

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee held on 21 January 2019 at 7.30pm**

**Whitstable Yacht Club**

**3-4 Sea Wall, Whitstable**

Present: Robert Govier (Chairman), Sally Gostelow (Secretary), Mike Oliver, Tom Oliver, Peter King, Ruth Oliver, Richard Bradburn, Paul Fincham, Ian Embry, Kelvin Tolson, Richard Maltby and Patty Baker.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Glenn Cook, Jeremy Scott, Ali Nicolson and Katie Berrington.

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting (19th November 2018)**

The minutes were approved.

**3 Matters Arising from Previous Minutes**

1. Disposal of Abandoned Equipment: Sally reported that the Edler-Maidment’s would not be taking away the Enterprise dinghy, so this would have to be disposed of along with the Seahopper and Enterprise dinghies. The trailer is due to be taken by John Pollitt. Paul Fincham will liaise with Phil Scott regarding the removal of the Merlin.
2. 2019 Programme:
3. Robert presented a copy of the current draft programme/tide table to the meeting. To summarise the changes since the last meeting:

* 5o5 Open has been added for 30&31March. It was noted that this may prove a challenge for the Committee Boat, Robert agreed to discuss with John Cooper. Action: RG
* Duties added.
* John Boorman has volunteered to RO the Forts Race, Tornado Open and the Easter Nip.

Following suggestions, Robert will add Committee Boat starts and RO of the day to the cadet friendly races.

Action: RG

1. Robert asked Class Captains and members of the Sailing Committee to confirm whether they would be continuing for the 2019 season so that the Programme can be sent with the correct listings. All present confirmed their continued support. If he doesn’t hear otherwise from any other members of the sailing committee, their details will be listed as shown in the 2018 programme.

Action: RG

1. Ramp Maintenance: Kelvin has purchased some garden hoes to be used for scraping weed from the ramp. He has also cleared out the space beneath the back stairs in Lower Rigden Shed. The remaining box of tools, high vis jackets etc are available for use.
2. **New Matters Arising from Committee Members**

Security (personal and equipment):

1. Robert reported on Glenn’s behalf that there have been further reports of equipment going missing or being ‘borrowed’ and not put back properly. This seems to be particularly prevalent with windsurfing kit. He also reported that the General Committee have been discussing the potential for putting in CCTV to key areas of the club. Quotes are being obtained although the cameras will not be able to cover all areas.
2. Robert asked class captains to remind their fleet members that all equipment stored at the club should be labelled with the owner’s name and that any suspicious activity be reported. Members are asked not to share the door codes or keys with anyone who should not have access.
3. Sally reported that the club door codes will be changed before the start of the new sailing season and a combination lock will replace the current padlock on Lower Rigden Shed.

Action: SG

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

None.

**6 New Sailing Members**

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| **NAME** | **MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY** | **BOAT/ BOARD/ KAYAK** | **REASON FOR JOINING** | **CONTACT** |
| Philip Crockatt | Individual | Chichester Scow | Son and Family already members | Richard Maltby will make contact |
| David Sansom | Individual | None | Signed up for training course | Ruth Oliver will make contact |

1. **Report on Events so Far**

None.

1. **Forthcoming Events**
   1. Dinghy Show – 2&3 March: Richard reported that WYC Training would be represented on the Topper stand to advertise taster sails and courses at WYC. This would be covered by Richard and Ruth.

Action: RM/RO

Robert reported that the club will also have a stand at the show this year with the emphasis on membership and racing. Andrew Guerin (Laser sailor) is organising the stand and volunteers.

* 1. Working Party – 9March:
     1. Robert asked Kelvin to provide a list of beach side jobs to be done at the Working Party and Mike Oliver a list of house related jobs.

Action: KT/MO

* + 1. Kelvin is planning to have a pre-working party check on boats with each class captain to identify which boats will need moving to Reeves beach at the working party.

Action: KT/CCs

* + 1. Robert asked Class Captains to remind their fleets to save the date.

Action: CCs

* 1. 5o5 Open – 30&31 March: Tom Bruton Jnr and Tudor Owen are coordinating. Tom Bruton Snr will RO.
  2. Forts Race – 19 May: Planning is underway. Tom Bruton Snr is liaising with the Endurance Series organisers, and the event will be officially announced at the Dinghy Show. John Boorman has agreed to RO. This year the event will be open to dinghies as well as catamarans (cut off PY TBC). Only catamarans will do the Forts leg. Other boats will do legs along the coast to Herne Bay, Sand End, etc. GPS tracking will be provided by the Endurance Series. Robert asked Class Captains to highlight this event to boats that may be interested (fast monohulls or cruisers such as the Wanderer) and suggest they ‘save the date’.

Action: CCs

* 1. Whitstable Week – 29 Jul to 2 Aug: Robert flagged that he will not be able to take on as much responsibility for Whitstable Week this year due to other commitments. He asked for volunteers to be part of an organising committee.

1. **Equipment Status**

**RIBS** – Operational / Winterised

**RibEye (Sailing Development RIB)** – Operational / Winterised. Richard Maltby reported that Ribeye was recently found to be displaced and roughly compressed into the adjoining bay against the small training inflatable Richard Bradburn gave an assurance that boats and equipment should not be moved. He proposed clear signs be erected. Richard also reported that the Ribeye will need replacing due to its continued engine cut out problem. He will discuss with the University regarding the feasibility of them purchasing a Rigiflex support boat.

Action: RM

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

**Dumper Truck** – Operational / Winterised.

**Ramp** – Operational. However, the concrete still needs to be laid at the end of the ramp. Kelvin and Mike Oliver agreed to discuss the best way forward, possibly seeking the advice from Grant Forwood regarding the laying of the marine grade concrete.

Action: KT/MO

**Radios** – Operational.

**Bridge Radio –** Still requiring repairs. Action: RB

**Floodgates –** Operational.

**Committee Boat** – On its winter mooring. John Cooper has been testing the engines.

**Health and Safety** – Ian Embry offered to get in touch with the France’s mobile tyre company to see if they can help remove the surplus tyres from the beach.

**10 Reports**

* 1. Chairman’s Report. Nothing further to report

* 1. Commodore. Nothing to report.
  2. Sailing Secretary. Sally reported that she has been:
     1. Busy chasing the last remaining unpaid memberships;
     2. Issuing up-to-date class lists have been issued to fleet captains;
     3. Working on the safety boat drivers rota;
     4. Working on 2019 club programme which is progressing well.
  3. Hon Beachmaster. Nothing further to report.
  4. Hon Bosun. Nothing to report.
  5. RTC Principal. Richard Maltby reported:
     1. Courses have been set up and advertised on the website;
     2. Training kit is being prepared for the season;
     3. Ameeting with training officers from Broadstairs SC and Herne Bay SC and RYA On Board representative, Ben Kimbel, has been set up for 22 Jan. A dinghy Instructors course has been organised for April and RYA On Board is donating £100 per candidate, £600 in total;
     4. The oyster racks are an on-going serious cause for concern and safety which will continue to affect training courses and sailing sessions. Richard intends to pursue the matter with local Councillors, planning officrs and the RYA to keep the matter live.

Action: RM

* 1. Cadet Committee Report. Richard reported:

1. Lines of guidance have been agreed at the recent General Committee meeting;
2. Minutes of the last cadet meeting are awaited;
3. The Chairman’s position is vacant and a replacement needs to be found.
   1. Large Catamarans. Nothing to report.
   2. Small Catamarans. No report.
   3. Asymmetric Skiff. No report.
   4. Merlin Rocket. Paul reported that Tim Barr, a regular visitor to the UK, is looking for a crew for the Merlin Open and Salcombe Week. Paul will provide Robert with a piece for the website. He will also get together with Ali Nicolson to discuss the forthcoming Merlin/Tasar open event.

Action: PF/AN

* 1. Tasar. No report.
  2. Laser. Mike Oliver reported:

1. 6-7 WYC Lasers have been taking part in the Westbere winter series.
2. He has attended planning preparation meetings with Broadstairs and Herne Bay clubs regarding the LaserFest tri series. Confirmed dates for the series are: Whitstable 13/14 July; Broadstairs 2 June; Herne Bay 1 Sept.
   1. General Handicap: Nothing to report.
   2. Slow Handicap. Nothing to report.
   3. Windsurfers. Continue to be active.
   4. Cruiser Class. No report.
   5. University of Kent at Canterbury. No report.
   6. Race Recorder Coordinator. Sally has contacted Joceline asking for the list of confirmed recorders for 2019 season.

**11 AOB**: Mike Oliver advised that Andrea Oliver will be happy to carry out registration duties for events during 2019, diary allowing.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

18th February 2019 at 7.30pm. Apologies received in advance from Kelvin Tolson.

Chairman

22 January 2019