

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee held on Monday 23 January 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 Principle | 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 | Mike Oliver | Yes |
| Tasar Class Captain | Rick Perkins | Via Zoom |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Via Zoom |
| 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 | Apologies |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | Via Zoom |
| Asymmetric Class Captain | Iggy McNally | No |
| Cadet Chair | Ian Massingham | Via Zoom |
| Slow Handicap Dinghy Class Captain | Position Vacant | n/a |

**Actions & decisions**

Minutes of the November meeting approved.

**Argocat**

Sold. Thanks to Peter King and Andy Jackson.

**New Sailing Members**

Sally presented new members list – sailing members to be contacted by class captains.

**Equipment Status**

Jo and Ruth advised all will be ready for the new season.

**2023 Programme**

Introduction to programme emailed to members and published online on 23 January .

Printed programme in final stages of production and is due to be distributed in February.

T**raining and Cadets**

2023 training courses booking now live online and being taken – already 31 of the 40 spaces on CadetFest now booked.

**Other matters**

**Tractor** – Dave Figgis once again lending WYC his tractor for 2023 season for the launch and recovery of safety boats.

**Masts in Upper Rigden Shed** – all masts hanging from the rafters are to be removed from the shed. Unidentifiable masts to be labelled and placed on beach. Identifiable masts - owners to be contacted. Action: Peter/Sally.

Laser masts that protrude into the walkway between the racking areas are to be stored on the owners boats under the boat covers. Action: Mike Oliver.

**Slow Handicap fleet** – David Connor has agreed to the slow handicap fleet being integrated into general handicap fleet.

**Asymmetric fleet** – Peter King has agreed to the asymmetric fleet being integrated into the big cat fleet. The asymmetric boats will continue to start with the general fleet.

**Original Cottages Sponsorship** – continues for 2023 under holidaycottages.co.uk branding – a programme will be agreed with the emphasis on cadet events/activities.

**Wanderer training** – Richard Maltby is organising a training day on 1st April.

**Race Officer training** - organised for 12th March prior to the first race of the season led by Christian Brewer and Steve Gray. Sam Turner will also be on hand to discuss safety liaison.

East Kent Yachting Association have rescheduled a regional race officer training weekend on 25/26 February. Class Captains to promote the training within their fleets. To be advertised widely on WYC website and social media. Action: Steve Gray/Class Captains.

**Safety Boat training** – 25th March. Open to all members with a PB2 qualification. Existing WYC drivers due to take part. To be advertised widely on website and social media.

Action: Steve Gray

**Committee Boat drivers** – more volunteers with PB2 certificates are needed. Call out for volunteers to go on website and social media. Action: Steve Gray

**Racing Tips Evenings** – the first one covered rules, next one on Wednesday 1st February will cover protests. Third one – rigging tips (TBA).

**Mike Oliver** – announced that he is stepping down as Laser Class Captain after 6 years – he was thanked for all his hard work. Adam Whitehouse has been proposed as replacement with further discussions before confirmation.

Mike reported that the water ponding in front of Rigden’s Shed needs to be tackled at the forthcoming working party. He is obtaining a petrol pressure washer and will organise a small working party to clean the ramp. Gents changing room floor due to be re-painted. Simon has offered to build benches for both male/female changing rooms. The female changing rooms have had a complete refresh. Mike confirmed that he will be managing the working party on 11th March.

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

Steve Gray

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