



Board Meeting in the Club House

21 October 2024 at 7pm

Minutes of meeting

1. Welcome and apologies

Apologies – Scott Crossley and Jim Campbell

2. Minutes from previous meeting

The secretary did not attend the original meeting on 7th October but did intimate he would not be at the rescheduled meeting on 21st October 2024. It is understood that he is on holiday so it is hoped that we will receive these to approve in November's meeting.

3. Matters arising

The purchase of a table top camera is ongoing.

4. Treasurer

Account for September 2024 shown below, and make the following comments on these, any questions please ask;

Polaris went very well, the people managing the Bar using Sumup, did really well making my Job much easier. The Kitchen is managed on a cash basis just using a Cash tin, this means at the end of the event I have a counted cash figure to enter covering the 3 days, would really like this on the Sumup next year

Race entries were handled by Lorne, using the HLSC Paypal account and worked perfectly

Kirsty used the Clubs debit card to purchase things that had previously been using cash, or I had to repay members who used their own money, again making accounting much easier.

Jim M is looking into the sponsorship money from Shearwater

Big thanks are again due to Alison Currie overseeing Fleet 2, assisted by Parents, Toward Rib, and Swordfish Rib. To Bob and Rowena Donaldson, Brian Tester, Alisdair and Lesley Clements for their invaluable assistance with Fleets 1 & 3, sincere thanks.

All the seasonally laid racing marks have been brought ashore, ground tackle dropped to the sea bed, buoyed off, and marked accordingly. With the sterling efforts of Jim Maclean and Iain Sinclair, this was accomplished extremely efficiently. Considerable thanks. All ropes and equipment have been stowed, and where appropriate, labelled.

All the Club Trophies have been collected from last year's recipients, and will be ready for re-distribution at the prizegiving on 16th November.

I have been approached with a proposal that, in addition to the Wednesday evening programme of sailing, there is dinghy racing on a Tuesday evening. It is my intention to have a meeting of the Sailing Sub Committee, and interested parties in early December, when the matter will be discussed.

Bill Aitchison

Sailing Secretary

Peel Ports

The sailing Secretary also advised on communications regarding potential fees from Peel Ports – See **Appendix 1** — Peel Ports Presentation and **Appendix 2** - RYA current communication

It was agreed that Sallie Condy would circulate this document to members and suggest that members should write to their MP, MSP, RYA and Fiona Hyslop the transport minister if they have concerns regarding this, the committee recommend that members do this.

Jim, Kirsty and Bill to compose and send a letter on behalf of HLSC Commodore.

7. **Principal Training / Cadet Officer**

Cadet Report 6/10/24

Cadets had 3 nights on in September on the 5th, 12th and 19th. First two nights were light winds and ideal preparation for Polaris. The last night was a pack up night with all mast's taken down and bits packed away. The boats are ready to go into the storage area when it is time.

The cadets have had a constant presence on Wednesday nights. What has been good to see. We had 8 cadets taken part in Polaris. Well done to them! We also have 6

members taken part in Toward frostbite this season. Thanks must go to all the people who has made this happen. Peter McWhinnie ran a powerboat Lv2 course on the 21st of September at the club. All participants have received their books and certificates which I have a record of.

Behind the scenes we have sold the last Wayfarer to Fort William cadets for £200. The boat was removed this week from the car park. I can not find the sails for it? These where stored in the loft but now no longer there. If anyone has any information can you please pass it on to me.

Joyce and I have finished the first round of discloures. We are going to go for the second round in November. Can I ask the Commodore, Vice Commodore, Sailing Secretary and Secretary to bring two forms of ID to the committee meeting please. Passport and driving licence would be great. I like to thank Andrew for transferring the funds over for the powerboat course for the materials, parts for the club boats and sorting the cadet funds.

8. Round-up from Polaris

Outside Catering a success. Club catering team excellent as always. More promotion next year both before and during the event. Racing a success and social events a success. RYA representative was impressed. Safety boats were all in place. Thanks and appreciation to all volunteers and participants who helped to make the weekend such a success. With sponsorship supporting the costs of entertainment and other expenses the event made a small profit.

9. Prize Giving

Promotional material issued, reminder can be sent. Glasses are ordered for prizes and arrangements made to set up table for prizes. Cost for the evening is £32.50 and menu issued.

10. Vision Action Plans

a. Taking forward

Agreed to buy software 'Duty man' to allocate duties to volunteer/members.

Constitution may need to be revised for members and their responsibilities.

Vision action plan to be included in AGM papers.

- b. Maintenance day inc slipway, garage etc
Arrange a winter maintenance day for Saturday 2nd November. SC to put out email for helpers from 10.30am
- c. Crown Estates funding application
In the absence of the Secretary who picked up this task, Andrew Leech is going to look into this as it was thought the deadline for application is 28th October. (post meeting it has been established that the fund closed 21 October)
- d. Future club house
This is on pause until other funding opportunities present themselves. SSEN local fund that may be available in the future.
- e. What If Collective
Andrew Leech attended the meeting to keep in touch with the community aspect and possible funding as an impartial interested party.
- f. Sandbank Community Action Plan (open session 2 Nov 24)
Hoping to send a member to the drop in community action plan group, on between 12 and 4pm.
- g. Argyll Lottery
Andrew explained the premis of the Argyll Lottery – HLSC would sell tickets at a £1 and the sailing club will keep 50p of this, this would also direct traffic to our website. Action agreed to go ahead – Andrew Leech

11. AGM preparation (Fri 29 Nov 24)

Need to define sailing member

Need to define a friend or volunteer

Members fees and time of year

Simplifying storage fees

Rule changes for duty rotas

Andrew Leech and Sallie Condy agreed to work up some proposals.

12. AOCB

Social evenings – Suggest archive film evening – J. McLean going to look into. this.

Heartstart/Coastguard – Chris Bowen/Kirsty Brown to organise a suitable date

Additional Board members, need to recruit additional members with roles based on the clubs vision.

13. Date of next meeting (4 Nov 24)



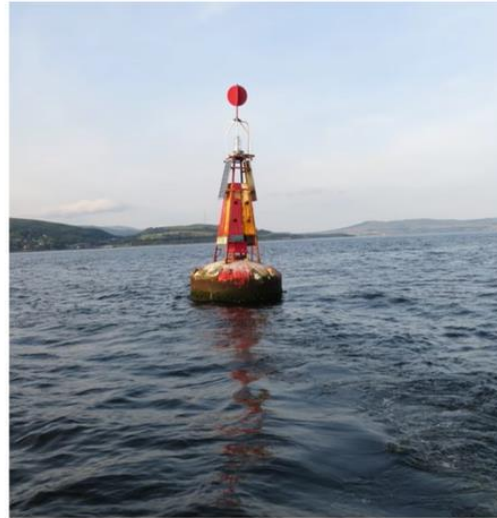
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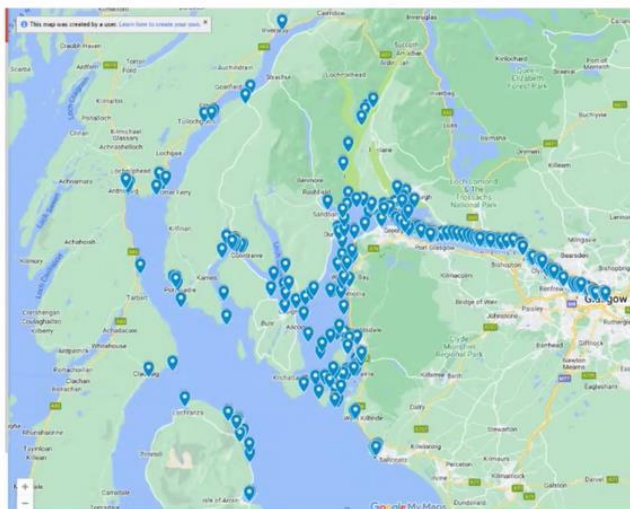
Purpose of the Conservancy Fee

- Accident & Investigation
- Aids to Navigation
- Regular and Annual Surveys
- Management & Monitoring of Waterways
- Use of Anchorages
- Increase of Safety Awareness
- Understanding Vessel Ownership
- Provide up to date Index of NtMs to users.
- Provide up to date Leisure events calendar to users.
- Environmental Protection

Vessels between 6m – 24m.



Reason for the Conservancy Fee



- Increase in vessels adrift or sunken
- Increase in recovery costs
- Easier waterway management.
- Costs associated with AtoNs

COL owned 193 AtoN

Buoys: 133

Beacons/fixes: 54

Lighthouses:6

Costs & Enforcement

Costs

- Vessels in water all year - £100
- Vessels in water for summer periods - £75

Enforcement

- Spot Checks
- AIS Checks
- Pilot Cutter Patrols
- Vessel Arrests

5% of all fees will be placed in a reserve fund. This fund will be used to assist with wreck recovery, damage costs and other miscellaneous costs.

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Peel Ports
More Than Ports



Clydeport Operations Limited Port charges

Operative from
1st April 2024

Comparisons

Montrose

Pleasure Craft

Visiting yachts and small boats £35.34 for first 24 hrs:

- £35.34 for first 24 hrs
- £58.91 per week or part thereof

*Value Added Tax included at standard rate.

*All pleasure craft allocated moorings use the Harbour at their own risk. Montrose Port Authority accept no responsibility or liability of any kind in respect of moorings, craft or anything therein or appertaining thereto.

Shetland

- g) Yachts/Leisure craft – For each day or part thereof during which the vessel is in port £2.07 per metre
- i) Yachts/Leisure craft visiting more than one Shetland Islands Council Pier or Harbour within one calendar month. Receipt must be shown at each Pier or Harbour. £39.56 per yacht per calendar month
- h) Minimum charge per entry and stay at any Pier or Harbour £23.30

Aberdeen

A. PLEASURE CRAFT

For each period of 5 days or part thereof during which the vessel is in port

- (a) Under 50 gross tonnes (excluding V.A.T.) 44.00
- (b) 50 gross tonnes or over (excluding V.A.T.) per gross tonne 0.89

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5. Pleasure Craft and other small craft-Conservancy charges/mooring

1. Pleasure Craft and Other Small Craft – Conservancy Charges/Moorings.

Annual charge in the form of a registration fee is payable by pleasure, leisure and any other small recreational craft including propelled and steered by directionally controlled water jet, with the exception of dinghies under 5.1 metres in length.

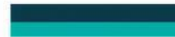
This is an annual composite charge, which is not subject to any discount or reduction, except as stated below.

For a period of 12 months (from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025) payable by 31st March 2024. **£25.48 (incl. VAT)**

Users who do not process the payment by 31st March 2024 will be charged late payment surcharge of 25% (**£23.87 incl. VAT**) in addition to the annual composite charge above.

Argyll & Bute

Up to 5 metres in length	Per visit up to 24 hours	15.75	Zero Rated	0.00	15.75	0.45
Up to 6 metres in length	Per visit up to 24 hours	19.05	Zero Rated	0.00	19.05	0.55
Up to 7 metres in length	Per visit up to 24 hours	21.85	Zero Rated	0.00	21.85	0.65
Up to 8 metres in length	Per visit up to 24 hours	25.25	Zero Rated	0.00	25.25	0.75
Up to 9 metres in length	Per visit up to 24 hours	28.25	Zero Rated	0.00	28.25	0.80
Up to 10 metres in length	Per visit up to 24 hours	31.50	Zero Rated	0.00	31.50	0.90
Over 10 metres in length - charge per metre	Per visit up to 24 hours	3.10	Zero Rated	0.00	3.10	0.10





How Will it Work?



1. Access Peel Ports Online shop through the URL <https://peel-port.myshopify.com/> or scan below QR code



2. When on site click on Shop Here (Circled in Blue below)



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3. Click on the 2023 Licence, circled in blue.



4. Complete all fields on the right side of page, all are required. Once complete click on add to cart, circled in blue.



Appendix 2

RYA Scotland statement on proposed Clydeport Conservancy Fee

22 Oct 24



RYA Scotland is aware of the concerns being shared within the Scottish boating community, particularly those based in the Clyde area, regarding the proposal from [Peel Ports](#) group for a Conservancy Fee to be levied on leisure boat owners in that area.

We have been aware of plans to implement a Conservancy Fee since late summer and recognise the impact that it will have on the many thousands of leisure boaters active on the Clyde and those visiting.

RYA Scotland has acted for many years as a consultee on numerous plans and proposals that impact on coastal and inland boating activity. However, to date, we are not aware of any consultation or formal means by which we or the public can share feedback with Peel Ports group. Simultaneously, we have noticed significant amounts of online social media discourse amongst those concerned by the proposed fee.

To highlight the concerns we have been hearing, we brought the matter to the attention of the Holyrood Cross Party Group for Recreational Boating and Marine Tourism at their meeting on 24 September. The Cross Party Group is a key forum for MSPs and key stakeholders sharing information and addressing matters that have broad relevance across Scotland's recreational marine sector.

Whilst we recognise that as the Statutory Harbour Authority Peel Ports do have a right to levy fees under the Clyde Port Order (1965), it is clear from that order that charges made must be for very specific services and be reasonable.

RYA Scotland are writing to Peel Ports, to express our specific concerns around the proposal, and will make several key calls for action for an appropriate engagement and consultation around their proposals.

If you would like to get in touch with us regarding this matter, please email communications@ryascotland.org.uk

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