

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 12th 2025**

**7pm at WYC and via Zoom**

Present: David Figgis DF (Chair), Mike Oliver MO, Maureen Bush MB, Andrew Provan AP,

Dickie Ledger DL, Steve Gray SG, Fef Griffin FG.

Via Zoom: Terry Davis TD, Jo Wyles JW

**1** **Apologies for absence** – Philippa Bloice PB

**2 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 14th April 2025** Approved unanimously.

**3 Correspondence**

1. Minnis Bay Sailing Club have invited us to attend their 75h Anniversary 3 day event over the Whitsun bank holiday. We have our own sailing event that weekend but DF hoping to attend on the Saturday.
2. WYC & WOFC new lease – Richard Maltby has requested to read it. Email to be sent asking him to contact office for a date and time. Action: DF/MB

**c.** Big thanks to all involved in the Topper event which was a great success.

**4 Matters arising from previous meeting**

**a.** Club 125-year anniversary planning 2027 –AP, SG to agree date before next meeting. Action: SG/AP

**b**. Social media – SG to set up a subgroup to agree priorities and objectives. Will report at next meeting. ` Action: SG

**c**. Stroud shed – It must be made waterproof before the winter to protect members’ kits. DF to organise a meeting with Simon Reynolds and MO to discuss concreting the floor and fixing the roof. DL offered to lend a concrete mixer. Action DF

**5**  **Office reports: MB**

1. Office busy as always but no report. Defibrillator training will take place on Monday 19th May. No questions
2. Finance -reserve funds report received. Email outstanding to loaners from DF. Action: MB
3. New members report – c/fwd
4. Membership report issued. No questions. DF commented that more members required.

**6** **Sailing Report: SG**

**WYC racing:**

Early Series: 7/9 races: AiH 18 starters, ave 4.1 (19/40 AiH starts Toppers!) – Lasers 25 starters, ave 6

Easter Regatta: 2/4 races: AiH 20 starters, ave 13 – Lasers 12 starters, ave 8

Spring Series started strongly – Lasers saw 27 starters over the weekend, AiH 15.

**Slotty** due to return to Conyer for copper coating May 12, replacement loan boat sadly has engine failure.

Town Regatta now May 24-26 from club line, NoR published.

Club Championships now Aug 23-25 from CB line, NoR published.

**Open events status**:

Solo training/ Spring Champs April 26/27 Training excellent, racing abandoned

Topper training/SE travellers May 10-11 Training 34 entries, racing 44 entries

Tasar nationals June 13-15 Entry live, 24 entries

Wanderer/Wayfarer event June 28-29 Entry live, 4 entries

Laserfest July 12-13 Entry live - NoR/SI’s published

Whitstable week Aug 6-10 Entry live - NoR/SI’s in draft

KSSA training Oct 4 On KSSA website

**Delighted to advise that Georgios Rafeletos has volunteered as Beachmaster-** he did a great job tagging and moving Lasers for Topper meeting.

**More Lasers are now taking part in club racing.**

**New website:** ongoing tidying up

**7 House report: MO**

Rigden steps repainted – many thanks to Mark Grinter and Kelvin Tolson.

Bin fence and tea bar steps repainting scheduled.

Kitchen use – oven failed its ventilation test – to be repairedAction: MO/MB.

**8 Bar report: DL**

Dickie advised that he will be resigning at next AGM**.**

**9 Social events report: AP**

There will be a series of 6 acoustic gigs on the deck during the summer to tie in with afternoon racings on Saturdays. First one is Sat 31st May. Racing 2pm, off the water 4pm, Music starts 5pm-7pm. Arranged for Carmen to cook paella to be ready from 4:30pm. Food vouchers £8 a head in advance, £10 on the day. Aiming for 20 advanced tickets sales, and 20 on the day. Hopefully this will encourage sailors, friends and families to stay on after racing a make an evening of it and drink more beer/wine.

Dates are:

Sat 31-May-25 5pm-7pm AndrewP & TonyG

Sat 28-Jun-25 5pm-7pm John Gibbons & Simon

Sat 26-Jul-25 5pm-7pm Ian Atkinson, Rachel, John Dennis – **double booked**

Sat 16-Aug-25 5pm-7pm Adam Whitehouse & Dave Sansom

Sat 23-Aug-25 5pm-7pm Jeremy Scott

Sat 30-Aug-25 5pm-7pm PK & Tracy

Double booking on Sat 26thJuly (Freewheelers Cycling Party) so struggling to find another date with 2pm racing in Saturday. May consider lunch time on another Saturday for 10am/11am race.

**Farm Tour** from our very own Commodore David Figgis on Sat 19th July. Drinks 5pm, BBQ 6pm. Tickets £20 a head to include food and a welcome drink. Request for people to bring further own drinks.

**Winter talks** -working on the dates for Nov2025 to March2026.

Attached is the schedule for the social events for the spring/summer 2025 (Rev20). Meeting with DL and Magda to agree decorations, drinks, food etc.

**10 Training report: JW**

**Cadets sessions** have been going well, although have been a few problems with the booking system, but getting sorted.  This coming weekend is the first cadet social straight after cadets, which is a bring and share BBQ if the weather is fine.

**Improver sessions** have again been popular, even going out last Wednesday when it was cold and windy and racing didn’t happen.

Several cadets attended the **KSSA event at Medway** a few weeks ago and did really well in the racing with some great results, which is great for WYC profile with other clubs.

The first **Transition to racing session** was a success, even though they didn’t get out on the water as it was too windy. A mix of cadets and adult members attended the Learning to start session with Ruth and Steve and really enjoyed it. Next session this Sunday.

Topper weekend went really well with 34 taking part in the training on Saturday and 44 entered for racing on Sunday.  Good weather on Saturday meant they all got out quickly in their groups, came in for lunch which was pasta and sauce very kindly supplied by Jeremy Scott, it went down really well with the sailors, and meant it was a quick turnaround for lunch.  Back out for the afternoon session where the wind picked up.  Great racing on Sunday with some gusty conditions.  5.3 category was won by Island Barn, Joe Barton came 5th overall and Ralph Hadley 6th, so a good effort from WYC.  4.2 class James Martin came 1st for WYC which was brilliant in tricky conditions. Well done to Matt Crockatt for the organisation.

Courses for May half term all fully booked with Stage 1,2 & 3 going on. Other courses getting booked up as the weather improves.

**AOB:**

1. It was proposed by DF that the meetings be recorded to make minutes simpler – not agreed.
2. Should WYC have a President? – DF proposed John Cooper – all agreed. Df to contact John.
3. WOFC planning application for beach seating – TD spoke with James Green who said that he was very busy so application may go in end of summer.
4. Rebuilding sea defences = building up the beach – when is this liable to happen? Action: MB

The meeting closed at 19.40

**Date of next meeting Monday 9th June**