

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 17 March 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 | Apols |
| 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 | No |
| Laser Class Captain | Adam Whitehouse | No |
| Tasar Class Captain | Ali Nicolson | Yes |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Yes |
| General Handicap Class Captain | David Connor | Via Zoom |
| Small Catamaran Class Captain | Glenn Cook | Yes |
| Big Catamaran/ Asymmetric Class Captain | Peter King | Yes |
| Cruisers Class Captain | Jeremy Scott | Apols |
| Slow Handicap Class Captain & Cadets | Matt Crockatt | Yes |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | Yes |
| Cadet Chair | Ian Massingham | No |

**Actions & decisions**

Minutes of the January 2024 meeting: approved.

**Rigden Shed**: equipment that has previously been labelled and not claimed will be checked by Steve and Sally and disposed of at the forthcoming working party. Any other equipment for which ownership is unknown will be labelled for auction/disposal at the working party. **Action: Steve/Sally**

**Equipment Status**

(See attached slide regarding status of equipment).

Committee Boat: a vote of thanks was raised for Peter King and Fef Griffin for attaching a new mooring chain. Ruth reported: RIB 1 is currently being fitted with a new engine. 3 new improved quality radios have been purchased. New tackle measuring 6-7 metres has been attached to the club buoys. Tractor has returned to WYC – vote of thanks to David Figgis for the loan.

**New Sailing Members**

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

**2024 Programme**

* Printed handbook published, distributed & online.
* Working party: 23 Mar @ 10.00 – class captains to encourage fleets to attend. **Action CCs**
* Race officer training: 24 Mar @ 11.00. 5 members checked in so far. Steve has updated the Race Officers Guide, consolidating all other relevant documents into one single. It will be available on the website, committee boat and race hut.
* First race of season: 24 Mar @14.00. 9 checked in so far via Facebook.
* Topper training/Open meeting: 27-28 April. Matt Crockatt reported that arrangements are in hand with 40 boats expected. He has a meeting scheduled with the ITCA to discuss the details. ITCA have confirmed they will cover any shortfall in funds incurred. Campervans to be accommodated on the West Quay – maximum of 6 @ £30 each. WYC to provide glass trophies and an extra trophy for the first Whitstable Topper. Matt to liaise with Sally. **Action: Matt/Sally**

**Training & Cadets**

See attached slide. In addition: Ruth and Jo will be attending a swim safe instructor training course at Island Barn SC.

**Class Comments**

**Tasars:** Ali Nicolson has taken over the role of class captain from Rick Perkins. A vote of thanks recorded to Rick for his tenure as class captain.

**Slow Handicap:** Matt Crockatt has taken on the role as slow handicap class captain.

**Other matters**

**Windsurfer training:** having considered Simon Reynolds paper “Windsurfer Training & Equipment Review & changes for 2024”, the sailing committee gave positive feedback to his proposal. Steve confirmed that WYC would be willing to fund a PB2 course if he intends to use the safety boat for training purposes. Simon volunteered to source the correct equipment as necessary. **Action: Simon**

**Transition to racing programme – volunteer status:** more volunteers are required.

**Safety boat training status:** 12 members completed on-the-water safety boat training course on 16 March.

**AGM – March 24 – 4pm:** class captains to encourage their fleets to attend.

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 20 May – hybrid format.

Steve Gray

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