

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Tuesday 27 August at 7pm (hybrid format)**

**Attendance**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Role | Name | Attendance |
| Rear Commodore Sailing | Steve Gray | Yes |
| Sailing and Membership Secretary | Sally Gostelow | Yes |
| Commodore | David Figgis | Apols |
| Training Principal | 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 | Adam Whitehouse | Via Teams |
| Tasar Class Captain | Ali Nicolson | Yes |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Yes |
| General Handicap Class Captain | David Connor | Apols |
| Small Catamaran Class Captain | Glenn Cook | Apols |
| Big Catamaran/ Asymmetric Class Captain | Peter King | Yes |
| Cruisers Class Captain | Jeremy Scott | No |
| Slow Handicap Class Captain & Cadets | Matt Crockatt | Yes |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | Via Teams |

**Actions & decisions**

Minutes of the July 2024 meeting: approved.

**Cadet parking**

Matthew has plans for some dinghy moves within the Cadet fleet. **Action: Matthew**

**Laser parking**

Adam formally announced that he will be stepping down from the role of Laser class captain as soon as a replacement is found. He will inform his fleet via the Whats App group. The new class captain will then be asked to tackle the Laser boat parking. **Action: Adam**

**Equipment Status** (see attached slide)

The committee boat is fully operational – thanks to Peter King and Andy Clarke for their hard work.

**New Sailing Members**

Steve presented the new members list. (See attached slide).

**2024 Programme**

* Whitstable Week completed – 53 boats took part, won by Rick and Sarah Perkins. A very successful event – thanks to all the volunteers and sailors.
* Summer series commenced – 9 races on Sat and 9 races on Sun completed.
* Started training new CB drivers (Mike Oliver and Colin Smith) with others volunteered (Ian Massingham, Harry Newton, Andy Provan).
* CB – racing has been run from mooring due to anchor retrieval issues.

Following discussion, the following updates were recommended for the RO Guide:

* A reminder that sailors are not to enter the buoyed area containing the oyster beds, which are a prohibited zone and will incur instant disqualification from the race. Safety boats are unable to enter the zone.
* The RO Guide has been updated to remind Race Officers not to lay marks too close to the harbour entrance.
* Trapezoid courses to be set for series racing when appropriate at the discretion of the RO. Requires good support from safety boat team. Steve agreed to update the RO Guide to add trapezoid course.

**Action: Steve**

**2025 Programme**

* Possible opens:
  + Topper SE travellers 2 days
  + Solo Spring Championships 1 day (March)
  + Tasar nationals 3 days
  + Wanderer open July 28/29 with club racing
  + Dart 18 open 2 days
* Club events:
  + Club Championships May 24-26
  + Discover Sailing (to be decided) June 21?
  + Laserfest July 12/13
  + Whitstable week Aug 6-10
  + Town regatta Aug 23-25

All events, apart from Discover Sailing agreed. Steve will offer the Solo class a suitable date in March. **Action: Steve**

**Training & Cadets**

See attached slide.

Despite the windy weather, CadetFest was a great success with a lot of very good feedback received.

**Other matters**

125 year anniversary: it was agreed to review options to create events to mark the 125 year anniversary of WYC in 2027.Carried over to next meeting. **Action: SC**

**Ramp:** more consideration to be shown by all sailors whilst rigging on the ramp. Possibility of creating slightly larger rigging area by moving stored boats across slightly. A discussion point for the annual meeting of sailors.

It was agreed that a cleaning schedule be introduced to keep the ramp clean. Steve to discuss with Mike Oliver. **Action: Steve**

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 14 October – hybrid format.

Steve Gray

28 August 2024