

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee held on Monday 16 October 2023 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 Principal | Jo Wyles | Yes |
| Chief Instructor and Sailing Equipment Supervisor | Ruth Oliver | Yes |
| Race Recorder Coordinator | Fiona Clarke | No |
| Support Boat Team Representative | Sam Turner | Yes |
| Laser Class Captain | Adam Whitehouse | Apols |
| Tasar Class Captain | Rick Perkins | Apols |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Via Zoom |
| General/Slow Handicap Class Captain | David Connor | Apols |
| Small Catamaran Class Captain | Glenn Cook | Via Zoom |
| Big Catamaran/ Asymmetric Class Captain | Peter King | Yes |
| Cruisers Class Captain | Jeremy Scott | No |
| Cadet Captain (represented by) | Matt Crockatt | Yes |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | No |
| Cadet Chair | Ian Massingham | Via Zoom |

**Actions & decisions**

Minutes of the September meeting approved.

**Cruiser class:**  no further progress. Steve awaiting a further update from Jeremy Scott regarding the feasibility of a visitor’s mooring buoy. **Action: Steve/Jeremy**

**KSSA/EKSA 2024:** Steve contacted the KSSA regarding plans for 2024 – they have none as yet. They confirmed that it is not WYC’s turn to host the Man of Kent.

**Equipment Status**

Thanks to Ruth and Jo for returning David Figgis’ tractor. Jo highlighted the fact that RO’s need to remind sailors to help launch and retrieve safety boats for the rest of this season. Thanks to Peter King and team for returning the committee boat to its winter mooring at Conyer. (See attached slide regarding status of other equipment).

**New Sailing Members**

Sally presented the new members list. (See attached slide).

**2023 Programme:**

**Dart 18 & B14 open meeting Sept 30/Oct 1:** 22 Darts, 7 B14’s – superb weekend. Steve raised a vote of thanks to Glenn for his excellent organisation of the event. Glenn confirmed that both the Dart 18s and B14s are keen to return for an event in 2024.

**Autumn Series**: 9 of the 12 races have been completed, 25 All-in-Handicap starters; 30 Laser starters. 2 races left to complete the series.

**2024 Programme:**

Season starts a week later on March 24 (with RO training with Steve & Christian Brewer)

All morning start times 11.00 except for 10 & 24 November – 10.00 due to tide restrictions.

ITCA SE training/open April 27/28. Matthew Crockatt volunteered to coordinate the event. Tom Bruton agreed to be RO with Andy Jackson as ARO. Steve to respond to ITCA SE.

Start times for Whitstable week agreed as Weds/Thurs: 11.00, Friday/Saturday/Sunday: 13.00.

Allocation of race teams. Steve to allocate RO duties for events/regattas and outline of RO duties by November meeting. **Action: Steve**

It was agreed that suitable cadets to be rostered as ARO/safety crews - training school to provide a list for Steve/Sally. **Action: Ruth/Jo**

**Training & Cadets**

See slide.

Training school looking to purchase new boats to replace ageing Fevas and 420s. Boats chosen are required to cater for both cadets and adults.

**Class Comments**

**Big Cats:** Peter King reported that 3 WYC Tornados attended the recent Nationals at Minnis Bay Sailing Club.

**Other matters**

**Prizegiving - 22 Oct (17:30):** Andy to present prizes. An email from Steve had been sent to all members setting out the criteria for the award of prizes/gold cards.

**Tasar trophy in memory of Julie Puckett:** Thanks were recorded to Stephen Nation who has kindly offered to donate the funds for a trophy to be awarded to best Tasar over the full season in memory of Julie Puckett. Tasar class to agree on a suitable award. **Action: Rick Perkins/Sally**

**Transition to racing programme: New programme** designed to help intermediate sailors progress to racing to cover starts, mark rounding, upwind sailing and downwind sailing. 4 dates to be included in sailing programme. **Action: Steve/Ruth/Jo**

**Kayak and SUPs:** Kerry Collins looking at suitable dates for inclusion in the programme.

 **Action: Steve/Kerry**

**Dinghy Cruising:** mid-week dates to be included in the programme. **Action: Steve/Ruth/Jo**

**Safety team:** Sam raised a vote of thanks to Peter King for stepping in to drive a safety boat at short notice on Saturday. It has highlighted the fact that more regular drivers need to be recruited.

**Committee Boat:** more committee boat drivers are required. Steve to check with Club Manager what certificates members are required to hold to drive the CB for insurance purposes. WYC to provide training to volunteers. **Action: Steve**

**End of season Working Party:** Andy suggested a general working party to coincide with the Cadets end of season tidy up on 11 November. Andy to discuss with Mike Oliver.

 **Action: Andy Jackson**

Date of next meeting: November 20th – 7pm (hybrid format).

Steve Gray

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