



St Helier Boat Owners Association

MINUTES OF THE 35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ST HELIER BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, HELD AT ST HELIER YACHT CLUB ON MONDAY 19TH JANUARY 2026 @ 19:30HRS

PRESENT:	<p>Phil James, Chairman David Le Cuirot, Treasurer Marie-Claire Sutton, Honorary Secretary</p> <p>Committee Members: Arthur Manning, Paul Tinley, Dina Rogan, Heather Speller, Mark Davey</p> <p>35 Members</p>
1: Introduction	<p>The Chairman welcomed all Members and Committee Members in attendance and thanked them all for being present. His thanks were extended to the Yacht Club for their generosity in allowing the use of the Club for the purpose of holding the Association 35th AGM and to hold regular monthly Meetings throughout the year.</p>
2: Apologies	<p>Many apologies had been received and after a short discussion IT WAS AGREED not to name the absentees due to the numbers but to ensure such names were minuted as follows:</p> <p>Mr Graham Stone Mr & Mrs Ballingall Mr & Mrs R. Ireson Mr W. Simpson Mr M. Richardson Mr & Mr N. Gueno Mr P. Mourant</p>
3: Minutes of the last AGM	<p>Phil James noted that the Minutes of the 34th AGM held on 8th January 2025 were made available on the Association website and IT WAS SUGGESTED that they be taken as read. This was proposed by Tony Butcher and seconded by Arthur Manning.</p>
4: Matters arising	<p>There were no matters arising.</p>
5: Chairman's Report	<p>The Chairman reported that all Members should have received his report and that it was available on the Association's website and took the opportunity to thank all Committee Members for their time, commitment and constructive engagement during the year. The Chairman pointed out that there had been some changes within the Committee with the resignation of Vic Walker and Penny Gueno as the Association Membership Secretary.</p> <p>On behalf of the Committee, The Chairman thanked the Membership for their continued support and extended his sincere appreciation to fellow Committee Members for their dedication and hard work throughout 2025. The Chairman's report was well received and IT WAS THEREFORE AGREED that the Acceptance of the Report was proposed by Heather Speller and seconded by Mike Stevens.</p>
6: Honorary Treasurer's Report	<p>The Treasurer reported that all Members that the accounts to 30th September 2025 were available on the Association's website and that these had been signed off on 12th January 2026 and asked the Members if there were any questions to be added bearing in mind that the</p>

	accounts were very similar to the previous year. The Treasurer reminded the Members that if any had any questions relating to the Accounts that he would make himself available to discuss matters further.
7: Approval of the Accounts	The Acceptance of the Accounts to 30 th September 2025 was therefore proposed by Martin Speller and seconded by Nick Bailhache.
8: Re-election of Officers / Committee Members	<p>The Chairman reported that as far as all current Officers and Committee Members were concerned, they were all happy to continue to support the Association for the coming year and the Chairman read their names as follows with a request that they stood up to the Audience so to put a face to the name:-</p> <p>Officers: Phil James, as Chairman Marie-Claire Sutton, as Honorary Secretary David Le Cuirot, as Honorary Treasurer Dina Rogan, as Membership Secretary</p> <p>Committee Members Heather Speller Paul Tinley Arthur Manning Mark Davey</p> <p>The Chairman confirmed that there were no other proposals for Committee, but it was noted that the Committee could take on couple more new Members if anyone wished to stand during the year and to let the Committee know.</p> <p>The Committee was re-elected unanimously by a show of hands, following the verbal confirmation from the Chairman.</p>
9: Re-election of Independent Examiner	The Chairman proposed that Emma Bateman be re-elected as Independent Examiner for the forthcoming year, which WAS APPROVED following the Chairman's comment that Emma has been doing a great job and that she was very happy to continue for the coming year. IT WAS CONFIRMED that Emma Bateman was re-elected unanimously by a show of hands.
10: Subscriptions	The Chairman reported that there was no plan to increase subscriptions for the coming year and that the rate would remain at £10 for single Membership and £16 for Joint Membership. The fees were agreed by all by a show of hands.
11: Donations	The Chairman reported that following the new Committee trading carefully over the last couple of years, it feels ready to assign donations. However, having discussed this as a Committee the consensus was that donations should go to smaller water based charities. The Chairman therefore read out his report on donations and pointed out that the 3 small charities to receive each the sum of £350 were Wetwheels, The Variety Sailing Trust and The Jersey Sea Cadets. The Chairman asked all Members what their views were on the nomination of the 3 charities and if there were any objections. The feeling throughout the Meeting was that it was an excellent idea and IT WAS RESOLVED that such Donations would be organised. This was proposed by Dawn Tinley and seconded by Penny Hatter following a vote of a show of hands.
12: Constitution	The Chairman reported that there were no proposed changes to the Constitution and the Members had no comments on the matter.
13: Guest Speakers	<p>At 19:45 hours the Chairman welcomed the Harbourmaster, Captain Bill Sadler and Michel Le Moine from Ports of Jersey to the Meeting to answer questions from the Audience.</p> <p>IT WAS REPORTED that prior to the question/answer session, Bill Sadler would read his a</p>

	<p>report to the Audience on various projects and issues within Ports of Jersey including the transition with DFDS and pilotage, issues with harbour red lights being monitored more efficiently to avoid continued disruptions, project & development in Gorey, Albert Pier, Elizabeth Marina & Commercial project relating to La Folie, St Catherine and his meeting with Committee Members in October 2025. The report was well received by the Members.</p> <p>The Chairman then asked if Members had any questions and the session was opened by a series of questions as follows: -</p> <p><u>South Pier:</u> Why cables (not chains) and ropes are being allowed on drying moorings which seem to be cropping in now. Michel Le Moine's answer was that he was not aware that cables were used and would investigate but did mention that in the past few weeks PoJ have been repairing peoples 'moorings. Michel Le Moine then asked for examples, and it was mentioned that the 1st row had cable and next back row had green rope. Again, Michel Le Moine confirmed that he would investigate the matter. The next question was being the size of boats on the finger pontoon in South Pier which was supposed to be up to 16 feet only as several boats there, are now over this length. All answers to the questions will be made available via the Association.</p> <p>Bill Sadler did comment that it was certainly not safe on a question relating to power cables being left laying across the harbour at all stages of tide in the mud 24/7 and that it should also investigate the issue.</p> <p>The question was about the ladder above the drying blocks remained unrepaired, unsafe with no warning signage being made available. Again, Bill Sadler confirmed that he would look into the matter.</p> <p><u>Working berth in Old English Harbour:</u> Not easy to book them, most of the time not available and yet boats are sitting there all the time not even being worked on. For example, The Black Pearl has been sat on the working berth for the last 3 years what is the reason for that? Bill Sadler suggested to add such issue to the Association working list they will investigate the matter.</p> <p><u>Fees:</u> Seem to be going up way beyond RPI. Bill Sadler suggested to the Member to email his figure so that these can be reviewed.</p> <p><u>Parking Permit Cost:</u> Issue raised regarding the cost of permit for the 1st year and the difference with the 2nd year. Also the amount of South Pier vans being parked and not providing sufficient spaces for Members. Again Bill Sadler suggested to the Member to email with comments and figures.</p> <p>The conversation went on to the monitoring of parking at South Pier and it was suggested that Sharon the Parking attendant be congratulated for her even-handed application of the rules.</p> <p><u>South Pier blocks:</u> Being washed of into the harbour, not transported off site, making South Pier very muddy and contaminating the sand. Michel Le Moine confirmed that there is no solution. Recently some samples done of the mud showing much toxicity so no other way to dump it. Bill Sadler mentioned that he has done some work in relation to the matter, and it appears that it will be an expensive job to have interceptive dry pads.</p> <p>Special thanks were passed on to Bill Sadler's staff and Michel Le Moine for being helpful and responsive.</p>
14: Termination	There being no further business the Meeting closed at 20:18 hours and was followed by a finger buffet and wine served by La Coquerie.