



Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 16 June 2025 at 7pm (hybrid format)

Attendance

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	Matt Young	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	Yes (via Teams)
Small Catamaran Class Captain	Glenn Cook	Yes (via Teams)
Big Catamaran/ Asymmetric Class Captain	Peter King	Yes
Cruisers Class Captain	Jeremy Scott	Apols
Slow Handicap Class Captain & Cadets	Matt Crockatt	Yes
Windsurfing Fleet Representative	Simon Reynolds	No
Cadet Class Captain	George Massingham	Apols
Beachmaster	Georgios Rafeletos	Yes

Actions & decisions

Minutes of the May 2025 meeting: approved.

125 year anniversary – 2027: plans ongoing.

Action: Steve

Equipment Status (see attached slide) – all equipment operational.

New Sailing Members (see attached slide)

Proposal to organise a new members event during 2025 to include members of the sailing committee. Steve to raise at the next GC meeting.

Action: Steve

Training & Cadets (see attached slide) – excellent turnout in recent session for cadets however other cadet sessions, improvers and Transition to Racing were influenced by strong winds. Good to see first level 1 adult course of the season is fully booked.

2025 Programme

Club events:

Spring Series: – 9/11 races held.

AiH – 28 starters, average 12.4, won by Phil Emery/Julie Nuttall

Lasers – 37 starters, average 12.8, won by Charles Campion (just!)

Town regatta: – 4/6 races held.

29 starters, won by Christopher Marsh

Open events:

Tasar Nationals (June 13-15): Ali Nicolson (organiser), Tom Bruton (RO) and all volunteers were congratulated on an extremely successful event. 9 WYC boats took part and 15 visitors, with a number of overseas entrants. The Tasar Association are keen for WYC to host a future event.

Wanderer Nationals/Wayfarer Open (June 28-29 with club racing): 9 Wanderer entries to date & 3 Wayfarers.

Laserfest (July 12-13): Arrangements in hand. 16 entries to date. PK and Steve will advertise the event as widely as possible. PK will organise Paella for Saturday evening.

Action: PK/Steve

Whitstable week (Aug 6-10): entries live. The SIs & NoR have been published.

Class comments

Tasars: Ali and the committee recorded a vote of thanks to all the volunteers over the 3 day Nationals event.

Other matters

Beach Parking Status:

- Peter and Glenn plan to organise a number of boat moves. **Action: Peter/Glenn**
- The Cadet row to be reviewed. **Action: Steve/Georgios**
- West Quay is now tidy and plenty of room for visiting competitors campervans - thanks to Peter King.

Vehicles on beach: it was noted that competitors were driving onto the beach and ramp and leaving their cars for too long whilst loading and unloading their boats over the weekend of the Tasar nationals despite arrival information stipulating that trailers were to be unhitched and walked across the beach on arrival and departure. Steve asked Georgios to look at updating the guidance information for the WYC Handbook and for open meetings.

Action: Georgios

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 21 July – hybrid format.

Steve Gray
17 June 2025