



Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 16 March 2025 at 7pm

Attendance

Role	Name	Attendance
Rear Commodore Sailing	Steve Gray	Yes
Club Manager	Anthony Middleton	Yes
Commodore	David Figgis	No
Training Principal	Jo Wyles	Teams
Chief Instructor	Katie Berrington	Yes
Race Recorder Coordinator	Fiona Clarke	No
Support Boat Team Representative	Matt Young	Yes
Laser Class Captain	Paul Kelly (PK)	Yes
Tasar Class Captain	Liz North	Yes
Merlin Rocket Class Captain	Jon Bloice	Yes
General Handicap Fleet Captain	Vacant	
Small Catamaran Fleet Captain	Glenn Cook	Teams
Big Catamaran/ Asymmetric Fleet Captain	Peter King	Yes
Cruisers Fleet Captain	Jeremy Scott	No
Cadet Fleet Captain	Niall Martin	Teams
Windsurfing Fleet Representative	Simon Reynolds	Apols
Beachmaster	Georgios Rafeletos	Teams

Actions & decisions

Minutes of the February meeting: approved.

Equipment Status

New safety boat collected, tractor back in Rigden's. Issue with Slotty's steering to be assessed by Jeremy. Damage to Slotty's outboard repaired by Phil Scott, many thanks.

Boat Parking & other storage

Beach now fully mapped. Boats marked for disposal are now labelled and moved to west of beach; paid up boats moved out of that area. Abandoned trailers moved to West Quay, labelled. Must wait three months to dispose.

Same process with Rigden's. Six racks of abandoned gear identified plus stuff now in pit outside.

All has been or will be photographed by AM who is going to put online with links from newsletter and Facebook. **Action: AM**

Jon Bloice to investigate other club's auctions.

**NEW MEMBERS FOR
GENERAL COMMITTEE – MARCH MEETING
NEW MEMBERS FOR APPROVAL (from 10 FEB)**

SAGE REF	NAME	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	BOAT/BOARD/KAYAK	REASON FOR JOINING
FLYN06	Killian Flynn	Individual Sailing		Learn to sail, will be doing courses
BETE01	Yildiz Betez# Children: Leyla 29/2/2010 Kai Betez: 05/04/2015 Aiyla Betez: 04/09/2018	Social Individual		Returning members
NEVI01	Chris & Charlotte Nevill Children: Jack	Sailing Family		Sail RS200
CHEE04	Martin and Isabel Cheeseman	Sailing Family		Sailed at WYC 44 yrs ago!

2026 Programme

Topper SE traveller	April 18/19	NoR/SI's done, camping bookable, ITCA booking?	Niall & Steve
Town regatta	May 2-4	NoR/camping WIP	Steve
Merlin Rocket/ Tasar open	May 30/31	NoR/SI's/booking WIP	Jon, Zanna, Tom & Steve
Discover sailing	June 14	Complete RYA listing	Jo, Katie & Anthony
Laserfest	Jun 27/28	NoR/SI's/camping WIP	PK, Tom & Steve
Whitstable week	July 29-Aug 2	NoR/SI's/socials/booking WIP	Steve
Wanderers/Wayfarers	Aug 15/16	NoR/socials/booking WIP	Richard & Steve
Club Championships	Aug 29-31	NoR/socials WIP	Mark Fagg & Steve
Dart 18 & B14 open	Sep 26/27	NoR/SI's/socials WIP	Glenn, Simon H, Tom & Steve

Topper Event: SI and NoR complete. Booring open. Discussed timings – Sat 10.30am launch. Sunday 11.20am. Camping bookable now. Noted by NJ that ITCA and ILCA see Whitstable as great training ground for championships.

Merlin: Booking to open by April 1. AM & JB to liaise on food provision

125 year anniversary – 2027 17-22 Aug 2027.

Sailing:

Tornado and FD classes contacted

Classic & vintage racing dinghy association interested

5 day regatta for visitors and club boats – two races per day.

Multiple starts/courses to suit all including cats and cadet/improvers/TTR

Social:

Programme taking shape

Sponsorship:

Strategy agreed

Training & Cadets

- Booking for courses going well so far, with the brighter weather getting more enquiries.
- We have the RYA coming to inspect Westbere Lake on 15th March, so hopefully we will be able to run our Easter holiday course there as normal. Spoken to Richard (Commadore) and Kings School regarding boats and both happy for us to use the facilities.
- Contacted the five local primary schools this week regarding our RYA On board programme which is due to start in the summer term, two schools Joy Lane and Swalecliffe School which we've not contacted before, came back to us immediately to say they are very happy to send the information it out to year 6 parents, so we should get 12 easily to run it, if lots of interest we can lay on another day if necessary.
- Lots of interest in Powerboat courses, so will try to get another set up in April which will run on a weekend rather than a weekday.
- Thanks to Colin Smith and Steve Gray who went down to Chichester to collect the new safety boat that we won at the RYA dinghy Show. Katie and I will need to run the engine in for 10 hours, then it will be ready for proper use with cadets and training predominately.
- Russ from Topper is coming on 17th March to check all our Toppers for the season. All other kit and been checked and replaced where necessary.
- We have been given an old Topper from an old member which is sat up on Reeves Beach, we will be bringing it back down to our racking to be check over, has a 4.2m sail which is very useful for our smaller sailors.

Class comments

GC welcomed two new Dart 15 owners to fleet

SR had already reported on plans afoot to stop water ingress in Stroud.

Other matters

SG explained new procedure for raising orange flag at start of race, blue at end with no flag up during intervening period.

Working Party on 14 March was great success, not only beach but club generally given good tidy. Thanks will be sent out in newsletter.

Race Officer Training on 22 March advertised to membership.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 21 April 2026

Steve Gray

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