

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 20 May 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 | David Figgis | No |
| 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 | Via Teams |
| Laser Class Captain | Adam Whitehouse | Via Teams |
| Tasar Class Captain | Ali Nicolson | Apols |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Apols |
| General Handicap Class Captain | David Connor | Via Teams |
| Small Catamaran Class Captain | Glenn Cook | Apols |
| Big Catamaran/ Asymmetric Class Captain | Peter King | Yes |
| Cruisers Class Captain | Jeremy Scott | No |
| Slow Handicap Class Captain & Cadets | Matt Crockatt | Yes |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | Via Teams |

**Actions & decisions**

Minutes of the March 2024 meeting: approved.

**Windsurf training**

Simon reported that he had acquired a Power Boat 2 certificate to facilitate training; currently finalising the windsurf kit for training; writing an induction and clinic plan; looking for suitable training dates; has 6 members already interested in training. **Action: Simon**

**Rigden Shed**

Equipment labelled – awaiting disposal or auction. An auction to be organised later this season. **Action: Steve/Sally**

**Equipment Status**

(See attached slide regarding status of equipment). Ruth and Jo will look at improving the visibility of the pillar buoys by adjusting the anchor lines in time for the Club Championships. **Action: Ruth/Jo**

**New Sailing Members**

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

**2024 Programme**

So far:

Topper South East training and open (27/28 April): A vote of thanks was raised for Matthew Crockatt for organising a very successful event and to the Topper and Cadet parents for their considerable help during the very windy conditions on the Sunday.

Early Series & Easter Regatta (March/April): see attached slide.

Transition to racing: very successful so far. Those attending have requested a race at the end of the clinics. This was agreed and a date is to be found. **Action: Steve/Ruth**

Kayak/SUP paddle in company (12 May): No1 completed and was a great success. A vote of thanks to Kerry Collins for organising the event.

Forthcoming:

Club championships (25-27 May): Steve asked class captains to rally their fleets for the club’s most prestigious event of the season; 6 races scheduled, 5 to count. More committee boat drivers are required. Prizegiving to follow last race on Monday. The Tea Bar will be open for sailors, use it or lose it! **Action: CCs**

Discover Sailing (8 June): Jo reported that all arrangements are in hand. Key volunteers have been allocated duties, however more volunteers are required including a member with a double-handed dinghy for displaying on the ramp. A 60% “Discover Sailing” discount offer for signing up to membership on the day. **Action: Jo/Ruth/Sally**

Merlin/Tasar open (22-23 June): event now bookable on BookWhen - 35 entries expected. Tom Bruton (RO) with Andy Jackson (ARO). More safety boat crews required.

**Action: Sam/Steve**

Wanderer open (29-30 June): arrangements in hand. Event bookable on BookWhen.

Laserfest (6-7 July): Tom Bruton (RO) with Steve Gray (ARO). Adam reported that recorders will be required for event. Unfortunately, no sponsorship for the event this year, so glass trophies to be ordered for prizes. Notice of Race to be posted. Dead Pelicans to perform on the Saturday night. 3 safety boat crews required for both days. David Connor offered to ask amongst his fleet for volunteers. **Action: Adam/David**

Whitstable week (31 July – 3 August): programme coming together, more volunteers required. **Action: Steve/Sally**

**Training & Cadets**

See attached slide. In addition, RYA inspection due on Tuesday 28 May.

**Class Comments**

David and Adam commented on how well the new HalSail results system is working.

**Other matters**

Boat parking:

* Cadets: Matthew will review the Cadet boat storage area.

**Action: Matthew**

* Lasers: Adam will be looking at improving the Laser storage by introducing a numbered system to help identify where boats are to be returned to following movements. Spaces nearest the ramp to be allocated on a “most frequently sailed” basis (Steve sending Adam starting statistics to assist with allocations). **Action: Adam/Steve**
* Trailers: proposed new lower pricing structure for 2024/25, Steve to raise at the General Committee. Trailers to be identifiable with the use of tags.

**Action: Steve/Sally**

Peter King raised the issue that currently there is a shortage of committee boat drivers and therefore, racing may, on occasion, be run from the mooring. Class captains to message their fleets to ask for volunteers, experience not necessary, however a Power Boat level 2 certificate is required. **Action: CCs**

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 22 July – hybrid format.

Steve Gray

21 May 2024