

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 22 January 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 | via Zoom |
| Tasar Class Captain | Rick Perkins | Apols |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | via Zoom |
| General/Slow Handicap Class Captain | David Connor | va Zoom |
| 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 | via Zoom |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | Yes |
| Cadet Chair | Ian Massingham | Apols |

**Actions & decisions**

Minutes of the November 23 meeting: approved.

Rigden Shed: Steve had carried out a survey of the upper shed and taken photos of equipment currently on the floor of the shed. These will be circulated to sail rack users asking them to place all equipment on their allocated racks. Anything left by the time of the working party to be tagged and will be disposed of following the RYA’s disposal of abandoned equipment policy. **Action: Steve/Sally**

Winter series “check-in” system: Steve trialled this via the Facebook friends and members site for the last races of the 2023 winter series. Better communications between sailors appeared popular leading to increased turnouts. Going forward it was agreed that setting up a WhatsApp group may be more user friendly. Any feedback on ways in which to improve communications please contact Steve. **Action: Steve & Class Captains**

**Equipment Status**

(See attached slide regarding status of equipment).

Committee Boat: Peter King advised that Slotty would be due anti-fouling probably before the 2025 season. It was agreed that this will be scheduled around any proposed events.

**New Sailing Members**

Sally presented the new members list. (See attached slide). A couple of sailing members were identified as needing follow-up with help and advice regarding sailing at WYC. Adam Whitehouse and Peter King volunteered to get in touch to offer any guidance required. Sally to send them contact details. **Action: Sally/Adam/Peter**

**2024 Programme**

* Published and online.
* Includes ‘Transition to racing’, organised cruises and Kayak/SUP sessions.
* Printed handbook WIP
* Working party: 23 Mar @ 10.00
* Race officer training: 24 Mar @ 11.00
* First race of season: 24 Mar @14.00

**Training & Cadets**

See attached slide. In addition, the training school will be holding a 5 day Dinghy Instructor course for WYC’s existing Assistant Instructors.

**Class Comments**

Windsurfers: Simon reported that the windsurfers have been active due to the windy conditions. He will be submitting a paper “Windsurfer Training & Equipment Review & changes for 2024” to the sailing committee for consideration. **Action: Simon**

**Other matters**

Transition to racing programme. Steve confirmed he is scheduled to assist with two events (starting techniques and racing rules); with Ruth and the training school covering mark rounding and upwind sailing. A call for more volunteers was needed and Adam Whitehouse offered his assistance. **Action: Steve/Ruth/Jo**

Proposed late season Solo open. Steve has been in touch with the Association offering a number of dates but has not had a response to date. He will follow-up. **Action: Steve**

Holidaycottages.co.uk sponsorship status. They have confirmed their ongoing support, their primary focus is cadets/kids events.

Safety boat training. Needs to be promoted amongst members along with transition to racing. **Action: Steve/Ruth/Jo**

Working Party – 23 March @ 10am

Date of next meeting date: 7pm, 18 March – hybrid format.

Steve Gray

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