

# Association of Yachting Historians

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held at 2.15 p.m. on **Saturday, 25 March 2023** at the Royal Yacht Squadron, West Cowes, Isle of Wight.

### AGENDA

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies for absence
3. Approval of the Minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 2nd March 2019 at Cruising Association House, 1, Northey Street, London E14 8BT (attached)
4. Matters arising
5. Chairman's Report
6. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Accounts
7. Election of officers
8. Website
9. Scanning projects
10. Programme for 2023
11. Any other business

### Following the meeting talks will be given by the following speakers:

**AYH President, Peter Nicholson**, on the Royal Yacht Squadron etc.

**Nigel Sharp** on his recent tour of the yachting scene in Australia.

**Mark McNeill** on the development of the Classic Boat Museum in Cowes and their plans for the future.

**The programme for the weekend is as follows:**

### **Friday 24th March**

2.30 p.m. afternoon visit to **The Gallery**, Columbine Road, East Cowes PO32 6EZ  
Directions: cross the River Medina from West Cowes via chain ferry (vehicle and foot passengers). Then a 15-minute walk to the Gallery. (Parking near the Gallery on the East Cowes esplanade).

On arrival, there will be a short welcome from Mark McNeill, Chairman of the Classic Boat Museum. AYH members are invited to explore the recently refurbished Gallery which now houses extensive, revamped exhibitions on the ground floor, including a small area devoted to material collected on behalf of the Association of Yachting Historians. On the second floor (with lift) there is an impressive library and archive room, featuring numerous maritime volumes, sailing magazine collections and many private volumes bequeathed to the Gallery by some respected sailing names, and in the centre is a new, large meeting room with offices.

At 3.30 p.m. (approx.) there will be a short presentation by Dr Dominic Fontana on the Cowdray Engraving of the sinking of the Mary Rose during the French invasion attempt of 19th July 1545. The Engraving is exhibited on the ground floor of the Gallery.

In the evening: We have arranged for you to have supper at the Island Sailing Club, 70 Cowes High Street, PO31 7RE or, if you prefer, The Royal Ocean Racing Club, The Parade, Cowes PO31 7QU. (If asked, please say you are from AYH).

### **Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> March**

**Members are asked to email [mcblack@mail.com](mailto:mcblack@mail.com) if they intend to attend the AGM and also if they wish lunch – which will be Shepherd's Pie or Lasagne plus a dessert (Cost – about £20.00 per head). If you want a vegetarian meal, please let us know. Lunch will be available from 12.30 onwards.**

In the evening at 7.30 there will be dinner available for members at RORC. **A Menu is attached and again members are asked to advise if they wish to attend** and to email their menu requests to [mcblack@mail.com](mailto:mcblack@mail.com) in order to assist the caterers.

### **Sunday, 26th March**

11.00 a.m. visit to The Boat Shed (home of the Classic Boat Museum), 117a Medina Yard, Thetis Road, West Cowes PO31 7DJ, with personally guided tour by Mark McNeill. For those who did not visit the Gallery in East Cowes on the Friday, they will be able to do so after the Boat Shed.

There is much to see, with displays and new exhibits including Sir Ben Ainslie's 2017 America's Cup test boat BAR T1, the replica cat boat Vigia, and a working reconstruction of the original light lens from St Catherine's Lighthouse on the Island.