



## Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 18 May 2026 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	Yes
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	Yes
Windsurfing Fleet Representative	Simon Reynolds	No
Beachmaster	Georgios Rafeletos	Yes

### Actions & decisions

Minutes of the April meeting: approved.

Cadet row parking. Lasers parked in cadet area need to be checked on.

West Quay – new fence up and looking very smart.

Safety boat cover for water users – Safety manual (available at [www.wyc.org.uk/racing-documents/](http://www.wyc.org.uk/racing-documents/)) is clear that solo sailors need to take responsibility for own safety. Buddied up, having communications, both recommended. Option to sail while race is on and tell Race Officer of their presence in vicinity so can have cover by safety boats.

### Equipment Status

Slotty – hooter fixed

Peter Griffin – Outboard in good working order

## New Members

SAGE REF	NAME	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	BOAT/BOARD/KAYAK	REASON FOR JOINING
BAKE13	Sonya Baker + Hugo 13 & Hannah 14	Water Individual		Returning members
BOAR02	Benjamin Boardman, 13	Water Young Person		New member
HEUV01	Ananda Calthrop + Anais, 12 & Otto, 8	Water Individual		New Member
LEVE01	Jan-Wilhelm Leverenz & Amanda Leverenz-Chan	Social Family		Returning members
MCCU01	Elena McCulloch + Sydney 14	Social Individual		Returning members
OGIE01	Batiste Ogier Saskia 14, Max, 13,	Water User Family	Topaz Mango	Returning members
POLL03	Lee Pollock + Martha, 12	Social Individual		Returning Members
SIMM02	William Durrant	Social Family		Added William in upgrade from individual to family
MACN01	Trisha MacNeill	Social Individual		
LAWR01	Amy Lawrence + Henry 7&11/12ths James, 10	Water User Family		Cadet kids

## **2026 Programme**

Topper SE traveller	April 18/19	Complete	Niall & Steve
Merlin Rocket/ Tasar open	May 30/31	NoR/SI's published/booking open 8 entries	Jon, Zanna, Tom & Steve
Discover sailing	June 14	Booking open	Jo, Katie & Anthony
Laserfest	Jun 27/28	NoR/SI's WIP/booking open	PK, Tom & Steve
Whitstable week	July 29-Aug 2	NoR/SI's WIP/socials published/booking open	Steve
Wanderers/Wayfarers	Aug 15/16	NoR/socials/booking open	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

Town Regatta was success with Sarah and Rick Perkins winning overall and Joe Barton second, Nick Stephens the first Laser.

RNLI Pursuit Race, 25 May. RNLI to be more involved this year, possibly launch lifeboat. Transition to Racing participants taking part.

### **125 year anniversary – 2027 17-22 Aug 2027.**

#### **Sailing:**

Tornado and FD classes contacted. Also contacted by Danish owner of 50-year-old FD who would like to participate. Andrew Proven in contact.

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**

- Topper Training weekend went well with 9 of out cadets taking part in the training on the Saturday.
- Local knowledge of the tides helped with the racing on Sunday with Joe Barton winning.
- Six of this years assistant instructors have now done there powerboat level 2 course which is great news as they are able to help out more with cadets and training courses. More PB2 courses coming up.

- Last weekend was the first of our Adult L1 course, with 8 people taking part. Some have booked onto a level 2 course later in the season.
- Cadets has now started, with the first two sessions having numbers limited to 18 cadets because of number of instructors available. Last Friday saw the 3<sup>rd</sup> session where we had 28 cadets and 21 boats out on the water which was great to see.
- Transition to Racing session have also started with a mix of adults and cadets taking part last week which is good to see, looking at starts and where the best place to be is. Then out on the water to practice lots of starting and controlling of the boat speed.
- Improvers is also going well, with a number of them joining the TTR session.
- The RYA inspection will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> June, we have an Adult L2 course running that day as well as cadets, so plenty for him to see!
- Discover Sailing is on 14<sup>th</sup> June, this is an open day for the club where the public can come along and have a go on a boat, go out on a rib and hopefully sign up for a course and become a member. **We need volunteers to help out on the day.** Please let Anthony or me know if you're able to help.

### Class comments

Merlin: JB: Will need space in the Laser area for Merlins and Tasers for the open.

Tasers: LN: Organising meet and greet and other volunteers for open.

NM suggested that open meetings be ready to have mediation as first step before a protest to save time.

Lasers: PK: Planning to run training session for new Laser helms to help them master the boats. LaserFest booking well, will carry on publicising.

### Other matters

Trying to overcome Slotty driver shortage by identifying suitable candidates.

Plan to address issue of boats leaving beach too late to make start of race, especially in low winds/strong tides. Will publicise in newsletter.

Date of next meeting: 20 July 2026

Steve Gray

19 May 2026