

**Minutes of a meeting of the Sailing Committee on Monday 17 February 2025 at 7pm (hybrid format)**

**Attendance**

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| Role | Name | Attendance |
| Rear Commodore Sailing | Steve Gray | Yes |
| Sailing and Membership Secretary | Sally Gostelow | Yes |
| Commodore | David Figgis | No |
| Training Principal | Jo Wyles | Yes |
| Chief Instructor and Sailing Equipment Supervisor | Ruth Oliver | Yes |
| Race Recorder Coordinator | Fiona Clarke | No |
| Support Boat Team Representative | Matt Young | Yes |
| Laser Class Captain | Paul Kelly (PK) | Yes |
| Tasar Class Captain | Ali Nicolson | Yes |
| Merlin Rocket Class Captain | Jon Bloice | Yes |
| General Handicap Class Captain | David Connor | Via Teams |
| Small Catamaran Class Captain | Glenn Cook | Apols |
| Big Catamaran/ Asymmetric Class Captain | Peter King | Yes |
| Cruisers Class Captain | Jeremy Scott | Apols |
| Slow Handicap Class Captain & Cadets | Matt Crockatt | Yes |
| Windsurfing Fleet Representative | Simon Reynolds | Apols |
| Cadet Class Captain | George Massingham | Apols |

**Actions & decisions**

Minutes of the January 2025 meeting: approved.

**Cadet boat storage review:** ongoing. A Laser and RS500 are to be moved from the cadet boat parking area. **Action: Matt** **C**

**125 year anniversary – 2027**: Steve has had an enthusiastic response to his enquiry from the Classic & Racing Dinghy Vintage Association. Other vintage sailing associations to be approached: Flying Dutchman class (Andy Provan); Merlin and Mirror dinghies (Jon Bloice & Steve).

**Action: Jon Bloice/Steve**

**Equipment Status** (see attached slide)

**New Sailing Members**

None since last meeting.

**2025 Programme**

**Open events:**

Solo Spring Championships (April 26-27): 26th training, 27th racing. Steve has drafted SIs and NoR which have been shared with the Solo Association.

Topper SE travellers (May 10-11): arrangements in hand.

Tasar Nationals (June 13-15): Ali has all arrangements in hand. 11 boats entered via the new online booking system. Estimated entries 20-30. Steve will provide Ali with draft SIs. **Action: Ali/Steve**

Wanderer Nationals/Wayfarer Open (June 28-29 with club racing): 14-20 boats expected. Boats will be stored on the West Quay for the duration of the event. Cost of prizes to not exceed 25% of total entry fees. Saturday night food being organised by Richard Maltby.

**Club events:**

Working Party (March 22 - 9.30am start)

Club championships (May 24-26)

Laserfest (July 12-13): PK advised that the Laser fleets preference is for short sprint races. Steve & Sally to set up the online bookings. Steve to produce draft NoR/SI’s.

 **Action: Steve/Sally**

Whitstable week Aug 6-10 (Harbour Day Aug 9)

Town regatta Aug 23-25

Barts Bash Sept 13/14

**Training & Cadets** (see attached slide). Courses listed and now bookable via WYC website.

**Class comments**

No further comments.

**Other matters**

* EKYA new rules session – February 20th via zoom. Steve asked class captains to promote amongst their fleets. Phil Emery and Steve attending in person.
* Working Party/West Quay clearance – 22 March. Steve asked class captains to promote amongst their fleets.

**Action: CCs**

* Harbour Day (Saturday 9 August): Whitstable Maritime have approached WYC regarding a presence at the event.
* Boat parking proposal – David Connor will provide an up-dated parking plan. He plans to number the beach parking rows, possibly by painting the row number on the walkway, this will make it easier for class captains to direct members to their correct parking position. **Action: David/Ruth**
* Man of Kent 6 hour pursuit race proposal – Sept 6. A mixed teams event. Steve to respond to EKYA along the lines that it is unlikely that there will be a WYC entry.

**Action: Steve**

Date of next meeting: 7pm, 28 April – hybrid format.

Steve Gray

18 February 2025