**Whitstable Yacht Club General Committee minutes of meeting held**

**Monday 9th June 2025 7pm**

**Attendees:** at Club

David Figgis DF Mike Oliver MO Steve Gray SG

Maureen Bush MB Dickie Ledger DG Fef Griffin FG

via Zoom: Terry Davis TD Jo Wyles JW

1. Apologies for absence – Philippa Bloice PB, Andrew Provan AP
2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 12th May 2025 agreed
3. Correspondence
4. Terry Davis – proposed note to members re WOFC planning application This was discussed and no note to be sent yet. c/fwd
5. Richard Maltby will be reading WOFC beach lease 16th June in the office.
6. Matters Arising

a. WYC 125-year anniversary event in 2027 SG/AP c/fwd

b. Social media subgroup priorities/objectives incl. emails to members SG

A review was shared with Ruth Oliver & Robert Govier but more information to be collected and then discussed. SG c/fwd

c. Stroud Shed update see Property update DF

d. Rebuilding Sea defences:

**post meeting update** from Matthew Young- Harbour Master – he is unaware of any beach replenishment works planned. He will advise the office if that changes.

Fencing has been ordered for WYC’s West Quay compound – gates will be big enough for cats, campervans etc. to easily get through.

1. Office Reports MB
2. General activities

Web sales info being analysed by SG to facilitate allocation to correct activities. This will enable a full profit and loss report for July GC meeting. Action: SG/MB

HMRC‘s miscoding of WYC’s VAT to quarterly instead of annually ongoing. Chris Jarratt aware and all calls dated and noted. HMRC have agreed to amend but nothing happens. Action: MB

Risk assessments and COSH reports outstanding: Action: MB/MO/Ruth Oliver

Fire procedures being reviewed following course: Action: MB/MO/Matthew Young

Defibrillator training great success – 12 attendees. Info updated

All staff contracts to be reviewed with Government changes. Action: MB

Emergency info notice board installed in hallway showing Utilities switch off points and contact numbers.

Sea room bunting being erected by Kellie – many thanks.

Veranda bunting and weeding done by Fef and Geoff Bush – many thanks.

Slotty and support boats are sometimes used for RNLI training – paperwork review carried out and RNLI will send to office at least 7 days before training for authorisation. List of authorised drivers WYC members only sent out.

b) Finance reserve funds report MB – no questions received

c. New members report – this detailed 4 sailing and 4 social memberships

Number of sailing members and number of social members to be reported at next GC meeting Action: MB

**OUTSTANDING** – **Membership etc. fees for financial year 1.10.25 - 30.9.26 to be agreed at next GC meeting. c/fwd MB**

1. Sailing Report SG

**WYC racing:**

Spring Series completed – 9/11 races held

All in handicap – 28 starters, average 12.4, won by Phil Emery/Julie Nuttall

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

Town regatta completed – 4/6 races held, 29 starters, won by Christopher Marsh

Slotty has returned from copper coating – paid.

**Open events status**:

Tasar nationals June 13-15 Entry live, 24 entries

Wanderer/Wayfarer event June 28-29 Entry live, 8/4 entries (12 total)

Laserfest July 12-13 Entry live – 11 entries

Whitstable week Aug 6-10 Entry live – 2 entries

KSSA training Oct 4 On KSSA website

1. House Report MO
2. Kitchen ventilation quote awaited – new vent required – approx. cost £1,500
3. Rigden shed – a sink is being installed upstairs
4. Matthew Young – WYC Fire Officer was thanked for his work on all aspects of fire safety. MB to advise.
5. Stroud roof – quotes – roof removal = £5,100 incl Vat and roof replacement £5,394 incl VAT. Discussion took place and item c/fwd.
6. Bar and Catering Report DL
7. All equipment working
8. Cementing cellar flour probably October
9. Social events team Report AP
10. Summer Sat Acoustic session on Sat 31st May was well attended.  50 tickets sold in advance online (thanks to Steve Gray) for paella.  I believe £1400 took behind the bar and looked to be a lot of fun. Would welcome comments on Carmen the Cook’s performance.  What went well, and what we would do differently next time?
11. Tasar Open - next week bands on Fri night (13 June) and Sat night (14 June) Open to all members.
12. Wanderers Open on Sat 28th June.  They will be having their own shantyman, and fish and chips so no acoustic session nor food for that time.
13. Laser Fest - Band “Dead Pelicans” on Sat 5th July - again - open to all members
14. Following Summer Saturdays acoustic sessions. All driven by 2pm-3pm afternoon racing that aren’t big sailing events. Sat 16th August, Sat 23rd August, Sat 30th August. Propose paella for one of those and BBQ for other.  Open for suggestions for third.
15. Commodore – David Figgis’s Farm tour - Sat 19th July - need to start pushing that.
16. 3 Winter talks booked.
17. Training report JW

Cadets going well but always seems to be windy when they’re on! A good regular group coming with a number now owning their own Toppers. Hopefully some with start racing.

Cadet social went well with a ‘bring and share BBQ’. Next social on Friday July 18th.

Improvers going well along with transition to racing. Limited numbers on some sessions but we think that’s down to windy conditions for the last few sessions.

Youth courses in half term went well with 14 doing stage 1, also stage 2 and 3 done. Very windy conditions on all 3 days, so quiet a bit of classroom time and games played, but they got out on the water every day and all passed their course.

School group started on Thursday. We have combined Whitstable Junior School and Joy Lane as there wasn’t enough interest from either school this year. We notified the schools back in January with the dates and info. Not sure if it’s the cost, but still a lot cheaper than doing a 3-day stage 1.

A discussion re uptake of courses took place. JW to advise at next GC vacancies still remaining. Action:JW

WYC now has more qualified SI’s – thanks to Ruth Oliver.

The meeting finished at 20.00hours

**Date of Next Meeting – July 14th 7pm**