

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 18 August 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 | Apols |
| 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 | No |
| General Handicap Fleet Captain | David Connor | Via Teams |
| Small Catamaran Fleet Captain | Glenn Cook | Via Teams |
| Big Catamaran/ Asymmetric Fleet Captain | Peter King | Yes |
| Cruisers Fleet Captain | Jeremy Scott | No |
| Slow Handicap Fleet Captain & Cadets | Matt Crockatt | Yes |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | Yes |
| Cadet Fleet Captain | George Massingham | Apols |
| Beachmaster | Georgios Rafeletos | Apols |

**Actions & decisions** Minutes of the July 2025 meeting: approved.

**Special Awards** Steve reminded SC members to submit their suggestions for nominees as soon as possible. List of special awards are attached to these minutes. **Action: SC members**

**Equipment Status** (see attached slide). Ruth updated the SC on the current state of the club’s safety and race equipment. Steve reported that two radios had recently been gifted to WYC.

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

**Training & Cadets** (see attached slide). CadetFest was a great success with good weather and 27 participants.

**2025 Programme**

**Recent events/WYC racing:**

LaserFest (12/13 July): 34 entries, 6 from visiting clubs. PK was thanked for his excellent organisation of the event.

Summer series racing: some low turnouts, especially Lasers.

Whitstable week (Aug 6-10): a great event with a good turnout - 61 entries including 5 from visiting clubs. SC members raised a vote of thanks to both Steve and Colin for their excellent race organisation.

**Forthcoming events:**

Club Championships (Aug 23-25): 2 races per day, all-in-handicap. Yellow pillar buoy to be used.

EKYA 6hr pursuit race (Sept 6): Dover Harbour. Teams and individual entries accepted.

KSSA training (Oct 4): KSSA are keen to discuss the planning of the event with WYC. Matt Crockatt and Jo Wyles volunteered to help organise the event. Steve will provide a “plan of action”. 40 competitors expected. Event details on KSSA website. **Action: Matt C/Jo/Steve**

**2026 Programme**

Topper SE traveller & training April 18/19

Town regatta May 2-4

Merlin Rocket silver tiller/ Tasar open meeting May 30/31

Laserfest Jun 27/28

Whitstable week July 29-Aug 2

Wanderers & Wayfarers (with club racing) Aug 15/16

Club Championships Aug 29-31

Dart 18 open (B14’s to be offered the 2 day event) Sep 26/27

The Merlin Ass have requested a south eastern event in October. As the committee boat may not be available so late in the season, it was decided to decline the event. **Action: Steve/Jon**

Steve will re-circulate the draft 2026 programme to include rostered race officers.

**Action: Steve**

**125 year anniversary – 2027** Plans ongoing – see attached slide.

**Class comments**

Big Cats: Peter reported that 2 WYC Tornadoes had recently competed in the Nationals at Minnis Bay SC. Robert Govier & David Figgis finishing 2nd with Peter King & Tom Oliver 3rd.

Windsurfers: Simon reported that the UKWA (UK Windsurfing Ass) are keen for WYC to host an event. Steve suggested this could possibly be held in 2027 as part of the WYC’s 125 year celebrations.

**Other matters**

Safety boats: Steve reminded the SC that safety boats must always have a driver and crew on board. If this is not the case, the RO may have to cancel racing. David Connor suggested that if there was a last minute crew shortage, a crew could be drawn from those who signed on to race, ie by “picking a name out of a hat”.

Bart’s Bash Charity Race (Sept 14): a global charity race organised by the Andrew Simpson Foundation in memory of Bart Simpson which helps raise vital funds for local sailing clubs – supporting grassroots sailing. Following the race, results are to be submitted to the Foundation. To make it easier for competitors to donate, Steve will set up an online donation page on WYC’s website. There will also be the ability to donate cash on the day. Steve asked Fleet Captains to advertise the race widely amongst their fleets.

**Action: Steve/Fleet Captains/Sally**

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 29 September – hybrid format.

Steve Gray

19 August 2025