



## **Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 7pm at WYC**

**Present:** David Figgis DF (Chair), Maureen Bush MB, Philippa Bloice PB, Jo Wyles JW, Matthew Crockatt MC, Mike Oliver MO, Fef Griffin FG.

**Zoom:** Terry Davis TD, Anthony Middleton AM.

**1 Apologies for absence** - Steve Gray SG, Andrew Provan AP.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting** – Monday 11<sup>TH</sup> May 2026 approved unanimously.

**3 Correspondence**

Letter received from James Green re planning permission proposal for a seating area on the beach in front of the Forge. TD responded and will discuss occupation/ next steps with Mr Green in September.

**4 Matters arising from previous meeting**

a. WYC 125-year Anniversary event in August 2027. Report from AP.

Logos designs are progressing.

Approached some of the big potential sponsors, and have meetings set up.

Looking at Marquee suppliers, other opportunities and having ongoing discussions.

**ACTION SG/AP**

b. No 1 Sea Wall

AM visited property with the contractor recommended by the agent. Inspected in more detail. Extensive work needed to stop ingress of water, awaiting quote. Once this is achieved a schedule of works can be arranged to bring the property up to an acceptable standard. AM to seek at least one additional quote for the repair works and include MO on all contractor discussions.

FG requested the backyard gully and drain be inspected to identify remediation options.

**ACTION MO, AM**

c. Club archiving

MB added club archives onto SharePoint with a copy sent to Catherine Pierce. Any further discussions to go through AM.

d. Membership & Subs Finalised

MB reviewed finances and recommended a 4% increase to subs and beach parking with no increase to sail racks or lockers. This was unanimously approved.

## **5 Office report: AM**

- Merlin/Tasar Open. Supper for 29. £483 net income, £120 approx food cost.
- In discussion with tenant of offices 3 & 4 about rent increase, will report back.
- Final preparations for Open Day underway.
- Work on data base going well. Liam the club's webmaster is doing well and has produced beginnings of system and we are working out how it will work in practice.
- Worked on contracts for instructors, all will be signed up from now on.

### **Finance reserve funds/budget report – Received MB**

MB will deliver a quarterly accounts comparison and reconcile figures at the next GC meeting. A £250,000 legal bill that has been paid has impacted cash flow.

Peter King and JW are now in charge of boat reporting and maintenance. Jeremy will continue monthly checks of repairs on the Rigden shed board.

60% discount on Subs between 14<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June for joiners who attended Discover sailing and registered an interest with WYC team.

Discover sailing 61 booked, spaces saved at each session for walk ins on the day.

### **New Members: AM**

1 x Water User Individual, 3x Social Family.

## **6 Sailing Report: SG**

### **WYC racing:**

Spring series – poor weather resulted in only 7 of 13 planned races completed.

AiH average turnout 10.9 (down from 12.4 last year), but 37 boats started one race or more (up from 28 last year)

Laser average turnout 7.7 (down from 12.8 last year), 29 boats started one race or more (down from 37 last year)

AiH won by Stephen Nation and Julie Nuttall, Lasers won by Nick Stephens.

Merlin Rocket silver tiller and Tasar open – 17 Merlins and 8 Tasars competed in fabulous conditions – Tasars won by Mark Barnes and Joe Barton.

### **WYC racing: upcoming dates:**

Laserfest – June 27/28 – 15 entries to date

**Slotty:**

Remains short of drivers

**Boat parking:**

14 abandoned boats identified for disposal to be addressed after completion of notice period.

**7 House Report: MO verbal**

Air conditioning, beer chiller and back bar chiller serviced.

Ramp cleaning was discussed as an urgent safety requirement before the open day. AM to send an urgent email for volunteers for Thursday or Friday morning and liaise with MO.

**ACTION AM**

**8 Bar Report: MC**

May, with 2 Bank Holidays, was a good month at the bar, and sales were supported by several busy events. The Town Regatta at the start of the month and the Merlin/Taser event at the end were sailing highlights. Meanwhile Ian Hender's party was attended by crowds of supportive friends and family and was the busiest day at the bar so far this year.

In comparison to last year top-level figures were as follows:

A 22% increase in sales and 23% increase in profit on those sales (not including staff and other costs) is very pleasing. I would like to formally express my thanks to Magda, Kate, Karen, Jess and Kellie for their hard work over a busy month. Thanks also to Dickie for his continued support as I get to grips with the complexities of this role.

- Aspoll cyder on tap
- Spitfire lager returns
- Pardoners now rebranded exclusively for the club as The Windward Mark.

**9 Social Events Report AP**

Acoustic Summer Saturdays on the deck started this Sat 6 June with April Blood, and will follow on Sat 20 June, 18th July and 28th August. We are doing a BBQ for 20th June and 28th August and looking for food solutions for the other date.

Whitstable Week, Commodores Cocktails has been replaced by an acoustic duo (Tim Barton) on Fri 31st July for a laid-back evening on the deck. Need to check with Phil Emery whether he is still keen on quiz.

We have a stand at Harbour Day Sat 15th August. Where I will be displaying 2 wooden boats, as well as some posters about WYC. Hopefully might be a good opportunity to recruit new members. Is it possible to have a good introductory joining fee, similar to Discover Sailing?

With the Football World Cup coming up, I might see if there is an appetite for watching it in the big screen in the club. Times are a little late, and therefore may not be worth keeping bar open. May see how the teams progress before deciding on late bar opening. Semi-finals Tuesday 14 July & Weds 15 July @ 8pm (UK time), with Final Sat 10 July 10pm.

## **10 Training Report: JW**

Cadets have had 5 sessions so far and all well attended, several have been on Friday nights due to tides, but plenty coming along to them with 29 due on Friday. Lots more cadets now have their own Topper which is good to see as more of them are getting into racing.

During half term we ran a Stage 2, 3 & 4 course with 20 participants in total, one day was cancelled due to the water situation, but we were able to extend the last day to get everything covered.

Improvers is going well, with a number of them joining the TTR sessions.

Transition to racing going well, with several boats taking part in the RNLI pursuit race, Saturday is also a planned TTR race with a separate start.

Last weekend we had an adult L1 course which was fully booked, so lively weather on the Sunday for them, so they were able to get out in the Argo with a reef.

The school sessions have started last week, a 7 week programme for them to gain their stage 1 by the end. We have 4 from Endowed school and 3 from Joy Lane School taking part.

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 on the day. Please let Anthony or me know if your able to help.

DF requested that AM investigate and fix the website booking glitch that prevents users from completing course bookings for advertised sessions. **ACTION AM**

**11 AOB**

TD raised a recurring drain problem near the changing rooms, he described past repairs and recommended engaging a drainage contractor. **ACTION AM/MO**

The meeting closed at 20.15pm

**Date of next meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026**