

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee held on Monday 15 August at 7pm (hybrid format)**

**Attendance:**

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| Role | Name | Attendance |
| Sailing and Membership Secretary | Sally Gostelow | Yes |
| Commodore | Andrew Jackson | No |
| Training Principle  | Jo Wyles | Yes |
| Chief Instructor and Sailing Equipment Supervisor | Ruth Oliver | Apologies |
| Race Recorder Coordinator | Fiona Clarke | No |
| Support Boat Team Representative | Sam Turner | Via zoom |
| Laser Class Captain | Mike Oliver | Yes |
| Tasar Class Captain | Rick Perkins | Yes |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | No |
| General Handicap Dinghy Class Captain | David Connor | Via zoom |
| Small Catamaran Class Captain | Glenn Cook | Via zoom |
| Big Catamaran Class Captain | Peter King | Yes |
| Cruisers Class Captain | Jeremy Scott | No |
| Cadet Captain (represented by) | Matt Crockatt | Yes |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | No |
| Asymmetric Class Captain | Iggy McNally | No |
| Cadet Chair | Ian Massingham | Via zoom |
| Slow Handicap Dinghy Class Captain | Position Vacant | n/a |

**Actions & decisions:**

Minutes of the June meeting approved.

Actions from previous meeting:

Argocat update. Peter King agreed to reduce the opening bid price to £500. Peter will advise interested parties of the drop in price.

Autumn Series Racing. It was agreed to trial an “all-in”start general start to include: Merlins/Tasars/General & Slow handicap/Asymmetrics and catamarans. Lasers remain as a separate start.

Matt Crockatt to discuss the feasibility of a separate start/course for Cadet sailors.

**New Sailing Members**

Sally’s report was presented.

**Equipment Status**

**Club Racing**

End of Spring Series.

* 9 races completed from 18 in programme
* Lasers have had 35 boats race, average start 14.4
* Other classes have had 41 boats race, average total start 10.6

Club championships – 4 races completed, 44 boats raced (24 Lasers)

* Club Champion Harry Newton, Max Hunt 2nd, Charlie Campion 3rd

**Events Status**

**Wanderer Open (25-26 June)**

Richard Maltby organiser, John Boorman RO. 3 races back-to-back on Saturday with cruise on Sunday. Entry numbers reduced due to COVID outbreak.

**LaserFest (2-3 July)**

Organiser Mike Oliver. Gone live on BookWhen. All other arrangements in hand. 40 boats expected – 36 entered to date.

**Whitstable Week (25-29 July)**

RO – John Boorman. Steve to circulate NoR and SI’s. Race recorders and safety crews to be found.

**Town Regatta (Aug 13/14)** – to include Tankerton Bay SC & Seasalter SC. CB starts from the mooring – quick races.

T**raining and Cadets**

* 6 cadet sessions run so far this year, with a total of 91 individual cadets having got out on the water so far. 2.5 sessions cancelled due to weather.
* Adult L1 & 2 courses have run this month with several new members taking part. PB 2 also with 2 new members now qualified and keen to get experience on the safety boats.
* We had a Level 1/2/3 courses for cadets with 16 taking part.
* Schools tasters have been going well with 3 sessions for the Endowed School and Whitstable Junior School and this week they were sailing on the own in Topaz & Pico. The Whitstable School have also done 3 sessions on the water, but different student each time.

**Class comments**

**Support Team** – Ruth reported on a shortage of RIB drivers. Currently relying on the same handful of drivers as the newly qualified drivers require more experience before being able to helm.

Andy Jackson proposed that for 2023, drivers who receive free social membership to be rostered in the Club Sailing Programme. Steve to discuss with Sam Turner.

Sally to provide Andy and Steve with a list of those members currently receiving free social memberships in return for a minimum of 10 duties.

Peter King suggested that Committee Boat drivers also be included in any recruitment drive. Andy Jackson proposed that a Committee Boat drivers training day be organised soon.

**Lasers** – Mike Oliver reported on a successful workshop run by Charles Campion and Harry Newton with 14 attendees. He plans to organise another one soon.

**AOB**

Discussion was held regarding the status of the Tractor currently on loan from a WYC member and needs to be returned for 5 weeks by mid-August. Maureen Bush is looking into hiring one to cover for its absence. Jon Bloice volunteered to make enquiries regarding cheaper alternatives.

Man of Kent Regatta – Andy Jackson volunteered to return the 2 trophies to Broadstairs Sailing Club in time for the regatta.

Request from RYA for WYC to host a British Youth Sailing Regional Training Group for ILCA 4s on 4/5 March 2023. This has been declined by Sailing Committee on the grounds that it is too early in the season to support. Steve Gray has informed the RYA.

New fuel policy is now in place and distributed to safety boat team. Andy Jackson will discuss with Maureen regarding access to all members via SharePoint.

**Date of Next Meeting** 18 August – 7pm (hybrid format)

Sally Gostelow 26 June 2022