



Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 20 July 2026 at 7pm

Attendance

Role	Name	Attendance
Rear Commodore Sailing	Steve Gray	Yes
Club Manager	Anthony Middleton	Apols
Commodore	David Figgis	No
Training Principal	Jo Wyles	Yes
Chief Instructor	Katie Berrington	Apols
Race Recorder Coordinator	Rachelle Hockney	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	No
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	No
Windsurfing Fleet Representative	Simon Reynolds	Yes
Beachmaster	Georgios Rafeletos	Yes

Actions & decisions

Minutes of the May meeting: approved.

Safety boat cover for water users – Safety manual (available at www.wyc.org.uk/racing-documents/) updated to cover all water users.

Equipment Status

Yellow rib: Cable repaired and engine serviced

Pink rib: Gearbox/skeg issue ongoing – **Peter King to follow up**

Fuel locker lock needs replacing – **Peter King to action**

Rip in large buoy to be repaired

New Members

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SAGE REF	NAME	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	REASON FOR JOINING
BART08	Tim Barton	Social Individual	Music Club member, performing Whit Week
CARB01	Carson & Gamella Carbery, Keiko 17	Water Family	Carson, Keiko both done courses
CARD04	Rory Cardy-Phillips	Water individual	
COHE01	Felix Cohen + family	Upgrade water family	Doing courses
EDWA09	Sam & Heidi Edwards	Water family	Sam Level 1
GO OD 04	Linda & Hannah Goodall, Violet, 11	Water family	Want to do courses
HAYN01	Daryl Haynes	Water Individual	Level 1
KELL10	Jenny Kelly & David Turner Charlotte 12, James, 9	Water family	Cadets
LIHO01	Tim & Siobhan Lihoreau	Social Family	Musicians, want to socialise
LING02	Lorraine Lingwood	Social Individual	
MARSH5	Nick Marsh	Social Individual	Returning member, uses art club
MCUA05	Annie McNamara	Social Individual	
NARU01	Mikhail & Taisiana Naruta, Aliaksei 12 Maksim 15	Water Family	Members in 2023
PEDI01	Antonio Pedicini	Water Individual	Level 1
TURN08	Isabelle & Stuart Turner, William 8 George, 6	Water family	Cadets
ZUNI01	Sarah Zuniga	Social Individual	
HARR13	Aoife Harrington	Water Individual	
GIBB03	Deborah Gibbons	Social Individual	
GARD07	Angela Gardner, Colin Dallow	Social Family	
HAYD02	Alec Haydon	Sailing Individual	
BRIG01	Thomas Bright	Water User Young Person	

2026 Programme

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- **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.
- **LaserFest** – 8/10 races completed, 34 raced, won by Chris Marsh

2026 programme

Summer Early series – Sat all 8 races completed, Sun 3/5 completed

Sat: numbers similar to 2025

Sun: numbers way down on 2025 levels

Whitstable week	July 29-Aug 2	NoR/SI's WIP/socials published/booking open	Steve
Wanderers/Wayfarers	Aug 15/16	NoR/socials published /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

2027 programme

• Easter	Mar 26-29	HW 15.07-17.48
• Toppers	Apl 3/4	HW 11.33/12.16
• Spring BH	May 3	HW 09.38-11.26
• Whit BH	May 31	HW 07.15-09.33
• Merlin/Tasar	Jun 5/6	HW 13.49/14.35
• LaserFest	Jly 3/4	HW 12.44/13.36
• 125	Aug 18-22	HW 14.18-16.25
• Aug BH	Aug 30	HW 09.58-12.19

Discussion on who would take responsibility for Merlin/Tasar open, especially as Tasar class association requested the Tasar open be upgraded to European Championships.

Liz North to discuss with Tasar fleet.

Action: Liz North

Possible date for KSSA in September noted

Training & Cadets

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- 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 also how good the young people were who were taking people out on the boats. Having the ribs out also helped as a number 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 20th 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.

Class comments

Windsurfing: would club consider weekend temporary membership and load kit?

Other matters

We remain short of Slotty drivers with race on July 18 held from club line.

Agreed to use 4 hoots to muster sailors to help retrieve safety boats.

Dinghy cruising – discussion ref recent cruise that ended in RNLI rescue. It was decided not to formally list cruises in the programme next year as they don't always take place. Also discussed request for safety boat support for upcoming Wanderer Open Cruises. These events clash with CadetFest so ribs in use for 2/3 dates. The meeting felt that boats taking part in WYC organised cruises should carry a minimum of VHF radio, phone, personal protection equipment and hydration. There was also concern that boats should not be permitted to sail single handed and that crews should exceed a certain competency. Richard Maltby to be advised – **Action Steve Gray**

Date of next meeting: 24 Aug 2026

Steve Gray
21 July 2026