



## **Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 6 July 2026 7pm at WYC**

**Present:** David Figgis DF (Chair), Maureen Bush MB, Philippa Bloice PB, Matthew Crockatt MC, Mike Oliver MO, Fef Griffin FG, Steve Gray SG, Andrew Provan AP, Anthony Middleton AM.

**Zoom:** Terry Davis TD.

- 1 Apologies for absence** - Jo Wyles JW.
- 2 Minutes of previous meeting** – Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 approved unanimously.
- 3 Correspondence** – Covered in 4c.
- 4 Matters arising from previous meeting**
  - a. WYC 125-year Anniversary event in August 2027. Update from AP.  
Louise is chasing sponsors with promising leads. Keen for a youth/cadet development day as part of sponsorship. **ACTION SG/AP**
  - b. No 1 Sea Wall  
Building contractor reports were compared. Members rejected committing to large scaffolding /guttering contracts without better data. A drone survey was agreed to define scope. Waterproofing tasks (roof and guttering) were prioritised as critical with approval by the committee. Internal tenant chargeable repairs were noted. A prioritized cost summary for critical and non-critical repairs was requested.  
Work is planned for September/October. **ACTION AM/MO**
  - c. The Forge planning application  
Planning discussion confirmed a neutral submission by WYC amid 140-160 public objections and strong Environmental Agency and National Trail objections.
- 5 Office report:** AM
  - No 1. First contractor came back with price of around £7k for remedial work, some of which to be charge back to tenant. SPH also quoted, cheaper but with more investigation to do which could throw up more costs. As funds become available the jobs will be prioritised.

- SPJ also quoted £2380 for replacing rotten guttering, inspection of roof. Involves scaffolding, hence price.
- No 4. Bathroom refurbishment – quotes to be gathered for work in October. As pressing as No1.
- Open day - £2427 in memberships and 21 new members
- Office 4 – rent now raised from £141 to £248 per month. Office 3 to be vacated by 30/7. Already some interest but will advertise among membership, look to get £300 plus for slightly bigger office.
- No 2. 3% rent increase agreed, with annual inflation minimum increase every April as per all property from now.
- Instructors' contracts, 16 signed, 16 awaiting response.
- Had very positive meeting with Head Teacher of Whitstable School about 24 children doing 7-week course in 27, will go back with firm proposal asap.
- Speaking with head chef of Samphire about catering for events, trying to do some at Whitstable Week.

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

Financial and membership reports showed a successful open day that generated £2,472 and 21 new members. Quarterly comparisons figures show a substantial improvement from a prior £52,000 deficit to a current adjusted projected position around -£8 to -£10k.

Cash flow remains tight.

Schedule for transfer of responsibilities from MB to AM going well.

Boat auction notices given, invite offers on lots by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

**ACTION AM**

#### **New Members: AM**

3 x Water User Individual, 6x Water user family, 1x Social Family, 4x social individuals.

## **6 Sailing Report: SG**

### **WYC racing:**

Summer split series commenced – weather much better but too early to draw conclusions on turnouts.

Laserfest: 34 starters, a few more entered and thought better of it! 5 races completed Saturday, 3 very windy races on Sunday. Won by Chris Marsh from Harry Newton on tiebreak.

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

Dawes trophy – July 26th

Whitstable week – July 29-Aug 2 - will promote this week.

## **Slotty:**

Thanks to Rob Harvey for joining roster but remains short of drivers as Colin Smith now back on Greta.

## **Boat parking:**

14 abandoned boats identified for disposal.

## **7 House Report: MO**

Covered in 5

Ladies showers one wall covered with shower panelling to cover failing ceramic tiles. Several major items will need to be carried out when finances permit.

## **8 Bar Report: MC**

June was a quieter month at the bar with sales a little lower than in June 2025. Laserfest provided a highlight, though the lack of food provided on Saturday did break the flow somewhat and may have lowered bar sales. There were some nice moments watching England at the club, combined with the inevitable lengthy periods of torture.

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

| Year | Sales value | Profit | GP % |
|------|-------------|--------|------|
| 2025 | 16466       | 7924   | 58   |
| 2026 | 15275       | 7358   | 58   |

A 7% decrease in sales and 7% decrease in profit on those sales (not including staff and other costs) is a little disappointing.

Need to make people aware that they can book the club for an event.

Thanks to Tizzie for the lovely snacks laid on for members watching the football.

A huge thankyou to Magda who has covered during staff sickness.

## **9 Social Events Report AP**

Acoustic sessions on the deck played by our members are booked in for post-sailing on Saturday afternoons on 18July and 28Aug (Bank Holiday weekend)

Providing food for these events proves problematic, as it requires members to do it, which involves missing sailing. AM may have a cunning idea, involving professional BBQ which we may explore during Whitstable Week and August Bank Holiday weekend.

Future events for Autumn/Winter 2026, and Spring 2027 being planned. Line up of talks progressing. Halloween Party, Laser Xmas dinner, and NYE party all booked in.

As 2027 is WYC 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, I think we should have a talk on the history of the club. All the obvious candidates to do this that I have spoken to seem not be keen, so looking for ideas and volunteers.

Native and New original art exhibition by members date agreed Sat 6<sup>th</sup> March 2027.

## **10 Training Report: JW**

RYA inspection went well, just one action point, to review the Equality Policy as 8 years old before next inspection.

Discover Sailing Day went well with about 70 people coming along and have a go at sailing. Several walk ins on the day as interested in what was going on. Thanks to all the volunteers on the day which helped it run smoothly. The feedback from those that came along was how friendly the club seemed and how good the young people were who were taking people out on the boats. Having the ribs out also helped as a number of people enjoyed the joyride at speed.

Several Adult courses held Level 2 went well, with some good weather. Last weekend was Level 1 with the people from Discover sailing day, rather windy on the Sunday, but a good day Saturday.

Schools on board going well, with only 2 sessions left, several of them interested in carrying on with sailing as cadets.

NSSA is coming up on 20<sup>th</sup> July, being held at Downs SC for the week and we have 1 rib going down for the week with a driver.

Cadetfest opened this week online, with 16 places being booked up within 24 hours.

## **11 AOB**

Safety concerns on beach and ramp – Crowded beach and swimming during high tide launches and retrievals revealed damaged and insufficient signage making people aware to keep the beach and slipway clear during sailing. Stewarding the beach and ramp asking people to keep clear is necessary -SG volunteered to do this. **ACTION SG**

AM to investigate purchasing 4-5 new signs for the beach and ramp carefully worded due to liability insurance. **ACTION AM**

Meeting closed 8.05pm

**Date of next meeting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2026**