

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 18 November 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 | 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 | Paul Kelly (PK) | Yes |
| Tasar Class Captain | Ali Nicolson | No |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Yes (Teams) |
| General Handicap Class Captain | David Connor | Yes (Teams) |
| 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 | No |
| Cadet Class Captain | George Massingham | Apols |

**Actions & decisions**

Minutes of the October 2024 meeting: approved.

Cadet boat storage review: ongoing. **Action: Matt**

Laser boat parking: PK advised that he will be looking to allocate boat parking to benefit frequent sailors – he will review current parking and 2024 turnouts - Steve and Matt offered to assist. Sally to send PK an up-to-date Laser class list, showing paid up members. **Action: PK/Steve/Matt/Sally**

Slotty anti-fouling plans: the committee agreed the plan to go ahead with the copper coating next May. Club member, Colin Smith has offered his launch whilst this is completed.

Race courses: Steve has updated the RO Guide with trapezoidal course advice. Sally to upload and replace all versions. **Action: Sally**

**Equipment Status** (see attached slide)

Regular cleaning of the club ramp to be scheduled into the sailing programme.

**Action: Steve**

**New Sailing Members**

New members list. (See attached slide).

**2024 Programme**  Increased turnouts in 2024. See attached slide.

**2025 Programme**

Steve had circulated the latest version of 2025 sailing programme for comment.

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
* Club events:

Working party March 22

* + Club Championships May 24-26
  + Open day/RNLI Pursuit Race June 21
  + Laserfest July 12-13
  + Dawes Trophy July 27
  + Whitstable week Aug 6-10 (Harbour Day – Aug 9)
  + Town regatta Aug 23-25
  + Bart’s Bash (Global Charity Race) Sept 14-15
  + KSSA training Oct 4

**Training & Cadets**

Laying Up Supper to be held on 23 November.

**Class comments**

Big Cats: Peter King advised that his fleet will require all its allotted spaces on the beach in 2025.

General Handicap: David Connor will be emailing his fleet reminding them of membership renewals, lowering masts for winter etc. Sally agreed to send him the up-to-date class list. **Action: David/Sally**

**Other matters**

Hadron H2 class requested to hold an open meeting at WYC in 2025 with the intention of tagging on to another event. Following discussion, Steve to decline. **Action: Steve**

Wayfarer class requested to hold an open meeting alongside the Wanderer event in June 2025. Approximately 15-20 combined total of boats expected. Approved on the basis that visiting boats are to be stored on the West Quay along with their road trailers. Richard Maltby will be the chief organiser of the event.

Winter Sailing: following discussion regarding safety concerns, Steve volunteered to write guidelines for winter free sailing. **Action: Steve**

125 year anniversary 2027: work in progress. Possibility of holding a retro Olympic style event with historic classes.  **Action: SC**

1st December Winter Series Race 7: due to fading light and outgoing tide, it was agreed to bring forward the start time from 14:00 to 11:00. The rostered race team has been notified and is in agreement. Class captains to communicate the change of timing with their fleets. Steve will also post the change on the website etc. **Action: Class Captains/Steve**

West Quay: Peter King very kindly volunteered to look after the storage in the compound. Improvements to the Heras fencing to undergo repairs and remain in place.

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 20 January – hybrid format.

Steve Gray

19 November 2024