

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee held on 15 July 2019 at 7.30pm**

**Whitstable Yacht Club 3-4 Sea Wall, Whitstable**

Present: Robert Govier (Chairman), Sally Gostelow (Secretary), Peter King, Ruth Oliver, Kelvin Tolson, Mike Oliver, Richard Maltby, Ali Nicolson, Ian Embry, Glenn Cook, Katie Berrington & Tom Oliver.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Richard Bradburn, Paul Fincham & Patty Baker.

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (3rd June 2019)**

The minutes were approved.

**3** **Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

a. Disposal of Abandoned Equipment:

* + 1. Sally advised that the next stage would be to label all abandoned equipment in preparation for the next auction (date yet to be determined).
    2. Sally to send up-to-date lists of all paid up equipment to class captains.
    3. Sally to contact Wendy Fitzpatrick regarding the Concept dinghy to enquire whether it is to be used for cadet sessions and if so, to ensure that it is added to the club’s insurance policy.
    4. Mike Oliver will try and trace the owner of the Laser dinghy currently situated on the end of a catamaran row.

Action: SG/MO/CCs

1. Beach tidy up and boats in a poor state: Following no response from the owners, it was agreed that the unsightly Topaz Magno and Laser Stratos dinghies be moved to Reeves beach at the earliest opportunity.
2. Sailing & Safety roles and responsibilities:
3. The Sailing & Safety documents drafted by Richard Maltby were distributed to the Committee with the agenda. A vote of thanks was raised for Richard Maltby for producing such a sound set of documents. Ian Embry has feedback on the safety boat equipment checklists which he will discuss with Richard M separately. Robert agreed to place the safety boat driver and crew guidelines on the website. Also, copies of the checklists would be placed somewhere visible in the Rigden Shed.

Action: RG/IE/RM

1. Richard M sought to clarify WYC’s policy on the minimum age of drivers/crews. He will check WYC’s insurance for 16 to 18 year olds with Maureen Bush.

Action: RM

1. **New Matters Arising from Committee Members**
   1. Safety boating for events and safety boating scouts.
      1. Ruth emphasised the need to give adequate notice to the Scouts if any of their RIBs & drivers are required to help out with events.
      2. Mike Oliver reported that Dan Harnett has very kindly volunteered his RIB and himself as driver for events if required.
   2. Number of races sailed to constitute a series (Robert Govier). Robert reported that there was a low turnout for the Spring Series for the Small Cat class. 4 boats took part, each for a single race, with 3 races sailed in the series which means that the series winner sailed one race and was the only boat sailing in that race. He proposed the club adopts a policy in the scoring that states that a boat cannot win a series without starting at least 2 races, and finishing at least one race. This was agreed and will retrospectively apply to results this season.

Action: SG

1. **Correspondence (and Verbal Messages)**
   1. Sailing events (social) and costings for events (Maureen Bush). Maureen raised two items for the Committee’s awareness, particularly for sailing events:
      1. Bring your own barbeques – a person needs to be delegated per event who will be responsible for:
         * cleaning the barbeque after the event
         * ensuring that all items are removed from the fridges if used.
         * Any kitchen equipment used is washed up
         * Kitchen left clean and tidy
         * Rubbish sacks put in big bins – ask bar staff for bin key and ensure they are relocked
      2. Costings for events – info to consider when setting charges:
         * Per event with a band we pay for a license which costs £21 a time
         * Events where we have a band/DJ on the decking need a special license.
         * Please give the office plenty of notice of any events with live music.

Maureen will be producing a form for social events.

* 1. Email from Francis Stileman regarding offer from RS to trial an RS Aero: Francis has been in contact with RS to arrange an RS Aero tester session. It has been agreed, with WYC Training, to hold the session on 23rd and 24th August. This will cover both a Cadet Session on the Friday, and a Saturday. Francis will be managing bookings and helping sailors out with the boats. Robert asked WYC Training to provide safety cover.

Action: RO

* 1. Email from John Cooper regarding Forts Race Clash with Spring Bank Holiday Club Champs: John Cooper had emailed Robert to raise his concern that the 2020 Forts Race is due to be held over the Spring Bank holiday 23/24 May which is traditionally the Club Championships weekend. Following discussion, the Committee agreed to move the Club Champs to the late August bank holiday weekend, thereby allowing the Forts Race to go ahead as advertised. Robert will respond to John Cooper.

Action: RG

1. **New Sailing Members**

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| **NAME** | **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY** | **BOAT/ BOARD/ KAYAK** | **REASON FOR JOINING** | **CONTACT** |
| Will Temple | Individual | None | To learn to sail  (via a friend) | In touch with WYC Training |
| Ben James | Overseas Individual | Windsurf kit | Via Fred Dobbs | In touch with WYC Windsurfers |
| Richard Newman & children:  Calypso (DoB 2005)  Emerson (2008) | Individual | None | Past competition | In touch with WYC Training |
| Andrew Cranwell & Betania Berhane  & children:  Emandu (2004)  Befekadu (2007)  Biruk (2009) | Family | None | Friends | In touch with WYC Training |
| Paul Steppens & son Tom (2008) | Individual | None | Internet | In touch with WYC Training |
| Michael Wilcox & son  Stanley | Social | None | Local knowledge | In touch with WYC Training |

1. **Report on Events so Far**
   1. Wanderer Open & Cruise - 15/16 June: 12 boats raced on Saturday, including 4 visiting boats. Richard reported that two safety boats instead of one should be on hand in future. However, the event was a great success and the new Gavin Barr trophy was won by Gavin’s son, Tim Barr and Gavin’s regular crew, Mark Skipper. It was presented by the Club’s President, Larry Lamberton MBE. The trophy will be kept at the club and displayed somewhere prominent. The cruise scheduled for Sunday was cancelled due to too much wind.
   2. Merlin & Tasar Open - 22/23 June: Ali reported that 29 Merlins (19 visitors) and 14 Tasars (6 visitors) had taken part. He thanked Tom Bruton (RO) for his successful running of the racing and also Paul Fincham for organising such a well planned event. Good feedback had been received from competitors and Ali had also received very good feedback via the Tasar Forum. There was also a good write up in Y&Y. It is hoped the event can be repeated again in 2020.
   3. WYC LaserFest – 13/14 July: 48 Lasers took part, including 15 visitors. Mike reported on a great event and he raised a vote of thanks for all the volunteers and especially to Mark Barnes as RO. He proposed 11/12 July 2020 for the next Whitstable LaserFest, which was agreed.
2. **Forthcoming Events**
   1. Dawes Cup – 28 July: RO and Safety Boat crew rostered. The race will be run as an all in average lap race. Prizes will be awarded at the annual prize giving in November. Robert asked Sally to email the rostered RO and Recorder to make sure they understand the format.

Action: SG

* 1. Whitstable Week - 29 Jul to 2 August: Robert reported that the NoR and SIs have been posted to the website and the social schedule is confirmed. Unfortunately Tom Bruton has had to stand down as RO for the event due to family illness. In his place, Steve Gray has agreed to RO Tue and Thur, Chris Jarrett will RO Wednesday, and Robert will RO Monday and Friday. Ian Embry will provide Land Bridge. A request has gone out for Safety Boat Crew. Two crews are needed per day. Robert asked Class Captains to publicise the event to their classes to ask for volunteers. Any volunteers are to contact Sally or himself. Kelvin volunteered his services as a crew on the Thursday.

Action: CCs

* 1. Town Regatta – 17/18 August: The results will be taken from the Summer Saturdays 10&11 and Summer Sundays 10&11. This will require those races to be formatted for all boats to do the same course, and results to be taken to allow average lap results. The prizes will be awarded at the November prize giving. Robert asked Sally to email the rostered RO and Recorder to make sure they understand the format.

Action: SG

* 1. August Regatta – 24-26 August: RO and Safety Boat crew rostered. The race will be run as an all-in average lap race. Prizes will be awarded at November prize giving. Robert asked Sally to email the rostered RO and Recorder to make sure they understand the format.

Action: SG

* 1. KSSA Autumn Regatta – 14th September: One day event, no club racing that day. Cadet Committee organising with Richard Maltby who is acting as the main liaison between WYC and the KSSA. 40-50 boats expected (dependent on the weather forecast). Tom Bruton has confirmed that he can still RO. Ideally 5 RIBs will be required and it is expected that the KSSA will provide 2 as in previous years.
  2. Tornado Nationals – 28-29 September: Robert reported that 10-15 boats are expected. John Boorman is RO. Project-F is booked for the Saturday night party. NoR and Sis will be developed and posted nearer the time.

Action: RG

1. **Equipment Status**

**RIBS** – Operational.

**Peter Griffin Training RIB** – This has been very kindly bequested to the Club by Fef Griffin and the late Peter Griffin and is due to be delivered to WYC on 1st August. The trailer is to be secured on the West Quay. Kelvin confirmed that a launch party will be hosted by the Club later this season and Wendy Fitzpatrick has donated two bottles of champagne for the occasion.

**RibEye (Sailing Development RIB)** – Operational. It was agreed by the Committee to sell RibEye once the new training RIB (Peter Griffin) is fully operational.

**Training RIBs (Bella & Duckling)** – Operational

**Dumper Truck** – Operational.

**Ramp** – Operational. Mike Oliver has trialled a new marine grade cleaning product which is environmentally friendly and, to date, appears to work well.

**Radios (inc.** **Bridge Radio) –** Operational.Sally reported that John Berrington has tidied up the radio cupboard, including checking and cleaning all of the chargers.

**Floodgates –** Operational. Peter King has been chasing up the issue of the faulty ratchet with the Harbourmaster regularly, however no progress as yet.

**Committee Boat** – Operational

**Club Mast** – Operational

1. **Health and Safety** – New steps to the veranda have been fitted.
2. **Reports**
   1. Chairman’s Report. Nothing further to report.
   2. Commodore.
3. Kelvin reported that the Oyster Beds Inquiry is due to held on 8- 10 and 15-17 October 2019, it is open to anyone to attend.
4. He is finalising the 3-year plan.
5. He is looking for a suitably qualified member to help run a trial of new software (including an online rostering system). He asked if class captains could ask amongst their fleets for someone with the necessary expertise.
6. A skip will be at the club on Wednesday 17 July and Kelvin will head up a working party to clear out rubbish from the lower Rigden Shed and elsewhere within the club. He asked class captains to advertise the working party in the hope that volunteers will come forward to help.

Action: KT/CCs

* 1. Sailing Secretary. Sally reported that a social member (Keith McNicol) has offered his services as a safety boat driver. He has all the necessary certificates. Kelvin offered to get in touch to follow up with him.

Action: KT

* 1. Hon Beachmaster. Kelvin reported that the role is being disbanded. Class captains to manage their own fleet parking going forward.
  2. Hon Bosun. Nothing to report.
  3. RTC Principal. Richard reported:

1. Ruth Oliver will be on holiday for a week commencing 16 July;
2. Jonathan Musgrove, Nia Crockford and Wendy Fitzpatrick had recently run a very successful Level 1 course;
3. Cadets would in future use a separate signing on sheet for cadet races. Robert recommended that sail numbers should be visible on the club dinghies sails for the purposes of accurately recording results.
   1. Cadet Committee. Ali confirmed the latest meeting minutes had been distributed to the sailing committee prior to the meeting. The cadets had enjoyed a very successful party. Ruth reported on good turnouts for the weekly cadet sessions averaging just over 30 each session.
   2. Large Catamarans. Nothing to report.
   3. Small Catamarans. Kelvin was keen to encourage the Tankerton Bay Sailing Club catamaran members to stop off at WYC on one of their regular cruises. He intends to call in to TBSC to introduce himself and improve relations between the two clubs.
   4. Asymmetric Skiff. No report.
   5. Merlin Rocket. No further report.
   6. Tasar. Ali reported that 3 WYC boats would be travelling to the Tasar World Championships on 29 July.
   7. Laser. Nothing further to report.
   8. General Handicap. Nothing further to report.
   9. Slow Handicap. No report.
   10. Windsurfers. No report.
   11. Cruiser Class. No report.
   12. University of Kent at Canterbury. No report.
   13. Race Recorder Coordinator. No report.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

Due to a GC meeting on 19 August and a bank holiday, there would be no meeting in August. Next meeting - 16 September 2019 at 7.30pm.

Chairman

16 July 2019