

**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 |
| Rear Commodore Sailing | Steve Gray | Yes |
| 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**: As a result of 6 wheels going missing, Peter King re-listing/ re-commencing sale.

**New Sailing Members:** Sally’s report was presented.

**Equipment Status**

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| **Weekly checks** | **Condition** | **Comments** |
| Rib 1 | **Operational** | Got steering cable will change before Laserfest. |
| Rib 2 | **Operational** | Will need some gelcoat work |
| Rib 3 | **Operational** | Ok |
| Peter Griffin | **Operational** | Some changed needed regards to launch trolley. New winch needed. New prop? |
| Bella | **Ish** | Fibreglass fixed just need gelcoating. |
| Cygnet | **No** | Keeps cutting out Carb clean? |
| Dave’s Tractor | **Operational** | Fef painted the footwell – but slippery so careful. |
| Argocat | Out of action | Awaiting further repair. To be sold |
| Committee Boat | **Operational** |  |
| CB Mooring | **Operational** |  |
| Ramp | **Operational** | Clean completed |
| Radios | **Operational** | 5 sailing, 6 training. |
| Winch | **Operational** |  |
| Grab bags | **4/6 operational** | Waiting for ice packs and other bits. |

**Club Racing YTD**

* April showers/Easter turnouts well up. Spring series – turnouts similar to 2021 but 18 races deemed too many.
* Summer series – turnouts below 2021.
* Wednesday evening series – turnouts similar to 2021.
* Autumn series – Laser/all-in handicap classes.

**Events Status**

**External events 2023**

Topper National Series (24/25 September). Arrangements in hand – hosted by WYC and TBSC. Large event – 170 boats expected.

Merlin & Tasar Open meeting (date tbc). Update: Merlin Class Association has declined a Silver Tiller event at Whitstable.

Wanderer Cruises. Agreed (date tbc).

LaserFest (date tbc). Discussions regarding externally promoting the event more widely. Agreed.

Dart 18s (date and format to be determined). Discussion as to whether Dart 18s and B14s open meetings could be run alongside each other.

Forts Race. Agreed not to host event at WYC in 2023. Possibility of it becoming a bi-annual event at WYC.

**2024** Fireball Nationals. Discussions continue on whether to host the event.

**Internal events 2023**

Discover Sailing. Agreed. (Date to tbc). Training School to make available a number of courses for those who sign up for membership in the weeks following the day of open day. Action: JW/RO

Whitstable Week (date tbc). Different format for 2023. Wednesday to Sunday event. Focus on social events. Promote to local and national clubs. Sub-committee to be formed.

**2023 Club Racing**

* 11:00 and 14:00 starts (where possible)
* Shorter series/more discards
* 60 mins if one race, 45 mins if 2 races
* Laser and all-in handicap starts
* Integration of cadets
* Buddy system for cadets
* Visibility of full duty roster. Sam Turner will make available for members to view on website. Action: ST
* No of duties. Regular sailors to be given 2 duties. More experienced sailors rostered as safety crews. Possibility of members to be given one race duty and one open meeting duty.
* Shortening racing season – to improve quality of club racing and place less pressure on volunteer resources.

T**raining and Cadets**

* 25 different cadet courses this year
  + Stage 1 -4
  + Sailing with Spinnakers
  + Day Sailing
  + Race Training
* 17 Adult Courses
  + Level 1/2
  + PB2
* 148 cadet certificates awarded - 81 of them being stage 1
* 70 Adult certificates awarded
  + Cadets: 96 members 37 non members
  + Adults: 39 members, 46 non members

CadetFest 2023 – provisionally set for week of 14 August.

Cadet Racing – A “WhatsApp” group (to be administered by Jo and Ruth) set up to encourage better communication between cadets in order to raise enthusiasm and interest in joining in with club racing. Training School plan to introduce more experienced cadets into offshore sailing in preparation for club racing.

Possibility of scheduling some club races during 2023 where adults are encouraged to take out a cadet as crew. Action SPG/MC

**Class comments**

No further comments.

**AOB**

* Tractor status – due to return of the loan, sailors are to be requested to help the safety team in the launch and recovery of safety boats. Steve Gray to discuss the tractor availability and/or purchase with Club Manager. Action: SPG
* Mast storage (Rigdens and beach) – to be identified and labelled. Any unidentifiable to be placed in the next “disposal of boats” process.
* Boat parking and equipment storage policy – Steve has updated policy to the effect that masts must not be stored in the Rigden shed.
* Race officer training/development. There is a potential shortage of experienced and willing ROs for club special events and open meetings. Not much uptake for the upcoming RO course at Downs SC on 8/9 October.
* Safety boat team expansion – current resources are stretched. Steve asked Sam and Jo to put together a training development plan to look into ways in which the pool of drivers can be expanded. Action: JW/ST
* 2023 programme development plan

**Special Awards** Steve asked class captains to canvass their fleets for nominations for the special awards. Nominations to be agreed at October SC meeting. Awards to be presented at November prizegiving. Action: CCs

**Safety Boat Team** - Peter King raised a vote of thanks to Ruth/Jo & Sam for the excellent running of the safety boats and safety cover this season.

**Date of Next Meeting** -Monday 24 October – 7pm (hybrid format).

Sally Gostelow

2 October 2022