

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 21 July 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 | 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 | Yes |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Via Teams |
| General Handicap Fleet Captain | David Connor | Apols |
| Small Catamaran Fleet Captain | Glenn Cook | Via Teams |
| Big Catamaran/ Asymmetric Fleet Captain | Peter King | Yes |
| Cruisers Fleet Captain | Jeremy Scott | Apols |
| Slow Handicap Fleet Captain & Cadets | Matt Crockatt | Apols |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | No |
| Cadet Fleet Captain | George Massingham | Apols |
| Beachmaster | Georgios Rafeletos | Yes |

**Actions & decisions**

Minutes of the June 2025 meeting: approved.

**Equipment Status** (see attached slide). All operational. Ruth reported that the ODM (Outer Distance Mark) rope needs attention. **Action: Ruth**

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

**Training & Cadets** (see attached slide). Congratulations to Zeno Burns and George Massingham on becoming fully qualified Dinghy Instructors.

**2025 Programme**

**Recent events/WYC racing:**

Wanderer Nationals and Wayfarer Open meeting 28/29 June: a successful event with 7 WYC Wanderer entries, 3 visitors and 7 visiting Wayfarers. The event worked well alongside club racing. Congratulations to Richard Maltby on becoming Wanderer National Champion.

Laserfest 12/13 July: 40 entries including 7 visitors. It was encouraging to see 8 WYC “transition to racing” sailors taking part. Excellent racing conditions on Saturday with all 5 races completed but Sunday’s racing abandoned due to lack of wind.

Summer series racing: commenced – some low turnouts, especially Lasers.

**Forthcoming events:**

Whitstable week (Aug 6-10): entries live – 12 to date. The SIs & NoR & programme have been published. More volunteers required. Fleet captains to encourage their fleets to participate. **Action: Fleet Captains**

**2026 Programme**

**Confirmed events:**

Merlin Rocket Silver Tiller (30/31 May): agreed / Tasar open meeting same dates offered.

**Requested events**:

Topper SE traveller & training to be offered for 2/3 May.

Solo Spring championships (& training): to be declined.

Wanderers (with club racing) 13/14 June: to be offered.

Laserfest (27/28 June): agreed.

Whitstable week (29 July to 2 August): agreed

Dart 18 open (& B14’s?) (26/27 September): agreed in principle - date to be confirmed by Dart Ass.

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

**Class comments**

No further comments.

**Other matters**

Beach Parking Status: Steve thanked Georgios for his updated Boat Parking & Equipment Storage document which was agreed by the SC and also the comprehensive beach parking plan which will enable easier identification of boats and lead to more efficient allocation of boat spaces.

EKYA 6 hour pursuit race challenge: Steve will advertise amongst club members and fleet captains to advertise amongst their fleets. **Action: Steve/Feet Captains**

2025 Special Awards: the list of special awards to be awarded at the annual prizegiving on 19 October had been distributed to SC members. Nominees to be put forward to Steve/Sally by the end of September. **Action: Fleet Captains**

West Quay Issues**:**  following a number of incidents where rescues were carried out by WYC, the vintage lifeboat and the RNLI, Steve has written to Canterbury City Council highlighting the dangers of jumping off the West Quay.

The SC congratulated Ruth on her new role with the RNLI as a Lifeboat Trainer Assessor which commences at the beginning of October.

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 18 August – hybrid format.

Steve Gray

22 July 2025