

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee held on Monday 26 September at 7pm (hybrid format)**

**Attendance:**

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| Role | Name | Attendance |
| Sailing and Membership Secretary | Sally Gostelow | Yes |
| Commodore | Andrew Jackson | Yes |
| Training Principle | Jo Wyles | Yes |
| Chief Instructor and Sailing Equipment Supervisor | Ruth Oliver | Via zoom |
| Race Recorder Coordinator | Fiona Clarke | No |
| Support Boat Team Representative | Sam Turner | Via zoom |
| Laser Class Captain | Mike Oliver | Via zoom |
| Tasar Class Captain | Rick Perkins | Yes |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Yes |
| 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 | Apologies |
| Asymmetric Class Captain | Iggy McNally | No |
| Cadet Chair | Ian Massingham | No |
| Slow Handicap Dinghy Class Captain | Position Vacant | n/a |

**Actions & decisions:**

Minutes of the August meeting approved.

**Argocat**: Peter King agreed to reduce the opening bid on eBay to £500. Peter will advise previously interested parties of the drop in price.

**Autumn Series Racing**: It was agreed that the General Handicap and Cat starts will be combined and the race ran effectively as an All-In Handicap (excluding Lasers). Individual class trophies will still be awarded. Lasers remain as a separate start.

**Cadet racing:** Matt Crockatt to agree a date to trial a separate start/course for Cadet sailors alongside normal racing.

**New Sailing Members:** Sally’s report was presented. Sally to ask Fef Griffin to make contact with a new sailing family (Harmony Kershaw-Rowe & Marc Summers).

**Club Racing**

Sat: 8 races completed from 9 to date in programme

* Lasers have had 28 boats race, average start 8.9
* Other classes have had 19 boats race, average total start 5.5

Sun: 6 races completed from 8 to date in programme

* Lasers have had 17 boats race, average start 7
* Other classes have had 14 boats race, average total start 4.1

Summer series turnout lower than Spring – ‘Other classes’ weak

**Events Status**

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

Thanks to Race Officer John Boorman. Good event, 46 boats in total entered.

**Town Regatta (Aug 13-14)** – 8 visiting boats from Tankerton Bay SC on Saturday - 3 sprint races each day. Demanding for race recorders – should we run again 2 to be rostered. Mixed feedback from sailors regarding the sprint race format.

**August Regatta (Aug 27-29)**

Race Officers rostered. Sam Turner looking for more safety boat drivers.

**B14 Europeans & Nationals (Sept 1-4)**

Mark Barnes organising.

**Topper Traveller (Sept 24-25)**

Richard Maltby organising.

T**raining and Cadets**

RYA Inspection **-** Took place on Saturday July 30, all went well and the inspector when out on a rib with one of our instructors to see an adult level 2 course. Very happy with all our procedures and records. One action point the 6HP engine on the Waveline 2.9m Rib is unsafe and needs to be replaced urgently**.** Now replaced**.**

Schools Sessions -Final sessions went well for the Junior School and Endowed School with all participants gaining there RYA Stage 1. The Whitstable School have 2 more sessions, which they have postponed until September, due to exams and other activities.

Courses - We have run two adult level 2 courses with 6 people on each course. Some windy weather on both courses but all enjoyed it. During the first 3 weeks of the summer holidays, we are running a Stage 1/2/3 course each week for 3 days. So far, we have had 34 cadets complete various stages with another 17 on courses this week. Laser / Topper training day was held on July 31 for our cadets which was a success.

Cadets -Cadet sessions have been going well, the Friday night bring your own BBQ went well. Also had cadets on the inspection day and the inspector was very impressed with the number of cadets out that day.

Cadetfest (15-18 August). 38 cadets in 21 boats sailed to Leysdown on the first day (Monday).

**Class comments**

Small cats: Glenn Cook looking to tweak the small cat handicaps.

General Handicap: David Connor – low GH turnouts due in part to poor traffic conditions recently.

**AOB**

Possible extension to the loan of tractor. Steve Gray to confirm insurance for extension with David Figgis (Done)

Meeting of Sailors – date change agreed. Now scheduled for 18 September after 15.00 race. Members to be notified via email and social media (action: Steve Gray).

West Quay – Steve to work with Sally regarding equipment stored on the Quay. A number of padlocks on the entrance gate have vanished.

Issues with Harbour Master discussed regarding speeding pleasure boats in close proximity to our sailing and the need for sailors to avoid the harbour entrance.

Email received from Sally Newcombe representing the Beach Campaign regarding jet skis causing WYC dinghies to capsize during sail training sessions. Sam Turner suggested, where possible, to gather video evidence. A note of the incident will be logged. Steve Gray to respond to Sally. (Done)

**Date of Next Meeting** 26 September – 7pm (hybrid format)

Sally Gostelow

21 August 2022