

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee held on 18 February 2019 at 7.30pm**

**Whitstable Yacht Club**

**3-4 Sea Wall, Whitstable**

Present: Mike Oliver (Acting Chairman), Sally Gostelow (Secretary), Tom Oliver, Peter King, Ruth Oliver, Paul Fincham, Kelvin Tolson, Patty Baker, Glenn Cook.

Robert asked Mike Oliver to Chair the meeting in his absence due to work commitments.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Richard Maltby, Richard Bradburn, Robert Govier and Katie Berrington.

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (21 January 2019)**

The minutes were approved.

**3 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

1. Disposal of Abandoned Equipment: Following a discussion with Phil Scott, Paul Fincham reported that he will advertise the Merlin on the internet and noticeboard in the sea room. Sally reported no change with the other abandoned boats since the last meeting.

Action: PF

1. 2019 Programme: Sally reported that the 2019 Programme is at the printers. Glenn Cook hopes to deliver 500 copies to WYC on 20 February and Sally plans to post them on 25 February. Paul Fincham offered to help. All members with an allocated duty will receive a personalised letter highlighting the date and time of their duty. Class captains to also draw attention to duties within their fleets. Robert has uploaded a downloadable copy to the website and the online version and google/apple calendar files have also been uploaded.

Action: GC/SG/CCs

1. Security: Mike reported that CCTV has been installed covering the Rigden’s Shed (Upper and Lower), and the Club’s forecourt and veranda.
2. **New Matters Arising from Committee Members**

None.

1. **Correspondence (and Verbal Messages)**

The club had received notification of a MSBA Conference (9 March 2019), which would focus on the future of local boating clubs in the Medway and Swale areas. As it clashes with WYC’s working party, it was unlikely that anyone would attend from the sailing committee.

**6 New Sailing Members**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **NAME** | **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY** | **BOAT/ BOARD/ KAYAK** | **REASON FOR JOINING** | **CONTACT** |
| Nigel, Lesley Newton and Child: Harry (DoB 2003) | Social Family | None | Sea Scout members | Ruth Oliver already in contact |
| Julie Iliffe & son Arthur  DoB: 2008 | Social Individual | None | Arthur taking part in sailing sessions/training | Ruth Oliver already in contact |

1. **Report on Events so Far**

None.

1. **Forthcoming Events**
   1. Dinghy Show – 2&3 March: Richard reported by email: RM and RO will be with the Topper display to offer demo / taster sessions, courses and promote WYC. A General Committee approved package of two seasons’ membership for the price of one plus two courses at discount will be on offer ONLY for the two days. Andrew Guerin is organising the WYC stand. He would like more volunteers to help man the stand for a few hours both days and asks if anyone is interested in helping out to contact him. Glenn asked if free tickets are available to helpers, Mike volunteered to find out. Glenn suggested the use of a “QR” code which would link directly to WYC’s website and Kelvin stressed the importance of advertising the 2 yr membership offer clearly and very visibly.

Action: MO

* 1. Working Party – 9March: Kelvin provided a list of jobs via email. Sally will post a reminder along with a summary of the jobs needed on the website a few weeks before the day. Richard Maltby had informed Kelvin that he has a team of volunteers from the Wanderer/GH fleet ready and willing to help lay the cement.

Action: SG

* 1. First Race of the Season – 10March: Start time 1pm, Robert Govier is Race Officer. Mike asked Class Captains to encourage their fleets to sail, or come down to the club on the 10th to support the sailors who do!

Action: CCs

* 1. AGM – 23 March: Mike reminded the Committee that the AGM will be held after sailing on 23rd March. He asked Class Captains to remind their fleets to attend.

Action: CCs

* 1. 5o5 Open – 30&31 March: Tom Bruton Jnr and Tudor Owen are coordinating. Tom Bruton Snr will RO. NoR should be published later this week. John Cooper has agreed to bring the CB down for the event and drive it over the weekend.
  2. Forts Race – 19 May: Robert reported by email: Planning is underway. The event will be formally announced by the Endurance Series organisers at the Dinghy Show on Sunday 3rd March. NoR and SIs are in development and will be posted shortly. Band is booked for the Saturday night Social.
  3. Whitstable Week – 29 Jul to 2 Aug: Robert reported via email that he has submitted details of this year’s week to Yachts&Yachting for inclusion in their Summer Race Weeks guide in the May issue.

1. **Equipment Status**

**RIBS** – Operational / Winterised

**RibEye (Sailing Development RIB)** – Winterised

**Training RIBs (Bella & Duckling)** – Bella Operational / Winterised. Duckling undergoing repairs.

**Dumper Truck** – Operational / Winterised. Sally to check with Ian Embry to state of play regarding servicing. Action: SG

**Ramp** – Operational. Kelvin is planning to lay the cement and remove the protruding bolt during the working party.

**Radios** – Operational.

**Bridge Radio –** TBC

Ruth reported that she is planning to perform a review of all the club’s radios with Richard Bradburn.

**Floodgates –** Operational. Ruth reported that the ratchet still needs replacing and Peter King volunteered to look into the matter. Action: PK

**Committee Boat** – On its winter mooring.

**Health and Safety** – Peter King expressed his concern over the state of the outstide staircase to the Race Hut. He offered his assistance if necessary with any welding repairs. [AFTERNOTE: Maureen Bush has repairs in hand but may well take up Peter’s kind offer.]

**10 Reports**

* 1. Chairman’s Report. Robert reported by email:
     1. Maureen is liaising with Harry on the build of Kayak racks on the side of Rigden’s Shed.
     2. Thank you to Maureen who has also donated a pair of binoculars to the club.
     3. Dates for the 2019 Oyster Festival have been set to 27th to 29th July. Assuming that the main event is on Tankerton Slopes, there should be minimal impact on WYC activities.

* 1. Commodore. No report.
  2. Sailing Secretary. Nothing to report.
  3. Hon Beachmaster. Nothing further to report.
  4. Hon Bosun. No report.
  5. RTC Principal. Richard Maltby provided a report to the Committee via email:

EAST KENT YACHTING ASSOCIATION MEETING 19 Feb 2019 at Minnis Bay SC. RM will attend. EKYA meetings aim to co-ordinate and promote racing and training among EK sailing clubs.

TRAINEE ASSISTANT INSTRUCTOR SESSIONS. For Cadets aged 12-15. Two sessions (of six) to be held on Feb 24 and March 10, with the focus on RYA method for tacking and gybing, centre and aft mainsheet techniques.

DINGHY INSTRUCTOR COURSE. April 15 to 19. The club charge is £250 per candidate. A grant of £100-£150 for each candidate has been promised by the RYA. Provision is being made also for those who need to do a PB2 and/or First Aid Course.

DISCOVER INSTRUCTING / COACHING. Sam Rowe, RYA Development Officer, will run a session on May 9 from 6 – 8.30 pm for anyone interested in becoming a RYA Instructor or Coach. 8 places available @ £15 charge – to be offered first to WYC members and other clubs.

WOFC OYSTER RACKS. I am in contact with Duncan Savage RYA Environmental and Planning Officer. He is well aware that there will be a Planning Inquiry and I have said that we will need barrister representation on

behalf of all sailors, windsurfers etc. He has a meeting with advisers next week about Whitstable specifically. I have made him aware of the recent delivery of more racks to the harbour. I am also kept informed by Cllr

Ashley Clark.

* 1. Cadet Committee Report. Richard reported by email:

CADETS AND FAMILIES AGM. The Cadets Committee are organising a social get together starting 1 pm on 10 March with a Dinghy Store display of sailing equipment offering vouchers @ £10 per cadet. The formal AGM is scheduled for 2 pm in the Sea Room. As this will be the first Cadets AGM under the 2018 revision of club rules, we have provided guidance for the agenda and election process which the existing committee is taking forward. Ruth will forward Richard’s email, recently sent to cadets and families, to sailing committee members for any comments. Action: RO

* 1. Large Catamarans. Peter reported that a racking system for catamaran masts needs to be considered.
  2. Small Catamarans. Glenn will report to Kelvin regarding his fleet parking.

Action: GC/KT

* 1. Asymmetric Skiff. No report.
  2. Merlin Rocket.
     1. Paul reported that all arrangements are in hand for the Merlin/Tasar open meeting on 22/23 June. He intends to meet with Tom Bruton Snr who is RO for the event. He is awaiting information from Ali Nicolson regarding the Tasars.
     2. Paul has reported that Mali Harnett is looking for a crew for the 2019 season.
  3. Tasar. No report.
  4. Laser. Mike Oliver reported that all arrangements for LaserFest are in hand. WYC are doing very well in the overall series at Westbere Lake.

* 1. General Handicap: Richard reported via email:

WANDERER OPEN June 15 – 16. John Boorman has kindly agreed to be Race Officer and Andrea Oliver registrar. Gavin Barr is aware from the NOR, as recently published by the Wanderer Class Association and also on the WYC website, that the event will be sailed for the GAVIN BARR trophy.

* 1. Slow Handicap. Nothing to report.
  2. Windsurfers. Active. Sally reported that a number of windsurfing members have been rostered as safety crews for the 2019 season.
  3. Cruiser Class. No report.
  4. University of Kent at Canterbury. No report.
  5. Race Recorder Coordinator. No report.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

18 March 2019 at 7.30pm. Robert indicated by email that due to work commitments, he would be unlikely to be able to attend.

Chairman

19 February 2019