

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 21 October at 7pm (hybrid format)**

**Attendance**

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| Role | Name | Attendance |
| Rear Commodore Sailing | Steve Gray | Yes |
| Sailing and Membership Secretary | Sally Gostelow | Yes |
| Commodore | David Figgis | No |
| Training Principal | Jo Wyles | Apols |
| 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 | Paul Kelly | Yes |
| Tasar Class Captain | Ali Nicolson | Yes |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Yes |
| General Handicap Class Captain | David Connor | Via Teams |
| Small Catamaran Class Captain | Glenn Cook | Via Teams |
| 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 | Apols |
| Cadet Class Captain | George Massingham | Apols |

**Actions & decisions**

Minutes of the August 2024 meeting: approved.

Cadet boat parking: Matthew reported on an improving situation. Some chains on the beach need to be moved – a job for the next working party. **Action: Matt**

Paul Kelly (PK) was welcomed to the meeting as the new Laser class captain. A vote of thanks was raised to the outgoing class captain Adam Whitehouse.

George Massingham has taken on the role of Cadet class captain.

**Equipment Status** (see attached slide)

Ramp in need of a clean - Steve to discuss with Mike Oliver. David Connor volunteered to help. **Action: Steve**

A vote of thanks raised for David Figgis for the loan of his tractor.

Improvements required to the railings on the west quay compound – Steve to discuss with Peter King and Maureen Bush. **Action: Steve**

**New Sailing Members**

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

**2024 Programme**

Steve gave an overview of the season so far. (see attached slide).

**2025 Programme**

Outline of events planned for next year:

* Open events:
  + Solo Spring Championships April 26-27
  + Topper SE travellers May 10-11
  + Tasar nationals June 13-15
  + Wanderer open July 28-29 with club racing
  + Possible KSSA splash training event Sep 20 or Oct 4

**(Steve to confirm)**

* Club events:
  + RNLI pursuit race May 5
  + Club Championships May 24-26
  + Discover Sailing/open day June 21
  + Laserfest July 12-13
  + Dawes Trophy July 27
  + Whitstable week Aug 6-10
  + Town regatta Aug 23-25

**Training & Cadets**

See attached slide. Ruth organising a Cadet laying-up supper.

**Class comments**

Big Cats: Peter reported that due to a shortage of spaces available on the beach, any new catamarans will need to be stored on the west quay. Glenn suspects cadet boats are possibly encroaching on the catamaran parking area.

Small Cats: Glenn reported that the Dart 18s have declined an open meeting next year.

Tasars: Ali is in the early stages of organising the 2025 Tasar Nationals. 25-30 entries expected, he is hoping for a strong WYC turnout.

Lasers: PK will work on encouraging as many of his fleet as possible onto the water.

**Action: PK**

Merlins: Jon reported that the Merlin Class Association had belatedly requested an open meeting at WYC next year. He will inform them that the diary is now full, but they would be welcome in 2026 and could compete in Whitstable Week. **Action: Jon Bloice**

**Other matters**

Committee boat update: Slotty is to be returned to Conyer following the Topper event next Spring for coppercoating. Ideally Slotty should return to WYC in time for the Club Championships - if not, Steve has potentially found a suitable launch we can borrow.

Meeting of Sailors Output:

* + RO Guide – trapezoidal course advice to be added to RO Guide **Action: Steve**
  + Keep with 2 races where possible.
  + Buddy system - Lasers to trial. **Action: PK**
  + Laser match races and possible team racing. **Action: PK**

125 year anniversary: it was agreed to review options to create events to mark the 125 year anniversary of WYC in 2027.Initial ideas discussed: host a couple of national sailing events; possible pursuit races; displays in Whitstable Museum. **Action: SC**

Open meeting checklist to be updated to include boat moves and possible need for volunteers to assist with dinghy launch trolley retrieval. **Action: Steve**

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 18 November – hybrid format.

Steve Gray

22 October 2024