

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee held on Thursday 26 May at 7pm (hybrid format)**

**Attendance:**

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| Role | Name | Attendance |
| Sailing and Membership Secretary | Sally Gostelow | Yes |
| Commodore | Andrew Jackson | Apols |
| Training Principle | Jo Wyles | Yes - zoom |
| 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 | Yes - zoom |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Apols |
| General Handicap Dinghy Class Captain | David Connor | Apols |
| Small Catamaran Class Captain | Glenn Cook | Apols |
| Big Catamaran Class Captain | Peter King | Yes |
| Cruisers Class Captain | Jeremy Scott | No |
| Cadet Captain | Finn Crockatt | No |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | No |
| Asymmetric Class Captain | Iggy McNally | No |
| Cadet Chair | Ian Massingham | No |
| Slow Handicap Dinghy Class Captain | Position Vacant |  |

**Actions & decisions:**

Minutes of the April meeting approved.

Actions from previous meeting: Fireball Nationals - declined

**New Sailing Members**

Sally’s report was discussed.

**Equipment Status**

Ramp – Mike Oliver has organised group of volunteers to clean ramp.

**Club Racing**

Spring Series

* Only 4 races completed from 11 in programme
* Lasers have had 30 boats race, average start 16.3
* Other classes have had 27 boats race, average total start 10.5
* RNLI pursuit race was completed in very light winds – 8 raced

**Upcoming Events Status**

**Club Championships (2-5 June)**

Sam reported on a low number of volunteer drivers for the event.

**Forts Race Weekend (28-29 May)**

RO: Tom Bruton. 12 entries received including 4 WYC cats. Following lack of communication agreed Sailing Committee to approve boat moves in future.

**Wanderer Open (25-26 June)**

Richard Maltby organiser. 3 races back-to-back on Saturday with cruise on Sunday.

**LaserFest (2-3 July)**

Organiser Mike Oliver has produced NoR and SIs. All other arrangements in hand. 40 boats expected.

**Whitstable Week (25-29 July)**

RO – John Boorman. Steve to circulate checklist. Race recorders and safety crews to be found.

**2023 and beyond events**

**Topper event 2023** – Richard Maltby, Jo Wyles & Ruth Oliver have arrangements/planning in hand.

T**raining and Cadets**

* 3 cadet sessions run so far this year, with a total of 63 different cadets having got out on the water so far.
* Three PB2 courses run so far, and very successful along with an Adult level 1 course w/b 16 May. Adult level 2 course also ran a couple of weeks ago.
* This weekend another Adult level 2 course and then Monday – Wednesday a Level1/2/3 courses for cadet with 17 taking part.
* Schools tasters started week of 16 May with The Whitstable School and week of 30 May the Endowed School starts.
* Discover Sailing Day – 97 people got out on the water, weather was brilliant and lots of great comments about the club and volunteers. 13 new members on the day. A great success for the club. Steve recorded a vote of thanks to all the volunteers who helped make the Discover Sailing day such a success.

**Class comments**

**Laser**: Mike Oliver reported that he is organising a training session for intermediate Laser members on 18/19 June.

**Tasars**: Rick Perkins gave feedback on Tasar/Merlin open on 14-15 May. With 40 entrants, WYC should make a profit on the event of £1k plus bar spend. He received excellent feedback from competitors. Rick recorded his thanks to all the volunteers/race team. SC recorded vote of thanks to Rick for his excellent organisation.

**AOB**

Peter King suggested SC needs to start looking for a replacement launch vehicle. Steve Gray to speak to Andy Jackson/Maureen regarding a suitable replacement tractor.

Ruth reported that new marker buoys are needed. Steve Gray to look into possibility of sponsorship money being allocated for buoys.

Race officers – guidelines published.

Beach barrier status – in place and key in codelock box.

Rigden shed security – keep locked.

Town Regatta (Aug 13/14) – to include Tankerton Bay SC & Seasalter SC. CB starts from the mooring – quick races.

**Date of Next Meeting**

**J**une 23rd 7.00 – hybrid format.

Sally Gostelow 28 May 2022