips to France in the coming season, and being able to move between various harbours along the coast. Normandy ports seem to be better served by the Douanes than the Brittany ports.</p> <p>KH suggested contacting various favourite ports directly, e.g. a mayor, or Conseil Generale, or local Chamber of Commerce, to see what arrangements could be made to facilitate more regular visits as we used to do, before Brexit. It was agreed that the matter would be itemised for a fuller discussion at the next Committee meeting.</p> <p><u>New gangways and fenders</u> in St Helier Marina. GG had seen the gangways that would be installed – they have a fibreglass covering and should provide much better grip than the previous wooden ones. He had also seen samples of the fenders that have been specified, and wondered if the very similar Plastimo ones would do the job at possibly less expense.</p> <p><u>Dinghy cull</u>. CG to contact SP direct to see if a dinghy cull can arranged, in the near future. PC said he would be happy to assist.</p>	CG
9. Date of Next Meeting	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 1830 hours. The next meeting will be on <u>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2022</u>.</p>	