

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 28 April 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 | Yes via Teams |
| Training Principal | Jo Wyles | Yes |
| Chief Instructor and Sailing Equipment Supervisor | Ruth Oliver | Yes |
| Race Recorder Coordinator | Fiona Clarke | No |
| Support Boat Team Representative | Matt Young | Yes |
| Laser Class Captain | Paul Kelly (PK) | Yes |
| Tasar Class Captain | Ali Nicolson | No |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Yes |
| General Handicap Class Captain | David Connor | Yes via Teams |
| Small Catamaran Class Captain | Glenn Cook | Yes |
| Big Catamaran/ Asymmetric Class Captain | Peter King | Yes |
| Cruisers Class Captain | Jeremy Scott | Yes |
| Slow Handicap Class Captain & Cadets | Matt Crockatt | Yes |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | Yes |
| Cadet Class Captain | George Massingham | No |
| Beachmaster | Georgios Rafeletos | Yes |

Steve opened the meeting by welcoming Georgios Rafeletos who has taken on the role of Beachmaster.

**Actions & decisions**

Minutes of the February 2025 meeting: approved.

The meeting thanked Simon Reynolds for his work sorting and selling windsurfing equipment.

**125 year anniversary – 2027**: plans ongoing. **Action: Steve**

**Equipment Status** (see attached slide)

Ruth reported that the ramp needs a good clean. Steve to discuss with Mike Oliver. **Action: Steve**

**New Sailing Members** (see attached slide)

**Training & Cadets** (see attached slide). First “transition to racing” session scheduled for 5 May.

**2025 Programme** (see attached slide)

**Open events:**

Solo Spring Championships (April 26-27): 22 entries received. Saturday’s training event went well, but the championships cancelled due to lack of wind. The Solo Association have asked if WYC would host the event again in 2026 which we have agreed in principal. **Action: Steve**

Topper SE travellers (May 10-11): NoR & SI’s published. To date, 32 booked for the training and 28 for racing.

Tasar Nationals (June 13-15): Ali has arrangements in hand. 22 entries to date.

Wanderer Nationals/Wayfarer Open (June 28-29 with club racing): 2 Wanderer entries to date. 14-20 boats expected.

**Club events:**

Club championships/Town Regatta: Dates have been swapped as Slotty is unavailable and backup boat has engine issues. The Club Championships will now be on Aug 23-25 and the Town Regatta May 24-26 from the club line. All rostered duties to remain as published.

Laserfest (July 12-13): Paul has produced a poster and is actively promoting the event widely through social media and to local sailing clubs. NoR & SI’s finalised. Members and visitors to be encouraged to either hire a club Laser or borrow one in order to compete in the event.

 **Action: PK**

Whitstable week (Aug 6-10): entries live. Steve will produce the SIs & NoR. **Action: Steve**

**Class comments**

General Handicap: David reported that he is seeking volunteers to cover race duties for Wednesday evening racing on 21 May.

Windsurfers: Simon reported that following the recent auction of abandoned windsurf kit, he is continuing to sell leftover equipment via Facebook marketplace etc. He is also putting together suitable kit for use by club members and specifically CadetFest.

Cruisers: Jeremy reported that he has purchased a mooring licence from the Faversham Oyster Company for £120 per annum. However, the swinging mooring still needs to be laid. He will price up the tackle required and report back to the SC.

There was qualified support for a winter day skipper theory course but that would require an outside tutor.

Merlins: WYC have agreed to host a Merlin Silver Tiller event on 30/31 May 2026.

**Other matters**

Beach parking: a comprehensive review of Laser boat parking has taken place. Any unpaid and infrequently sailed dinghies have been or will be moved to the last few rows to the west of the beach. A permanent labelling system is to be introduced in order to make it easier to identify and return members boats to their parking spots following boat movements. **Action: PK/Georgios/Steve**

West Quay: Steve raised a vote of thanks to Peter King for all his hard work in tidying up and keeping a close eye on the compound.

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 19 May – hybrid format.

Steve Gray

30 April 2025