



Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 24 August 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	Rachelle Hockney	No
Support Boat Team Representative	Matt Young	Yes
Laser Class Captain	Paul Kelly (PK)	Yes
Tasar Class Captain	Liz North	Apols
Merlin Rocket Class Captain	Jon Bloice	No
General Handicap Fleet Captain	Vacant	
Small Catamaran Fleet Captain	Glenn Cook	No
Big Catamaran/ Asymmetric Fleet Captain	Peter King	Yes
Cruisers Fleet Captain	Jeremy Scott	Yes
Cadet Fleet Captain	Niall Martin	Teams
Windsurfing Fleet Representative	Simon Reynolds	No
Beachmaster	Georgios Rafeletos	Yes

Actions & decisions

Minutes of the July meeting: approved.

Wanderer & Wayfarer Open Meeting

The cruises went well with radios on all boats. On Saturday a Wanderer capsized at the start of the first race and eventually had to be brought back to shore by the RNLI after racing had ended. SG will write to the boat's owner for more information to help mitigate against similar events in future.

The committee thanked Harry Newton and Mike Hanson for their help to right boat.

Committee Boat Drivers

There are enough drivers to see us through to the end of the season. The club will make efforts to recruit more. Committee sends best wishes to John Berrington after his recent illness.

Equipment Status

Yellow Rib – PKing investigating boat's deflation. Rib is 22 years old and will need replacing sooner rather than later.

Committee Boat hooter needs attention.

New Members

SAGE REF	NAME	MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY	BOAT/BOARD/KAYAK	REASON FOR JOINING
GRAH03	Sarah Graham	Social Indiv		
HUGH05	Lucy Hughes	Social Indiv		
ADAM07	Terry Adams	Water User Individual		
ROGA01	Thomas Rogan & Linda Hodis	Social Family		
WROE01	Peter Wroe	Social Individual		Safety Boat Driver
MART09	Raif Martin + Micah 12	Overseas Water Individual		Returning member
ROSS03	Ian & Clare Ross	Social Family		
WORT04	Robert & Camilla Worthington	Water Overseas Family		Returning members.
AUST04	Herbie Austin	Water User Young Person		
PITT01	Martin Pittorf + Emil, 16 & Oskar, 13	Overseas Water Individual		Windsurfing.

2026 Programme

- Club Championships – Aug 29-31
- Bart's Bash – Sept 13
- Dart 18/B14 open – Sept 26-27
- KSSA Training – Oct 10
- Meeting of Sailors – Oct 11
- Prizegiving – to be changed to Nov 1 @ 16.00

Training & Cadets

- NSSA at Downs SC went well with Katie covering 4/5 days on safety/medical boat. Thanks to Fef for towing the boat both ways and the borrowed trailer. We had 3 cadets taking part for the Kent team, William and Freddie in Toppers and Jack in his ILCA 6.
- With the summer holidays now in full swing we had Stage 1 / 2 course during the first week with 18 people taking part. Last week we had a Stage 1/2/3 course in windy conditions with another 18 taking part, so far everything fully booked.
- We had an extra PB2 course at the end of July as 2 people wanted to do it before September and were able to fit it in.
- Improvers is going well with quite a few new people joining having done there level 1 / 2 courses after discover sailing.
- Whitstable week we had a good number of cadets taking part in racing for the week, despite the varying conditions during the week. All really enjoyed themselves.
- Cadets is going well with slightly less numbers due to holidays.
- Cadetfest starts Monday 10th. We have 24 cadets booked in plus an additional 10 instructors or AI's who will run each group. Planning on the usual cruise to Tankerton for Ice creams, paddleboarding/ kayaking, racing, beach games and water games, raft building & windsurfing as well as an all day cruise to Harty Ferry on Tuesday, forecast looking good for the week. Tuesday evening a BBQ at the club and Friday evening Fish & Chips on the deck to finish of a busy week.

125th Anniversary

Programme of Events*

14th – 22nd August 2027

	Sat14th	Sun 15th	Mon 16th	Tues 17th	Weds 18th	Thurs 19th	Fri 20th	Sat 21 st	Sun 22nd
AM	Normal Club Racing	Club and Bar open as usual for members, arriving visitors and guests Event Preparation			Coffee & Cake	Tug o'war & Beach Games	Beach Clean BYO Beach Brunch	Volleyball tournament Kayak/SUP safari	Local Tours (Oyster farm, Vineyard/Brewery)
13h					Registration Regatta Briefing	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
14h	Marquee preparation			Registration opens	Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing	Racing
17h					Fish n Chips on the deck	Pizza van on the beach	Local produce pop-up tastings		Prize Giving
19h	Club Anniversary Gala Dinner			Meet & Greet Visitors	Commodore's Cocktail Party	70s /80s Disco	Kent & Whitstable Showcase	Sailors' BBQ	

** Programme of events liable to alteration*

With its unique Whitstable sea-front location, WYC will set up an event marquee in the club's beachside courtyard, in addition to using its (covered) sunset deck and the sea-room bar to host the anniversary celebrations.
Weather-permitting, there will be shore-based family events on the beach throughout the week.

Timing:

17-22 Aug 2027.

Sailing:

Tornado and FD classes contacted, Classic & vintage racing dinghy association interested
Windsurfers to be invited

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

Class comments

Laser – Pkelly: Would like to see Laser sailors given lesson in race rules. Will use Transition To Racing programme as template.

Cadets – NM: Racing sessions with Harry Newton started 24 August, eight attendees. Would like to organise ILCA sessions for young sailors.

Cruisers- JS: Has investigated permanent club mooring at mouth of Swale to promote easier sailing for club cruisers. Initial costs relatively high with lower ongoing costs. At present seven members would use it. Class is having a Laying Up Supper in November, details to follow.

Other matters

Feva Squad training request to be demurred on due to scheduling issues.

Presentation and proposal from Zanna Gooch for initiative to promote sailing among women next year and ongoing strongly welcomed.

Next Meeting – Sept 21, 7pm

Steve Gray
25 August 2026