

**Minutes of the General Committee held on Monday 10th February 2025**

**7pm at WYC and via Zoom**

Present: David Figgis DF (Chair), Mike Oliver MO, Maureen Bush MB, Andrew Provan AP,

Dickie Ledger DL, Steve Gray SG, Fef Griffin FG, Philippa Bloice PB.

Via Zoom: Terry Davis TD, Robert Govier RG, Jo Wyles JW.

1 **Apologies for absence** – None

**2 Minutes of previous meeting Monday 13th January 2025** Approved unanimously.

**3 Correspondence –** None.

**4 Matters arising from previous meeting:**

1. Fire training – Fire training for staff booked for 23rd February.
2. Club 125-year anniversary planning 2027 – Classic and vintage racing dingy association keen to support an event.
3. Stroud shed update – On hold for the moment. Simon Reynolds and Sally are clearing out the shed. A lot of the kit is unwanted and worthless. Skip ordered for the working party.

**5 WOFC update: TD**

 Terry reported ongoing negotiations. TD asked the General committee to instruct the four club trustees in accordance with club rules to each sign a Power of Attorney regarding the new proposed lease. This was proposed by TD, seconded by FG and agreed unanimously.

**6 Office reports: MB**

Accounts/Finance, HR matters, other matters received.

 Well done to SG for securing **Holidaycottages.co.uk**: sponsorship for 2025.

 Working party to be held 22nd March 9.30am – lots of jobs to be done.

 **New Members report received: Office**

1 x Water User individual.

**7 Sailing Report: SG**

 **2025 programme**: published on website

 **2025 handbook**: In final draft

 **Open events status**:

 Solo training/ Spring Champs April 26/27 Held meeting with class association

 Topper training/SE travellers May 10-11 Held meeting with class association

 Tasar nationals June 13-15 Entry now live, 11 entries to date

 Wanderer/Wayfarer event July 28-29 On class websites

 KSSA training Oct 4 On KSSA website

 **New website:** booking system working for both training courses and sailing events

 **Holidaycottages.co.uk**: sponsorship for 2025 agreed

 **2027 celebrations**: Classic & vintage racing dinghy association are keen to support a regatta/rally at WYC

**8 House report: MO**

General maintenance items have been carried out in the last month.

**9 Bar report: DL**

DL reported all running well.

**10 Social events report: AP**

Winter talks have proved to be popular and well attended. In January we had talks from PK (“Sailing the Atlantic”) and Richard Maltby (“Crab and Winkle Way”) – thank you to those members for all the work in preparation and talking.

 For Feb/Mar we have further talks planned covering Defending the Swale, Banksy and Knots.

 Preparation is already underway for Winter Talks 2025-2026 to include Bob Dylan, Olympic Campaigns, Thames Barges, Elmley Nature Reserve, J-Class and others.

 On Sat 1st March we have a new arts expo “Whitstable Native and New” to include art, photography, poetry, performances and many others to showcase the talents of members.

 Plans have been made for social events for the summer. This includes a series of six acoustic sessions on the deck on Summer Saturdays, scheduled to follow afternoon racing. Boats off the water 4pm, with music from 5pm-7pm. This will encourage sailors to stay longer and to get social members down for the evening. Sailors coming from London/elsewhere may stay in Whitstable on Saturday night and make a weekend of it. Each evening will be 1-2 members from the Music Club, so it will be FREE! I am considering food to encourage people to stay (takeaway? BBQ? Paella?)

 Commodores farm walk and BBQ to be arranged.

**11 Training report: JW**

Ruth had done a brilliant job of getting all the courses written up and on the new website. The bookings opened on 3rd February and all seems to have gone well. Lots of courses booked by our cadets for the spring/summer.

 All clothing has been checked and washed, some new wetsuits and shoes required in a few sizes due to wear and tear.

 Some maintenance to be done on ribs replacing broken rings along the side. New trailer being ordered via Jeremy.

 Club boats require some attention with new halyards and toe straps on some boats before the start of the season.

 Assistant Instructor Training is starting on 23rd March, we have 8 of our cadets wanting to do the course this year, which 3 x 2 hour shore based elements before going on the water.

 Training courses are now live on the website to book.

 **AOB:**

AGM date set 16th March 2025 - Information to be send out to all members next week.

 PAT testing booked for all club and music club electrical equipment on 10th March.

 The meeting closed at 19.45pm

 Date of next meeting Monday 10th March 2025