

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee held on Thursday 24 March at 7pm**

**Attendance:**

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

**Actions & decisions:**

Minutes of the March meeting approved.

Actions from previous meeting:

Simon contacted organiser of Fireball Nationals 2024 to seek more information – he has received no response so assume no further interest.

Decision taken to sell Argocat in its present state.

Steve Gray recorded the Sailing Committee’s thanks to Robert Govier for his service to the club as Rear Commodore Sailing for 10 years!

**New Sailing Members**

Ben Mathers (rowing scull) – in touch with Andrew Provan.

Henry Beams, catamaran crew – in touch with Peter King. Both returning members.

**Equipment Status**

Arrangements in hand for committee boat to return to WYC mooring on 26 April.

**Upcoming Club Racing**

Change in race times weekend May 14/15 advised – 11.00 start Sat 14th, no racing Sun 15th.

Programme has been updated, social media and emails have advised sailing membership – could class captains also please advise via class WhatsApp and Facebook groups.

**Upcoming Event Status**

**Tasar/Merlin event (14-15 May).**  Rick Perkins has arrangements in hand.

**Discover Sailing day (21 May).**  Jo Wyles & Ruth Oliver in the lead.  Jo confirmed “on the water” dinghies organised – demo boats still required. Class captains to help find volunteers willing to display and demonstrate their boats. Advertising material available and to be distributed by Ruth.

**Forts Race (28-29 May)**. Tom Bruton Snr confirmed as RO.

**LaserFest (2-3 July).**  Organiser Mike Oliver – Arrangements in hand.

**Whitstable Week (25-29 July).** RO – John Boorman/Steve Gray. Possible shortage of Race recorders – volunteers to be found.

**2023 and beyond events**

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

Glenn Cook has received interest in Dart 18 TT event in late 2023.

T**raining and Cadets**

* Successful Stage 1 course completed at Westbere for 0 cadets;
* Stage 2 course for 6 cadets and Stage 3 course for 5 cadets completed at Westbere;
* 5 WYC new Assistant Instructors completed Power Boat level 2 course;
* New Cadet season starts on Friday 22 April – weather dependent;
* Zack Reynolds passed DI course; Charlie Baker passed SI course.

**Class comments**

Sailing Sec:

* Jill Fagg and Fee Clarke kindly volunteered to enter series race results in her absence.
* Due to the increasing size and weight of newly commissioned trophies, approval from the office is required before commissioning.
* Sally raised the issue of engraving the “year” on glass trophies for open events. The SC agreed to include the year and recoup any costs incurred from income received from entries if the event was cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.
* Sally away – returns to office Sunday 8 May.

Big Cats: Peter looking into mast storage options.

Small Cats: On-going moves in Small Catamaran parking.

Tasars: Rick to circulate up-dated event checklist.

General Handicap:

* David keen to get updated beach parking plan finalised and published. Action: Sally to ask Kelvin for the blueprint.
* David asked if more triangle/sausage courses could be introduced for G/H boats. Following discussion was agreed to add courses to next month’s agenda.

**AOB**

Race officers guide: SG WIP proposal accepted

Beach barrier: keysafe to be attached to barrier and code to be given on a “need to know” basis.

Rigden Shed Security: Class Captains to remind fleets to ensure door is kept closed at all times and also all other doors to changing rooms etc. Mike Oliver providing signage.

Mike raised issue of start sequence. Agreed to remain as 6-3-0.

Next SC meeting scheduled for 26 May – 7pm (hybrid format).

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