

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 20 January 2025 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 | Yes |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Apols |
| General Handicap Class Captain | David Connor | Apols |
| 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 | Apols |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | Yes |
| Cadet Class Captain | George Massingham | Apols |

**Actions & decisions**

Minutes of the November 2024 meeting: approved.

Sam Turner announced he has stepped down from the role of safety boat lead and has been succeeded by Matt Young, however, he will continue to act as a safety boat driver. A vote of thanks was raised to Sam for all his hard work and commitment over the past 3 years as a volunteer. Matt is finalising the drivers duty roster which he will publish shortly.

 **Action: Matt Y**

**Cadet boat storage review:** Matt continuing to review Cadet boat storage. **Action: Matt** **C**

**Equipment Status** (see attached slide)

Steve raised a vote of thanks to Harry Whelan and team for cleaning the club ramp.

**New Sailing Members**

New members list. (See attached slide).

**2025 Programme**

* **Open events:**
	+ Solo Spring Championships April 26-27
	+ Topper SE travellers May 10-11
	+ Tasar nationals June 13-15
	+ Wanderer nationals/Wayfarer open June 28-29 with club racing
* **Club events:**
	+ Club championships May 24-26
	+ 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
	+ Barts Bash Sept 13/14
	+ KSSA training Oct 4
	+ Dinghy cruises x9, Kayak/SUP sessions x4, no open day or working party
	+ **Other**: Man of Kent 6 hour pursuit race Sep 6 (Dover)

The full sailing schedule with duties has been finalised by Steve and is now available to view on the club’s website.

**Training & Cadets** (see attached slide)

**Class comments**

Tasar Nationals**:** Ali has arrangements in hand. Online booking form to go live at beginning of February. **Action: Ali/Steve/Ruth**

Solo Open:Steve has a meeting with the event organisers next week when the NoR & SIs are to be finalised. **Action: Steve**

Windsurfing equipment review: Simon has carried out a comprehensive review of all equipment stored at WYC. He will identify equipment to be auctioned or disposed of. Also retaining suitable equipment for training purposes. Due to water ingress in the Stroud shed, a number of members will be reallocated racks in the Upper Rigden shed and, going forward, no more racks will be allocated in the Stroud shed. He will be producing a programme of windsurfing training for this season. **Action: Simon**

Lasers:PK reported that the Lasers Christmas party was a great success. He is commencing arrangements for LaserFest. **Action: PK**

**Other matters**

New rules session: Steve is planning to schedule a session this season. Downs SC have an RYA presentation on 20 February which is open to non-members and will also be available to view online.

**RO training:** Steve and Christian Brewer will be carrying out a session on 12 April.

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

Simon suggested that a “Brass Monkey” event be organised next winter.

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 17 February – hybrid format.

Steve Gray

21 January 2025